MINUTES

Unscheduled Council Meeting
Wednesday, 25 June 2025

Date:	**Wednesday, 25 June 2025**
Time:	**6.00pm**
Location:	**Council Chambers, 15 Stead Street, Ballan & Online**

Order Of Business

1 OPENING OF MEETING AND PRAYER

Mayor Cr Paul Tatchell opened the meeting at 6.01pm.

Cr Steve Venditti-Taylor read the Prayer.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mayor Cr Paul Tatchell read the Acknowledgement of Country.

3 PRESENT

Cr Paul Tatchell, Mayor

Cr Rod Ward, Deputy Mayor

Cr Moira Berry

Cr Jarrod Bingham

Cr Sheila Freeman

Cr John Keogh

Cr Ally Munari

Cr Tom Sullivan

Cr Steve Venditti-Taylor

Officers:

Mr Derek Madden	Chief Executive Officer
Mr David Jackson	General Manager Customer & Corporate Services
Mr Phil Jeffrey	General Manager Community Assets & Infrastructure
Ms Leigh McCallum	General Manager Community Strengthening
Mr Henry Bezuidenhout	Executive Manager Community Planning & Development
Mr Joseph Spiteri	Manager Governance & Civic Support
Mr James Hogan	Chief Financial Officer
Ms Leanne Manton	Manager Customer & Communications

4 APOLOGIES

Nil

5 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS

Nil

7 CUSTOMER AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

7.1 DRAFT BUDGET 2025/26 - ADOPTION

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tom Sullivan
Seconded: Cr Jarrod Bingham

That Council adjourn for a five minute break.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6.33pm. The meeting resumed at 6.37pm.

Cr Sullivan proposed an amendment to the motion.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Tom Sullivan
Seconded: Cr Ally Munari

That Council:

1. **Notes the verbal and written submissions received and considered at 11 June 2025 Special Meeting of Council as shown in Table 1.1.**
2. **Adopts the 2025/26 Annual Budget, shown as Attachment 1 to this report, for the purpose of Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.**
3. **Adopts the fees and charges as attached.**
4. **Adopts that the rate in the dollar for each type of rate to be levied for the 12-month period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 are:**

Differential Type or Class of Land	2025/26 Cents/$CIV
Commercial & Industrial Rate	0.388052
Commercial & Industrial Vacant Land	0.517402
Extractive Industry Rate	0.807147
Farm Rate	0.201787
General Rate	0.258701
Vacant Land General	0.517402
Vacant Land FZ and RCZ	0.258701
Vacant Land GRZ	0.517402
Residential Retirement Villages	0.232831

5. **Adopts the below service charges as per section 162 of the Act:**

Type of Charge	Per Rateable Property 2025/26
Waste Management	$113.00
Domestic Waste Collection	$253.00

Kerbside Green waste	$99.00
State Landfill Levy Charge	$79.00

6. Makes the 2025/26 Budget publicly available on its website.

7. Implements a Municipal Charge of $360 per tenement.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rod Ward
Seconded: Cr Jarrod Bingham

That Council suspend Standing Orders to allow for discussion on the Draft Budget.

CARRIED

Standing Orders were suspended at 6.50pm and the gallery was cleared.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tom Sullivan
Seconded: Cr Ally Munari

That Council resume Standing Orders.

CARRIED

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.20pm and the gallery was reopened.

Cr Tom Sullivan withdrew his proposed amendment to the motion.

7.1 DRAFT BUDGET 2025/26 - ADOPTION

Author: **James Hogan, Chief Financial Officer**

Authoriser: **David Jackson, General Manager Customer and Corporate Services**

Attachments: **1. 2025/26 Draft Annual Budget (under separate cover)**

PURPOSE

In accordance with Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) Council is required to formally adopt the 2025/26 Annual Budget by 30 June 2025.

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The Act requires Council to follow a process of enabling submissions to be received. There were nine (9) written submissions received by 5 June 2025. Council considered submissions at the Special Meeting of Council on 11 June 2025 and resolved as follows:

1. That the nine (9) submissions be received.
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Having completed all statutory requirements, the 2025/26 Annual Budget can now be considered for adoption.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report highlights the important points for consideration in adopting the 2025/26 budget.

These include:

- Responses to Budget Submissions.
- Amendments since the Proposed Budget was presented at the 21 May Special Meeting of Council.

Also, the attached Budget document which outlines the:

- Proposed Rate Increase;
- Differential Rate Categories and Cents/$CIV;
- Proposed Annual Waste Service Charges;
- Detailed Capital Improvement Program.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rod Ward
Seconded: Cr Moira Berry

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Cr Tom Sullivan called for a division:

In Favour: Crs Jarrod Bingham, Moira Berry, Rod Ward, Sheila Freeman and Steven Venditti-Taylor

Against: Crs Tom Sullivan, John Keogh, Ally Munari and Paul Tatchell

THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED 5/4

BACKGROUND

The Proposed 2025/26 Annual Budget recognises the importance of setting a clear direction for the future, achieving measurable objectives, encouraging community input and consultation and being financially responsible. It is part of a financial plan that aims to secure a viable and sustainable path to achieve the Shire's objectives.

The budget includes a rate increase of 3.0%, which is in line with the Fair Go Rates System (FGRS) which has capped rates increases by Victorian Councils. Council endeavours to minimise the rate burden on residents with stringent budget and fiscal controls.

PROPOSAL

Budget Submissions

Council commenced statutory procedures for the 2025/26 Annual Budget at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 21 May 2025. At that meeting, Council resolved to put on public display the Proposed 2025/26 Annual Budget that was considered at the meeting.

A public notice was published in The Moorabool News on Friday 30 May 2025 which called for submissions to the proposed budget.

As a result of this advertising process, a total of nine (9) written submissions were received by the stated cut-off date of 5 June 2025. The table below shows the Council responses and recommendations for the submissions received.

