



Confirmed Special Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 12 March 2025

6:00 pm

Community Hub, Burns Street
Maryborough.

1 Commencement of Meeting

Membership:

Councillors:

Grace La Vella (Mayor)

Ben Green (Deputy Mayor)

Anna de Villiers

Geoff Bartlett

Gerard Murphy

Jake Meyer

Liesbeth Long

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)

Ben Green (Deputy Mayor)

Geoff Bartlett

Gerard Murphy

Jake Meyer

Liesbeth Long

Officers:

Interim Chief Executive Officer Sally Jones

General Manager Community Wellbeing Emma Little

General Manager Assets Infrastructure and Planning Amber Ricks

Acting General Manager Corporate Performance Veronica Hutcheson

Manager Governance Property and Risk Cecilia Connellan

Welcome / Mayoral Statement

Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to start the meeting by acknowledging and extending my appreciation for the Dja Dja Wurrung People, the traditional owners of the land we're standing on today.

Today we pay our respects to leaders and elders past, present and emerging for they hold the memories, traditions, the culture, and the hopes of all Dja Dja Wurrung People

Council Prayer

Almighty God, we ask you to be present in this Council. Direct and guide our deliberations. We ask you to grant us wisdom and sensitivity as we deal with the business of Central Goldfields Shire. May each decision that we make advance the wellbeing of all our residents. This we pray. Amen

2 Apologies

Nil

3 Leave of Absence

The following Councillors were granted Leave of Absence:

Cr Anna de Villiers

4 Conflict of Interest

Nil

5 Officer Reports

5.1 Infrastructure Assets and Planning

5.1.1 Maryborough Olympic Pool Complex State Government Grant Application

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to make a recommendation to Council to support a funding application to the Victorian Governments' Regional Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (RCSIF), for Stage One of the Maryborough Olympic Outdoor Pool Complex project.

MOTION

That Council:

1. Supports an application to the Victorian Governments' Regional Community Sports and Infrastructure Fund for \$3M for the Maryborough Olympic Pool Complex Project Stage One; and
2. Approves a co-contribution of \$1.5M, including \$150K in the 2025-26 Annual Budget and \$1.35M in future borrowings in the 2026-27 Annual Budget.

Moved: Cr Anna de Villiers

Seconder: Deputy Mayor Ben Green

Carried

Councillor(s) who spoke to motion: Cr de Villiers, Cr Bartlett, Cr Green, Cr Long, Cr La Vella

Spoke against motion: Cr Bartlett, Cr Long

Spoke for motion: Cr Green

Right of Reply: Cr de Villiers

6 Confidential Business

Nil

7 Meeting Closure

The meeting closed at 6:18 pm.