



COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 23 November 2021

6:00pm

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5 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

Author: Governance Officer

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

The Officer presenting this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

To present for confirmation the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 October 2021 and the minutes of the Statutory Council Meeting held 16 November 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council confirms the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 26 October 2021 and the Minutes of the Statutory Council Meeting held on 16 November 2021.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONTEXT

Central Goldfields Shire Council's Council Plan 2021-2025 – Our Community's Wellbeing

The Community's vision 4. Good planning, governance, and service delivery

Initiative: Provide financial sustainability and good governance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The minutes of meetings remain unconfirmed until the next meeting of Council.

REPORT

Council keeps minutes of each meeting of the Council and those minutes are submitted to the next appropriate meeting for confirmation.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

Once confirmed minutes become available, they will replace the unconfirmed minutes currently on the Council's website.

FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Costs included in the Governance and Community Engagement budgets.

RISK MANAGEMENT

This report addresses Council's strategic risk Governance - Failure to transparently govern and embrace good governance practices. This process conforms to the requirements of the Governance Rules. Publication of the minutes increases transparency and reduces the risk of maladministration.

CONCLUSION

The unconfirmed minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 October 2021 and the unconfirmed minutes of the Statutory Council Meeting held on 16 November 2021 are presented for confirmation.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Unconfirmed Minutes of Council Meeting held 26 October 2021
2. Unconfirmed Minutes of Statutory Council Meeting held 16 November 2021



MEETING OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday 26 October 2021

6:00pm

Meeting held online

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

Liesbeth Long

Gerard Murphy

Wayne Sproull

Geoff Lovett

Grace La Vella

Chris Meddows-Taylor (Mayor)

Anna de Villiers

To be confirmed at the Council Meeting
scheduled for 23 November 2021

draft unconfirmed

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING AND WELCOME

The meeting commenced at 6.01pm
The Mayor, Cr Meddows-Taylor welcomed everybody.

PRESENT

Councillors

Chris Meddows-Taylor (Mayor)
Liesbeth Long
Gerard Murphy
Wayne Sproull
Grace La Vella
Geoff Lovett
Anna de Villiers

IN ATTENDANCE

Officers

Chief Executive Officer, Lucy Roffey
General Manager Corporate Performance, Mick Smith
General Manager Community Wellbeing, Martin Collins
General Manager Infrastructure Assets and Planning, Rebecca Stockfeld

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

To present for confirmation the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 September 2021.

Mayor declared minutes are confirmed.

6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

7. PETITIONS

Nil

8. OFFICER REPORTS

8.1 MUNICIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN

The purpose of this report is to recommend that the Council endorse the Final Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025 for submission to the Department of Health on 27 October 2021.

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Council Resolution

That Council endorses the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025 for submission to the Department of Health on 27 October 2021

Moved Cr La Vella
Seconded Cr Sproull

Cr La Vella spoke to the motion.

CARRIED

8.2 COUNCIL PLAN ACTION PROGRESS REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the status of the projects identified in the 2021-22 Action Plan.

CEO presented the Action Plan report.

Council Resolution

That Council note as detailed in the report an update on the status of the projects identified in the 2021-22 Action Plan.

Moved Cr Murphy
Seconded Cr De Villiers

Cr Meddows-Taylor spoke to the motion and congratulated staff.

CARRIED

8.3 S11A INSTRUMENT OF APPOINTMENT AND AUTHORISATION

The purpose of this report is to recommend that Council adopt a S11A Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation for the contract Planning Compliance Officer.

Council Resolution

- 1. That Council adopt the attached S11A Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation for the members of Council staff set out in the Instrument.*
- 2. The attached S11A Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation comes into force immediately and remains in force until Council determines to vary or revoke it.*
- 3. That the attached S11A Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation be signed.*

Moved Cr De Villiers
Seconded Cr Lovett

Cr De Villiers spoke to the motion.

CARRIED

8.4 WASTE SERVICES CONTRACT EXTENSION

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The General Manager Infrastructure Assets and Planning has disclosed a professional relationship with a staff member from JJ Waste and Recycling Pty Ltd. The officer has submitted a Conflict of Interest declaration and has not been involved in the preparation of this report in relation to recommendation 2.

The purpose of this report is to seek an extension of the current kerbside waste collection contract for the additional year allowed for in the contract. This report is to advise of the separate status of recycling processing procurement and seek an interim arrangement via Ministerial exemption

Council Resolution.

That Council:

1. *Noting that a one year extension is available under the current contract, Council grant Waste Recyclers Victoria Pty Ltd an extension to the G1019-15 contract for the period of 5 October 2022 to 5 October 2023 for the value of \$1,872,000 and Council authorises the CEO to execute the contract variation; and*
2. *Seek a Ministerial exemption from going to tender and enter into an agreement with JJ Waste and Recycling Pty Ltd for processing of recyclables for a period up until 5 October 2023.*

Moved **Cr Sproull**
Seconded **Cr Long**

Cr Sproull spoke to the motion.

CARRIED

Cr Murphy dropped out of the meeting during the last item.

8.5 ADOPTION OF THE COMMUNITY VISION 2031 AND COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2025

The purpose of this Council report is threefold. Firstly, this paper demonstrates that Council has not only achieved, but exceeded its deliberative engagement obligations under the Victorian Local Government Act 2020.

Secondly, this paper details the activities and outcomes of the public exhibition period for the Draft Community Vision and Draft Council Plan and outlines the specific changes that have been made to the draft strategic documents in response to community comments.

Finally, this paper acknowledges the valuable contribution of the Shaping Central Goldfields Community Advisory Group (CAG), captures their feedback on the process and, recommends adoption of the Central Goldfields Community Vision 2031 and the Central Goldfields Shire Council Plan 2021 - 2025.

Council Resolution.

That Council adopt the:

- *Central Goldfields Community Vision 2031*
- *Central Goldfields Shire Council Plan 2021 – 2025*

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Moved Cr La Vella
Seconded Cr Lovett

Crs La Vella and Meddows-Taylor spoke to the motion.

CARRIED

Cr Murphy re-joined the meeting during the last item.

8.6 CARISBROOK RECREATION RESERVE MAIN WORKS CONTRACT AWARD

The purpose of this report is to recommend that Council appoint Searle Bros Building Contractors the contract G1480-21 Carisbrook Recreation Reserve – Main Building Works Package.

Council Resolution.

That Council award Searle Bros Building Contractors the G1480-21 Carisbrook Recreation Reserve Buildings Package contract for the sum of \$2,384,302.49 (including GST) and Council authorises the CEO to execute the contract.

Moved Cr De Villiers
Seconded Cr Lovett

Crs De Villiers, Lovett, Sproull and Meddows-Taylor spoke to the motion.

Cr Murphy spoke against the motion.

CARRIED

Cr Murphy voted against the motion.

8.7 ADOPTION OF LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

The purpose of this report is to present the Long Term Financial Plan 2021/22 – 2030/31 for Council review and adoption.

Council Resolution.