Table 1.1 - Council Reponses to Budget Submissions

No	SUBMISSION	COUNCIL RESPONSE
1	**Tanner Hill – Establishment of an in-house Bush crew** I have been involved with many different aspects and issues relating to the environment in Moorabool over a considerable number of years and participate actively with Landcare, Moorabool Gardens for Wildlife, CFA and until recently was on the Moorabool Environment and Sustainability Advisory Committee. I acknowledge and appreciate the increased focus that Council has placed on advocating for improved funding towards the local environment and sustainability in recent years. To build on past efforts of Council and community groups I request that in the development of the 2025/26 Council budget that strong consideration and support is given to the development of an in-house 'Bush Crew". I have highlighted this need tor a Bush Crew with the Moorabool Landcare Network, who discussed a request making a request to Council last year. I am not sure how far that progressed but I include some of their points with mine. The aim of this Bush Crew would be to assist with the continuous improvement of assets managed by Council and increase community engagement (through activities such as community planting days and other related activities). It would also be cost effective and reduce the need to tender out some of the maintenance and feral species control measures, whilst fostering improved in-house skills and building better community relationships. As each new subdivision/development seems to leave Council with more land to manage, a Bush Crew would assist with better overall consistent management of biodiversity assets and timely management of threatening processes. A lot of these sites require a dedicated team to keep up with basic management and prevent degradation, reduce the fuel hazard and reduce weed spread. The Bush Crew must have appropriate qualifications in Natural Resource Management and be given additional training in indigenous plants, chemical application and chainsaw operations. I have a list of what the Bush Crew could to in parts and reserves. There are many areas that the Garden Crew do not have/take responsibility for, that fall into disrepair and become weedy and overgrown without attention. Seeing a crew out and about in local reserves encourages everyone to take responsibility for their area knowing issues raised have a higher chance of being addressed. I have compiled a list of possible tasks from many walks along the Werribee River in Ballan and Bacchus Marsh, Paddock Creek, Spargo and Ballan Mineral Springs Reserves and the Lal Lal Falls Reserve and in discussions with others who care about Moorabool's environment. • more regular grass cutting beside walking tracks along rive walks to allow people to see snakes • provide reports on track/path condition to the engineers,	*Many of the tasks and responsibilities identified in the submission are currently being undertaken by Council's existing Litter Crew and Parks and Gardens teams. These crews play a significant role in maintaining open space areas, managing weeds, addressing litter, undertaking basic maintenance, and responding to service requests lodged by community members.* *Whilst the concept of establishment of a 'Bush Crew' has merit within the context of growth in asset base, increasing environmental demands and community expectations, it needs to be considered with all other demands placed on Council.* *The importance of consistent and proactive management of our natural assets is recognised and the establishment of a Bush Crew may be revisited for consideration in future budget planning.* ***Estimated cost: $260K pa***

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	undertake basic path repairs and drainage maintenance, top up surface material • targeted proactive weed control of small areas and weeds not listed under the weed strategy • brush-cutting around and ongoing maintenance around plantings • plant replacement when plants die or are damaged • reporting rubbish dumping and some removal • reporting sediment entry into the waterways near reserves • mulching and removal of fallen branches, keeping paths clear, pruning to allow people to ride bikes under trees • liaising with community groups on planting days, site preparation, grant development, watering, signage needed, ordering of materials for planting days, guarding plants, mulch delivery and spreading of mulch, picking up litter on Clean Up Australia Day • fencing repair and maintenance • maintenance of signs and replacement when required • follow up feral animal control • revegetation management, weed control, guard removal and recycling • organising firebreaks in reserves • park seat maintenance • nest box installation, maintenance and monitoring • graffiti removal from reserve signs, seats and infrastructure • pine wilding removal on roadsides • weed mapping on roadsides • promotion of appropriate cat containment to protect cat health and safety of wildlife I strongly encourage Council to consider this request for the introduction of a Bush Crew in the budget process for 2025/26 and look forward to your response.	
2	**Daniel Emmerson – Electric Vehicle Charging Stations** I wish to provide feedback that council should install electric car charging stations in Bacchus Marsh and surrounding areas. There is a number of benefits to councils once installed including financial, environmental and social.	*The draft budget doesn't include funding for electric vehicle charging station installation. To inform future opportunities in this space, Council needs to understand the demand for public charging stations and the role private industry has in rolling out any such infrastructure. Once this is understood, Council can make a decision in relation to its role in this space and budget for it accordingly should it be supported.* ***Estimated cost: $100K per site Council funded (Options for private partnerships)***
3	**Darley Neighbourhood House & Learning – Funding for Darley Neighbourhood House** Funding for Darley Neighbourhood House I am writing to formally request a review of the current annual funding allocation provided to Darley Neighbourhood House as part of the Moorabool Shire Council's budget. Darley Neighbourhood House plays a vital role in supporting our local community by delivering inclusive programs, providing access to essential services, and fostering social	*Council acknowledges the submission received from the Darley Neighbourhood House.* *As part of the 25/26 financial year, Council officers will commence a review of our fees and charges, with operational funding forming part of that review.* *It is intended that this review will be completed in the coming 12 month*

