



AGENDA

Ordinary Council Meeting Wednesday, 6 July 2022

I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, 6 July 2022

Time: 6.00pm

**Location: Council Chambers, 15 Stead Street, Ballan &
Online**

**Derek Madden
Chief Executive Officer**

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1 OPENING OF MEETING AND PRAYER

Almighty God be with us as we work for the people of the Shire of Moorabool. Grant us wisdom that we may care for the Shire as true stewards of your creation. May we be aware of the great responsibilities placed upon us. Help us to be just in all our dealings and may our work prosper for the good of all. Amen.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are meeting. I pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, and the Aboriginal Elders of other communities who may be here today.

3 RECORDING OF MEETING

In accordance with Moorabool Shire Council's Meeting Procedure Local Law, the Council will be recording this meeting. The following organisations have also been granted permission to make an audio recording:

- The Moorabool News; and
- The Star Weekly

4 PRESENT

5 APOLOGIES

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting - Wednesday 1 June 2022

Special Council Meeting - Wednesday 15 June 2022

Special Council Meeting - Wednesday 22 June 2022

7 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Conflict of interest laws are prescribed under the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) and in the Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020 (the Regulations). Managing conflicts of interest is about ensuring the integrity and transparency of decision-making.

The conflict of interest provisions under the Act have been simplified so that they are more easily understood and more easily applied. The new conflict of interest provisions are designed to ensure relevant persons proactively consider a broader range of interests and consider those interests from the viewpoint of an impartial, fair-minded person.

Section 126 of the Act states that a Councillor has a conflict of interest if they have a general conflict of interest or a material conflict of interest. These are explained below:

- A Councillor has a general conflict of interest in a matter if an impartial, fair-minded person would consider that the member's private interests could result in them acting in a manner that is contrary to their public duty as a Councillor.

- A Councillor has a material conflict of interest in a matter if an affected person would gain a benefit or suffer a loss depending on the outcome of the matter.

A relevant person with a conflict of interest must disclose the interest in accordance with Council's Governance Rules and not participate in the decision-making process on the matter. This means the relevant person must exclude themselves from any discussion or vote on the matter at any Council meeting, delegated committee meeting, community asset committee meeting or, if a Councillor, any other meeting conducted under the auspices of the Council. The relevant person must also exclude themselves from any action in relation to the matter, including an action taken to implement a council decision, for example, issuing a planning permit.

8 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The aim of Public Question Time is to provide an opportunity for the public to ask general questions at Council Meetings requiring routine responses. Public Question Time is conducted in accordance with section 3.7.1 of the Council's Governance Rules.

- (a) Question time will take place during the Council Meeting as provided for in the agenda.
- (b) Questions in writing in the form prescribed by the Chief Executive Officer will be accepted up to 5pm on the day before the Meeting.
- (c) A person must not submit more than two (2) individual questions at a meeting, inclusive of all parts and variants as interpreted by the Chairperson or other person authorised for this purpose by the Chairperson.
- (d) A question will only be read to the meeting if the Chairperson or other person authorised for this purpose by the Chairperson has determined that the:
 - (i) person directing the question is present in the gallery;
 - (ii) question does not relate to a confidential matter;
 - (iii) question does not relate to a matter in respect of which Council has no power to act;
 - (iv) question is not defamatory, indecent, abusive or objectionable in language or substance;
 - (v) question is not a repetition of a question already asked or answered (whether at the same or an earlier meeting); and
 - (vi) question is not asked to embarrass a Councillor, member of Council staff or member of the public.
- (e) Persons submitting questions must be present in the public gallery. If they are not present in the Gallery, the question will be held over to the next meeting only.
- (f) The Chief Executive Officer will read out each question and the Chairperson shall decide who will answer each question.

A Councillor or Council officer may:

- (i) immediately answer the question asked; or

- (ii) elect to have the question taken on notice until the next Ordinary meeting of Council; at which time the question must be answered and incorporated in the Agenda of the meeting under Public Question Time; or
- (iii) elect to submit a written answer to the person asking the question within 10 working days.

Responses to public questions answered at the meeting, will be general in nature, provided in good faith and should not exceed two minutes. These responses will be summarised in the minutes of the meeting.

9 PETITIONS

Nil

10 PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS

The Council has made provision in the business of the Ordinary Meetings of the Council for the making of presentations or deputations to Council in relation to matters presented on the agenda for Council consideration.