That Council:

- 1. Council adopts the attached Long Term Financial Plan 2021-31 and*
- 2. Council also notes an availability of cash in the outer years of the plan which could reduce the asset renewal gap. This reallocation of cash will be reviewed closer to the period.*

Moved Cr Lovett
Seconded Cr De Villiers

Crs Lovett, Murphy and Meddows-Taylor spoke to the motion.

CARRIED

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8.8 SEPTEMBER FINANCE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to update Council on its financial performance for the year to date, how it is tracking against the adopted budget. A mid year review (forecast) will be undertaken in January 2022.

Council Resolution.

That Council receives and notes the attached Financial Report for the period to 30 September 2021.

Moved Cr Murphy
Seconded Cr Sproull

Cr Murphy spoke to the motion.

CARRIED

8.9 DUNOLLY AND DISTRICT INCORPORATED COMMUNITY GRANT VARIATION

The purpose of this report is to present a funding variation request from Dunolly & District Incorporated in respect of their grant funding, awarded through the 2020 Central Goldfields Shire Council Community Grants Program.

The new project proposed by Dunolly & District Incorporated is to run a community event featuring local food and music aimed at bringing the community together post-lockdown.

Council Resolution.

That Council approves the proposal from Dunolly & District Incorporated to use the remaining \$2,307 of grant funding awarded through the Council's Community Grants Program to deliver the Dunolly Unlocked project.

Moved Cr Long
Seconded Cr La Vella

Cr Long and La Vella spoke to the motion.

Cr Murphy spoke against the motion.

CARRIED

9 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING CONFIRMATION REPORT

Nil

10 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

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12 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

13 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

14 MEETING CLOSURE

The Chair, Cr Meddows-Taylor declared the meeting closed at 6:54pm.

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to be held on 23 November 2021.

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MEETING OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday 16 November 2021
6:00pm
Community Hub and streamed

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors
Liesbeth Long
Gerard Murphy
Wayne Sproull
Geoff Lovett
Grace La Vella
Chris Meddows-Taylor
Anna de Villiers

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1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING AND WELCOME

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm

As the purpose of the meeting includes the election of the mayor, the CEO commenced chairing the meeting

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillors

Liesbeth Long
Gerard Murphy
Wayne Sproull
Grace La Vella
Chris Meddows-Taylor
Anna de Villiers

Officers

Chief Executive Officer, Lucy Roffey
General Manager Corporate Performance, Mick Smith
General Manager Community Wellbeing, Martin Collins

2. APOLOGIES

Cr Geoff Lovett

3. MAYORS REPORT ON THE PAST YEAR

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the past year.

Council Resolution

That Council note the Mayor's report.

Moved Cr Meddows-Taylor
Seconded Cr Liesbeth Long

Crs Long, Murphy, La Vella spoke to the motion.

CARRIED

Ms Roffey thanked the mayor for his work and support within the organisation.

4. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Council Resolution

That Council determine the length of term of the Mayor.

Moved Cr Murphy
Seconded Cr La Vella

That Council determine the length of term of the Mayor to be one year.

CARRIED

The Chief Executive Officer formally called for nominations for the position of Mayor.

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Cr Murphy nominated Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor for the position of Mayor.

Moved Cr Murphy
Seconded Cr La Vella

Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor accepted the nomination.

The CEO called for other nominations for Mayor but as there were no further nominations. The CEO, Ms Roffey declared Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor as the Mayor of Central Goldfields Shire for the 2021-22 year.

CARRIED

The CEO, Ms Roffey, presented the Mayor Chris Meddows-Taylor with the Mayoral medallion.

Mayor Chris Meddows-Taylor assumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

5. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO COMMITTEES AND ORGANISATIONS

Council Resolution

That Council nominate its representatives to the committees and organisations as detailed in the table below.

Committee/Statutory Body	Representative
Municipal Association of Victoria	<i>Cr La Vella* (Primary nominee) and Cr De Villiers</i>
Audit and Risk Committee	<i>Cr Murphy and Cr Lovett</i>
Australia Day Committee	<i>All Councillors</i>
Rural Councils Victoria	<i>Cr Lovett</i>
Grampians Central Waste and Resource Recovery Group	<i>Cr Sproull</i>
Rail Freight Alliance	<i>Cr Meddows-Taylor</i>
Economic Development Taskforce	<i>Cr La Vella and Cr Sproull</i>
Central Victoria Greenhouse Alliance	<i>Cr Long</i>
Municipal Emergency Management Committee	<i>Cr De Villiers</i>
Municipal Fire Management Committee	<i>Cr Murphy</i>
Energy Breakthrough Committee	<i>Cr Long</i>
Employment Matters Advisory Committee	<i>Mayor, Cr La Vella and Cr Lovett</i>
Climate Action Collaboration	<i>Cr Long and Cr Sproull</i>

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Walking and Cycling Advisory Group	<i>Cr La Vella</i>
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Moved **Cr Murphy**
Seconded **Cr Sproull**

CARRIED

6. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

7. MEETING CLOSURE

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.29 pm

To be confirmed at the Council Meeting
To be held on 23 November 2021.
Chair, Councillor Chris Meddows-Taylor

8. OFFICER REPORTS

8.1 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Author: Manager Governance, Property and Risk

Responsible Officer: General Manager Corporate Performance

The Officer presenting this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to recommend Council adopt the proposed dates and times for meetings of Council for the 2022 calendar year.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the following dates for council meetings in 2022:

- *Tuesday 22 February 2022*
- *Tuesday 29 March 2022*
- *Tuesday 26 April 2022*
- *Tuesday 24 May 2022*
- *Tuesday 28 June 2022*
- *Tuesday 26 July 2022*
- *Tuesday 23 August 2022*
- *Tuesday 27 September 2022*
- *Tuesday 25 October 2022*
- *Tuesday 15 November 2022 – Meeting to appoint Mayor and consideration of appointments to committees and organisations*
- *Tuesday 22 November 2022*
- *Tuesday 20 December 2022*

LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONTEXT

Central Goldfields Shire Council Governance Rules – (Adopted 25 August 2020)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Section 66 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) requires Council to hold meetings open to the public. Council has by recent convention done this eleven times per year, generally on the fourth Tuesday of each month commencing at 6:00 pm and held in the Community Hub. It is accepted best practice for councils to set meetings for the full calendar year in advance.

Council is required to give reasonable public notice of Council meetings. Details of public notice of meetings is contained in clause 12 of Council's Governance Rules.

REPORT

The proposed dates for 2022 are:

- Tuesday 25 January 2022
- Tuesday 22 February 2022
- Tuesday 29 March 2022
- Tuesday 26 April 2022
- Tuesday 24 May 2022
- Tuesday 28 June 2022
- Tuesday 26 July 2022
- Tuesday 23 August 2022
- Tuesday 27 September 2022
- Tuesday 25 October 2022
- Tuesday 15 November 2022 – Meeting to appoint Mayor and consideration of appointments to committees and organisations
- Tuesday 22 November 2022
- Tuesday 20 December 2022

This schedule has allowed for public holidays. The December meeting has been brought forward one week to avoid Christmas.

