



ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday 13 March 2019

Commencing at 7.00pm

Wycheproof Supper Room

367 Broadway, Wycheproof

**Anthony Judd
Chief Executive Officer
Buloke Shire Council**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 13 March 2019 commencing at 7.00pm in the Wycheproof Supper Room, 367 Broadway, Wycheproof

PRESENT

CHAIRPERSON:

Cr Carolyn Stewart Mount Jeffcott Ward

COUNCILLORS:

Cr Ellen White Mallee Ward
 Cr David Vis Mallee Ward
 Cr David Pollard Lower Avoca Ward
 Cr Graeme Milne Mount Jeffcott Ward
 Cr Daryl Warren Mount Jeffcott Ward

OFFICERS:

Anthony Judd Chief Executive Officer
 Wayne O'Toole Director Works and Technical Services
 Hannah Yu Director Corporate Services
 Jerri Nelson Director Community Development

AGENDA

1. COUNCIL WELCOME

WELCOME

The Mayor Cr Carolyn Stewart welcomed all in attendance.

STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are meeting. We pay our respects to their Elders and to the Elders from other communities who maybe here today.

2. RECEIPT OF APOLOGIES

Cr John Shaw Lower Avoca Ward (Leave of Absence)

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION:

That Council adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 13 February 2019.

MOVED: CR DARYL WARREN

SECONDED: CR GRAEME MILNE

CARRIED.

(R506/19)

4. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

5. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

6. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

NIL 5

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THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN WYCHEPROOF SUPPER ROOM, 367 BROADWAY, WYCHEPROOF ON WEDNESDAY, 10 APRIL 2019 AT 7.00PM.

Anthony Judd
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

6. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil

7. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

7.1 REPORT OF ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS MEETINGS

Author's Title: Executive Assistant

Department: Office of the CEO

File No: GO/05/04

Attachments: 1 [⇒Councillor Briefing Record - 6 February 2019](#)
2 [⇒Councillor Briefing Record - 20 February 2019](#)

MOTION:

That the Council note the report of Assembly of Councillor Meetings held on 6 and 20 February 2019.

MOVED: CR DARYL WARREN

SECONDED: CR GRAEME MILNE

CARRIED.

(R507/19)

Key Points/Issues

The Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) provides that a record must be kept of any Meeting of Councillors and Staff deemed to be an Assembly of Councillors Meeting as defined in the Act.

An Assembly of Councillors Meeting is defined in the Act as a meeting of Councillors if the meeting considers matters that are likely to be the subject of a Council decision or the exercise of delegation and the meeting is:

- A planned or scheduled meeting that includes at least half of the Councillors and a member of Council Staff; or
- An Advisory Committee of the Council where one or more Councillors are present.

The Act also provides that the record of any Assembly of Councillors is to be reported to the next practicable Council Meeting and recorded in the Minutes.

A record of the Assembly of Councillors Meetings held on 6 and 20 February 2019 is attached.

7.2 LETTERS OF CONGRATULATIONS AND RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT/AWARDS

Author's Title: Executive Assistant

Department: Office of the CEO

File No: CR/13/01

Attachments: Nil

MOTION:

That the Council acknowledge and congratulate the persons and/or groups mentioned in the report for their achievements.

MOVED: CR DAVID VIS

SECONDED: CR ELLEN WHITE

CARRIED.

(R508/19)

1. Executive Summary

This report acknowledges and congratulates community persons and/or groups for their success in being recognised for a significant achievement or for being a recipient of an honourable award.

The report also informs Council of any letters of congratulations or any particular recognition of achievement that Council has received or been awarded in the past month.

2. Recognition of Achievement Items

Provider	Recipient	Date	Purpose for Recognition
Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga	Alex Sheridan Donald	Dec 2018	Graduated with a Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science. Now employed with the Ballarat Health Services at the Ballarat Base Hospital.
Deakin University, Geelong	Jack Onley Donald	18 February 2019	Graduated with a Bachelor of Construction Management (Honours) Now employed with H Troon P/L Ballarat.
Municipal Association Victoria (MAV)	Coral Ross	1 March 2019	Appointed as MAV President

7.3 CORRESPONDENCE INITIATED BY COUNCIL

Author's Title: Executive Assistant

Department: Office of the CEO

File No: GO/06/09

Attachments: Nil

MOTION:

That Council notes the record of correspondence sent and responses received.

MOVED: CR DAVID POLLARD

SECONDED: CR GRAEME MILNE

CARRIED.