Persons wishing to make a presentation or deputation to Council on a matter included in the agenda shall inform Council prior to the meeting by contacting the Chief Executive Officer's office and registering their name and agenda item being spoken to.

At the meeting the Mayor will invite the persons wishing to make a presentation or delegation to address the Council on the agenda item.

The person making the presentation or deputation is to stand and address Council on the item.

No debate on the item is permitted between the person making the presentation or delegation and the Council.

A maximum of three minutes per presentation or delegation will be allocated. An extension of time may be granted at the discretion of the Mayor.

Councillors, through the Mayor, may ask the person making the presentation or delegation for clarification of matters presented.

The Mayor may direct that a member of the gallery ceases speaking if the above procedure is not followed.

11 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

11.1 COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEES - REPORTS

Author: Dianne Elshaug, Co-ordinator CEOs Office

Authoriser: Derek Madden, Chief Executive Officer

- Attachments:**
1. Blacksmith's Cottage Community Asset Committee Meeting minutes - 26 October 2021 (under separate cover)
 2. Blacksmith's Cottage Community Asset Committee Meeting minutes - 25 January 2022 (under separate cover)
 3. Blacksmith's Cottage Community Asset Committee Meeting minutes - 22 February 2022 (under separate cover)
 4. Blacksmith's Cottage Community Asset Committee Meeting minutes - 22 March 2022 (under separate cover)
 5. Lal Lal Soldier's Memorial Hall Committee Meeting minutes - 15 February 2022 (under separate cover)
 6. Bacchus Marsh Public Hall Committee Meeting minutes - 28 February 2022 (under separate cover)

PURPOSE

Community Asset Committees are established by Council under section 65 of the *Local Government Act 2020* to manage and maintain Community Assets within the municipal district. By Instrument of Delegation, Council may delegate to the committees such functions and powers of the Council that it deems appropriate, utilising provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020*. The Council cannot delegate those powers identified in section 11(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Community Asset Committees present the following reports of the Committee Meetings for Council consideration.

Committee	Meeting Date
Blacksmith's Cottage & Forge Community Asset Committee - Minutes	26 October 2021, 25 January 2022, 22 February 2022, and 22 March 2022
Lal Lal Soldier's Memorial Hall Committee - Minutes	15 February 2022
Bacchus Marsh Public Hall Committee Meeting - Minutes	28 February 2022

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the following Community Asset Committee minutes:

1. Blacksmith's Cottage Community Asset Committee Meeting minutes 26 October 2021, 25 January 2022, 22 February 2022, 22 March 2022;
2. Lal Lal Soldier's Memorial Hall Committee Meeting minutes 15 February 2022;
3. Bacchus Marsh Public Hall Meeting minutes 28 February 2022.

11.2 DELEGATED COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL - REPORTS**Author:** Dianne Elshaug, Co-ordinator CEOs Office**Authoriser:** Derek Madden, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** Nil**PURPOSE**

Delegated Committees are established to assist Council with executing specific functions or duties. By Instrument of Delegation, Council may delegate to the committees such functions and powers of the Council that it deems appropriate, utilising provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020*. The Council cannot delegate those powers identified in section 11(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Delegated Committees are required to report to Council at intervals determined by the Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Councillors, as representatives of the following Delegated Committees of Council, present the following reports of the Committee Meetings for Council consideration.

Committee	Meeting Date	Council Representative
Development Assessment Committee Meeting Minutes	Wednesday 18 August 2021	All Councillors
Development Assessment Committee Meeting Minutes	Wednesday 15 September 2021	All Councillors
Development Assessment Committee Meeting Minutes	Wednesday 20 October 2021	All Councillors
Development Assessment Committee Meeting Minutes	Wednesday 17 November 2021	All Councillors
Development Assessment Committee Meeting Minutes	Wednesday 15 December 2021	All Councillors
Development Assessment Committee Meeting Minutes	Wednesday 16 February 2022	All Councillors
Development Assessment Committee Meeting Minutes	Wednesday 16 March 2022	All Councillors
Development Assessment Committee Meeting Minutes	Wednesday 20 April 2022	All Councillors

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the following Delegated Committee reports:

- 1. Development Assessment Committee Meeting Minutes, Wednesday 18 August 2021, Wednesday 15 September 2021, Wednesday 20 October 2021, Wednesday 17 November 2021, Wednesday 15 December 2021, Wednesday 16 February 2022, Wednesday 16 March 2022 and Wednesday 20 April 2022.**
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12 COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING REPORTS