A meeting for January has been included to allow for urgent matters such as the awarding of contracts to be considered by Council. The meeting in March is proposed to be held on the fifth Tuesday to allow for Councillor members of the Audit and Risk Committee to prepare for and attend the March Audit and Risk Committee meeting.

A Meeting date has also been set for 16 November 2021. The purpose of this meeting is for the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor if desired.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

An annual calendar of Council meetings will be published on Council's website and in the Maryborough Advertiser following the dates being adopted by Council.

FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Advertising of the adopted schedules will be accommodated within the existing Governance budget.

RISK MANAGEMENT

This report addresses Council's strategic risk Governance - Failure to transparently govern and embrace good governance practices. Public notice of council meetings is also required. By setting the meeting dates for the upcoming calendar year, publishing those dates on Council's website and publishing upcoming meetings in the regular Council advertisement in the Maryborough Advertiser throughout the year, Council is complying with the Governance Rules.

CONCLUSION

Council must resolve to set the schedule of Council meetings for 2022. It is proposed that the 2021 processes for advertising and managing Council meetings and briefing sessions is continued for the 2022 calendar year.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

8.2 OFFICE OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Author: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

The Officer presenting this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the establishment of the office of Deputy Mayor for the year 2021/22.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council determine whether to establish the office of Deputy Mayor for the 2021/22 year and if so determined consider the term of the office of Deputy Mayor.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONTEXT

Central Goldfields Shire Council's Council Plan 2021-2025 – Leading Change

The Community's vision 4. Transparent decision making;

The Local Government Act 2020 provides that:

Section 20A Office of Deputy Mayor

(1) "A Council may establish an office of Deputy Mayor."

Section 27 Election of Deputy Mayor

(1) Section 25, other than subsection (3)(a), applies to the election of a Deputy Mayor by the Councillors as if any reference in that section to the Mayor was a reference to the Deputy Mayor.

(2) Section 26 applies to the election of a Deputy Mayor as if any reference in that section to the Mayor was a reference to the Deputy Mayor.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Council considered the office of Deputy Mayor at the Statutory Meeting on 17 November 2020 and resolved not to establish an office of Deputy Mayor for the 2020/21 year.

REPORT

The Local Government Act 2020 provides that Council may establish the office of Deputy Mayor. As the office of Deputy Mayor is at the discretion of Council, there is no timeframe set

in the Act as to when the Office of Deputy Mayor is to be established and can be considered at any time by Council.

Should Council determine to establish the office of Deputy Mayor, the election of a Deputy Mayor follows the same process for the election of Mayor as outlined in Section 26 of the Local Government Act 2020.

The role of the Deputy Mayor is set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act specifically to perform the role of the Mayor and may exercise any of the powers of the Mayor if the Mayor is unable for any reason to attend a Council meeting or is incapable of performing the duties of the office of Mayor for any reason, including illness.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

n/a

FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There is no additional remuneration for the role of Deputy Mayor.

RISK MANAGEMENT

This report addresses Council's strategic risk Governance - Failure to transparently govern and embrace good governance practices by complying with the Local Government Act and Council's Governance Rules.

CONCLUSION

The Local Government Act 2020 allows for the establishment of the office of Deputy Mayor. When considering the establishment of the office of Deputy Mayor, Council must also determine the term of the appointment.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

8.3 USE OF THE LAND FOR ANIMAL HUSBANDRY – 232 BROADWAY, DUNOLLY

Author: Coordinator Statutory Planning

Responsible Officer: General Manager Infrastructure Assets and Planning

The Officer presenting this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek a Council determination for the planning permit application for the use of the land for animal husbandry at 232 Broadway Dunolly.

Public notice of the application has been given and 2 objections were received.

This report recommendation that a Notice of Refusal to grant a planning permit be issued.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council, having caused notice of Planning Application No. 079/21 to be given under Section 52 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and the Central Goldfields Planning Scheme and having considered all the matters generally required, resolves to Refuse a Permit in respect of Planning Application No. 079/21 for the land known and described as 232 Broadway, Dunolly, for the use of the land for animal husbandry based on the following grounds:

- 1) The use does not meet the purpose of the General Residential Zone.*
- 2) The use does not meet the decision guidelines of the General Residential Zone.*
- 3) The use is likely to have amenity impact on surrounding land and the existing residents of that land.*

LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONTEXT

Central Goldfields Shire Council's Council Plan 2021-2025 – Our Growing Economy

The Community's vision 4. Good planning, governance, and service delivery

This report has been developed in accordance with the Planning and Environment Act 1986, the Central Goldfields Planning Scheme.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Planning Application 079/21 was lodged on the 12 July 2021 for the use of the land for animal husbandry at 232 Broadway Dunolly. The planning application form states that the following animals are kept on the site:

- 1 Ram (not onsite all year)
- 6 Ewes
- 1 Goat
- 2 Alpacas
- 1 miniature pony
- 15 hens
- 2 roosters
- 2 desexed cats
- A number of budgerigars
- A number of kids/lambs

The application form states that the animals are kept on the site as pets for companionship. The animals are well cared for; are contained in separate areas with appropriate shelter. A number of site inspections have been undertaken by various Council Officers who all reported the animals are well cared for with no welfare concerns being reported.

The application was made after Council Officers within the Compliance Department received complaints. The complaints were focused on animals escaping from the site and wandering. There were also complaints made about odour relating to a pig that was being kept on site previously. The landowner has since tried to address these issues with upgraded fencing and removing the pig and the wandering goats from the site.

The landowner was advised to apply for a planning permit for 'animal husbandry' and the application was lodged on 12 July 2021.

'Animal Husbandry' is nested under agriculture within the Central Goldfields Planning Scheme and is defined as:

Land used to keep, breed, board, or train animals, including birds.

The cats and budgerigars on the subject site are considered to be domestic pets and do not form part of the 'Animal husbandry' use. It is considered that the keeping of the farm animals (one ram, six ewes, one goat, two alpacas, fifteen chickens, two roosters, one miniature pony) goes beyond what could be considered ancillary to the use of the subject site as a dwelling, and therefore require a permit for 'Animal husbandry'.

During the course of assessment council sought legal advice on how best to categorise the use, which in summary advised:

While the question of whether a use is ancillary is always a matter of fact and degree, in this case we consider keeping of farm animals on the Subject Land is not ancillary to the use of the dwelling, given the number and type of animals that are located on the land. Rather, we consider the keeping of these animals on the land should be regarded as a separate use of the land for 'Animal husbandry'. In characterising the use of the land, we do not think that a distinction should be drawn between the farm animals used for breeding and those merely being kept on the land, as all of these activities fall within the term 'Animal husbandry'.

REPORT

Proposal

The application seeks approval for the use of the land for animal husbandry.

Site and Surrounds

The subject site is approximately 7000 sqm in size and contains an existing dwelling, outbuildings, and fencing. The site located on the corner of Broadway (Road Zone Category 1) and Raglan Street within the Township of Dunolly and consists of 7 smaller titles of land.

The site is located within the General Residential Zone (GRZ) and covered by the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (LSIO). The site contains an unnamed waterway which traverses through the middle of the site, under Broadway and eventually meets Burnt Creek to the west. The site contains various species of vegetation which is scattered across the site.