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	connection for people of all ages and backgrounds. With a steadily growing population in the Darley area, the demand for these services continues to rise. However, the funding provided has not increased to keep pace with the increased operational needs and expanding scope of community engagement. Since 2018 the funding from Moorabool Shire Council to Darley Neighbourhood House has remained at $10557.06. This is despite our rates, costs and support of the community increasing during this time. For context, in the first 5 months of 2025 we have had over 1500 community attend our facilities and over 500 people access our community pantry. For a snapshot of our impact, please see the attached 2024 Community Value Report published by Neighbourhood Houses Victoria. Additional financial support would allow the House to expand its programs, enhance its facilities, and better meet the diverse needs of residents - particularly vulnerable groups such as low-income families, isolated seniors, and individuals experiencing mental health challenges. We respectfully request that the Council conduct a comprehensive review of the current funding model for Darley Neighbourhood House and consider an increase in its annual allocation as part of the upcoming budget process. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with relevant Council officers to discuss this request further and provide additional information on the impact and future needs of the House. Thank you for your time and consideration.	*period.* ***Estimated cost: TBC – current funding is $11K***
4	**Craig Woods – Various Expenses** Reduced costs and revenue required to keep the Council wheels turning. Don't pay such high wages. Evaluate the true value of a physical library. How does an art collection benefit ratepayers. Has the backlog of staff superannuation been paid. Thankyou for the ongoing Aged care support which has diminished. I could go about reduced services and increased costs over the years but it would fall on deaf ears.	*1. **Reduced Costs and Council Wages*** *Council is continually reviewing operational efficiencies. Staffing levels and remuneration are regularly benchmarked against comparable councils, and all wage increases are negotiated through enterprise agreements in line with industrial obligations.* *2. **Value of a Physical Library*** *Libraries continue to play an important role in connecting with community, offering more than book lending facilities — they provide access to technology, learning programs, and safe, inclusive community spaces. That said, we continue to review service delivery models to ensure they remain cost-effective and relevant.*

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		3. ***Council Art Collection*** *Council's art collection is periodically reviewed to ensure it aligns with cultural, educational, and economic goals. We acknowledge the importance of demonstrating the tangible benefits of cultural assets to ratepayers.* 4. ***Staff Superannuation*** *We can confirm that all employee superannuation obligations, including any historical shortfalls, have been addressed in accordance with legal requirements.* 5. ***Aged Care Services*** *Like many councils, we've had to adapt aged care services in response to changes in state and federal funding and regulatory responsibilities. We remain committed to supporting our older residents through available programs and partnerships.* 6. ***General Concerns on Services and Costs*** *We understand your concerns regarding service levels and costs. While some services may change over time, Council continues to seek community feedback to ensure that decisions are evidence-based and consider long-term sustainability.*
5	**Bacchus Marsh BMX Club - Concreting the Berms -Bacchus Marsh BMX Club** The Bacchus Marsh BMX Club is pleased to see that one of our potential projects (Concreting the Berms) is listed as a proposed 25/26 capital project in MSC's budget. We would look forward to working with council on progressing this initiative as this is a key project for the club as we strongly believe better track facilities will promote club growth, increase further public use of the facility and importantly reduce the volunteer time, effort and costs that currently go into maintaining a full dirt track with the largest berms in Victoria. In 2025 we have already spent in excess of $5,000 on fresh granitic sand to resurface / re-lay the berms and spent over 500 plus man hours in volunteer labour maintaining the track so that it is safe for both club events and public use. We strongly believe that investing in this facility will secure its ongoing use and viability in the long run. Thank you.	*The 2025/2026 Draft Budget includes a project for asphalting of the Berms of the BMX track at Bacchus Marsh Racecourse Recreation Reserve. It is also noted that Council has recently provided a community grant for a new shelter at the starting gate at the BMX track as well as supply of granite sand periodically to assist with maintenance.* ***Estimated cost: $180K***
6	Chris Sharkey – Rate Increase Through this budget has Council recognised and responded to the economic impact faced by primary production businesses under the current prolonged drought, ESVF and cost of living	*Council recognises the significant contribution of the agricultural sector to our local economy and the considerable strain many primary producers are experiencing. Over the last number of*

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	crisis? If so, why then has Council agreed upon a 3% rate increase? How does Council reconcile the budget revenue and the cumulative effect on primary production businesses with constant rate increases now and in its long-term financial plan and still expect these businesses to remain economically and environmentally sustainable?	*years Council has invested significantly to support the broad community particularly the farming community in advocacy in areas such as Power Transmission Lines, Renewable energy, land use and protection etc to ensure that their voice is heard at a state and federal level.* *While the draft budget proposes a 3% average rate increase, this decision has not been taken lightly. The increase aligns with the rate cap set by the Victorian Government.* *Council's Considerations:* • ***Acknowledgement of Economic Impact*** *Council has factored in the challenges facing primary producers during the development of this budget. We continue to seek a balance between affordability for ratepayers and our obligation to maintain roads, drainage, waste services, and community facilities — many of which directly support rural communities.* • ***Long-Term Financial Planning*** *The Long-Term Financial Plan is designed to avoid sharp rate spikes in future years while ensuring the sustainability of services and assets across the shire.* • ***Support and Advocacy*** *Council provides a* ***Rates Financial Hardship Policy*** *that is available to any property owner experiencing genuine difficulty. In addition, we continue to advocate to state and federal governments for additional support to rural and primary production communities, particularly in response to drought and emergency service cost shifts.* • ***Understanding Rate Movements*** *It's important to note that individual rate notices may vary depending on property revaluations conducted independently of Council. While Council sets the total amount of rates to be collected, the distribution is based on property valuations set by the Valuer-General.*
7	**Oliver - Asphalt berms for BMX Track** Asphalt berms for BMX Track.	*The 2025/2026 Draft Budget includes a project for asphalting of the Berms of the BMX track at Bacchus Marsh Racecourse Recreation Reserve. It is also noted that*