12.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS REPORT- MARCH 2022

Author: Ashley Malloy, Community Strengthening Liaison Advisor

Authoriser: Sally Jones, General Manager Community Strengthening

Attachments: 1. Attachment 1 – Community Grants March 2022 Round (under separate cover)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to make recommendations to Council regarding applications to the March 2022 Community Grants program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- To seek Council endorsement of the recommendations for funding for the March 2022 round of the Community Grants Program by the Community Grants Assessment Panel.
- The Community Grants Program provides funding to community organisations to deliver programs that build on local strengths to develop healthy, inclusive and connected neighbourhoods.
- Council received 16 applications across the five program categories: Community Arts and Culture (1), Community Strengthening Grants (7), Community Events Grants (1), Community Development Fund (2) and Sustainability and Environmental Engagement Grants (5).
- A total of \$107,747.50 was requested with \$160,045.00 available this round. The available funds are a combination of funds allocated in the 2021/22 annual budget and unallocated funds carried forward from 2020/21, minus the successful Community Development Fund applications from the August 2021 round of grants.
- Eligible applications were assessed by an Assessment Panel consisting of 9 officers from a diverse range of departments.
- The report presents Council with a list of recommended grants for the March 2022 funding round prepared by the Community Grants Assessment Panel (Attachment 1 – Community Grants March 2022 round).
- In total, 11 organisations are recommended to receive \$33,232.50 in funding.
- The proposed allocation of this sum is detailed in the funding recommendations within this report and in Attachment 1 – Community Grants March 2022 round.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the allocation of the Community Grants as provided in Attachment 1 – Community Grants March 2022 round to this report.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to present Council with an assessment of applications received for the Community Grants Program March 2022 round, which totals \$270,400 per annum. The March 2022 round of the Grants Program opened on 1 March 2022 and closed on 31 March 2022. A total of 73% of applications commenced via the online portal were submitted for final consideration, reflecting a submission rate consistent to the previous round of Community Grants in August 2021 (75%).

This round five applications requesting \$13,650 in total were received within the Sustainability and Environmental Engagement Grant stream. This fund only contains **\$8,400** this round leaving **\$5,250** outstanding, required to fund those projects. However, deducting the total recommended funding of **\$33,232.50** from the available funding in all streams excluding the Community Development Fund (\$71,645) leaves a surplus of **\$60,417.50**, in which the remaining **\$5,250** of Sustainability and Environmental Engagement Grants can be funded.

Council's Community Grants Program enables not for profit community groups to apply for funding under the following five program categories:

- **Arts and Culture Grants:** Supporting local artists and organisations to use a creative approach to the development of community projects and initiatives (\$10,000 available this round).
- **Community Strengthening Grants:** Community projects, programs and initiatives with a specific focus on connecting communities and building community capacity (\$60,000 available this round).
- **Events Grants:** Non-recurrent, seed funding designed to encourage and promote the development of sustainable local events (\$10,000 available this round).
- **Community Development Fund Grants:** Supporting community infrastructure projects which significantly impact on community development. The Community Development Fund has \$71,645 available this round. The Community Development fund this financial year contained \$261,645 due to additional carry over funding of \$161,645 from the 2020/2021 financial year, as well as the usual \$100,000 allocation for the 2021/2022 financial year. Last round in August 2021, \$190,000 (from \$261,645 available) was allocated to Community Development Fund projects leaving \$71,645 remaining in the fund for March 2022.
- **Sustainability and Environmental Engagement Grants:** Supporting the community in reducing expenditure of gas and electricity, investing in sustainability measures and providing opportunities to raise awareness of environmental issues to the broader community (\$8,400 available this round).

Community groups and organisations can apply for up to \$5,000 for Community Strengthening Grants and up to \$3,000 for Arts, Events and Sustainability Grants. Groups also need to demonstrate a cash or in-kind contribution toward the cost of their project on a ratio of \$1 for \$1 (Council \$1: Group \$1). Small Community Strengthening projects under \$1,000 are not required to demonstrate an applicant contribution.

PROPOSAL

Applicant Support

The Community Grants Guidelines specifies that applicant groups are required to liaise with a Connected Communities officer prior to lodging an application to ensure applicants receive clear guidance on eligibility and how to best present their applications. All applicants received support

and advice from Council officers before lodging their application. Additional support was provided after the funding round closed to clarify any ambiguity in applications.