Land to the south, west and north of the subject site is also within the GRZ, however land to the east is Low Density Residential (LDRZ) and land to the north-west is Rural Living Zone (RLZ). Surrounding land is developed in a similar fashion to the subject site (single dwellings and existing outbuildings). There are 11 existing dwellings within 100 metres of the subject site. The nearest dwelling (located at 228 Broadway) is approximately 40 metres to the south of the dwelling located on the subject site.

The site is also entirely within an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sensitivity Area. The proposed use and works are not considered to be a high impact activity, therefore a Cultural Heritage Management Plan is not required to be prepared.

Planning Permit Trigger

Under the Central Goldfields Planning Scheme a planning permit is required for the following:

- The use of the land for 'agriculture', specifically 'animal husbandry' which is nested under agriculture and is a Section 2 use within the GRZ;
- No permit is required under the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay.

Planning Scheme Provisions

Planning Policy Framework

The following sections of the Planning Policy Framework are considered relevant to this application:

12.03-1S - River corridors, waterways, lakes and wetlands

To protect and enhance river corridors, waterways, lakes and wetlands

13.02-1S - Bushfire planning

To strengthen the resilience of settlements and communities to bushfire through risk-based planning that prioritises the protection of human life.

13.03-1S - Floodplain management

To assist the protection of:

- Life, property and community infrastructure from flood hazard, including coastal inundation, riverine and overland flows.
- The natural flood carrying capacity of rivers, streams and floodways.

- The flood storage function of floodplains and waterways. Floodplain areas of environmental significance or of importance to river, wetland or coastal health.

13.07-1S - Land use compatibility

To protect community amenity, human health and safety while facilitating appropriate commercial, industrial, infrastructure or other uses with potential adverse off-site impacts.

14.02-2S - Water quality

To protect water quality

Zoning

32.08 General Residential Zone

- To implement the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
- To encourage development that respects the neighbourhood character of the area.
- To encourage a diversity of housing types and housing growth particularly in locations offering good access to services and transport.
- To allow educational, recreational, religious, community and a limited range of other non-residential uses to serve local community needs in appropriate locations.

Particular Provisions

Nil

General Provisions

65.01 Approval of an application or plan

Before deciding on an application or approval of a plan, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

- The matters set out in section 60 of the Act.
- Any significant effects the environment, including the contamination of land, may have on the use or development.
- The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
- The purpose of the zone, overlay or other provision. Any matter required to be considered in the zone, overlay or other provision.
- The orderly planning of the area.
- The effect on the environment, human health and amenity of the area.
- The proximity of the land to any public land. Factors likely to cause or contribute to land degradation, salinity or reduce water quality.
- Whether the proposed development is designed to maintain or improve the quality of stormwater within and exiting the site.
- The extent and character of native vegetation and the likelihood of its destruction. Whether native vegetation is to be or can be protected, planted or allowed to regenerate.
- The degree of flood, erosion or fire hazard associated with the location of the land and the use, development or management of the land so as to minimise any such hazard.
- The adequacy of loading and unloading facilities and any associated amenity, traffic flow and road safety impacts.

Referrals

The following tables outline the referrals undertaken under both clause 55 of the Central Goldfields Planning scheme.

Department	Response
Goulburn Murray Water (S.55)	<p>Based on the information provided and in accordance with Section 56 (b) of <i>the Planning and Environment Act 1987</i>, Goulburn-Murray Water has no objection to this planning permit being granted subject to the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All construction and ongoing activities must be in accordance with sediment control principles outlined in 'Construction Techniques for Sediment Pollution Control' (EPA, 1991). 2. All animal shelters and pens must be located at least 30m from the waterway that traverses the site. Fencing must be maintained to ensure animals do not have direct access to the waterway. 3. No faecal waste material from the animals is to be disposed of directly to any waterways. 4. Solid faecal waste material must be collected from the pens/coops and managed to the satisfaction of council's Environmental Health Department. <p>Permit notes:</p> <p>a) The subject property is located within an area of Cultural Heritage Sensitivity. Should the activity associated with proposed development require a Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP), planning permits, licences and work authorities cannot be issued unless a CHMP has been approved for the activity.</p>
Planner comment:	Nil

ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATION

Use of the land for animal husbandry within the General Residential Zone

The application is seeking permission for the use of the subject land for the purpose of animal husbandry within the GRZ. Under the scheme animal husbandry is nested under agriculture, which is generally a use associated with rural zonings such as the Farming Zone and Rural Living Zone. Whilst the proposed use is considered to be of a small scale, the location of the site (within an existing residential area) and the proximity of established dwellings is considered likely to result in amenity impacts to surrounding residents and cause land use conflict.

Under Clause 32.08-13 there are a number of decision guidelines that the Responsible Authority should consider before making a decision on an application on an application for a non-residential use and development in the GRZ:

Whether the use or development is compatible with residential use.

The proposed use is nested under agriculture and is a section 2 use (permit required) within the GRZ. The proposed use of the land is not considered to be compatible with the surrounding residential uses. The objections received detail a number of land use conflicts which are occurring as a result of the use including wandering animals, dust and damage to shared fencing.

More broadly, the area is residential in nature, with residential development an as of right use under the GRZ, it is likely to continue in the immediate vicinity. The agricultural land use is likely to result in on going detriment to the surrounding residential land uses.

Whether the use generally serves local community needs.

The proposal is not considered to serve the local community. Whilst it is acknowledged that a small scale of rudiments is produced from the site, this is not considered to meet the decision guideline – the use is primary for private purposes and not a local community need.

The use would be better located within a rural zone, where agriculture can be undertaken as of right (Farming Zone) or forms part of the zones purpose (Rural Living Zone).

The scale and intensity of the use and development.

The subject site is approximately 7,000 sqm in size, with a number of smaller paddocks laid out for the separation and shelter for each animal. The area set aside for the agriculture is approximately 3301m² (or 0.3 hectare). Although the site is well kept, and the animals very well cared for, the application does not demonstrate that the land is suitable for a proposal of this scale.

The design, height, setback and appearance of the proposed buildings and works.

There are no further buildings and works proposed.

The proposed landscaping.

The site contains existing garden areas that are maintained by the owner of the property.

The provision of car and bicycle parking and associated accessways.

Considering the proposed use, this is not relevant for this permit.

Any proposed loading and refuse collection facilities.

Vehicle access is located to the north of the site. Loading and unloading of feed and associated materials for the operation of the proposal occurs away from the closest dwellings and not on the main street.

The safety, efficiency and amenity effects of traffic to be generated by the proposal.

Traffic generation as a result of the proposed use would be minimal and not considered to cause detriment to surrounding properties.

Conclusion

The proposed use of the land for animal husbandry within the GRZ is not considered appropriate in this instance. The scale of the use is considered too intense for the size of the subject site and is not compatible with the location of the subject site.