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		Council has recently provided a community grant for a new shelter at the starting gate at the BMX track as well as supply of granite sand periodically to assist with maintenance. ***Estimated cost: $180K***
8	**Jacob White/Wallace Recreation Reserve CoM - Wallace Recreation Reserve Oval Redevelopment** Wallace Recreation Reserve Oval Redevelopment The Wallace Recreation Reserve Oval Redevelopment is the highest priority project identified in the recently completed Wallace Recreation Reserve Master Plan 2024-2033. The oval deteriorates rapidly in wet weather, resulting in the Springbank Football Netball Club having to cancel on-ground training sessions and to sometimes relocate home matches to other reserves. The poor condition of the oval is well-known amongst the players and supporters of all clubs within the Central Highlands Football League, and as a consequence it is now impacting the club's ability to both recruit and retain players, and to establish a Senior Women's team. Moorabool Shire Council has requested the Wallace Recreation Reserve Committee of Management prepare this Business Case in support of a Council funding contribution of $709,060 ex-GST towards the project. The Business Case will enable officers and Councillors to fully consider the project, and determine whether funding will be allocated in Council's 2024-2025 Capital Works Budget. The completion of this project in readiness for the 2025 season will be a highlight in the planned 100th Year Anniversary Celebrations for the football club. This report includes the following important project information: 1. Project scope 2. Strategic need for project 3. Community need for project 4. Project budget 5. Project management and project plan The Business case (attached) has been prepared by Jacob White (member of the Reserve Committee), on behalf of the Wallace Recreation Reserve Committee of Management and the Springbank Football Netball Club.	*At the 3 April 2024 Ordinary Meeting of Council, Council noted the Wallace Recreation Reserve Masterplan and resolved to:* • *Work with the user groups to attract funding for identified projects, and* • *Refer priority items identified in the Master Plan to the long term Capital Improvement Plan* *Updated costings for the project were determined in August 2024 and Council submitted a federal government grant application for the project. The grant application was unsuccessful, and the project has been referred to the Long Term Capital Improvement Plan for Councils future consideration.* ***Estimated cost: $709K***
9	**Gordon Emmerson – EV Charges** We need ev chargers.	*The draft budget doesn't include funding for electric vehicle charging station installation. To inform future opportunities in this space, Council needs to understand the demand for public charging stations and the role private industry has in rolling out any such infrastructure. Once this is understood,*

No	SUBMISSION	COUNCIL RESPONSE
		Council can make a decision in relation to its role in this space and budget for it accordingly should it be supported. ***Estimated cost: $100K per site Council funded (Options for private partnerships)***

Budget Amendments and Related Matters

Since the Proposed Budget was presented to Council there have been minor formatting and other minor amendments to the budget. These amendments are immaterial in nature.

COUNCIL PLAN

The Council Plan 2021-2025 provides as follows:

Strategic Objective 3: A Council that listens and adapts to the needs of our evolving communities

Priority 3.3: Focus resources to deliver on our service promise in a sustainable way

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2025/26 Annual Budget has been prepared within the adopted four-year Strategic Financial Plan. This will allow Council to improve its financial sustainability and balance the building of new infrastructure with maintaining our existing infrastructure.

RISK & OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES

There are no risk or occupational health and safety issues identified in relation to this report.

COMMUNICATIONS & CONSULTATION STRATEGY

In accordance with the Act, Council considered submissions on 11 June 2025. Council received nine (9) written submissions.

The following outlines the timetable for the communication and adoption of the 2025/26 Annual Budget:

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Consider public submissions per the *Local Government Act 2020* for the Proposed 2025/26 Annual Budget.	11 June 2025
Formally adopt 2025/26 Annual Budget.	25 June 2025
Public Notice – Adoption of 2025/26 Annual Budget.	26 June 2025

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 – David Jackson

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

Author – James Hogan

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

CONCLUSION

The budget presents Council's immediate and longer-term financial strategy and links the actions set out in the Council Plan. It also identifies the capital works and services the community can expect from Council during the 2025/26 financial year and beyond.

7.2 DRAFT LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2025-2035 - ADOPTION

Author: **James Hogan, Chief Financial Officer**

Authoriser: **David Jackson, General Manager Customer and Corporate Services**

Attachments: **1. Draft Long Term Financial Plan (under separate cover)**

PURPOSE

The *Local Government Act 2020* requires Council to formally adopt a Long-Term Financial Plan in accordance with Section 91 by 31 October 2025.

As resolved by Council on 14 May 2025, the Proposed Long Term Financial Plan was placed on public exhibition from Thursday 22 May 2025 to Thursday 5 June 2025 inclusive, calling for submissions as required under the Act.

The Act requires Council to follow a process of enabling submissions to be received. There was one (1) written submission received by 5 June 2025. Council considered the submission at the Special Meeting of Council on 11 June 2025 and resolved as follows:

1. That the one (1) submission be received.
2. That Council takes into consideration the matter/s raised within the submission in consideration of the Long Term Financial Plan at the Special Meeting of Council on 25 June 2025.
3. That following the adoption of the Long Term Financial Plan, a response is provided to the Submitter.

Having completed all statutory requirements, the Long Term Financial Plan can now be considered for adoption.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Update Councillors on the Long-Term Financial Plan for the Shire and to present the details for the 10-Year Financial Plan 2025-2035.
- Ensure compliance with the requirements to the *Local Government Act 2020* for adopting the Long-Term Financial Plan.

RESOLUTION

Moved: **Cr Rod Ward**
Seconded: **Cr Steven Venditti-Taylor**

That Council:

1. **Notes the written submission received and considered at 11 June 2025 Special Meeting of Council as shown in Table 1.1.**
2. **Adopt the Long Term Financial Plan shown as Attachment 1 to this report, for the purpose of Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.**

CARRIED

BACKGROUND

Section 91 of the new *Local Government Act 2020* requires that by 31 October 2025, Council must develop, adopt and keep in force a 10-Year Financial Plan.

The Financial Plan provides a long-term view of the resources Council will raise and the proposed/predicted use of those resources to meet its social objectives. The Plan is informed by the Revenue and Rating Plan and defines the broad fiscal boundaries for the Council Plan, Asset Plan, other subordinate policies and strategies and budget processes.

Council will leverage off its existing 10-Year Financial Plan and it is anticipated that the Plan will be updated on a rolling basis to maintain financial sustainability.