Policy Assessment Criteria

- Project Description and why the applicant wants to complete the project – 10%
- What will this project achieve? – 20%
- Why is this project needed in your community? – 20%
- Who will be involved in the project? – 15%
- How will you carry out your project? (including risk management) – 15%
- Project budget and explanation of how the group arrived at the costs? – 20%

Each criterion is assessed out of 10 and weighted according to the criteria percentage. The maximum possible score for any application is 100.

Scoring Guide	
Score each criteria out of 10	
0	Did not address criteria
1-2	Minimal
3-5	Satisfactory
6-8	Good
9-10	Excellent

Key Issues

This report presents to Council the Community Grant Assessment Panel recommendations for applications receive for the March 2022 round of the Community Grants Program.

Number of applications and amount requested

In total, 16 applications were received across the five program categories: Community Arts and Culture (1), Community Strengthening Grants (7), Community Events Grants (1), Community Development Fund (2) and Sustainability and Environmental Engagement Grants (5). A total of **\$107,747.50** was requested with **\$160,045.00** available this round.

The Assessment Panel recommends a total value of **\$33,232.50** to be awarded to successful applicants. This Community Grant funding will contribute to local projects worth **\$87,073.00** in total.

Category	Applications Received	Amount Available	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Community Arts and Culture	1	\$10,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0
Community Strengthening	7	\$60,000.00	\$25,172.50	\$16,582.50
Community Events	1	\$10,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Community Development Fund	2	\$71,645.00	\$62,925.00	\$0
Sustainability and Environmental Engagement*	5	\$8,400.00	\$13,650.00	\$6,000.00
Total	16	\$160,045.00	\$107,747.50	\$25,582.50

*This report seeks Council’s permission to fund \$5,250 of the remaining Sustainability and Environmental Engagement projects through the surplus funding of \$60,417.50 available in other community grant streams including the Arts and Culture, Community Strengthening and

Community Events streams (excluding the \$71,645 available in the Community Development Fund).

Current Status

The recommendation provided in **Attachment 1 – Community Grants March 2022 round** represents 100% of community grant applications from the March 2022 grant round.

COUNCIL PLAN

The Council Plan 2021-2025 provides as follows:

Strategic Objective 1: Healthy, inclusive and connected neighbourhoods

Priority 1.1: Improve the health and wellbeing of our community

The proposed allocation of grants under the March 2022 Round of the Community Grants Program is consistent with the Council Plan 2021-2025.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Consistent with the Community Grants Policy, 2021/22 budget allocation and carry over community grant funding from the 2020/21 financial year, a total of **\$160,045.00** is available for allocation in the March 2022 Community Grants Program.

The following amounts are recommended:

- \$0 for Arts and Culture Grants;
- \$16,582.50 for Community Strengthening Grants;
- \$3,000.00 for Community Events Grants;
- \$0 for Community Development Fund Grants;
- \$13,650.00 for Sustainability and Environmental Engagement Grants.

RISK & OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES

Risk Identifier	Detail of Risk	Risk Rating	Control/s
Project timelines	Grant recipients exceeding prescribed timelines	Medium	Terms and conditions agreements required to be signed by grant recipients, Scheduled monitoring of projects.
Financial – Inadequate funds to finish project	Grant recipients misappropriate expenditure of Council funds	Medium	Terms and conditions agreements required to be signed by grant recipients. Grant acquittal required upon completion of projects.

COMMUNICATIONS & CONSULTATION STRATEGY**Successful applicants:**

- Formal notification and congratulations will be provided via email on endorsement of the Council Report.

Unsuccessful applicants:

- To be advised by telephone and/or email. Guidance and support will be provided to improve opportunities for future grant applications.
- To be offered the opportunity to meet with officers to discuss their application and receive advice.
- Be advised of future Grant Writing Workshop opportunities.

Community Groups:

- Are advised when Community Grants become available and requested to further advise their networks via direct telephone calls and email.
- Are requested to advertise the Community Grants across their communications options including social media and newsletters.

Moorabool Residents

- Promotional flyers and information advertising the Community Grants Program across the Shire:
 - Library notice boards and Library Newsletter;
 - Catherine King Grants Newsletter;
 - Community Noticeboards;
 - Community Houses;
 - Moorabool News;
 - Local Community Facebook Groups;
 - Website Events Page and Community Page;
 - Advert displayed at drive in cinema events;
 - Moorabool Shire corporate website and social media channels;
- Direct emails to Moorabool Shire community group database.
- New promotional banners at township entrances.
- Grant Writing Workshops:
 - Two workshops were held online to improve knowledge of Smartygrants and grant writing requirements;
 - Advice and guidance provided to potential applicants.