The use is considered to have detrimental amenity impacts to surrounding land owners and residents. It is considered that in this instance the GRZ is not an appropriate zoning for this use and that the proposed use does not meet the purpose or decision guidelines of the zone.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

The application was advertised to 13 adjoining and surrounding landowners via letters in the mail and 2 advertising signs were placed on the site (along Broadway and Raglan Street). The application has received 2 objections. The issues raised in the objection are summarised below:

- Keeping of animals within a residentially zoned area;
- Damage to fences;
- Stock on roads;
- Animals wandering to the objector's yard;
- Odour from animals;
- Animals attracting flies;
- Concerns around future use of the site if a planning permit was to issue;
- Devaluation of objectors property and surrounding properties.

It should be noted that the one objector does state that the animals are not noisy and suggests that they would be satisfied if the site was permitted to keep only 6 sheep, 2 alpacas and the chickens.

Further to this, it should be noted that property values are not within the scope of planning to consider and as such have been given no weight in this decision-making process.

Council's Planning Officers are aware of the applicant making a number of improvements to the site since the lodgement of the application. These include:

- Installation of electric fencing;
- Fixing of damaged fence;
- Removal of some animals, including 2 goat kids (which were the animals escaping) and the pigs (reported to be major cause of odour).

The applicant has stated to Council staff that the ram is rarely located at the site – as it is often away in neighbouring farms siring.

FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The assessment of planning permit applications is within the normal operational budget of Council.

Should any party appeal any decision that Council makes there would be a VCAT hearing. Additional costs will be incurred if a VCAT hearing occurs.

RISK MANAGEMENT

This report addresses Council's strategic risk Governance - Failure to transparently govern and embrace good governance practices by ensuring our assessment of the application meets all relevant legislation.

The risk management issues in relation to this planning permit application have been discussed in the Report and Assessment of Application sections above.

CONCLUSION

The Planning Application seeks refusal for the use of the land for animal husbandry.

A Council determination is sought on the application as 2 objections has been received.

Council must determine a position on the application for a planning permit and take one of the following options:

- I. Issue a Refusal to Grant a Planning Permit for the proposal, or;
- II. Approve a planning permit and issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit for use of the land for animal husbandry at 232 Broadway Dunolly.

Refusal of the application is recommended because it is inconsistent with the residential zoning of the land and would result in detriment to the surrounding residential properties.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Site layout plan



- Internal post and wire fencing
- Vehicle Access
- Waterway
- Existing Outbuilding

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SITE PLAN LAYOUT

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8.4 INCLUSIVE: CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE'S DISABILITY PLAN 2022-2027

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The Officer presenting this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider and adopt the Inclusive: Central Goldfields Shire's Disability Plan 2022-2027.

Council is required by law to create a Disability Action Plan to ensure that goods, services, facilities and employment opportunities are accessible and inclusive for people living with a disability.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Inclusive: Central Goldfields Shire Council Disability Plan 2022-2027.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONTEXT

Central Goldfields Shire Council's Council Plan 2021-2025 – Our Community's Wellbeing

The Community's vision 1. Socially connected, creative, inclusive, healthy, and safe 'all ages' friendly communities

Initiative: Strengthen and build inclusion and community and intergenerational connections.
Support positive life journey development for all residents
Encourage, support and facilitate healthy and safe communities.

The Community's vision 3. Engaging places and spaces for people to live, work, play and connect.

Initiative: Provide engaging public spaces.
Provide infrastructure to meet community need.

Councils are obligated by law to create a Disability Action Plan. The Victorian Disability Act 2006 under Section 38 requires plans for the purpose of:

1. reducing barriers to persons with a disability accessing goods, services, and facilities.
2. reducing barriers to persons with a disability obtaining and maintaining employment

3. promoting inclusion and participation in the community of persons with a disability
4. achieving tangible changes in attitudes and practices which discriminate against persons with a disability.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Based on estimates from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, there are more than 2,500 people living with a disability in Central Goldfields Shire. Almost 1,000 Shire residents receive the Disability Support Pension.

Council does not have a current strategic framework to guide responsive decision making and priority setting geared towards creating greater equity and opportunity for people with disabilities. The last Disability Action Plan adopted by council expired in 2016.

The work on creating Council's new plan – Inclusive - was instigated as part of the Working for Victoria Program in 2020 with TAG Consulting contracted in early 2021 to complete the project.

REPORT

Following initial community consultation and engagement, a set of six draft objectives and action areas were prepared for consideration and comment by Councillors. A full literature review and context analysis was developed separately and incorporated to create the plan.

This report was presented to the Council meeting on 24 August and was endorsed to undertake Phase two of community consultations with the public on the proposed plan.

Phase two of the engagement included:

- On-line feedback in relation to the objectives and actions identified by the community, staff and stakeholders
- Physical feedback in relation to objectives and actions
- Forums with CGS Management Team to finalise the priority objectives and actions.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

Inclusive has been developed in collaboration with a focus group of community members and local practitioners. The group includes persons living with disability, a carer, a community linker, a representative from Maryborough District Health Service, Maryborough Education Centre and disability services provider Asteria. The Focus Group will continue to meet and monitor the implementation of the Plan over its four-year life cycle.

The overall response to the plan from the second round of consultation was positive with more than 80 people contributing. Main themes of the feedback were:

- Use of consistent language “individual living with disability”
- Changing the name of the plan to be more positive “Inclusive” is now the name of the plan
- Reducing the number of themes, which has now changed from 6 to 4
- Numbering the activities documented in the plan
- Additional activities to be incorporated
- Feedback on wording of activities to make them more action orientated

These comments support the original aims, objectives and priorities set out in the draft plan as well as focusing attention from strategic development to practical delivery.

FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial or resource implications to Council presented by the draft report at this stage.

Should the strategy be endorsed by Council, there will be a series of future resourcing decisions required in order to prioritise and implement recommended actions.

RISK MANAGEMENT

This report addresses Council's strategic risk for Community Well-being - Failure to recognise and manage the impact of changing social and economic conditions on the community.

The ability to develop and maintain partnerships with key organisations will be essential in progressing implementation along with external funding sources. Implementation planning will be staged over a four-year period with key actions prioritised for early implementation.

CONCLUSION

The plan is now available to be presented to Council, recommending Council adopt the Inclusive: Central Goldfields Shire Council Disability Plan 2022-2027.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Inclusive: Central Goldfields Shire Council Disability Plan 2022-2027.



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Acknowledgement

The Central Goldfields Shire Council acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the country on which we work and live, and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and to Elders past, present and emerging.

We acknowledge their significant cultural heritage, their fundamental spiritual connection to the country, and value their contributions to a diverse community.

We are proud to embrace the spirit of reconciliation, and learn more from the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, how best to improve their health, and social and economic outcomes.

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It's with much pleasure I present the Central Goldfields Shire Disability Plan 2022-2027.

We know that, according to the 2016 Census, over eight percent of the Shire's population receives the Disability Support Payment and 14 percent are an unpaid carer of a person with a disability.

This is why this Plan is so important to us.

We're committed to providing opportunities for people of all abilities to participate fully in all aspects of community life.

We want the Central Goldfields Shire to be a community that is equitable, inclusive and accessible. A community where people feel included, valued and respected.

