



WELLINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL

The Heart of Gippsland

Resolutions In Brief

To be read in conjunction with the Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda
5 February 2019

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Alan Hall (Mayor)
Malcolm Hole (Deputy Mayor)
Carolyn Crossley
Ian Bye
Gayle Maher
Carmel Ripper
Scott Rossetti
Garry Stephens

IN ATTENDANCE

David Morcom	- Chief Executive Officer
John Websdale	- General Manager Development
Chris Hastie	- General Manager Built & Natural Environment
Sharon Houlihan	- General Manager Community & Culture
Arthur Skipitaris	- General Manager Corporate Services
Trish Dean	- Governance Officer

COUNCILLOR APOLOGY

Darren McCubbin

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ITEM A4

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING/S

OBJECTIVE

To adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 18 December 2018.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 18 December 2018.

COUNCILLOR BYE / COUNCILLOR HOLE

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 18 December 2018.

CARRIED

A5

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING/S

NIL

A6

ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

NIL

ITEM A7(1)

NOTICE OF MOTION – DROUGHT STATUS

I, Councillor Malcolm Hole, hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 5 February 2019.

That the Mayor write to Daniel Andrews, Premier of Victoria and Jaclyn Symes, Minister for Agriculture requesting;

- 1. an immediate escalation of the status of the drought in Wellington Shire from moderate to severe as outlined in the Victorian Drought Preparedness and Response Plan and in doing so, provide freight and fodder subsidies and other forms of financial assistance to our farming community; and***
- 2. that Regional Development Victoria undertake research to better understand the impact of the drought on the retail, commercial and hospitality sectors of Wellington Shire and the findings be used to develop programs that support these sectors of the economy.***



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COUNCILLOR MALCOLM HOLE

Dated: 30 January, 2019

COUNCILLOR HOLE / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

That the Mayor write to Daniel Andrews, Premier of Victoria and Jaclyn Symes, Minister for Agriculture requesting;

- 1. an immediate escalation of the status of the drought in Wellington Shire from moderate to severe as outlined in the Victorian Drought Preparedness and Response Plan and in doing so, provide freight and fodder subsidies and other forms of financial assistance to our farming community; and***
- 2. that Regional Development Victoria undertake research to better understand the impact of the drought on the retail, commercial and hospitality sectors of Wellington Shire and the findings be used to develop programs that support these sectors of the economy.***

CARRIED

ITEM C1.1

DECEMBER 2018 PERFORMANCE REPORT

OBJECTIVE

For Council to receive and note the December 2018 Council Performance Report.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the December 2018 Council Performance Report as attached.

COUNCILLOR HOLE / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

That Council receive and note the December 2018 Council Performance Report as attached.

CARRIED

ITEM C1.2

**NOMINATION OF MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA
BOARD CANDIDATE, FOR THE GIPPSLAND REGION**

OBJECTIVE

For Council to nominate a Councillor as the Gippsland Region candidate, for the Municipal Association of Victoria's (MAV) Board elections.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That Council nominate Cr Malcolm Hole as the Gippsland Region candidate, for the Municipal Association of Victoria's Board elections.

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR RIPPER

That Council nominate Cr Malcolm Hole as the Gippsland Region candidate, for the Municipal Association of Victoria's Board elections.

Councillor Hole accepted nomination

CARRIED

ITEM C2.1

ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

OBJECTIVE

To report on all assembly of Councillor records received for the period 12 December 2018 to 30 January 2019.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 12 December 2018 to 30 January 2019.

COUNCILLOR BYE / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 12 December 2018 to 30 January 2019.

CARRIED

ITEM C2.2

APPROVAL OF REVISED AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE CHARTER

OBJECTIVE

For Council to approve the revised Charter, Terms of Reference and List of Duties and Responsibilities of Council's Audit & Risk Committee, as detailed in the attached document.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the revised Charter, Terms of Reference and List of Duties and Responsibilities of Council's Audit & Risk Committee, as detailed in the attached document.

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR RIPPER

That Council approve the revised Charter, Terms of Reference and List of Duties and Responsibilities of Council's Audit & Risk Committee, as detailed in the attached document.