Applicants for the March 2022 round of the Community Grants Program have been informed they should be notified of the outcomes of their grant applications in July 2022.

The Connected Communities Team will formally notify groups of the outcome of their applications and provide opportunity for feedback to the unsuccessful applicants.

Feedback will include:

- Advice to applicant groups of the relative strengths and areas for improvement in their application;
- Options for alternative funding (if applicable);
- Supporting a group to amend and re-lodge their application in the next appropriate round of the Community Grants Program.

VICTORIAN CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES ACT 2006

In developing this report to Council, the officer considered whether the subject matter raised any human rights issues. In particular, whether the scope of any human right established by the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities is in any way limited, restricted or interfered with by the recommendations contained in the report. It is considered that the subject matter does not raise any human rights issues.

OFFICER'S DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, officers providing advice to Council must disclose any interests, including the type of interest.

General Manager – Sally Jones

In providing this advice to Council as the General Manager, I have no interests to disclose in this report.

Author – Ashley Malloy

In providing this advice to Council as the Author, I have no interests to disclose in this report.

CONCLUSION

Based on the application assessment process and funding criteria, it is proposed that the Council allocates funding for grants for the Moorabool Shire March 2022 round of Community Grants based on the tables provided in Attachment 1- Community Grants March 2022 round.

13 CUSTOMER CARE AND ADVOCACY REPORTS

13.1 PROCUREMENT AUSTRALIA CONTRACT

Author: Joshua Warner, Executive Manager People & Culture
Authoriser: Leanne Manton, Acting General Manager Customer Care & Advocacy
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval regarding the Procurement Australia Contract.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The existing contract "PA 2312-1618" pertaining to the provision of recruitment, training and associated services has been successfully in place under CEO delegation since 1 January 2021 and has greatly supported Council with contractor recruitment activity in challenging times based on the COVID pandemic.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to:

- 1. Use Procurement Australia Contract Number 2312-0618 for the provision of Recruitment, Training & Associated Services with seven (7) existing contractors named below:**
 - **Design & Build Recruitment / Public Sector People**
 - **G-force Corporate & Finance (T/a People @ Work)**
 - **Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia)**
 - **Horner Recruitment Systems (T/a trading as Horner Recruitment)**
 - **McArthur Management Services (Vic) Pty Ltd**
 - **Michael Page International (Australia)**
 - **Randstad Pty Ltd**
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to appoint additional Contractors on behalf of Council, where it is found to be the best value option for the continued provision of services, and to sign relevant documents on behalf of Council relating to such appointments.**

BACKGROUND

Previous Contract

Council signed up to the previous iteration of this contract "PA 1912-0618 - Recruitment, Training & Associated Services" in 2017 under the authority of the CEO.

Seven (7) suppliers (the same as those currently used) were appointed under authority of the CEO between 2017 and 2020.

This previous contract expired on 31 December 2020, and Council accepted Procurement Australia's offer to join their subsequent tender to replace this with "PA 2312-0618 Recruitment, Training & Associated Services" in June 2020.

Current Contract

Under the resulting new contract "PA 2312-0618" Council appointed the same seven (7) suppliers as previously used, under authority of the CEO in October 2020.

The commencement date was 1 January 2021:

- Design & Build Recruitment / Public Sector People
- G-force Corporate & Finance (T/a People @ Work)
- Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia)
- Horner Recruitment Systems (T/a trading as Horner Recruitment)
- McArthur Management Services (Vic) Pty Ltd
- Michael Page International (Australia)
- Randstad Pty Ltd

The current contract is for Three years, plus two one-year extension options, giving a final expiry date of 31 December 2025.

PROPOSAL

The original estimate was made pre-COVID and to ensure procurement compliance going forward, this contract and the appointment of the current seven (7) suppliers will require re-approval by Council.

COUNCIL PLAN

The proposal is not provided for in the Council Plan 2021-2025 and can be actioned by utilising existing resources.

VICTORIAN CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES ACT 2006

In developing this report to Council, the officer considered whether the subject matter raised any human rights issues. In particular, whether the scope of any human right established by the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities is in any way limited, restricted or interfered with by the recommendations contained in the report. It is considered that the subject matter does not raise any human rights issues.

OFFICER'S DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, officers providing advice to Council must disclose any interests, including the type of interest.