This Plan sets out how we will work with our community and local services providers to do this. It provides us with a plan for how, together, we will improve the lives of local people living with disability.

In many ways this Plan has been developed by our community – for our community.

Thank you to the community members who provided us with feedback during its development.

A working group made up of representatives from Asteria, Maryborough District Health Service, Maryborough Education Centre, Intereach, and community members living or caring for someone with a disability also played a key role in creating this Plan.

We look forward to seeing this Plan make a real difference to the lives of so many in our community.

Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor
Mayor, Central Goldfields Shire



Welcome to the Central Goldfields Shire Disability Plan 2022-2027.

I'm proud to say this is the first Disability Plan for the Central Goldfields Shire. As an organisation we are committed to lead by example within our community.

It's the result of many conversations with our community and service providers and I'd like to congratulate our staff who have led this process.

We know we can't do this alone, but by working in partnership with our community we can reduce the barriers faced by people living with disability.

While the Plan outlines focus areas for the next five years, it is also a living document that will respond to shifting priorities and new information, as we work together to create a more inclusive Central Goldfields now and for the future.

We'll continue to review the Plan and update it to reflect social, political and environmental changes as well as any response to recommendations made by the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability.

We look forward to working with our community and local service providers to improve access and inclusion for people with disability in our community.

Lucy Roffey
Chief Executive Officer, Central Goldfields Shire

INTRODUCTION AND CONTEXT

The purpose of Inclusive (Central Goldfields Shire Disability Inclusion Plan 2022-2027) is to guide Council's approach in all of its activities to promote inclusivity by becoming a Shire that is equitable, inclusive and accessible for individuals living with disability.

It is important to note that Inclusive has been developed at a time of rapid and substantial change. Thinking and actions that adhere to a "Business as Usual" approach are under increasing pressure as the fundamental principles, platforms and assumptions that underpin this thinking and action are being disrupted. Some of the changes precipitating new thinking and action include:

- Impacts of COVID-19 and a direct focus on essential services whilst protecting individuals from overwhelm
- Major policy and funding reforms taking place across key systems
- Royal Commissions into key components of service provision, including disability, aged care and mental health services
- Ongoing fiscal constraints are putting pressure on local government, organisations and communities

- Demographics of rural communities with significant portions of the population ageing and reducing population numbers in the under 50s
- Rapid advancements in technologies are disrupting old models whilst creating new opportunities for action
- An increasingly engaged citizenry is changing the nature of the relationship between government, institutions and communities

Activities within this plan will undertaken in the context of Post-Pandemic Planning. Council recognises that for the next 12-months its focus will be on supporting community through the Response and Recovery Phases of the COVID-19 pandemic, before moving into a phase of Re-establishment. It will be during the Re-establishment Phase that many of the activities documented within Inclusive will come to life.

Central Goldfields Shire will continue to work with community, including individuals living with disability to ensure we understand impacts and needs throughout the post-pandemic phases.



COUNCIL'S ROLE

The Central Goldfields Shire Council Plan 2021-2025 states our Vision is;

“To be an engaged, flourishing, lively and inclusive community.”

The Central Goldfields Shire has many roles to play to support the creation of an equitable, inclusive and accessible community for individuals living with disability across the Shire. We have a significant role in the provision of infrastructure, community services and information. We also have a partnership role, for example with the State Government in the provision of transport and improving major infrastructure. In addition, Council has a broader influencing role, for example in promoting greater respect within the community for people living with disability.

The Council plays many roles on behalf of the community. To thrive in our every changing environment, Central Goldfields Shire has defined its specific roles as a provider and partner in relation to creating an equitable, inclusive and accessible community for individuals living with disability.

Councils role is as either a:

- **Provider**, for functions we are directly responsible for resourcing, developing and implementing. These are services that Council is directly funded or resourced to undertake on behalf of community, and/ or
- **Partner**, where we will be working with other organisations to deliver relevant initiatives. This could be through providing knowledge, skills, expertise or resources. Partnering involves relationships from mutual agreements, to Memorandums of Understanding to Joint Venture Agreements and beyond.



Community consultation

More than 80 enthusiastic people generated range of ideas to help us develop Inclusive. The community shared examples of good practice and discussed where improvements could be made. People with lived experience of disability provided valuable input into the themes and priorities.

Working together, participants told us that people living with disability want to:

- Be treated with respect and dignity
- Find meaning in their lives
- Make their own decisions
- Be actively involved in their communities
- Live somewhere that feels like home
- Be able to get to places
- Receive an education
- Work
- Feel safe
- Have fun
- Make friends
- Be connected and informed
- Understand their rights
- Have access to the services they need.

Participants in the community consultation considered the specific situations of people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, women and children. The actions in this plan take those considerations into account.

Central Goldfields Shire would also like to take this opportunity to thank the participants of the Disability Plan Working Group, for their valuable and ongoing contributions and insights throughout the development of Inclusive, we are truly grateful.



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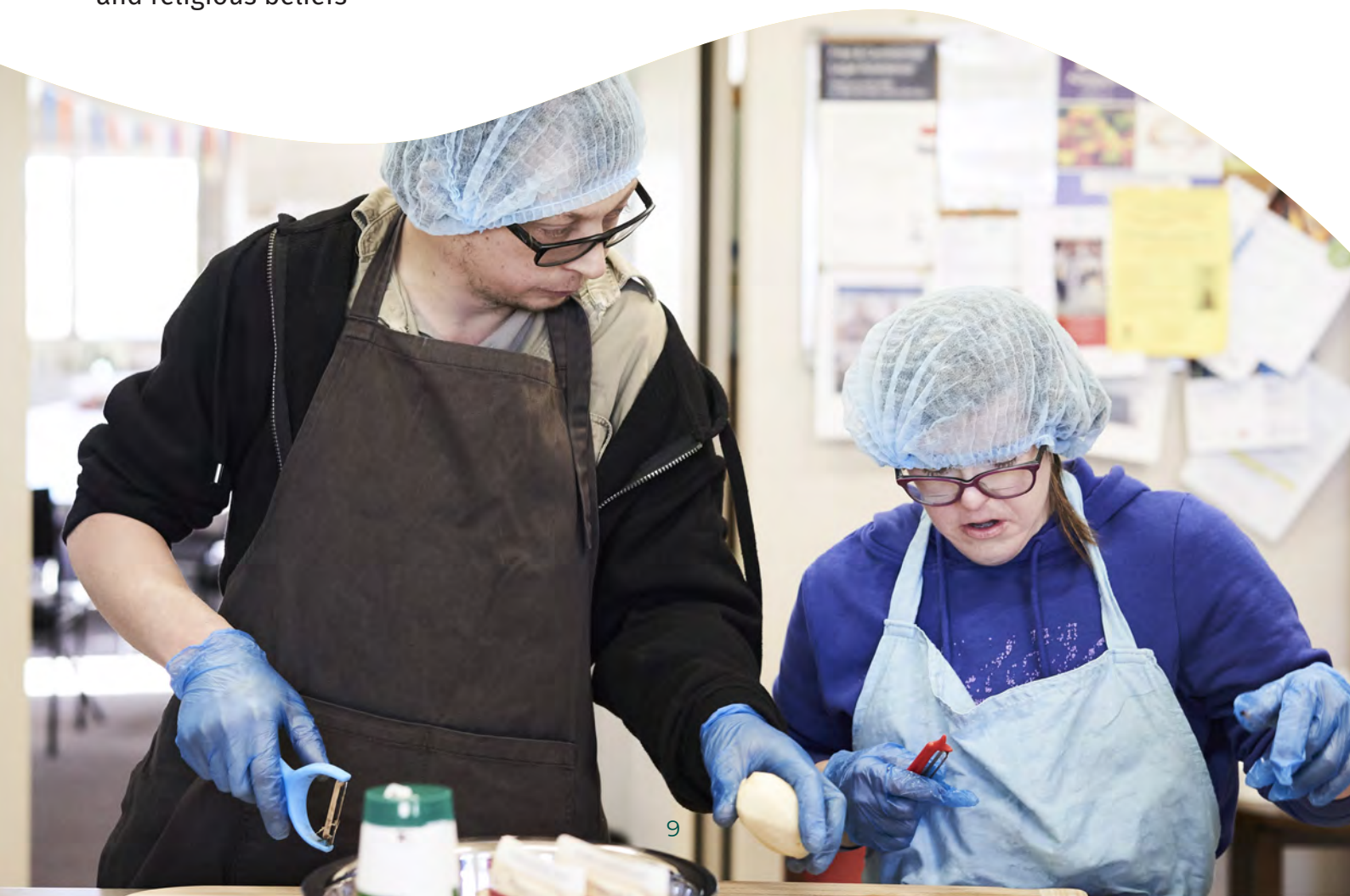
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Principles

