

## LATROBE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING

### HELD IN KERNOT HALL, MORWELL AND VIA AUDIO-VISUAL LINK AT 6:00 PM ON 30 JUNE 2025 CM621

#### PRESENT:

- Councillors: Cr Dale Harriman, Mayor Cr Sharon Gibson, Deputy Mayor Cr Leanne Potter Cr Joanne Campbell Cr Adele Pugsley Cr Darren Howe Cr Steph Morgan
- Officers: Steven Piasente Alba Elling

Jody Riordan Tim Ellis Josh Wilson Nathan Kearsley Rebecca Obersby Courtney Aquilina Kaitlyn Boram

Apologies: Cr David Barnes, Cr Tracie Lund (leave of absence) Loy Yang Ward Newborough Ward Budgeree Ward Jeeralang Ward Moe Ward Tyers Ward Yallourn Ward

Chief Executive Officer Acting General Manager Community Health & Wellbeing General Manager Regional City Planning & Assets General Manager Regional City Strategy & Transition Acting Executive Manager Sports Legacy & Activation General Manager Organisational Performance Acting Manager Governance Coordinator Council Business Governance Officer

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Resolutions in this minutes document should be read in conjunction with the published agenda for the 30 June 2025 Council Meeting.

#### 1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

The Mayor read the acknowledgement of the traditional owners of the land.

#### 2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

#### MOTION

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Pugsley

That a leave of absence be granted to Councillor Tracie Lund from 30 June 2025 to 30 November 2025 inclusive.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

#### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### MOTION

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Pugsley

That Council confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 May 2025 and Unscheduled Council Meeting held on 2 June 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil.

#### 5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Cr Harriman acknowledged the passing of:

- Martin Hill, former City of Morwell Councillor;
- Fred Stanlake, member of the Latrobe City Sporting Hall of Fame; and
- Murray French, member of the Latrobe City Sporting Hall of Fame.

Cr Gibson acknowledged the passing of Marilyn May from Make Moe Glow.

Cr Campbell made the following acknowledgements:

- Jaime Aitkin and Andy Theissling for organising the Traralgon Football Club reunion; and
- Alan and Deb Wilson for organising the Traralgon City Band Tour of Remembrance.

Cr Pugsley acknowledged the passing of Marilyn May from Make Moe Glow.

Cr Morgan made the following acknowledgements:

- Traralgon Olympians Soccer Club for hosting their inaugural Pride Cup held 15 June 2025;
- Sod turning for the Gippsland Sports and Entertainment Park held Friday 27 June 2025; and
- Youth Pride Party held 13 June 2025.

Cr Potter acknowledged the passing of Geoff Owen who was a prominent member of the Budgeree and Boolarra community.

#### 6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME

#### **Public Questions on Notice**

In accordance with the Governance Rules, members of the public can lodge a question on notice by no later than midday one business day before the Council meeting in order for the question to be answered at the meeting. There was one public question.

#### Question

From: Gus Lambden

Topic: Drinking and drug use in CBD's

#### Question:

What is being done by Council to address public drinking and drug usage and or transactions in the CBD areas of Morwell, Moe and Traralgon. Am I correct in thinking that we have Council by laws in relation to these matters.

#### Response:

Victoria Police is the primary agency responsible for managing community safety. Local Laws officers work in collaboration with Victoria Police to address the illegal consumption of alcohol in certain public places where prohibited under the Community Amenity Local Law No.2. If members of the community witness the consumption of alcohol or taking of prohibited substances in public they should call triple zero.

#### Public Speakers

Members of the public who registered by no later than midday on the day of the Council Meeting were invited to speak to an item on the agenda. There were eight public speakers.

- Rhonda O'Dea spoke to item 8.2.
- Ben Guzzardi spoke to items 8.2 and 8.3.
- Alan Burton spoke to items 8.2 and 8.3.
- Jan Lewis spoke to items 8.2 and 8.3.
- Graeme O'Hara spoke to items 8.2 and 8.3.
- Dean Sutton spoke to item 8.3.
- Leeanne Duncan spoke to item 8.3.
- Peter Duncan spoke to item 8.3.