(R509/19)

Table of correspondence

Council Initiative	Correspondence sent to	Date sent	Date of Response	Summary of response
Opposition of Dual Gauge between Ballarat and Maryborough – Murray Basin Rail Project Buloke communities are situated further north of Maryborough, and Council is of the position that the dual gauging of that track will impede existing freight services and also limit the extension of passenger rail.	Minister Allan Minister for Public Transport and Major Projects. Letter forwarded to new Minister for Ports and Freight, Melissa Horne.	11 October 2018. 18 December 2018.	12 March 2018	Received by Mayor and CEO from Hon Melissa Horne. Providing background and outlining reason and need for the dual gauge works, the Freight-Passenger Rail Separation Project and Murray Basin Rail Project. Thanking Council for taking the time to write.

7.4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED - MONTHLY UPDATE

Author's Title: Planning Officer

Department: Planning and Community Support

File No: LP/09/01

Attachments: Nil

MOTION:

That the Council note information contained in the report on planning applications under consideration by staff and the status of each of these applications.

MOVED: CR DARYL WARREN

SECONDED: CR DAVID POLLARD

CARRIED.

(R510/19)

1. Executive Summary

This report provides information on planning applications under consideration by staff and the status of each of these applications.

2. List of Planning Applications

Application No	Applicant	Address	Date Rec	Summary of Proposal	Status
PPA778/19	Glenn Raven	20 Woods Street, Donald	30/01/2019	Construction of a shade structure at motel	Reporting
PPA779/19	Wes Randerson (Total Outdoor Media)	166-186 High Street, Charlton	29/01/2019	Construction and display of a major Promotions Sign	Notice of application
PPA780/19	Price Merrett Consulting	121 Bourkes Lane, Jeffcott	04/02/2019	Two lot subdivision(boundary re-alignment)	Referral
PPA781/19	Kris Dixon	15-17 Clifton Street, Charlton	04/02/2019	Earthworks to install two rain water tanks in an Urban Floodway Zone	Permit Issued
PPA782/19	Rohan Fry (Kookas)	56-58 Racecourse Road, Donald	23/01/2019	Use and development of land for a biscuit manufacturing plant	Referral

Application No	Applicant	Address	Date Rec	Summary of Proposal	Status
PPA783/19	Nick Pearse	Sunraysia Highway, Donald	08/02/2019	Use of land for a carwash	Reporting
PPA784/19	North Vic Engineering	11-17 Cumming Avenue, Birchip	11/02/2019	Construction of open sided storage shed	Notice of application
PPA785/19	Vivienne Davidson (Donald Public Cemetery Trust)	Sunraysia Highway, Donald	19/02/2019	Construction of single toilet facility at the Donald Public Cemetery	Permit Issued

7.5 BUILDING PERMITS - MONTHLY UPDATE

Author's Title: Compliance Administration Officer

Department: Planning and Community Support

File No: DB/14/02

Attachments: Nil

MOTION:

That the Council note information contained in the report on Building Permits approved by staff from 1 February 2019 to 28 February 2019.

MOVED: CR DAVID POLLARD

SECONDED: CR ELLEN WHITE

CARRIED.

(R511/19)

1. Executive Summary

This report provides information on Building Permits approved by staff from 1 February 2019 to 28 February 2019.

2. List of Building Permits Approved by Council Surveyor

Permit No.	Address	Project Description	Date Approved
20190005	20 Gallagher Street SEA LAKE	New Building: Shed	06/12/2019
20190006	124 Woods Street DONALD	New Building: Shed	14/02/2019
20190007	31 Houston Street DONALD	Extension: Extension to existing Dwelling	21/02/2019
20190008	2982 Warracknabeal-Birchip Road, WILKUR	New Buildings: Chicken Broiler Sheds (2)	21/02/2019
20190009	908 Massey-Bangerang Road MASSEY	New Building: Farm Shed	28/02/2018

3. List of Building Permits Approved by Private Surveyor

Permit No.	Address	Project Description	Date Approved
20190010	72 Cumming Avenue, BIRCHIP	New building: Construction of a Verandah	30/01/2019
20190011	203 Ninda-Turriff Road, Turriff East	Extension: Farm Shed Extension	18/ 2/2019
20190012	617 Donald-Murtoa Road DONALD	New Building :Construction of Farm Building	19/02/2019

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 POLICY REPORTS

Nil

8.2 MANAGEMENT REPORTS

8.2.1 FIXING COUNTRY ROADS PROGRAM

Author's Title: Director Works and Technical Services

Department: Works and Technical Services

File No: GS/03/02

Attachments: Nil

Relevance to Council Plan 2017 - 2021

Strategic Objective: Responding to and enhancing our built and natural environment

MOTION:

That Council:

1. Submit an application under the Fixing Country Roads Program for roadworks to Culgoa Ultima Road for \$1,500,000 and \$300,000 for roadworks to Watchem Warracknabeal Road; and
2. Considers the contribution of matching funding of \$750,000 for Culgoa Ultima Road and \$150,000 for Watchem Warracknabeal Road in the development of the 2019/20 capital works budget.