Principles are values that guide behaviour and create a shared understanding about what is important. This plan is based on the following principles for people living with disability:

- Fundamental human rights, responsibility and autonomy
- Individual worth and dignity
- Participation in social and economic life
- The right to realise physical, social, sexual, reproductive, emotional and intellectual capacities
- The right to make decisions, including supported decisions, and to take risks
- Access to information in appropriate forms
- Respect for cultural or linguistic diversity, age, gender, sexual orientation and religious beliefs
- Rights to privacy and confidentiality
- Live free from neglect, abuse and exploitation
- Rights to pursue complaints and access justice
- Acknowledge and respect the crucial role of families, carers and significant persons
- Freedom of association and support to engage in family, social and friendship activities
- Respect the needs and rights of children as they develop
- Acknowledge and respect the abilities, strengths, goals and needs of people living with disability.



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VISION

Our vision is, an accessible and inclusive Central Goldfields Shire based on fairness and respect for people living with disability.

To achieve this vision, Inclusive focuses on the following four key themes:

- Inclusive communities for all
- Accessible communities
- Participation
- Leadership & collaboration

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1.0 - Inclusive communities for all

Social inclusion is a priority for people living with disability as it affects all aspects of their lives. It is our aim that the contributions and rights of people living with disability are valued and understood by all people in our community and that their rights are promoted, upheld and protected. We also want to ensure that people living with disability are supported to advocate for their own rights.

STRATEGY	ACTIVITY	ROLE
1.1 Provide highly accessible high quality customer service	Review Council's customer complaint process, as part of the customer service framework, to determine if enhancements are required to enable residents and staff living with disability to place a complaint for action	Provider
	Select and implement hearing assistance technology available across key Council locations	Provider
	Investigate and implement "touch screens" at Council service areas which incorporate an easy reference to all Council facilities, activities and services	Provider
	Investigate and implement the provision of key Council information in large print and/or symbols	Provider
	Review and update Council's Visual Style Guide regarding font size, colour suggestions, and use of visual symbols on Council publications	Provider
	Review and update Council's Visual Style Guide to ensure diverse images with individuals being positively represented through publications, event promotion and media are including individuals living with disability	Provider
1.2 Develop a Council website that is accessible to everyone	Develop and implement a training program to ensure a portion of staff are trained in Auslan and promote the use of Auslan throughout customer service contact points in Council	Provider
	Review and update Council's Website to ensure compliance with latest guidelines on Web accessibility	Provider
	Investigate and implement screen reader programs	Provider
1.3 Provide an accessible Mobility Map that includes information about the location of accessible toilets, playgrounds, services, car parks and accessible businesses	Provide access to a register of community services available in the community (including a disability specific section) via Council's web site	Provider
	Develop and implement a mobility map by consulting with users on content and use, update the map as required, and make it available in a range of formats	Provider



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2.0 - Accessible communities

The accessibility of the built environment, quality services and information is key to ensuring people living with disability are included and have the opportunity to equally participate in all aspects of community life. It is our aim to increase accessibility to public and community infrastructure, transport, services, information, sport and recreation and the greater community.

STRATEGY	ACTIVITY	ROLE
2.1 Meet standards for access into and within Council owned and leased buildings	Review access compliance of all Council owned buildings and facilities to ensure compliance obligations are being met	Provider
	Develop and implement an infrastructure upgrade program where Council owned facilities are non compliant with access requirements	Provider
	Conduct Council building audits to ensure compliance in emergency evacuation, stair treads, circulation spaces and lift compliance, particularly at customer contact sites	Provider
	Review and revise current procedures and evacuation plans to ensure that people living with disability are considered in Council-wide emergency plans	Provider
	Review policies on leases of Council premises to ensure accessibility features are part of these lease conditions	Provider
	Develop and implement a program of works for the provision of comprehensive change facilities at key community locations throughout the Shire	Provider
2.2 Provide accessible paths of travel into and within Council owned facilities	Undertake a review of the infrastructure surrounding council facilities and develop a program of works to address barriers to access that are identified	Provider
	Identify deficiencies in compliance in kerb ramps, tactile ground surface indicators, continuous path of travel and audio traffic signals and develop a program of works to remedy	Provider
	Develop and implement an audit of street signs to identify non-compliant signage and include recommendations is scheduled program of works	Provider
	Reduce obstructions on footpaths by developing a Safe Street Policy and program of works	Provider
2.3 Accessible public and community transport	Continue to increase percentage of compliant (Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport) at bus stops throughout the Shire	Provider
	Investigate the opportunity for Council to upgrade bus stops and shelters, and make application for funding as appropriate	Partner
	Investigate the opportunity to improve wheelchair lifters and fixing points for electric wheelchairs on public and community transport	Partner
2.4 Provide accessible parking	Ensure new car parking bays for people living with disabilities adhere to Australian Standards	Provider
	Undertake an audit of all disabled car parking bays on Council land to identify any areas of non-compliance with Australian Standards and develop a plan to upgrade non-compliant car parking bays on Council land for people living with disability	Provider
2.5 Enable safe use of mobility scooters	Develop a new policy on the safe use of electric wheelchairs and scooters in Council facilities	Provider
	Train staff in a new Electric Wheelchair (Gopher) Policy of Council	Provider
	Develop and implement a program of works for the provision of mobility scooter charging points throughout the Shire	Provider
	Partner with Vic Roads and/ or Maryborough District Health Service to conduct a community education program on safe use of self-propelled wheelchairs (electric mobility scooters)	Partner

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3.0 - Participation

Community participation is fundamental to social inclusion. It provides independence and choice, social connections and friendships, value, identity and belonging. It is our aim the people living with disability have access to inclusive places of social participation, learning and meaningful pathways to inclusive employment and volunteering opportunities.