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

#### 7. NOTICES OF MOTION

Item Number 7.1 30 June 2025

## 2025/07 SCHOOL CROSSING FUNDING

#### MOTION

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Pugsley

That Council write to the Department of Transport seeking confirmation of the level of funding to be provided to Council for School Crossing supervision in Latrobe City for the period 2025 – 2028.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### Attachments

Nil

#### **QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

- Cr Morgan asked the following questions:
  - what is the total amount of funding received annually from the State Government for school crossing supervision?

#### **Response**

The total cost of the School Crossing Program for FY 2024/25 was \$462,820. Council received funding from the Department of Transport and Planning of \$258,630 for the Program. This represents 55% of the total cost, which has been the average for the last two years.

 how many school crossings supervisors within Latrobe City are funded by the State Government?

#### Response

Council currently operates 37 sites – five sites are fully funded by Council (total 38 supervisors). Council endorsed the full cost to operate these five sites at the 8 Feb 2021 Council Meeting.

The FY 2025/26 application to the Department of Transport and Planning included 32 sites (33 supervisors).

• Cr Potter asked if the State Government funding covers private, independent and catholic schools?

#### <u>Response</u>

Yes, the State Government does partially fund school crossings at private, independent, and Catholic schools, provided certain criteria are met during the annual application process. This funding is not contingent upon the school's sector but is based on specific eligibility requirements.

## STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DECISION

#### 8. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DECISION

Item Number 8.1 30 June 2025

## COMMUNITY VISION AND COUNCIL PLAN 2025-2029

#### MOTION

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Pugsley

That Council:

- 1. adopts the 10 Year Community Vision and Council Plan 2025-2029 (at Attachment 1), effective from 1 July 2025.
- 2. notes that after adoption, the 10 Year Community Vision and Council Plan 2025-2029 will be published on Council's website.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

- 1. Council Plan
- 2. Public Exhibition Responses

#### **Procedural Note:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7.09 pm.

The meeting resumed at 7.22 pm.

Item Number 8.2 30 June 2025

## 2025/26 BUDGET

#### MOTION

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Pugsley

That Council, having prepared and given public notice of the proposed 2025/26 Budget in accordance with Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, and having conducted a consultative process, including having received and considered submissions, resolves:

- 1. to adopt the 2025/26 Budget (including fees and charges), annexed to this report at Attachment 1;
- 2. that in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989* ("Act 1989"), declares that the amounts that it intends to raise by way of general rates, municipal charges and service charges for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 are as follows:

General Rates	\$66,344,068
Municipal Charge	\$ 6,370,655
Service Charges	\$15,617,867
EPA Landfill Levy Charge	\$ 1,396,227
Cultural and Recreational Land	\$ 88,512
Payments in lieu of rates	\$ 9,367,502;

- 3. to declare that the general rates will be raised in 2025/26 by the application of the following differential rates calculated on the Capital Improved Value of rateable property:
  - 3.1. General rate of 0.00301496 cents in the dollar on lands as defined in paragraph 6.1.1;
  - 3.2. Farm rate of 0.00226122 cents in the dollar on farm land as defined in paragraph 7.1.1;
  - 3.3. Derelict Properties rate of 0.00904488 cents in the dollar on lands as defined in paragraph 8.2;
- to declare the general rates for a twelve month period commencing 1 July 2025 and that the rates be levied in respect of each portion of rateable land for which the Council has a separate valuation;
- 5. that the declaration of the general rate, farm rate and derelict properties rate to be levied in 2025/26 will contribute to the equitable and efficient carrying out of its functions;