PROPOSAL

Plan Submissions

Council commenced statutory procedures for the Long Term Financial Plan at the Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 14 May 2025. At that meeting, Council resolved to put on public display the Proposed Long Term Financial Plan that was considered at the meeting.

A public notice was published in The Moorabool News on Friday 30 May 2025 which called for submissions to the proposed plan.

As a result of this advertising process, a total of one (1) written submission was received by the stated cut-off date of 5 June 2025. The table below shows the Council response and recommendation for the submission received.

Table 1.1 - Council Reponses to Long Term Financial Plan Submission

No	SUBMISSION	COUNCIL RESPONSE
1.	**Oliver - Asphalt berms for BMX Track** Asphalt berms for BMX Track	*The 2025/2026 Draft Budget includes a project for asphalting of the Berms of the BMX track at Bacchus Marsh Racecourse Recreation Reserve. It is also noted that Council has recently provided a community grant for a new shelter at the starting gate at the BMX track as well as supply of granite sand periodically to assist with maintenance.* ***Estimated cost: $180K***

COUNCIL PLAN

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no immediate financial implications envisaged and when preparing the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP), the expectation is that annual adopted budgets will align with underlying principles and statements of the LTFP.

RISK & OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES

The Long-Term Financial Plan is a new requirement as part of the *Local Government Act 2020* and is required to be adopted by 31 October 2025. The draft Long Term Financial Plan seeks to ensure legislative compliance and reduce the risk of non-compliance with the *Local Government Act 2020*.

COMMUNICATIONS & CONSULTATION STRATEGY

In accordance with the Act, Council considered submissions on 11 June 2025. Council received one (1) written submission.

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Formally adopt Long Term Financial Plan.	25 June 2025
Public Notice – Adoption of Long Term Financial Plan.	26 June 2025

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CONCLUSION

The Long Term Financial Plan will allow Council to set priorities within its resourcing capabilities to sustainably deliver the assets and services required by the community, in a fiscally responsible manner.

7.3 DRAFT REVENUE AND RATING PLAN - ADOPTION

Author: **James Hogan, Chief Financial Officer**

Authoriser: **David Jackson, General Manager Customer and Corporate Services**

Attachments: **1. Revenue and Rating Plan (under separate cover)**

PURPOSE

The *Local Government Act 2020* requires Council to formally adopt a Revenue and Rating Plan in accordance with Section 93 by 30 June 2025 for a period of at least the next four financial years.

As resolved by Council on 14 May 2025, the Proposed Revenue and Rating Plan was placed on public exhibition from Thursday 22 May 2025 to Thursday 5 June 2025 inclusive, calling for submissions as required under the Act.

The Act requires Council to follow a process of enabling submissions to be received. There was one (1) written submission received by 5 June 2025. Council considered the submission at the Special Meeting of Council on 11 June 2025 and resolved as follows:

1. That the one (1) submission be received.
2. That Council takes into consideration the matter/s raised within the submission in consideration of the Revenue and Rating Plan at the Special Meeting of Council on 25 June 2025.
3. That following the adoption of the Revenue and Rating Plan, a response is provided to the Submitter.

Having completed all statutory requirements, the Revenue and Rating Plan can now be considered for adoption.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Update Councillors on the Revenue and Rating Plan for the Shire and to present the details for the Revenue and Rating Plan.
- Ensure compliance with the requirements to the *Local Government Act 2020* for adopting the Revenue and Rating Plan before 30 June 2025.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rod Ward
Seconded: Cr Jarrod Bingham

That Council:

1. **Notes the written submission received and considered at 11 June 2025 Special Meeting of Council as shown in Table 1.1.**
2. **Adopts the Revenue and Rating Plan shown as Attachment 1 to this report, for the purpose of Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020.***
3. **Undertakes a review of the Revenue and Rating Strategy as soon as possible to consider all models, options and alternatives including the possible introduction of a municipal charge for consideration for the 2026/27 financial year.**
4. **Undertakes community consultation on the Revenue and Rating Strategy.**

CARRIED

BACKGROUND

The draft Revenue and Rating Plan (Plan) establishes the revenue raising framework within which Council proposes to raise revenue. The purpose of the Revenue and Rating Plan is to determine the most appropriate and affordable revenue and rating approach for Moorabool Shire Council which in conjunction with other income sources, will adequately finance the objectives in the Council Plan.

The Plan embodies a comprehensive view, the rational, objectives and core strategies that Council uses to raise its revenue purse through its rating option model, fees and charges, grants, contributions, interest income and borrowing strategy.

The Plan will form part of Council's strategic framework to support understanding of medium to long term implication on resource allocation and Council's financial performance.

Strategies outlined in this Plan must align with the objectives contained in the Council Plan and will feed into our budgeting and long-term financial planning documents, as well as other strategic planning documents under our Council's strategic planning framework.

PROPOSAL

Plan Submissions

Council commenced statutory procedures for the Revenue and Rating Plan at the Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 14 May 2025. At that meeting, Council resolved to put on public display the Proposed Revenue and Rating Plan that was considered at the meeting.

A public notice was published in The Moorabool News on Friday 30 May 2025 which called for submissions to the proposed plan.

As a result of this advertising process, a total of one (1) written submission was received by the stated cut-off date of 05 June 2025. The table below shows the Council response and recommendation for the submission received.

Table 1.1 - Council Reponses to Revenue and Rating Plan Submission

No	SUBMISSION	COUNCIL RESPONSE
1.	**Craig Woods - Repetition in Documents** Repetition in Documents. Please have a good look at the repetition contained in the Draft Budget paper. It is imperative that red tape and wasting of resources be reduced.	*Councils prepare documents in accordance with the Local Government Act to ensure transparency, accountability, and compliance with legislative requirements. This helps guide decision-making, supports good governance, and ensures the community is informed and has opportunities to participate.*

COUNCIL PLAN

The Council Plan 2021-2025 provides as follows:

Strategic Objective 3: A Council that listens and adapts to the needs of our evolving communities

Priority 3.3: Focus resources to deliver on our service promise in a sustainable way

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no immediate financial implications envisaged that will impede or put pressure on the 2025-2026 budgeting process. In future years, as Council progressively refines its Revenue and Rating Plan, the document will inform the development of future years budgets and the 10-year financial plan.