STRATEGY	ACTIVITY	ROLE
3.1 Provide equal access to recreation, arts, and culture through activities and events	Design Council run recreation, arts and cultural activities, programs and events to encourage and involve people living with disability	Provider
	Develop an access checklist to assist in planning all events	Provider
	Promote the Companion Card to the community and the facilities which accept the Companion Card	Provider
	Review Council Grant funding guidelines and consider inclusion of a requirement to demonstrate disability access compliance where relevant	Provider
	Ensure that open space redevelopments, upgrades and maintenance follow Australian Standards and include accessibility requirements in design briefs	Provider
	Provide training to local sporting groups on attracting and supporting people living with disability	Partner
	Encourage, develop and support activities at community centres that are accessible for people living with disability	Partner
3.2 Provide equal access to employment	Review of Council's recruitment and induction processes to include analysis of practices in relation to equal access to employment opportunities for people living with disability	Provider
	Review and update Council documentation to ensure employment of people living with disability is incorporated as a procurement criteria	Provider
	Educate local business associations and businesses on the benefits of inclusive employment practices and the benefits of being accessible businesses	Partner
3.3 Provide equal access to volunteering	Provide opportunities for people living with disability to volunteer at Council	Provider
	Review volunteer induction processes and include information and awareness on and working with customers living with disability where appropriate	Provider
	Ensure that coordinators of Council programs utilizing volunteers are able to provide appropriate level of support, including support related to disability	Provider
3.4 Provide equal access to community support	Continue to provide home library service to people who are unable to visit the library due to living with disability	Provider
	Actively promote the availability of public computers fitted with a screen magnifier and Trackball mouse for people with vision impairment and/or motor skill limitations	Provider

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4.0 - Leadership & collaboration

People living with disability want to have a greater role in leading and contributing to community decision-making. It is our aim that the perspectives of people living with disability are actively sought and that they are supported to participate meaningfully in community consultation and engagement activities.

STRATEGY	ACTIVITY	ROLE
4.1 Engage people living with disability in Council planning	Ensure that all Council plans promote accessible and equitable development when planning for the community into the future	Provider
	Ensure Council planning staff members are aware of universal and adaptable access standards for buildings and particularly for housing; enabling people to remain in their homes longer	Provider
	Develop a process to encourage young people living with disability to be more involved in Council governance	Provider
4.2 Train Council staff to be aware of legislative requirements and Council plans	Provide training for all staff on disability awareness; and specific training on the Access to Premises – Buildings Standards for relevant staff	Provider
4.3 Promote community understanding of disability issues	Investigate and implement opportunities to acknowledge the contribution made by carers	Provider
	Develop and implement a process and criteria to recognise and reward businesses and services that are accessible and promote inclusive practices	Provider
	Work with the media to showcase achievements and promote positive stories and images of people living with disability	Partner
	Consider engaging one of the many motivational speakers living with disability to speak at Council events as required	Partner
4.4 Form alliances and partnerships that enable enhanced experiences for individuals living with disability	Develop in partnership an Inclusive Plan Leadership Group with key sector representatives	Partner
	Develop in partnership a Inclusive Plan community advisory committee	Partner
	Develop in partnership a community of practice to share strategies for improving the experience for individuals living with disability across the Shire	Partner



ENSURING INCLUSIVE MAKES A DIFFERENCE

We want Inclusive to generate meaningful change and we also recognise there is still a lot of work ahead. Linking this Plan along with other Council strategies will be required to ensure integration and successful implementation. Monitoring of success is intended to be overseen by the Disability Advisory Committee over the five-year life of the Plan.

We will incorporate the activities within this plan into each business unit's annual operational plan. We will report on our progress each year.

Achieving our vision will take time, extensive collaboration and ongoing reflection. This is why consultation with the community will continue, giving us the opportunity to adapt to the evolving needs of people living with disability.





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8.5 ROAD NAME – CALISTA DRIVE

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Responsible Officer: General Manager Corporate Performance

The Officer presenting this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to update Council on a previously approved road naming proposal for Martin Place that has been rejected by Geographic Names Victoria (GNV) due to the proximity of a Martins Lane, in Adelaide Lead approximately 8.5km away.

The new road names request for the extension section of Ross Street is Calista Drive.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. *That Council approve the road name request for Calista Drive to replace the previously approved Martin Place*
2. *That Council support officers pursuing other ways to honour the achievements of Mr & Mrs Martin with a geographic location naming*

LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONTEXT

Central Goldfields Shire Council's Council Plan 2021-2025 – Our Spaces and Places

The Community's vision 3. Engaging places and spaces for people to live, work, play and connect.

Initiative: Provide and maintain open spaces, parks, green spaces, playgrounds and reserves.

Council adopted a Place Naming Policy in 2019 which outlines the requirements of the Geographic Place Names Act 1998 (the Act) and the steps to be undertaken to ensure that place names recognise the Shire's rich cultural history, including Aboriginal history, and any new names are in the interests of the whole community, past and present.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Council adopted the request to name a road within the Whirrakee Rise housing development on 27 July 2021 on the request of the developer Mr Mark Dellavedova to honour the achievements of Myra Martin (BEM, OAM) and Cyril Martin.

Unfortunately, the recommended name Martin Place was not accepted by Geographic Names Victoria due to the proximity of a Martins Lane, in Adelaide Lead approximately 8.5km away.

Whilst disappointing to not be able to formalise the suggested road name, Council will work with the Community on other ways to recognise the achievements of the Martins. The feedback from GNV was “This is unfortunate as the historical information provided is great! Perhaps the name can be used to name a geographic feature – i.e. park or reserve.”

This is to be pursued by Council to continue to honour the significance of the family to the community.

REPORT

The name previously proposed for Whirrakee Rise has not been accepted by GNV due to a similar name in a nearby location that would cause confusion. This is disappointing given the significance of the contribution of Myra and Cyril Martin noted as part of the previous road naming application.

The developer Mr Mark Dellavedova has provided a new request to name the road Calista Drive noting in his application that the word Calista comes from a Greek background & means ‘most beautiful’.

Council Officers have confirmed there are no duplicate names to preclude the application with GNV and the name complies with Councils Place Naming Policy.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

There has been discussion with the family members related to the Martin’s to inform them of the decision by GNV.

There has been continued communication with Mark Dellavedova during the process and appreciate his patience working through the issue.

FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial or resource implications for this decision.

RISK MANAGEMENT

This report addresses Council’s strategic risk Governance - Failure to transparently govern and embrace good governance practices by ensuring a transparent process in the road naming function

ATTACHMENTS

1. Development Map showing new road location

Attachment 1 – Map showing proposed road for naming to Calista Drive