- 6. to specify that in relation to the General Rate for 2025/26 the following in accordance with Section 161 of the Act 1989:
  - 6.1. the objectives of the general rate as:
    - 6.1.1. the types and classes of land to which the rate will apply is all other rateable land that is not defined as farm land as described in paragraph 7.1.1 or derelict properties as described in paragraph 8.2;
    - 6.1.2. the level of the general rate is 0.00301496 cents in the dollar on the capital improved value of land as defined;
    - 6.1.3. the reasons for the use and level of that rate are that:
      - 6.1.3.1. the types and classes of land to which the rate applies can be easily identified;
      - 6.1.3.2. it is appropriate to have a general rate so as to fairly rate lands other than derelict properties, recreational and farm lands;
      - 6.1.3.3. the level of the general rate is appropriate having regard to all relevant matters including the use to which the land is put and the amount to be raised by Council's Municipal Charge;
      - 6.1.3.4. the level of the general rate is appropriate to ensure that the burden of the payment of rates is fairly apportioned across all rateable land within the Municipal district;
      - 6.1.3.5. it meets the objectives the Council considers are consistent with the economical and efficient carrying out of its functions, and
      - 6.1.3.6. the characteristics of the land which are the criteria for declaring the general rate are as set out in sub-paragraph 6.1.1 above;
- 7. to specify that in relation to the farm rate for 2025/26 the following in accordance with Section 161 of the Act 1989:
  - 7.1. The objectives of the farm rate as:
    - 7.1.1. the types and classes of land to which the rate will apply is farm land as defined in Section 2 of the *Valuation of Land Act 1960*, namely, any rateable land which is not less than 2 hectares in area and which is used primarily for carrying on one or more of the following businesses or industries:

grazing (including agistment);

dairying;

pig farming;

poultry farming;

fish farming;

tree farming;

bee keeping;

viticulture;

horticulture;

fruit growing;

the growing of crops of any kind;

and that is used by a business:

- that has a significant and substantial commercial purpose or character; and
- that seeks to make a profit on a continuous or repetitive basis from its activities on the land; and
- that is making a profit from its activities on the land, or that has a reasonable prospect of making a profit from its activities on the land if it continues to operate in the way it is operating
- 7.1.2. the level of the farm rate is 0.00226122 cents in the dollar on the capital improved value of farm land as defined;
- 7.1.3. the reasons for the use and level of that rate are that:
  - 7.1.3.1. the types and classes of land to which the rate applies can be easily identified;
  - 7.1.3.2. it is appropriate to have a farm rate so as to fairly rate farm land;
  - 7.1.3.3. the level of the farm rate is appropriate having regard to all relevant matters including the use to which farm land is put and the amount to be raised by Council's Municipal charge;
  - 7.1.3.4. the level of the farm rate is appropriate to ensure that the burden of the payment of general rates is fairly apportioned across all rateable land within the Municipal district;
- 7.1.4. the types and classes of land to which the rate will apply can be identified as farm land as defined in paragraph 7.1.1;
- 7.1.5. it meets the objectives the Council considers are consistent with the economical and efficient carrying out of its functions;
- 8. to specify that in relation to the derelict properties rate for 2025/26 the following in accordance with Section 161 of the Act 1989:
  - 8.1. the objective of the derelict properties rate is to promote the responsible management of land and buildings through incentivising

the proper development and maintenance of such land and buildings so as not to pose a risk to public safety or adversely affect public amenity.

- 8.2 the types and classes of land to which the rate will apply is properties where 8.2.1 and 8.2.2 both apply;
  - 8.2.1. The property is in such a state of disrepair that it is considered unsuitable for human habitation or other occupation for living or working on a daily basis, and has been in such a condition for a period of more than 3 months. The property is likely to lack, or have restricted access to, essential services or facilities including but not limited to water, and/or operational effluent discharge facilities.; and

the property meets one or more of the following criteria;

- a) the property has become unsafe and poses a risk to public safety, including but not limited to:
  - the existence on the property of vermin, rubbish/litter, fire hazards, excess materials/goods, asbestos or other environmental hazards; or
  - the property includes a partially built structure where there has been no reasonable progress in completing the structure
- b) the property adversely affects public amenity;
- c) the property provides an opportunity to be used in a manner that may cause a nuisance or become detrimental to the amenity of the immediate area;
- d) the condition of the property has a potential to adversely impact the value of other properties in the vicinity;
- e) the property affects the general amenity of adjoining land or the neighbourhood by the appearance of graffiti, any stored unregistered motor vehicles, machinery or parts thereof, scrap metal, second hand building materials, building debris, soil or similar materials, or other items of general waste or rubbish;
- 8.3. the level of the derelict properties rate is 0.00904488 cents in the dollar on the capital improved value of derelict properties land as defined.
- 8.4. the reasons for the use and level of that rate are that:
  - 8.4.1. the differential rate is the level which Council considers is necessary to achieve the objective specified above and is set at the maximum level, being 4 times the lowest differential rate, as allowed under Section 161 (5) of the Act 1989;
- 8.5. the types and classes of land to which the rate will apply can be identified as derelict land and/or buildings as defined in paragraph 8.2.1 and 8.2.2;
- 8.6. it meets the objectives the Council considers are consistent with the economical and efficient carrying out of its functions;

