



## **CONFIRMED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, 26 September 2023

6:00pm

Meeting held in person

Community Room 1, Community Hub, Maryborough  
and livestreamed on the internet.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Councillors:

Grace La Vella (Mayor)

Liesbeth Long

Geoff Lovett

Chris Meddows-Taylor

Gerard Murphy

Wayne Sproull

Anna de Villiers

Confirmed at the Council Meeting  
on 24 October 2023

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### 1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING AND WELCOME

The Mayor commenced the meeting at 6pm, welcoming all present, with an Acknowledgement of Country and the Council Prayer.

#### PRESENT:

##### Councillors

Grace La Vella (Mayor)

Liesbeth Long

Geoff Lovett

Chris Meddows-Taylor

Gerard Murphy

Wayne Sproull

##### Officers

Chief Executive Officer Lucy Roffey

General Manager Assets Infrastructure and Planning Matthew Irving

Acting General Manager Community Wellbeing David Leathem

General Manager Corporate Performance Mick Smith

#### MOTION:

That the item of business 11.1 Appointment of Independent Member to Audit and Risk Committee be moved to be considered at 8.10.

**Moved:** Cr Meddows-Taylor

**Seconded:** Cr Murphy

### 2. APOLOGIES

Cr Anna De Villiers

### 3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

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### 4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- Item 8.2 – Cr Liesbeth Long for the reason of a general conflict of interest – Cr Long is an Ambassador for Dunolly Gold Rush Festival which is seeking funding under the Community Grants Program.
- Item 8.4 – Cr Gerard Murphy for the reason of a material conflict of interest – the matter concerns retiling at the Maryborough Sports and Leisure Centre (MSAC) and Cr Murphy is the contractor for managing MSAC.

### 5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

To present for confirmation the following:

- Confidential Minutes of Council Meeting 27 June 2023
- Confidential Minutes of Council Meeting 22 August 2023
- Minutes of Council Meeting 22 August 2023

#### **MOTION**

That the following Minutes be confirmed:

- Confidential Minutes of Council Meeting 27 June 2023
- Confidential Minutes of Council Meeting 22 August 2023
- Minutes of Council Meeting 22 August 2023

**Moved:** Cr Sproull

**Seconded:** Cr Meddows-Taylor

### 6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil.

### 7. PETITIONS

Nil.

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### 8. OFFICER REPORTS

#### 8.1 ANNUAL FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE STATEMENTS 2022/2023

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the draft Financial and Performance Statements and Governance and Management Checklist for 2022-2023, to seek in-principal approval for the Statements.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. gives its approval in principle to the Annual Financial Report and Performance Statement for the 2022/2023 financial year; and
2. nominates and authorises Mayor Cr La Vella and Cr Murphy to certify the Financial and Performance Statements in their final form on behalf of, and with the full authority of the Council.

**Moved:** Cr Lovett

**Seconded:** Cr Murphy

**Carried**

Councillors who spoke on the motion: Crs Lovett, Murphy.

Cr Long left the Chamber at 6.12pm due to a conflict of interest as detailed at item 4.

#### 8.2 2023-2024 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a summary of the 2023-2024 Community Grants Program and to present a recommendation for recipient awarding of grant funding.

#### RECOMMENDATION

*That Council approve the recommendations for the awarding of funds for the 2023-2024 Community Grants Program as follows:*

Name of the Organisation	Project title	Amount Sought (\$)	Recommended Funding amount (\$)
Committee for Maryborough	Goldfields Community Festival	\$8,000.00	\$5,000.00