RISK & OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES

The Revenue and Rating Plan is a new requirement as part of the *Local Government Act 2020* and is required to be adopted by 30 June 2025. The draft Revenue and Rating Plan seeks to ensure legislative compliance and reduce the risk of non-compliance with the *Local Government Act 2020*.

COMMUNICATIONS & CONSULTATION STRATEGY

In accordance with the Act, Council considered submissions on 11 June 2025. Council received one (1) written submission.

The following outlines the timetable for the communication and adoption of the Revenue and Rating Plan:

Timetable for the Proposal and Adoption of the Revenue and Rating Plan	
Proposed Revenue and Rating Plan presented for Council to resolve to put budget out for community consultation.	14 May 2025
Advertise Proposed Revenue and Rating Plan, inviting public inspection and submissions according to the *Local Government Act 2020*, in Council's nominated newspapers.	22 May to 5 June 2025
Community information sessions open to the public scheduled.	2 June & 3 June 2025

Consider public submissions per the *Local Government Act 2020* for the Proposed Revenue and Rating Plan.	11 June 2025
Formally adopt Revenue and Rating Plan.	25 June 2025
Public Notice – Adoption of Revenue and Rating Plan.	26 June 2025

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 – David Jackson

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

Author – James Hogan

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

CONCLUSION

The Revenue and Rating Plan is a legislative requirement under the *Local Government Act 2020*.

This Plan details how Council calculates the revenue needed to fund its activities and how the funding burden will be apportioned between ratepayers and other users of Council's facilities and services.

The Plan sets out decisions that Council has made in relation to its currently adopted Rating Strategy to ensure the fair and equitable distribution of rates across property owners including methodology and principles relating to non-rate revenue including user fees and charges, government grants, developer contributions and all other Council income sources.

7.4 DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN 2025-2029 - ADOPTION

Author: **Leanne Manton, Manager Customer and Communications**

Authoriser: **David Jackson, General Manager Customer and Corporate Services**

Attachments: **1. Draft Council Plan 2025-2029 (under separate cover)**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the draft Council Plan 2025-2029 for Council adoption.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The draft Council Plan 2025-2029 was placed on public exhibition from 8 May 2025 concluding 5 June 2025, allowing submissions to be made by members of the public.
- Four submissions were received at the conclusion of the public submission period. These submissions were considered at the Special Meeting of Council on 11 June 2025.
- At the Special Meeting of Council held 11 June 2025, Council resolved to receive a final report for consideration to formally adopt the draft Council Plan 2025-2029.

RESOLUTION

Moved: **Cr Moira Berry**
Seconded: **Cr Tom Sullivan**

That Council:

1. **Notes the written submissions received and considered at the 11 June 2025 Special Meeting of Council as shown in Table 1.1.**
2. **Adopts the Council Plan 2025-2029 included in Attachment 1 of this report.**

CARRIED

BACKGROUND

On Wednesday 7 May 2025, Council resolved to:

- Place the draft Council Plan 2025-2029 on public exhibition.
- Receive submissions.
- Hear these submissions (if required) at a Special Meeting of Council on 11 June 2025.
- Notify and place on public notice its intention to adopt the 2025-2029 Council Plan on Wednesday 25 June 2025.

At the end of the public exhibition period, Council received four submissions as detailed below:

Table 1.1

No	SUBMISSION	COUNCIL RESPONSE
1	**Terry Delahunty – Environmental concerns** Environmental concerns I think that it looks admirable. However I would have liked to have seen mining listed among the potentially emerging industries. (Granted that it is a subset of primary production). Mining has already achieved and has the potential to dramatically improve areas where historical tailings, contaminated with Arsenic and Mercury remain present in certain areas. It also has the potential to inject large amounts of money into the shire and create substantial employment opportunities. Hoping for your support for future environmentally beneficial and community beneficial future proposals.	*Submission refers to page 13 of the draft document. As mentioned, mining is considered a subset of primary production. No change proposed to current draft.*
2	**Anonymous – Roads and footpaths** Re Road Development Strategy 2027 - I think this needs urgent review sooner especially in Bacchus Marsh for example you need to get trucks away from main roads on heart of Bacchus Marsh. If you want to attract tourists you need to have a better road setup. Review Ballan footpath e.g. on Simpson Street there is a section with no footpath and is becoming dangerous given increased cars. Need to provide safety for users on the area (incl young families with children).	*To be considered in the delivery of the following Council Plan actions: Road Network Development Strategy, Bacchus Marsh Integrated Transport Strategy, Road Safety Strategy. No change proposed to current draft.*
3	**Geraldine Bagwell – Wildlife and cat containment** I attended the community sessions in Bacchus Marsh, Protection of wildlife and the state and national parks etc was a significant discussion point for many of us present at the sessions, and subsequent contact with some participants afterwards. The large number of cats both owned and stray which roam the shire 24/7 is certainly having a disastrous impact on wildlife! Disappointingly there is no mention of the new Statewide Cat Containment Strategy to be implemented by all councils starting now! Overall I feel the Plan appears very vague and indefinite – I wonder just how much will actually take place, and how much will fall by the wayside.	*The purpose of the Council Plan is to provide a foundation of strategic priorities for the four-year Council term, which will be progressed through further individual plans and projects set out as actions in the document. More detail will come with the delivery of these actions, including for Council's role in managing Moorabool Shire's natural assets and domestic animals. No change proposed to current draft.*
4	**Ruth Baas – Transport and retail concerns** Mentions transport - where is there talk about getting trucks out of town. Gisborne Rd is so dangerous, and the trucks do not slow down. Where is info on a truck bypass? It's been talked about for years with no action. Get it done!! Darley needs upgrading and a shopping precinct provided. We have become the poor cousin to other areas.	*The proposed Bacchus Marsh Eastern Link Road is a Victorian Government project that is currently unfunded. Council's role in advocating for this project is captured in the Council Plan actions relating to advocacy. The transport network generally will also be considered in the delivery of the following Council Plan actions: Road Network Development Strategy and Bacchus Marsh Integrated Transport Strategy, Road Safety Strategy. Understanding the commercial needs and opportunities of Moorabool Shire will be considered in the delivery of the Economic Development Strategy and Retail Strategy actions. No change proposed to current Council Plan draft.*

These submissions were considered by Council at the Special Meeting of Council on 11 June 2025.

