

# MINUTES

Greater Shepparton City Council

## COUNCIL MEETING

**3:00PM, Tuesday 19 September 2023**

In the Council Boardroom, Welsford Street

### COUNCILLORS

Cr Shane Sali (Mayor)

Cr Anthony Brophy (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Seema Abdullah

Cr Dinny Adem

Cr Geoffrey Dobson

Cr Greg James

Cr Ben Ladson

Cr Sam Spinks

Cr Fern Summer

### VISION

**GREATER SHEPPARTON, GREATER FUTURE**

A thriving economy in the foodbowl of Victoria with excellent lifestyles, innovative agriculture a diverse community and abundant opportunities

# Values

Values reflect what we feel is important. Organisations may have core values that reflect what is important in the organisation. These values may be guiding principles of behaviour for all members in the organisation.

## **Respect first, always**

We are attentive, listen to others and consider all points of view in our decision making.

## **Take ownership**

We take pride in honouring our promises and exceeding expectations, and are transparent with and accountable for our actions.

## **Courageously lead**

We lead with integrity, and stand up and stand by what is in the best interests of the Greater Shepparton community.

## **Working together**

We work collaboratively to create higher quality outcomes that are more efficient, thoughtful, effective and responsive. We cannot accomplish all that we need to do without working together.

## **Continually innovate**

We are open to new ideas and creatively seek solutions that encourage us to do our best for our community.

## **Start the celebration**

As ambassadors for our people and place, we proudly celebrate the strengths and achievements of Council and the Greater Shepparton community.

**M I N U T E S  
FOR THE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON  
TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 3:00PM**

**CHAIR  
CR SHANE SALI  
MAYOR**

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## Risk Level Matrix Legend

**Note: A number of reports in this agenda include a section on “risk management implications”. The following table shows the legend to the codes used in the reports.**

Likelihood	Consequences				
	Negligible (1)	Minor (2)	Moderate (3)	Major (4)	Extreme (5)
<b>Almost Certain (5)</b> Would be expected to occur in most circumstances (daily/weekly)	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	EXTREME	EXTREME
<b>Likely (4)</b> Could probably occur in most circumstances (i.e. Monthly)	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	EXTREME
<b>Possible (3)</b> Reasonable probability that it could occur (i.e. over 12 months)	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH
<b>Unlikely (2)</b> It is not expected to occur (i.e. 2-5 years)	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
<b>Rare (1)</b> May occur only in exceptional circumstances (i.e. within 10 years)	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH

**Extreme** Intolerable – Immediate action is required to mitigate this risk to an acceptable level. Event/Project/Activity is not to proceed without authorisation

**High** Intolerable – Attention is needed to treat risk.

**Medium** Variable – May be willing to accept the risk in conjunction with monitoring and controls

**Low** Tolerable – Managed by routine procedures

**PRESENT:**

- Cr Shane Sali (Mayor)**
- Cr Anthony Brophy (Deputy Mayor)**
- Cr Seema Abdullah**
- Cr Greg James**
- Cr Dinny Adem**
- Cr Geoffrey Dobson**
- Cr Ben Ladson**
- Cr Sam Spinks**
- Cr Fern Summer**

**Officers:**

<b>Peter Harriott</b>	<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>
<b>Louise Mitchell</b>	<b>Director Community</b>
<b>Claire Barnes</b>	<b>Acting Director Corporate Services</b>
<b>Tim Zac</b>	<b>Acting Director Infrastructure</b>
<b>Geraldine Christou</b>	<b>Director Sustainable Development</b>
<b>Molly Willmott</b>	<b>Official Minute Taker</b>
<b>Janaka Samaranayake</b>	<b>Deputy Minute Taker</b>

## 1 Welcome to Country

Cr James will now present a Welcome to Country on behalf of the Yorta Yorta Elders Council and the 16 family groups.

## 2 Acknowledgement

We, Greater Shepparton City Council, acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Peoples of the land which now comprises Greater Shepparton, we pay our respect to their tribal elders, we celebrate their continuing culture and we acknowledge the memory of their ancestors.

## 3 Privacy Notice

This public meeting is being streamed live via our Facebook page and made available for public access on our website along with the official Minutes of this meeting.