CARRIED

ITEM C2.3

AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES

OBJECTIVE

To receive and note the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 28 November 2018.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Council receive and note the minutes in brief (Attachment 1) and the confidential attachment at Item F1.1 Audit & Risk Committee Minutes of 28 November 2018; and***
- 2. The information contained in the confidential attachment Item F1.1 Audit & Risk Committee Minutes of 28 November 2018 of this Council meeting agenda and designated under Section 77 Clause (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1989 as confidential by the General Manager Corporate Services on 4 December 2018 because it relates to the following grounds under Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989: f) legal advice; and h) any other matter which the Council considers would prejudice the Council or any person;
be designated confidential information under Section 77 Clause (2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1989.***

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR BYE

That:

- 1. Council receive and note the minutes in brief (Attachment 1) and the confidential attachment at Item F1.1 Audit & Risk Committee Minutes of 28 November 2018; and***
- 2. The information contained in the confidential attachment Item F1.1 Audit & Risk Committee Minutes of 28 November 2018 of this Council meeting agenda and designated under Section 77 Clause (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1989 as confidential by the General Manager Corporate Services on 4 December 2018 because it relates to the following grounds under Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989: f) legal advice; and h) any other matter which the Council considers would prejudice the Council or any person;
be designated confidential information under Section 77 Clause (2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1989.***

CARRIED

ITEM C4.1**BRUCE STREET SPECIAL CHARGE STREET CONSTRUCTION
SCHEME – INTENTION TO DECLARE SCHEME****OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this report is to consider the proposed Bruce Street Special Charge Street Construction Scheme Number 1801 for declaration as a Special Charge Scheme for the construction of Bruce Street between CH100 and CH230 in Yarram.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. ***Council commence the statutory process under the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) to declare a Special Charge Scheme for the purposes of constructing Bruce Street, Yarram between CH100 and CH230. The construction works being for the provision of pavement sealing and minor ancillary works;***
2. ***Council in accordance with sections 163(1A) and 163B(3) of the Act, directs that a public notice be given in the Gippsland Times and Yarram Standard newspapers of the intention of Council to declare the scheme at its ordinary meeting to be held on 16 April 2019 in accordance with the proposed declaration of Special Charge Scheme Number 1801 in the form of this resolution for the construction of Bruce Street, Yarram, between CH100 and CH230;***
3. ***Council direct that, in accordance with section 163(1C) of the Act, separate letters enclosing a copy of the public notice be sent to the owners of the properties referred to and set out in the schedule of properties forming a part of the Proposed Declaration of a Special Charge, advising of the intention of Council to declare the Special Charge at its ordinary meeting to be held on 16 April 2019, the basis of the calculation and distribution of the Special Charge and notifying such persons that submissions and/or objections in writing in relation to the Proposed Declaration of Special Charge will be considered and/or taken into account by Council in accordance with sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the Act;***
4. ***Council appoint three Councillors plus an alternative representative to form the 'Bruce Street Special Charge Scheme Submissions Committee' that is established by Council under section 223(1)(b)(i) of the Act, to consider written submissions/objections and to hear any persons who in their written submissions under Section 223 of the Act have requested that they are heard in support of their submissions;***
5. ***That Scheme Number 1801 for construction of the section of Bruce Street, Yarram, between CH100 to CH230, as presented to this meeting be adopted and a Special Charge for the scheme commence 16 April 2019 and remain in force for a period of four years;***
6. ***The Special Charge be declared for the purpose of defraying costs associated with street upgrades (pavement sealing and footpath) which Council considers will be of benefit to those property owners required to pay the special charge;***
7. ***The following be specified as the land in relation to which the special charges is so declared: All properties abutting Bruce Street from CH100 to CH230 within the***

township of Yarram, intended to be included in the scheme as defined on the plan attached to this report (Attachment 1);

8. The following be specified as the criteria which forms the basis of the Special Charge so declared:-

- **Properties will derive special benefit due to construction of the road and streets by:-**
 - **Reduction in dust**
 - **Enhance the amenity and character of the land and local area**
 - **Creation of improved riding surfaces for the street**
 - **Improved access and egress from properties**
 - **Improved road drainage**
 - **Improved road safety for motorists;**

9. That pursuant to Clause (2) of Section 163 of the Local Government Act 1989, Council resolve:-

(a) The total amount of the Special Charge to be levied is \$18,000

(b) The criteria used as a basis for declaring the Special Charge are:

- **Improved amenity for properties in the area defined by the scheme boundary;**
- **Improved road safety for properties and the community in the area defined by the scheme boundary;**
- **That for the purposes of Clause (2A) of Section 163 of the Local Government Act 1989 the total amount of the Special Charge to be levied will not exceed the amount calculated in accordance with the formula $S = R \times C$**