Acting General Manager – Leanne Manton

In providing this advice to Council as the Acting General Manager, I have no interests to disclose in this report.

Author – Josh Warner

In providing this advice to Council as the Author, I have no interests to disclose in this report.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council resolves to approve:

1. Use of Procurement Australia Contract Number 2312-0618 for the provision of Recruitment, Training & Associated Services with seven (7) existing contractors named above;
2. The Chief Executive Officer to appoint additional Contractors on behalf of Council, where it is found to be the best value option for the continued provision of services and to sign relevant documents on behalf of Council relating to such appointments.

14 OTHER REPORTS

Nil

15 NOTICES OF MOTION

15.1 NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 306 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT STATE-WIDE WASTE FORUM

Attachments: Nil

I, Councillor Tom Sullivan give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 6 July 2022, I intend to move the following motion:

MOTION

That Council:

1. **Notes that the State Government has introduced legislation that dissolves the Regional Waste Management Groups effective from 1 July 2022.**
2. **Recognises the benefits of regional collaboration between local governments, including for delivering effective services, achieving efficiencies of scale, sharing expertise, advocating for better policy and legislation, education and procurement.**
3. **Notes that the WRGGs have provided an effective mechanism for regional collaboration between Councils.**
4. **Appoints _____ as the Councillor representative on recycling and waste matters for the purposes of:**
 - (a) **Meeting with other Councils in the Grampians Central West region to consider recycling and waste matters and provide advice to Councils in the region;**
 - (b) **Appointing a chair of the Regional Advisory Group who would represent the region in a state-wide advisory group, including electing a state-wide chair;**
 - (c) **Developing a proposal for governance (including a Terms of Reference) of regional co-ordination between Councils, for consideration by Council at a future date;**
 - (d) **Calling on the State Government to support regional collaboration by providing the Secretariat Function via RV.**

RATIONALE

The recently assembled Local Government State-Wide Waste Forum has been established through the Regional Waste Forums, who voted unanimously to allow each of their Chairs to advocate to the State Government on their behalf in regard to the rollout of the new Victorian Waste and Recycling Act. The seven Forum Chairs in total represent 79 LGAs across the State.

The Local Government State-Wide Chairs Forum aims to ensure consistent representation across our rural, regional and metropolitan Councils to advise the State Government in the lead up to the establishment of the Circular Economy (Waste and Recycling) Bill 2021.

On commencement of Recycling Victoria (RV), the Waste and Resource Recovery Groups (WRRGs) will be dissolved and relevant functions will be transferred to Recycling Victoria. The Recycling Victoria Authority is set to commence from 1 July 2022. The State Government has yet to provide

any concrete details as to an ongoing mechanism that would serve a similar function after June 30 2022.

It has been my experience as Chair of the Grampians Central West Waste and Recovery Local Government Forum that these groups have provided an important structure for regional collaboration between local governments, including for delivering effective services, achieving efficiencies of scale, sharing expertise, advocating for better policy and legislation, education and procurement.

The Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change in her second reading speech said *“I intend to establish a local government advisory committee to advise the Head on the new functions, how these arrangements impact and can benefit councils, and how the setup of Recycling Victoria can ensure effective relationships with local government across the State”*.

We would like to formalise the Forum so that beyond the 1 July 2022 date there continues to be a structure for ongoing collaboration for Councils on a regional and state-wide level.

The Forum Chairs have formally requested a comprehensive briefing from representatives from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) in relation to the timeframes and the planned and proposed investment, policy and regulatory implementation measures that the State Government is considering in relation to the Circular Economy Bill. The Forum Chairs have also previously written to Minister Lily D’Ambrosio MP, and engaged with her office seeking the Minister and State Government’s engagement with the Forum, which we look forward to commencing through the requested DELWP briefing.

I commend this Notice of Motion to Council.

16 NOTICES OF RESCISSION

Nil

17 MAYOR'S REPORT

17.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

Author: Dianne Elshaug, Co-ordinator CEOs Office

Authoriser: Derek Madden, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

To provide details to the community on the meetings and events attended by the Mayor since the last Ordinary Meeting of Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- That the Mayor's Report be tabled for consideration at the Ordinary Meeting of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Mayor's Report.

18 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

19 URGENT BUSINESS

20 CLOSED SESSION OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 66(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*:

20.1 C38 2021-2022 - Glass and Mixed Recycling Processing

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 3(1) confidential information - (g) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with 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.

21 MEETING CLOSURE