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Dunolly & District Neighbourhood Centre Inc.	Dunolly Neighbourhood Centre Solar Panel Project	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
Maryborough Community Garden	Growing and Sharing in a Changing Climate	\$1,480.00	\$1,480.00
The Welcome Record Inc.	Connect Dunolly	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
Maryborough Harness Racing Club Inc.	Redwood Carnival Event Plan	\$5,880.00	\$3,000.00
Maryborough FNC	Parquetry Floor Repairs and resurfacing	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Dunolly & District Inc	The Dunolly Gold Rush Festival	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Zonta Club of Central Goldfields	Zonta Says No - Toilet Door Signs	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Maryborough Mens Shed Victoria Inc	First Aid Training for Maryborough Men's Shed members	\$860.00	\$860.00
Talbot Action inc.	Light Up Talbot Christmas Festival	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Words in Winter Central Goldfields Inc	Words in Winter Festival - a Plan for the future	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Maryborough District Girl Guides	Shade Sail for the Maryborough Guide Hall	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Maryborough Swimming Club	Maryborough Swimming Club New Website	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Carisbrook Football Netball Club	Activating New Facilities	\$2,781.00	\$2,781.00
Maryborough Family History Group	Equipment Upgrade	\$1,629.00	\$1,629.00
Castlemaine Maryborough Rail Trail	Walking the Past Glimpsing the Future	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
Maryborough Giants	Recycling & Fundraising & Medical Awareness	\$6,778.00	\$2,150.00

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Pride Festival	Pride 24	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00
Maryborough Senior Citizens Club	Solar Electrical installation	\$10,694.00	\$1,500.00

**Moved:** Cr Meddows-Taylor  
**Seconded:** Cr Murphy

**Carried**

Councillors who spoke on the motion: Crs Meddows-Taylor, Murphy, Sproull

Cr Long returned to the Chamber at 6.24pm.

### 8.3 G1816-23 DELEDIO RECREATION RESERVE NETBALL COURTS REDEVELOPMENT - WORKS

The purpose of this report is to consider the award of contract G1816-23 Deledio Recreation Reserve Netball Courts Redevelopment – Works to Quantum Civil Pty Ltd, following a public tender process in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. award contract G1816-23 Deledio Recreation Reserve Netball Courts Redevelopment – Works to Quantum Civil Pty Ltd for the lump sum of \$990,000 including GST; and
2. authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract and approve additional spend for contingency items of variations if required up to 20% (\$198,000 including GST) above the contract sum.

**Moved:** Cr Long

**Seconded:** Cr Murphy

**Carried**

Councillors who spoke on the motion: Crs Long, Murphy

Cr Murphy left the chamber at 6.29pm due to a conflict of interest as detailed at item 4.

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### 8.4 G1782-23 MARYBOROUGH SPORTS AND LEISURE CENTRE POOL RETILING AWARD

The purpose of this report is to provide a recommendation to Council in relation to contract G1783-23 Maryborough Sports and Leisure Centre Pool Retiling Works as a result of undertaking a public tender process.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. award G1783-23 Maryborough Sports and Leisure Centre Pool Retiling Works to On Time Developments Pty Ltd ATF Wallace and Sons Family Trust for the lump sum of \$599,610.00 including GST, and
2. authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract and approve variations or contingency spend up to the value of 20% of the total contract sum (\$119,922.00 including GST) as required.

**Moved:** Cr Sproull

**Seconded:** Cr Lovett

**Carried**

Councillors who spoke on the motion: Crs Sproull, Lovett

Cr Murphy returned to the chamber at 6.33pm.

### 8.5 Waste Kerbside Collection Acceptance and Processing – Contract No G1775-23

The purpose of this report is to recommend that Council award Contract G1775-23 – *Waste Kerbside Collection Acceptance and Processing Contract*, following the completion of a public tender process. The Contract is a schedule of rates Contract and as the anticipated value of the recommended awarding of contract is above the Chief Executive Officer's financial delegation, the Contract is required to be awarded by Council.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council awards the Contract G1775-23 Waste Kerbside Collection Acceptance and Processing Contract for Central Goldfields Shire Council to Waste Recyclers of Victoria Pty Ltd as a Schedule of Rates Contract for a period of five years at the contract price of \$10,726,580.

**Moved:** Cr Sproull

**Seconded:** Cr Murphy

**Carried**

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Councillors who spoke on the motion: Crs Sproull, Murphy

### 8.6 Central Goldfields Early Years Infrastructure Masterplan

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider and endorse the Central Goldfields Early Years Infrastructure Masterplan.