Where S = The maximum total amount that may be levied from all persons who are liable to pay the special charges
 R = The Benefit Ratio pursuant to Clause (2B) of Section 163 of the Act
and C = The cost of the scheme;
- **That for the purposes of Clause (2B) of Section 163 of the Local Government Act 1989, the Benefit Ratio R shall have a value of 0.40;**
- (c) The cost is to be apportioned to properties included in the scheme on the basis of each property having a frontage abuttal to the street to be upgraded under the scheme will be apportioned one (1) Access Benefit Unit (ABU). Properties with a side abuttal to the street to be upgraded under the scheme will be apportioned one half (0.5) Access Benefit Unit (ABU);**

10. Having regard to the preceding parts of this resolution, it be recorded that:

a) The owners of the properties described in the scheme document entitled "Bruce Street, Yarram - Special Charge Street Upgrade Scheme Number 1801" are liable for the respective amounts set out in the scheme document. Council will be contributing 70% of the scheme costs;

b) Such owners may, subject to any further resolution by Council, pay the Special Charge per property/title in accordance with the following:

- (i) the full amount within 45 days of invoice or**

(ii) payment may be made over 16 quarterly instalments (4 years) including interest;

- 11. The Chief Executive Officer or the person for the time being acting in that position, be authorised to give public notice of this declaration in accordance with Sections 163 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989;**
- 12. The Chief Executive Officer, General Manager Built & Natural Environment and Manager Assets and Projects or the person for the time being acting in that position, be authorised to carry out any and all other administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its functions under section 163A and sections 163(1A), (1B) and (1C) and sections 163B and 223 of the Act.**

COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

That:

- 1. Council commence the statutory process under the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) to declare a Special Charge Scheme for the purposes of constructing Bruce Street, Yarram between CH100 and CH230. The construction works being for the provision of pavement sealing and minor ancillary works;**
- 2. Council in accordance with sections 163(1A) and 163B(3) of the Act, directs that a public notice be given in the Gippsland Times and Yarram Standard newspapers of the intention of Council to declare the scheme at its ordinary meeting to be held on 16 April 2019 in accordance with the proposed declaration of Special Charge Scheme Number 1801 in the form of this resolution for the construction of Bruce Street, Yarram, between CH100 and CH230;**
- 3. Council direct that, in accordance with section 163(1C) of the Act, separate letters enclosing a copy of the public notice be sent to the owners of the properties referred to and set out in the schedule of properties forming a part of the Proposed Declaration of a Special Charge, advising of the intention of Council to declare the Special Charge at its ordinary meeting to be held on 16 April 2019, the basis of the calculation and distribution of the Special Charge and notifying such persons that submissions and/or objections in writing in relation to the Proposed Declaration of Special Charge will be considered and/or taken into account by Council in accordance with sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the Act;**
- 4. Council appoint Cr Stephens, Cr Bye, Cr Maher plus Cr Crossley an alternative representative to form the 'Bruce Street Special Charge Scheme Submissions Committee' that is established by Council under section 223(1)(b)(i) of the Act, to consider written submissions/objections and to hear any persons who in their written submissions under Section 223 of the Act have requested that they are heard in support of their submissions;**
- 5. That Scheme Number 1801 for construction of the section of Bruce Street, Yarram, between CH100 to CH230, as presented to this meeting be adopted and a Special Charge for the scheme commence 16 April 2019 and remain in force for a period of four years;**
- 6. The Special Charge be declared for the purpose of defraying costs associated with street upgrades (pavement sealing and footpath) which Council considers will be of benefit to those property owners required to pay the special charge;**
- 7. The following be specified as the land in relation to which the special charges is so declared: All properties abutting Bruce Street from CH100 to CH230 within the**

township of Yarram, intended to be included in the scheme as defined on the plan attached to this report (Attachment 1);

8. The following be specified as the criteria which forms the basis of the Special Charge so declared:-

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 - **Enhance the amenity and character of the land and local area**
 - **Creation of improved riding surfaces for the street**
 - **Improved access and egress from properties**
 - **Improved road drainage**
 - **Improved road safety for motorists;**

9. That pursuant to Clause (2) of Section 163 of the Local Government Act 1989, Council resolve:-

- (a) The total amount of the Special Charge to be levied is \$18,000**
- (b) The criteria used as a basis for declaring the Special Charge are:**

- **Improved amenity for properties in the area defined by the scheme boundary;**
- **Improved road safety for properties and the community in the area defined by the scheme boundary;**

- **That for the purposes of Clause (2A) of Section 163 of the Local Government Act 1989 the total amount of the Special Charge to be levied will not exceed the amount calculated in accordance with the formula $S = R \times C$**

Where S = The maximum total amount that may be levied from all persons who are liable to pay the special charges