- 9. to specify that the general rate continue to be applied to Retirement Villages as defined under the *Retirement Villages Act 1986* having given due consideration to the implementation of a differential rate for such lands as required by the *Ministerial Guidelines on Differential Rating*
- 10. to declare a Municipal charge at the annual rate of \$155.00 for rateable land in respect of which a Municipal charge may be levied to recover some of the administrative costs of the Council for a period of 12 months from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026;
- 11. to declare an annual waste service charge of \$409.00 per premises which includes the weekly collection and disposal of refuse in respect of premises to which the service is provided (whether or not the owner or occupier of such premises avails of the service provided) for a twelve-month period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026;
- 12. to declare an annual EPA Landfill Levy charge of \$37.00 per garbage bin to cover the costs levied by the Environmental Protection Authority on the operation of landfills for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026;
- 13. that where variations to the standard service are granted, waste services will be charged for services utilised for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 as follows:

Garbage 120L bin \$252.00 pa

Garbage 240L bin \$330.00 pa

Garbage 240L bin Special \$330.00 pa

Recycling 240L bin \$ 91.00 pa

Organics 240L bin \$ 66.00 pa

14. that for Cultural and Recreational Land, in accordance with Section 4 of the *Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963*, the following amounts be specified as the amounts payable in respect of recreational lands described as:

Traralgon Bowling Club	45-57 Gwalia Street, Traralgon	\$20,124.90
Moe Racing Club	Waterloo Road, Moe	\$18,089.80
Morwell Bowling Club	52 Hazelwood Road, Morwell	\$15,195.43
Traralgon Greyhound Racing Club	McNairn Road, Traralgon	\$7,575.09
Moe Golf Club	26 Thompsons Road, Newborough	\$6,505.27
Traralgon Golf Club	Princes Street, Traralgon	\$6,222.88

Yallourn Golf Club	Golf Links Road, Moe	\$4,050.20
Moe Bowling Club	Waterloo Road, Moe	\$2,977.27
Morwell Golf Club	Fairway Drive, Morwell	\$2,035.10
Newborough Bowling Club	1-5 Coach Road, Newborough	\$2,532.57
Victorian Field & Game Association	Scales Road, Flynn Creek	\$1,040.16
Yallourn North Bowls Club	Reserve Street, Yallourn North	\$738.67
Boolarra Bowling Club	22 Duke Street, Boolarra	\$610.53
Yinnar Bowling Club	Main Street, Yinnar	\$512.54
LV Water Ski Club	Hall Road, Yallourn North	\$301.50

- 15. that these amounts have regard to the services provided by the Council in relation to such lands and the benefit to the community derived from such recreational lands.
- 16. to direct that copies of the information required by Section 161(3) of the Act 1989 be made available for inspection at Council's office during office hours;
- 17. having considered submissions received in relation to the 2025/26 Budget, directs that the rates and charges as declared for 2025/26 be levied by sending notices to the persons who are liable to pay, in accordance with Section 158 of the Act 1989;
- 18. that the rates and charges for 2025/26 must be paid by the dates fixed under Section 167 of the Act 1989, namely:

in full by 15 February 2026; or

by equal instalments on the following dates:

- 30 September 2025;
- 30 November 2025;
- 28 February 2026; and
- 31 May 2026;
- 19. to direct and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to demand payment of and recover the rates and charges as declared in relation to the 2025/26 Budget;
- 20. the Rate of Interest Section 172 of the Act 1989:

- 20.1. that for the 2025/26 financial year Council resolves to require a person to pay interest on any outstanding amounts of rates and charges:
  - 20.1.1 which that person is liable to pay; and
  - 20.1.2 which have not been paid by the date specified under Section 167 for their payment except where the Council has agreed to waive the whole or part of any such interest;
- 20.2 that for the 2025/26 financial year Council resolves in accordance with Section 172 of the Act 1989 that the rate of interest will be as specified under Section 2 of the Penalty Interest Rates *Act 1983* (Currently 10%) or as fixed by the Minister under section 172A(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989*;
- 21. that 50% of the 2025/26 actual year end surplus position, as measured against the adopted budget, be allocated to the Transition Reserve to further support the organisation's long term financial sustainability and transition programs; and
- 22. to authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal any loan and financial documents relating to the proposed borrowings of \$2,500,000 detailed in the 2025/2026 Budget.
- 23. to write to all submitters who provided a budget submission thanking them and advising Council's response to their submission.
- For: Cr Pugsley, Cr Campbell, Cr Gibson, Cr Harriman
- Against: Cr Potter, Cr Howe, Cr Morgan

#### CARRIED

- 1. 2025/26 Budget
- 2. Submissions

### **REVENUE & RATING PLAN 2025-2029**

#### MOTION

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Morgan

That Council:

- 1. adopts the Revenue and Rating Plan 2025-2029 (at Attachment 1), effective from 1 July 2025; and
- 2. notes that after adoption, the Revenue and Rating Plan 2025-2029 will be published on Council's website.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 1. Attachment 1: Revenue and Rating Plan 2025-2029
- 2. Attachment 2: Submissions

### LATROBE CITY COUNCIL ADVOCACY STRATEGY FOR THE VICTORIAN STATE GOVERNMENT

#### MOTION

**Cr Gibson** Moved:

Seconded: Cr Pugsley

That Council endorse the Advocacy Strategy for the Victorian State Government for the period of June to November 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 1. Advocacy Strategy
- 2. Advocacy Agenda 2025/26

## CREATIVE VENUES FEES AND CHARGES

#### MOTION

Moved: Cr Morgan Seconded: Cr Gibson

That Council endorses:

- 1. the introduction of two new Creative Venues Fees;
  - a. a Rehearsal Rate of \$75 per hour;
  - b. an Education Rate set at 10% less than the Community Rate;
- 2. changes to the conditions of hire to:
  - a. automatic dark days;
  - b. redefine of hirer categories to more closely align with the purpose of the booking;
  - c. removal of the ticket price cap for community hirers;
  - d. adjustment to ticket fee applicable for community hirers to 5%; and
- 3. the establishment of a hybrid model for dance schools.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### Attachments

Nil

Item Number 8.6 30 June 2025

### RED & GREEN TAPE REVIEW FOR BUSINESS APPROVALS

#### ALTERNATE MOTION

Moved: Cr Pugsley Seconded: Cr Howe

That Council:

- 1. notes this report; and
- receives a report at the December Council meeting, on the progress of the work undertaken to reduce the regulatory permit processes, and streamlining business permit approvals.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### Attachments

Nil

# REVIEW OF COUNCIL SUPPORT AND EXPENSES POLICY

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Cr Pugsley

Seconded: Cr Campbell

That Council:

- adopts the Council Support and Expenses Policy as set out at Attachment 1;
- 2. notes with the adoption of this Council Support and Expenses Policy, that any previous versions are now superseded; and
- 3. notes that once adopted the Council Support and Expenses Policy will be published on Council's website.
- For: Cr Potter, Cr Howe, Cr Pugsley, Cr Campbell, Cr Harriman

Against: Cr Morgan (Abstain), Cr Gibson (Abstain)

#### CARRIED

\*Pursuant to sub-section 61(5)(e) of the Local Government Act 2020, for the purpose of determining the result of a vote, a Councillor present at the meeting who does not vote is taken to have voted against the question.

#### Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Draft Council Support and Expenses Policy

## **STATUTORY PLANNING**

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#### 9. STATUTORY PLANNING

Nil reports

# CORPORATE ITEMS FOR DECISION

#### 10. CORPORATE ITEMS FOR DECISION

Item Number 10.1 30 June 2025

### DRAFT 2026-2029 DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN - RELEASE FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

#### MOTION

Moved: Cr Howe

Seconded: Cr Gibson

That Council:

- approves the release of the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026-2029 for community engagement for four weeks from 1 July 2025 to 25 July 2025;
- 2. requests a report to be presented at a future council meeting for Council to consider submissions; and
- 3. seek adoption of the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026 2029.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

#### MOTION

Moved: Cr Pugsley

Seconded: Cr Campbell

That Council:

- 1. notes the community engagement results received as part of consultation conducted for the Community Engagement Policy;
- 2. adopts the Community Engagement Policy, as per Attachment 3;
- 3. notes with the adoption of this Community Engagement Policy, that any previous versions are now superseded; and
- 4. notes that after adoption, the Community Engagement Policy will be published on Council's website.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 1. Draft Community Engagement Policy survey responses
- 2. CDCA submission on draft Community Engagement Policy
- 3. Community Engagement Policy June 2025

### LATROBE CITY MEDIA POLICY REVIEW AND UPDATE

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Cr Howe

Seconded: Cr Potter

That Council:

- 1. adopts the Media Policy 2025-2029;
- 2. notes with the adoption of this Media Policy 2025-2029, that any previous versions are now superseded; and
- 3. notes that after adoption the Media Policy 2025-2029 will be published on Council's website.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Media Policy 2025 - 2029

### REVIEW OF GIFTS, BENEFIT AND HOSPITALITY POLICY

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Pugsley

That Council:

- 1. adopts the revised Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality Policy at Attachment 1;
- 2. notes with the adoption of this Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality Policy, that any previous versions are now superseded; and
- 3. notes that after adoption, the Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality Policy will be published on Council's website.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Draft Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality Policy

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## GENERATIVE AI POLICY

#### <u>MOTION</u>

Moved: Cr Morgan

Seconded: Cr Gibson

That Council:

- 1. approves the Generative AI Policy at Attachment 1; and
- 2. notes that after adoption, the Generative AI Policy will be published on Council's website.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Generative AI Policy

### DECOMMISSIONING OF PUBLIC TOILETS AT GLENDONALD PARK AND MORWELL RECREATION RESERVE

#### MOTION

Moved: Cr Potter

Seconded: Cr Morgan

That Council endorse:

- 1. The removal of the public toilets located at Morwell Recreation Reserve (North Block); and,
- 2. The removal of the public toilets located at Glendonald Park, Churchill, to occur, once a Council managed public toilet in the Churchill CBD is operational.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 1. Photos Morwell Recreation Reserve North Block
- 2. Morwell Recreation Reserve North Block (Male) Daily Numbers
- 3. Morwell Recreation Reserve North Block (Female) Daily Numbers
- 4. Photos Glendonald Park
- 5. Glendonald Park Daily Numbers

## **URGENT BUSINESS**

#### 11. URGENT BUSINESS

Business may be admitted to the meeting as urgent business in accordance with clause 20 of the Governance Rules, by resolution of the Council and only then if it:

- 20.1 Relates to or arises out of a matter which has arisen since distribution of the agenda; and
- 20.2 Cannot reasonably or conveniently be deferred until the next Council meeting.

## **REPORTS FOR NOTING**

#### 12. REPORTS FOR NOTING

Nil reports

#### 13. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil reports

## **ITEMS FOR TABLING**

#### 14. ITEMS FOR TABLING

Nil reports

# MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC TO CONSIDER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

## 15. MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC TO CONSIDER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Section 66 of the *Local Government Act 2020* enables Council to close the meeting to the public to consider *confidential information* as defined in that Act.

#### MOTION

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Potter

That Council pursuant to section 66(1) and 66(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) close the Council Meeting to the public to consider the following items containing confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Act:

15.1 LCC-872 Amenities Refurbishment, New Changerooms & Lighting Works - GRISS, Traralgon

This item is confidential as it contains Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released (section 3(1)(a)) and private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that— (i) relates to trade secrets; or

(ii) if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage (section 3(1)(g)). These grounds apply because Releasing this information publicly and/or prematurely may prejudice the undertaking of this process and would release private commercial information of the tenderers that may cause disadvantage.

15.2 LCC-866 Supply & Installation of Solar Panels & Battery, GRISS

This item is confidential as it contains Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released (section 3(1)(a)) and private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that— (i) relates to trade secrets; or

(ii) if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage (section 3(1)(g)). These grounds apply because Releasing this information publicly and/or prematurely may prejudice the undertaking of this process and would release private commercial information of the tenderers that may cause disadvantage.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting closed to the public at 8.29 pm.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.44 pm.

I certify that these minutes have been confirmed.

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_