They have not resulted in any changes to the draft plan.

PROPOSAL

The draft Council Plan 2025-2029 has been thoroughly reviewed since the exhibition period and only minor typographical, formatting and design updates have been made to improve legibility and readability. No content changes have been made. It is now proposed that the draft Council Plan 2025-2029 be adopted by Council.

COUNCIL PLAN

The Council Plan 2021-2025 provides as follows:

Strategic Objective 3: A Council that listens and adapts to the needs of our evolving communities

Priority 3.3: Focus resources to deliver on our service promise in a sustainable way

The proposal to update the Council Plan 2025-2029 is consistent with the Council Plan 2021-2025.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2025/26 Budget contains details of the financial resources required to deliver the Council Plan.

RISK & OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES

There are no known risk and occupational health and safety issues associated with this report.

COMMUNICATIONS & CONSULTATION STRATEGY

The draft Council Plan 2025-2029 was published on Council's Have Your Say page on 8 May 2025 and advertisements were placed in the Moorabool News. Community members were invited to make submissions in writing up until 5pm on Thursday 5 June 2025 via Council's Have Your Say webpage, email or post.

Following the adoption of the Council Plan 2025-2029, the document will be placed on Council's website.

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OFFICER'S DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

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General Manager – David Jackson

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

Author – Leanne Manton

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

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council adopts the draft Council Plan 2025-2029 as shown in Attachment 1 of this report.

8 COMMUNITY ASSETS & INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS

8.1 DRAFT ASSET PLAN 2025-2035 - ADOPTION

Author: **Jacquie Younger, Coordinator Asset Management**

Authoriser: **Phil Jeffrey, General Manager Community Assets & Infrastructure**

Attachments: **1. Draft Asset Plan (2025-2035) (under separate cover)**

PURPOSE

Following the initial presentation at the Ordinary Meeting of Council in May 2025 and the subsequent public exhibition process, this report now requests Council to formally adopt the Asset Plan (2025 – 2035).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Council is responsible for the management of over $1.03B of physical infrastructure assets that support the delivery of services to the community.
- Asset Management is a core service and is at the centre of Council's financial and strategic decision making.
- The *Local Government Act 2020* requires that Councils have adequate control over their assets and mandates the development and adoption of a ten-year Asset Plan to guide the management of Council infrastructure assets throughout the asset lifecycle (acquisition, maintenance, renewal, upgrade/expansion, decommissioning and disposal).
- Following the initial presentation of the Draft Asset Plan at the Ordinary Meeting of Council in May 2025, a public exhibition period was undertaken allowing submissions to be made by members of the public. During the exhibition period, two submissions were received but were not related to the Draft Asset Plan 2025 – 2035.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rod Ward
Seconded: Cr Tom Sullivan

That Council:

1. **Adopts the Asset Plan (2025-2035) attached to this report.**
2. **Requests a copy of the Asset Plan (2025-2035) be placed on Council's website.**

CARRIED

BACKGROUND

Council's infrastructure assets include, but are not limited to, the road and street network, underground drainage, buildings and facilities, and parks and recreational facilities, among others. Council seeks to ensure that these infrastructure assets are effectively managed to meet current and future service delivery goals.