The purpose of the masterplan is to ensure our community has the services and infrastructure it needs to create a thriving early year's community – both now and in the future.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. endorse the Central Goldfields Early Years Infrastructure Masterplan; and
2. undertake further investigative work to determine the most appropriate location for the Early Years Integrated Hub.

**Moved:** Cr Meddows-Taylor

**Seconded:** Cr Long

**Carried**

Councillors who spoke on the motion: Crs Meddows-Taylor, Long

### 8.7 PROPOSAL TO NAME AN OPEN SPACE IN WHIRAKEE RISE AS “CYRIL AND MYRA MARTIN RESERVE”.

The purpose of this report is to present the proposal to name an open space in Whirakee Rise as Cyril and Myra Martin Reserve.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. endorse the proposal to name the open space in Whirakee Rise, as identified below, as Cyril and Myra Martin Reserve, for public consultation;
2. that the feedback period close at 5pm 20 October 2023; and
3. that a final proposal, taking into consideration public feedback, be considered for adoption at the Council Meeting scheduled for 28 November 2023.

**Moved:** Cr Lovett

**Seconded:** Cr Sproull

**Carried**

Councillors who spoke on the motion: Crs Lovett, Sproull, Murphy, Meddows-Taylor



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### 8.8 MARYBOROUGH AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL SITE REZONING

The Purpose of this report is to consider a request for Council to provide a letter of support for rezoning all land which forms part of the Planning Scheme Amendment Maryborough and District Hospital to Public Use Zone- Schedule 3 (Health and Community).

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council write to the Victorian Health Building Authority expressing its support for the rezoning of the Maryborough and District Hospital site to Public Use Zone 6 – Health and Community, subject to:

1. due process being followed in accordance with Section 20(4) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, as described in the attached letter from the Victorian Health Building Authority; and
2. full consultation with owners of directly affected and adjacent properties including 6 Neill Street and 5 & 7 Nightingale Street, Maryborough.

**Moved:** Cr Murphy

**Seconded:** Cr Sproull

**Carried**

Councillors who spoke on the motion: Cr Murphy

### 8.9 CEO Employment and Remuneration Policy Update and CEO Employment Matters Advisory Committee Independent Chairperson EOI

The purpose of this report is to seek adoption from Council of the updated CEO Employment Matters Policy and to also initiate an Expression of Interest process to fill the currently vacant chairperson role for the CEO Employment Matters Advisory Committee.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. adopt the updated CEO Employment and Remuneration Policy; and
2. support the proposed Expression of Interest process for the vacant Chairperson of the CEO Employment Matters Advisory Committee via a selective tender process.

**Moved:** Cr Meddows-Taylor

**Seconded:** Cr Lovett

**Carried**

Councillors who spoke on the motion: Crs Meddows-Taylor, Lovett

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### 8.10 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. thank Ms Linda O’Neil for her contribution to Council as an independent member of the Audit and Risk Committee;
2. note the selection process undertaken as per the Audit and Risk Committee Charter; and
3. adopt the selection panel recommendation that Council appoint Mr Richard Ainio for a period of three years.

**Moved:** Cr Lovett

**Seconded:** Cr Murphy

**Carried**

Councillors who spoke on the motion: Crs Lovett, Murphy

### 9. NOTICES OF MOTION

#### 9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - Cr Geoff Lovett

#### MOTION

1. That Council Endorse the proposal to re-commence holding ordinary council meetings in the council chamber of the Maryborough Town Hall, subject to the completion of it being refurbished to satisfy contemporary meeting requirements whilst at the same time, retaining the chamber’s historical significance.
2. That funding be sourced to enable the revitalisation of the Maryborough Town Hall to enable it to be re-opened for broad community use.

**Moved:** Cr Lovett

**Seconded:** Cr Meddows-Taylor

**Carried**

Councillors who spoke on the motion: Cr Lovett, Meddows-Taylor, Long, Murphy, Sproull, La Vella.

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**10. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

**11. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**12. MEETING CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 7.21pm