



GANNAWARRA
Shire Council

Council Meeting

MINUTES

Wednesday, 16 October 2024

6:00 PM

Cohuna Community Meeting Room

Cohuna

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**MINUTES OF GANNAWARRA SHIRE COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE KERANG SENIOR CITIZEN COMMUNITY ROOMS, KERANG
ON WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2024 AT 6:00 PM**

PRESENT:

Cr Ross Stanton (Mayor)	Murray Ward
Cr Charlie Gillingham (Deputy Mayor)	Avoca Ward
Cr Jane Ogden	Patchell Ward
Cr Kelvin Burt	Patchell Ward
Cr Garner Smith	Yarran Ward
Cr Keith Link	Yarran Ward

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive Officer
Director Corporate Services
Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer

Gallery: 4

Media: 1

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor read the Acknowledgement of Country.

2 OPENING DECLARATION

The Deputy Mayor read the Opening Declaration.

3 APOLOGIES

Cr Travis Collier - Patchell Ward

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jane Ogden

Seconded: Cr Kelvin Burt

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 September 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

6 BRIEFING SESSIONS

6.1 RECORDS OF COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS - 4 SEPTEMBER 2024 TO 8 OCTOBER 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents to Council written records of Councillor Briefings in accordance with Clause 31 of the Gannawarra Shire Council Governance Rules.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Charlie Gillingham

Seconded: Cr Jane Ogden

That Council note the records of Councillor Briefings 4 September 2024 to 8 October 2024.

CARRIED

7 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

7.1 ANNUAL REPORT 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Gannawarra Shire Council Annual Report 2024, covering the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act). In accordance with section 98 of the Act, the Annual Report contains a report on the operations of Council, the audited Financial Statements, and audited Performance Statement.

At the time of preparing the agenda for this meeting, Council was still waiting for the 'in principle' 2024 Financial Statements, and 'in principle' 2024 Performance Statement, approved at the September 2024 Council meeting, to return from the Victorian Auditor-General's Office. These statements will be inserted into the document once received.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jane Ogden

Seconded: Cr Charlie Gillingham

That Council:

1. Receives the Gannawarra Shire Council Annual Report 2024, noting that the VAGO-approved Financial and Performance statements will be inserted once received.
2. Ensures a copy of the Gannawarra Shire Council Annual Report 2024 is available to view on Council's website once the VAGO-approved Financial and Performance statements are inserted into the document.

CARRIED

7.2 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING - 10 SEPTEMBER, 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) met on 10 September 2024. The agenda included reports related to financial, governance, compliance, and risk management matters including the 2024 annual financial and performance statements. The ARC meeting summary ensures compliance with Section 54 (4) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the ARC Charter.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Garner Smith

Seconded: Cr Charlie Gillingham

That Council receive and note the summary of the discussions of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held 10 September 2024.

CARRIED

8 INFORMATION REPORTS

Nil

9 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

10 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11 QUESTION TIME

Nil

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12 DELEGATES REPORTS

12.1 DELEGATES REPORTS

COUNCILLOR COMMITTEES 2024	
COMMITTEE	COUNCILLOR
Murray River Group of Councils (MRGC)	Cr Ross Stanton, Mayor
Loddon Campaspe Group of Councils	Cr Ross Stanton, Mayor
Community Halls Community Asset Committee	Cr Kelvin Burt
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)	Cr Travis Collier
Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee (MFMPC)	Cr Keith Link
Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC)	Cr Keith Link
Transport Committee Role including Rail Freight Alliance and Road Transport	Cr Keith Link
Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance (CVGA)	Cr Jane Ogden
Audit and Risk Committee (x 2)	Cr Charlie Gillingham Cr Garner Smith
Rural Councils Victoria	Cr Garner Smith
Timber Towns Victoria	Cr Garner Smith

Councillors spoke to their relevant Committees

13 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

The Meeting closed at 6.19pm.

The Minutes of this Meeting were confirmed at the Meeting of the Gannawarra Shire Council held on 27 November 2024.

MAYOR