**R = The Benefit Ratio pursuant to Clause (2B) of Section 163 of the Act
and C = The cost of the scheme;**

- a. That for the purposes of Clause (2B) of Section 163 of the Local Government Act 1989, the Benefit Ratio R shall have a value of 0.40;**

- (c) The cost is to be apportioned to properties included in the scheme on the basis of each property having a frontage abuttal to the street to be upgraded under the scheme will be apportioned one (1) Access Benefit Unit (ABU). Properties with a side abuttal to the street to be upgraded under the scheme will be apportioned one half (0.5) Access Benefit Unit (ABU);**

10. Having regard to the preceding parts of this resolution, it be recorded that:

a) The owners of the properties described in the scheme document entitled "Bruce Street, Yarram - Special Charge Street Upgrade Scheme Number 1801" are liable for the respective amounts set out in the scheme document. Council will be contributing 70% of the scheme costs;

b) Such owners may, subject to any further resolution by Council, pay the Special Charge per property/title in accordance with the following:

- 1. the full amount within 45 days of invoice or**

2. payment may be made over 16 quarterly instalments (4 years) including interest;

- 11. The Chief Executive Officer or the person for the time being acting in that position, be authorised to give public notice of this declaration in accordance with Sections 163 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989;*
- 12. The Chief Executive Officer, General Manager Built & Natural Environment and Manager Assets and Projects or the person for the time being acting in that position, be authorised to carry out any and all other administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its functions under section 163A and sections 163(1A), (1B) and (1C) and sections 163B and 223 of the Act.*

CARRIED

ITEM C4.2

**INDUSTRIAL ROAD SPECIAL CHARGE STREET CONSTRUCTION
SCHEME - FINAL COST CERTIFICATE**

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this report is to present to Council for consideration the Final Cost Certificate for the Industrial Road Special Charge Street Construction Scheme – Scheme No. 1701.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That;

- 1. Council adopt the Final Cost Certificate for the Industrial Road Special Charge Street Construction Scheme - Scheme No. 1701 attached to this report; and*
- 2. Council Officers prepare the final apportionment amounts due from property owners for the scheme based on the Final Cost Certificate for the Industrial Road Special Charge Construction Scheme.*

COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

That;

- 1. Council adopt the Final Cost Certificate for the Industrial Road Special Charge Street Construction Scheme - Scheme No. 1701 attached to this report; and*
- 2. Council Officers prepare the final apportionment amounts due from property owners for the scheme based on the Final Cost Certificate for the Industrial Road Special Charge Construction Scheme.*

CARRIED

ITEM C4.3**ENVIRONMENTAL UPGRADE AGREEMENTS****OBJECTIVE**

To seek Council support for adoption of Environmental Upgrade Agreements (EUAs) to be made available to Wellington Shire businesses.

RECOMMENDATION

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 181 of the Local Government Act 1989, Council:

- 1. Offer commercial businesses within the Wellington Shire an Environmental Upgrade Agreement program commencing March 2019;*
- 2. Appoint the Sustainable Melbourne Fund to administer and support the delivery of Environmental Upgrade Agreements;*
- 3. Delegate to the Chief Executive officer the power to enter into an Environmental Upgrade Agreement on behalf of Council, and*
- 4. Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to declare and levy an environmental upgrade charge to participating properties.*

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY / COUNCILLOR RIPPER

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 181 of the Local Government Act 1989, Council:

- 1. Offer commercial businesses within the Wellington Shire an Environmental Upgrade Agreement program commencing March 2019;*
- 2. Appoint the Sustainable Melbourne Fund to administer and support the delivery of Environmental Upgrade Agreements;*
- 3. Delegate to the Chief Executive officer the power to enter into an Environmental Upgrade Agreement on behalf of Council, and*
- 4. Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to declare and levy an environmental upgrade charge to participating properties*

CARRIED

ITEM C5.1

GIPPSLAND ART GALLERY ADVISORY GROUP MINUTES

OBJECTIVE

To receive the minutes from the Gippsland Art Gallery Advisory Group meeting held on 3 December 2018.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the minutes of the Gippsland Art Gallery Advisory Group meeting held on 3 December 2018.

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR BYE

That Council receive the minutes of the Gippsland Art Gallery Advisory Group meeting held on 3 December 2018.

CARRIED

ITEM C5.2

BRIAGOLONG RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MINUTES

OBJECTIVE

For Council to receive the minutes from the Briagolong Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's General Meeting held on 10 December 2018.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the minutes from the Briagolong Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's General Meeting held on 10 December 2018.

COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR MAHER

That Council receive the minutes from the Briagolong Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's General Meeting held on 10 December 2018

CARRIED

ITEM C5.3

**MAFFRA RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT
MINUTES**

OBJECTIVE

For Council to receive the minutes from the Maffra Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's General Meeting held on 5 November 2018.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the minutes from the Maffra Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's General Meeting held on 5 November 2018.

COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR HOLE

That Council receive the minutes from the Maffra Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's General Meeting held on 5 November 2018.

CARRIED

ITEM C5.4

**GORDON STREET RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE OF
MANAGEMENT MINUTES**

OBJECTIVE

For Council to receive the minutes from the Gordon Street Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's General Meeting held on 12 November 2018.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the minutes from the Gordon Street Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's General Meeting held on 12 November 2018.

COUNCILLOR HOLE / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

That Council receive the minutes from the Gordon Street Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's General Meeting held on 12 November 2018.

CARRIED

ITEM C5.5

**BRIAGOLONG RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE OF
MANAGEMENT MEMBERSHIP**

OBJECTIVE

For Council to appoint the nominated member to the Briagolong Recreation Reserve Committee of Management for a three-year period.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Council appoint the nominated member as detailed in the attached confidential report, to the Briagolong Recreation Reserve Committee of Management pursuant to the provisions of Section 86 of the Local Government Act 1989;***
- 2. The information contained in the confidential attachment Item F1.2 Briagolong Recreation Reserve Committee Membership of this Council meeting agenda and designated under Section 77 Clause (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1989 as confidential by the General Manager Community and Culture on 24 January 2019 because it relates to the following grounds under Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989: (h) any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person; be designated confidential information under Section 77 Clause (2) (b) of the Local Government Act 1989, except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful member can be made public.***

COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR MAHER

That:

- 1. Council appoint the nominated member as detailed in the attached confidential report, to the Briagolong Recreation Reserve Committee of Management pursuant to the provisions of Section 86 of the Local Government Act 1989;***
- 2. The information contained in the confidential attachment Item F1.2 Briagolong Recreation Reserve Committee Membership of this Council meeting agenda and designated under Section 77 Clause (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1989 as confidential by the General Manager Community and Culture on 24 January 2019 because it relates to the following grounds under Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989: (h) any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person; be designated confidential information under Section 77 Clause (2) (b) of the Local Government Act 1989, except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful member can be made public.***

CARRIED



D. URGENT BUSINESS

NIL



E. FURTHER GALLERY AND CHAT ROOM COMMENTS

Gallery comments are an opportunity for members of the public to raise any particular matter they wish. This allows those in the gallery to speak directly to councillors but is not a forum designed for open discussion or debate. We will listen respectfully to what you have to say and make the commitment that the Mayor will respond to you in writing within one week if required, and a copy of that response will be circulated to all councillors.

This is not a forum for members of the public to lodge complaints against individuals, including councillors and staff, particularly as that individual gets no public right of reply to any matter raised. We take complaints seriously, and in line with the guidance from the Victorian Ombudsman and the local Government Inspectorate, we request that any specific complaint against an individual be put in writing. This way, your concern can be properly dealt with while ensuring fairness to all parties concerned.

If you wish to speak, we remind you that this part of the meeting is being recorded and broadcast on our website. Council's official Minutes will record that you have spoken to Council and the subject you spoke to Council about but will not record specific comments. We ask you to state your name in full, where you are from, and you have three minutes

CHAT ROOM COMMENTS – NIL

GALLERY COMMENTS -

John Kowal, Cooper Crescent Maffra resident

Spoke to Council regarding Cooper Crescent Maffra being included as part of a revised Residential Road Street Construction Plan, in the near future. Mr Kowal provided a brief history of previous street scheme attempts. He also advised of his frustration with winter and summer conditions of the existing road, however he was grateful for the continued resurfacing efforts.

The Mayor acknowledged the 100th birthday anniversary of the late John Lesile, OBE. Councillor Crossley spoke regarding the ongoing generosity that Council and Community receives from the John Leslie foundation.

The Mayor acknowledged the recent Australia Day Award recipients including Beth Ripper, from Stratford for her OBE.

The Mayor acknowledged the effort of all Council staff, emergency services, and Councillors who were involved during the drought and recent bushfires.

The Mayor acknowledged the presence of James Griffiths, in the Gallery, Chair of the Access and Inclusion Committee.

Meeting declared closed at: 3:57pm

The live streaming of this Council meeting will now come to a close.



G. IN CLOSED SESSION

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COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR RIPPER

That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989 to consider:

- a) personnel matters***

CARRIED

IN CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

That Council move into open session and ratify the decision made in closed session.

CARRIED