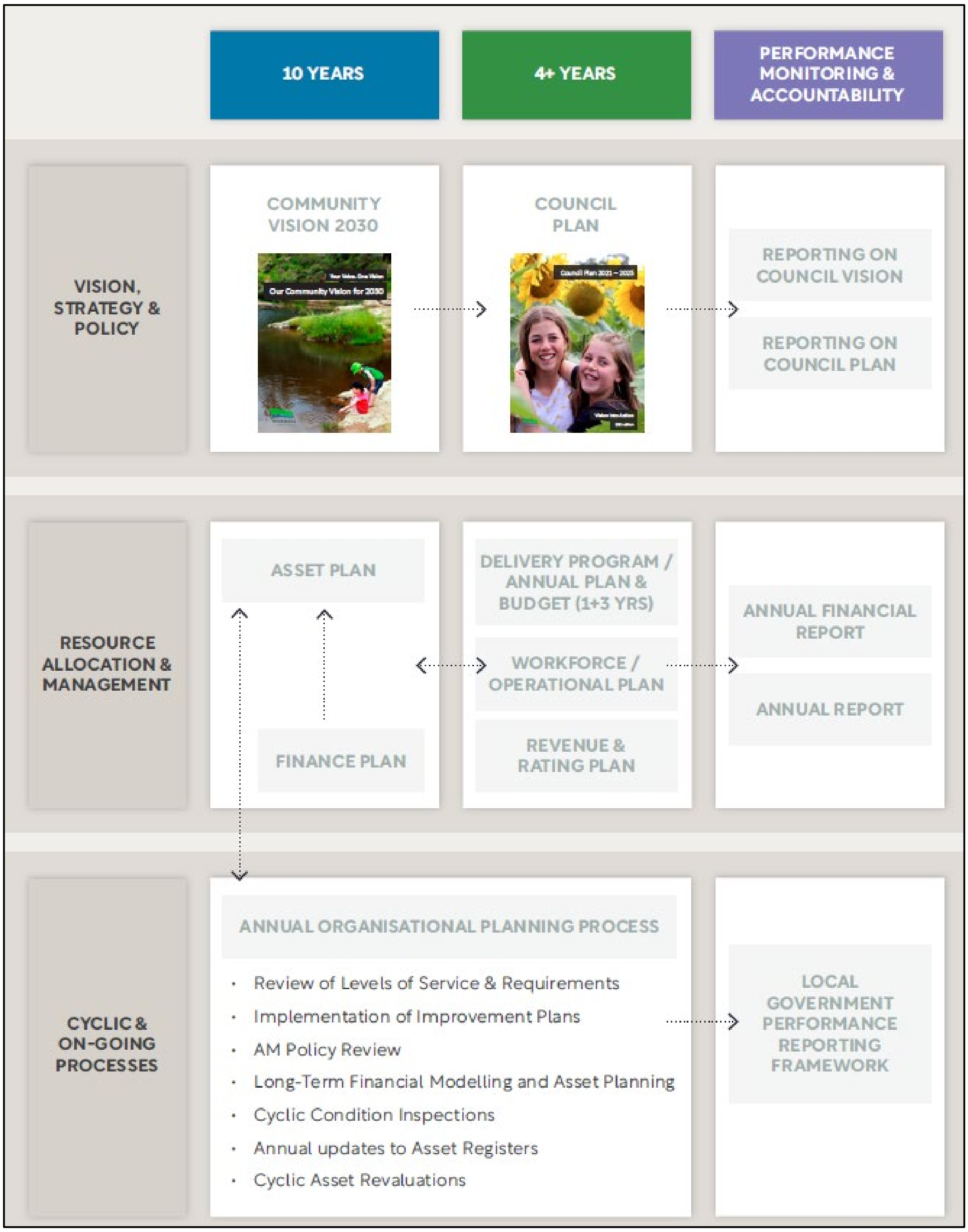

Figure 1: Interaction with other Council Plans and Strategies

The Asset Plan referred to in the Act is a community facing document that shows how the Council's infrastructure assets will be managed and maintained, while meeting the community's needs and interests. It also addresses all major asset groups and sets out the general principles of life cycle asset management and summarises the asset management practices being implemented by Council.

The Asset Plan includes the following asset categories:

- **Transport**

Council's current register contains $489 million of roads, bridges, kerb and channels, path, car parks and traffic management devices owned and managed by Council.

- **Buildings**

Council's current register contains $132.8 million worth of buildings and structures, including halls, depots, libraries, offices, amenity blocks and shelters.

- **Stormwater Drainage**

Council's current register contains $171.9 million worth of water and drainage assets, including stormwater pits and pipes, bores and standpipes, tanks and dams and flood mitigation devices.

- **Parks and Open Spaces**

Council's current register contains $23.8 million worth of recreation and open space assets, including parks and reserves, play equipment, sports fields and courts.

The Draft Plan was presented to Council at the Ordinary Meeting on 7 May 2025, at which time Council resolved to proceed to public exhibition, providing the community with an opportunity to make submissions for consideration prior to formal adoption.

The public exhibition period was conducted from 9 May to 6 June 2025 however, no submissions in relation to the Draft Asset Plan 2025 – 2035 were received during this time.

PROPOSAL

To meet the requirements of the Local Government Act 2020, it is now recommended that the Asset Plan be adopted by Council.

COUNCIL PLAN

The Council Plan 2021-2025 provides as follows:

Strategic Objective 3: A Council that listens and adapts to the needs of our evolving communities

Priority 3.2: Align services to meet the needs of the community

The proposal to adopt the Asset Plan is consistent with the Council Plan 2021-2025.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendation within this report.

RISK & OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES

There are no risk or occupational health and safety issues associated with the recommendation within this report.

COMMUNICATIONS & CONSULTATION STRATEGY

Level of Engagement	Stakeholder	Activities	Date	Outcome
Consult	Council officers	Internal working group and Service Manager meetings to review and update documentation.	October 2024 - March 2025	Draft Asset Plan.
Consult	Community	Deliberative Engagement in line with Council Plan.	January 2025	Community feedback.
Consult	Councillors	Briefing of Councillors to provide an overview of the documentation. Report to Council seeking	April 2025 & May 2025	Endorsement of the draft documents.

		endorsement for public exhibition.		
Consult	Community	Public exhibition (28 days) of the updated draft documents to allow for review and feedback from the community (to be considered in finalising the plans).	May-June 2025	Community feedback on the draft documents.
Consult	Councillors	Report to Council outlining the submissions received, providing an official response and overview of any recommended amendments.	June 2025	Final draft document adopted by Council.
Inform	Community	Adopted document made publicly available on Council's website.	June 2025	Adopted document made available.

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General Manager – Phil Jeffrey

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Author – Jacquie Younger

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

CONCLUSION

Council has developed an Asset Plan as required under the Local Government Act 2020.

Following its initial presentation at the Ordinary Council Meeting in May 2025, the Draft Plan was placed on public exhibition, during which no submissions were received in relation to the Draft Asset Plan 2025 – 2035.

It is now proposed that the Asset Plan (2025 – 2035) be formally adopted.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cr Tom Sullivan raised an item of Other Business in relation to investigation of a municipal charge.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tom Sullivan
Seconded: Cr Rod Ward

That Council admit the item of Other Business in relation to the investigation of a municipal charge.

CARRIED

9.1 INVESTIGATION OF A MUNICIPAL CHARGE

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tom Sullivan
Seconded: Cr Rod Ward

That as part of the 2026/27 budget process, Council investigate a municipal charge of up to 20%.

CARRIED

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10 MEETING CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 7.30pm.

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CHAIRPERSON