



**GANNAWARRA**  
*Shire Council*

**Council Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, 18 December 2024**

**6:00 PM**

**Kerang Senior Citizen Community Rooms**

**Kerang**

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**MINUTES OF GANNAWARRA SHIRE COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE KERANG SENIOR CITIZEN COMMUNITY ROOMS, KERANG  
ON WEDNESDAY, 18 DECEMBER 2024 AT 6:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Garner Smith (Mayor)  
Cr Ross Stanton (Deputy Mayor)  
Cr Daniel Bolitho  
Cr Lisa Farrant  
Cr Keith Link  
Cr Pat Quinn

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

**Gallery: 2**

**Media: 1**

**1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Acknowledgement of Country video was played.

**2 OPENING DECLARATION**

Cr Keith Link read the Opening Declaration.

**3 APOLOGIES**

Cr Charlie Gillingham

## **4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **MOTION**

**Moved:** Cr Ross Stanton

**Seconded:** Cr Keith Link

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 November 2024 be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

## **5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Geoff Rollinson, Chief Executive Officer declared a Material Interest in Item 7.1 – CEO Employment and Remuneration Policy.

## **6 BRIEFING SESSIONS**

### **6.1 RECORDS OF COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS - 21 NOVEMBER 2024 TO 13 DECEMBER 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 Daniel Bolitho

**Seconded:** Cr Pat Quinn

That Council note the records of Councillor Briefings 21 November 2024 to 13 December 2024.

**CARRIED**

## **7 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION**

Geoff Rollinson, Chief Executive Officer left the room at 6.04pm.

### **7.1 CEO EMPLOYMENT AND REMUNERATION POLICY**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In accordance with Section 45 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council must develop, adopt and keep in force a CEO Employment and Remuneration Policy. This Policy must be reviewed within six months after each Council election.

#### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved: Cr Ross Stanton**

**Seconded: Cr Lisa Farrant**

That Council adopt the CEO Employment and Remuneration Policy.

**CARRIED**

Geoff Rollinson, Chief Executive Officer returned to the room at 6.06pm.

### **7.2 GANNAWARRA PLANNING SCHEME REVIEW**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report presents the Gannawarra Planning Scheme Review Report 2024 for Council consideration. The review evaluates the effectiveness of the planning scheme in meeting its legislative objectives, identifies areas for improvement, and outlines strategic priorities to guide future development. Adoption of this report will complete the first phase of the review process.

#### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved: Cr Ross Stanton**

**Seconded: Cr Lisa Farrant**

That Council:

1. Adopt the Gannawarra Planning Scheme Review Report 2024.
2. Forward the report to the Minister for Planning in accordance with Section 12B of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

**CARRIED**

**8 URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

**9 NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

Unconfirmed Minutes

**10 QUESTION TIME**

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| <b>Name</b>    | <b>Allan</b>     |
| <b>Address</b> | <b>Koondrook</b> |

**Question 1**

Who owns the road between 30 and 54 Main St, Koondrook?

**ANSWER:**

The segment of the road in question is owned by the Crown. However, this section of the road is not currently listed on Council's Road Register.

**Question 2**

If you do not own the road then why are we paying rates for maintaining the road because it does not get maintained.

**ANSWER:**

The properties located between 30 and 54 Main Street currently access their properties via an unmaintained road that is not included on Council's Road Register. When subdivided many years ago, these properties were addressed to Main Street, likely because the parent parcel was addressed to Main Street prior to road management being legislated as it is today. The properties do have access via a road on Council's Road Register, that being Forest St, now the unmaintained road.

Council will conduct a formal assessment and present the unmaintained road for inclusion in the Road Register at a future Council meeting, after which maintenance can commence should the road be endorsed.

## 11 DELEGATES REPORTS

### 11.1 DELEGATES REPORTS

| COUNCILLOR COMMITTEES 2024/2025                           |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| COMMITTEE   | COUNCILLOR                         |
| Murray River Group of Councils (MRGC)                     | Cr Garner Smith, Mayor             |
| Loddon Campaspe Group of Councils (LCGC)                  | Cr Garner Smith, Mayor             |
| Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance (CVGA)              | Cr Daniel Bolitho                  |
| Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee (MFMPC)      | Cr Lisa Farrant                    |
| Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC) | Cr Lisa Farrant                    |
| Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)                   | Cr Ross Stanton                    |
| Audit and Risk Committee (ARC)(x 2)                       | Cr Garner Smith<br>Cr Ross Stanton |
| Transport Committee including Rail Freight Alliance       | Cr Pat Quinn                       |
| Rural Councils Victoria (RCV)                             | Cr Charlie Gillingham              |
| Timber Towns Victoria (TTV)                               | Cr Pat Quinn                       |
| Community Halls Community Asset Committee                 | Cr Keith Link                      |

Councillors reported on the activities within their portfolios.

## 12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

### RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Cr Ross Stanton

**Seconded:** Cr Keith Link

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act):

**12.1 AWARDING OF 2025 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS** This matter is considered to be confidential as defined by Section 3(1) of the Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personal information.

**CARRIED**



Unconfirmed Minutes

**The Meeting closed at 6.26pm**

**The Minutes of this Meeting were confirmed at the Meeting of the Gannawarra Shire Council held on 19 February 2025.**

**Cr Garner Smith**

**MAYOR**