All care is taken to maintain your privacy; however as a visitor in the public gallery, it is assumed that your consent is given in the event that your image is broadcast to the public. It is also assumed that your consent is given to the use and disclosure of any information that you share at the meeting (including personal or sensitive information) to any person who accesses those recordings or Minutes.

## 4 Governance Principles

Council considers that the decisions contained in these Minutes gives effect to the overarching governance principles stated in Section 9(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*. These principles are as follows:

1. Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law;
2. priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations;
3. the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted;
4. the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making;
5. innovation and continuous improvement is to be pursued;
6. collaboration with other Councils and Governments and statutory bodies is to be sought;
7. the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured;
8. regional, state and national plans and policies are to be taken into account in strategic planning and decision making;
9. the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

## 5 Apologies

Nil Received.

## 6 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

In accordance with section 130 (1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 Councillors are required to disclose any “conflict of interest” in respect of a matter to be considered at a Council Meeting.

**Disclosure must occur immediately before the matter is considered or discussed.**

## 7 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

**Moved by Cr Adem  
Seconded by Cr Dobson**

**That the minutes of the 15 August 2023 Council Meeting as circulated, be confirmed.**

**CARRIED UNOPPOSED**

## 8 Public Question Time

Nil Received.

## 9 Deputations and Petitions

Nil Received.



## 10 Community Directorate

### 10.1 2023 Seniors Festival Grant Program recipients

Moved by Cr Brophy  
Seconded by Cr Summer

That the Council note the successful applicants awarded funding under delegated authority for the 2023 Seniors Festival Grants Program.

Successful grant applicants:	Amount (GST Free):
The Lions Club of Toolamba Incorporated	\$500.00
Shepparton Access	\$500.00
Goulburn Valley Pride Inc.	\$500.00
Murchison and District Historical Society Inc.	\$330.00
Shepparton Croquet Club Inc.	\$150.00
Goulburn Valley Seniors Association Incorporated	\$500.00
Dookie Men's Shed Inc.	\$500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2980.00</b>

**CARRIED UNOPPOSED**

## **10.2 26 January Community Engagement Findings (May-June 2023)**

**Moved by Cr James  
Seconded by Cr Brophy**

**That the Council from 2024:**

- 1. Continue its advocacy to the Australian Government to change the date of Australia Day from 26 January to a more suitable date as soon as possible.**
- 2. Conduct an Australia Day community awards and citizenship ceremony event on 25 January.**
- 3. Replace the Australia Day Small Town Grants Program with a Community Celebration Grants Program that provides funding for the Greater Shepparton community to hold their own celebrations on 23-25 January, or 27-29 January.**
- 4. Recognise in its communications that Australia Day, held on 26 January, remains Australia's national day.**

**CARRIED**

## **10.3 Potential Greater Shepparton Avenue of Flags**

**Moved by Cr Dobson  
Seconded by Cr Brophy**

**That, in relation to a potential avenue of flags project, Council:**

- 1. Write to the relevant embassies to seek engagement and a financial co-contribution.**
- 2. Conduct further community consultation.**
- 3. Consider alternative options for the public recognition of Greater Shepparton's diverse First Nations, migrant and refugee communities.**
- 4. Receive a further report that responds to points 1-3.**

**CARRIED**

## 11 Corporate Services Directorate

### 11.1 Audit & Risk Management Committee - Minutes - 8 February and 11 May 2023

Moved by Cr Summer  
Seconded by Cr Brophy

That the Council receive the minutes of the 8 February and 11 May 2023 Audit & Risk Management Committee meetings.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

## **11.2 Contracts Awarded Under Delegation - August 2023**

**Moved by Cr James  
Seconded by Cr Adem**

**That the Council:**

- 1. note the contracts awarded under delegation pursuant to a formal tender process for the reporting period; and**
- 2. note the requests for tender advertised but not yet awarded.**

**CARRIED UNOPPOSED**

## **11.3 Council Plan 2021-25 Progress Report**

**Moved by Cr Summer  
Seconded by Cr Brophy**

**That the Council note the 2022-23 Progress Report on the key performance indicators contained within the 2021 – 2025 Council Plan, as attached.**

**CARRIED UNOPPOSED**

## **11.4 Councillor Representation on Committees - Municipal Association of Victoria**

**Moved by Cr Brophy  
Seconded by Cr Spinks**

**That the Council:**

- 1. nominate Councillors Sam Spinks and Geoffrey Dobson to represent Greater Shepparton City Council at the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council Meeting to be held on 13 October 2023;**
- 2. revert Councillor representatives to Cr Seema Abdullah and Cr Dinny Adem following the 13 October 2023 MAV State Council Meeting.**

**CARRIED UNOPPOSED**

## **11.5 August 2023 Monthly Finance Report**

**Moved by Cr Dobson  
Seconded by Cr Summer**

**That the Council note the August 2023 Monthly Financial Report.**

**CARRIED UNOPPOSED**



## **11.6 Financial Statements and Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2023**

**Moved by Cr Dobson  
Seconded by Cr Adem**

**That the Council:**

- 1. Approve in principle the financial statements and performance statement for the financial year ended 30 June 2023; and**
- 2. Authorise the Mayor, Cr Shane Sali, and the Deputy Mayor, Cr Anthony Brophy and the Chief Executive Officer, Peter Harriott, to certify the financial statements and performance statement in their final form, after any changes, recommended, or agreed to by the auditor have been made.**

**CARRIED UNOPPOSED**

## 12 Sustainable Development Directorate

### 12.1 Park Name - Lance Woodhouse Village Green - Kialla Lakes Estate

Moved by Cr Brophy  
Seconded by Cr Dobson

That the Council approve the naming of Lance Woodhouse Village Green within Kialla Lakes in accordance with *Naming Rules for Places Victoria 2016*.

**CARRIED UNOPPOSED**

## **12.2 Heritage Advisory Committee - 2022 Annual Report**

**Moved by Cr Summer  
Seconded by Cr Spinks**

**That the Council receive and note the Greater Shepparton Heritage Advisory Committee Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022, as attached.**

**CARRIED UNOPPOSED**

## 12.3 IGA - Numurkah Road

Moved by Cr Dobson  
Seconded by Cr Brophy

That the Council note:

1. that the formal decision in relation to application (2017-177/A) would have been refused in its current form had an appeal for failure not been lodged with VCAT due to the following reason:
  - proposed design produces unacceptable planning outcomes; and
2. an amended permit may be granted should the design shortcomings be generally addressed to the satisfaction of Council officers at the VCAT Compulsory Conference or within the current VCAT proceedings.

**CARRIED UNOPPOSED**

## 13 Infrastructure Directorate

### 13.1 Australian Botanic Gardens Shepparton Advisory Committee - Appointment of Community Representatives

Moved by Cr Dobson  
Seconded by Cr Adem

That the Council:

1. appoint the following community representatives to the Australian Botanic Gardens Shepparton Advisory Committee for a period of two years commencing on 20 September 2023 and concluding on 19 September 2025:
  - Wendy D'Amore
  - Sue Berwick
  - Mary-Jane Taylor
  - Suzanne Whyte
  - Micaela Deery
  - Leigh Taig
  - Jenny Houlihan
2. formally acknowledge and thank outgoing members, Karen Kilgour, Marilyn Bazeley and Audrey Hurst for their outstanding contributions to the committee.

**CARRIED UNOPPOSED**

## **13.2 Tree Management Policy**

**Moved by Cr Spinks  
Seconded by Cr Brophy**

**That the Council adopt the Tree Management Policy, as attached.**

**CARRIED UNOPPOSED**

## **14 Confidential Management Reports**

Nil Received.

## **15 Documents for Signing and Sealing**

Nil Received.

## 16 Councillor Reports

### 16.1 Councillor Activities

#### 16.1.1 Councillor Activities - August 2023

Moved by Cr Brophy  
Seconded by Cr Ladson

That the Council receive and note the summary of the Councillors' Community Interactions and Informal Meetings of Councillors.

**CARRIED UNOPPOSED**



## **17 Notice of Motion, Amendment or Rescission**

Nil Received.

## **18 Urgent Business not Included on the Agenda**

Nil Received.

## **19 Close of Meeting**

**Meeting closed at 4:47PM.**