MOVED: CR DAVID POLLARD

SECONDED: CR GRAEME MILNE

CARRIED.
(R512/19)

1. Executive Summary

This report is presented to Council to consider making applications under the Victorian Government's Fixing Country Roads Program (FCRP).

2. Discussion

The Fixing Country Roads Program is the Victorian Government's commitment to regional Victorians to improve the condition of their local roads. \$100 million has been provided for grants to rural and regional Councils to undertake local road projects beyond regular road maintenance.

For Round 2, more than \$70 million is available for safer and more reliable roads. Councils can apply for projects requiring up to \$1.5 million State Government funding.

Based on Council's road condition assessments and the criteria for applying for the funding, two projects have been selected;

1. The southern section of the Culgoa Ultima Road which has been assessed as well beyond intervention levels and requires full pavement rehabilitation. To maximise the amount of road that can be rehabilitated, Officers are recommending the maximum available funding be applied for.
2. The second priority is a section of the Watchem Warracknabeal Road which has been assessed as beyond intervention level.

3. Financial Implications

Both projects require a matching contribution of a \$2:\$1 basis, project 1 would require \$750,000 and project 2 requires \$150,000. Projects undertaken as part of Round 2 of the funding are required to be completed by June 2020.

4. Cost Shift Considerations

There are no cost shift implications

5. Community Consultation

Council receives regular feedback on the condition of these roads and upgrades are prioritised in regional planning documents such as the Central Murray Regional Transport Strategy.

6. Internal Consultation

Staff from the Infrastructure Management Unit and the Senior Leadership Team have discussed these projects.

7. Legislative / Policy Implications

These projects align with key strategies including the Council Plan, Community Plan and the Economic Development and Tourism Strategy.

8. Environmental Sustainability

There are no environmental sustainability considerations in this report.

9. Conflict of Interest Considerations

No officer involved in the preparation of this report had a conflict of interest

10. Conclusion

It is recommended that Council:

1. Submit an application under the Fixing Country Roads Program for roadworks to Culgoa Ultima Road for \$1,500,000 and \$300,000 for roadworks to Watchem Warracknabeal Road; and
2. Considers the contribution of matching funding of \$750,000 for Culgoa Ultima Road and \$150,000 for Watchem Warracknabeal Road in the development of the 2019/20 capital works budget.

8.2.2 CAPITAL WORKS STATUS UPDATE

Author's Title: Chief Executive Officer

Department: Office of the CEO

File No: GS/02/04

Attachments: Nil

Relevance to Council Plan 2017 - 2021

Strategic Objective: Responding to and enhancing our built and natural environment

MOTION:

That Council notes the progress and comments against the 2018/19 Capital Works Program.

MOVED: CR ELLEN WHITE

SECONDED: CR DARYL WARREN

CARRIED.
(R513/19)

1. Executive Summary

This report is presented to Council to provide an update of progress against the capital works program.

2. Discussion

In 2018/19, Council has a significant capital works program, primarily due to success in external funding programs. Provided below is an update and comments against each capital works item. Contracts are let for a significant portion of the program, with some projects, such as the Lake Tyrrell project and the IT systems renewal set to be a rebudget item for 2019/20 budget.

The report highlights that a significant amount of projects have contracts awarded and a lot of work to occur in the final four months of the financial year.

Job	Annual Current Budget	YTD Actuals	Comments
BB0073 - Split system replacement program	15,000	5,578	
BB0080 - Charlton Park 2020 Redesign	3,200,000	807,324	Contract let. Works progressing well. Anticipated completed July.
BB0090 - Municipal offices renewal program	70,000	67,977	Project completed.
BB0091 - Swimming Pool renewal program	40,000	13,152	Pumps refurbished. Works at Sea Lake following the season closure.
BB0092 - Donald Community Precinct Construction	1,925,000	429,432	Contract let. Works progressing. Anticipated completion August.
BB0096 - Charlton Museum roof upgrade	25,000	0	Sourcing contractors.
BB0097 - Birchip Leisure Centre Laundry Demolition	12,000	16,337	Project completed.

BB0098 - Depot safety improvements	40,000	30,894	Fence installed at Donald. Safety works at Wycheproof and Donald remain.
BB0099 - Sustainability developments project	104,000	0	Audits completed. Sourcing contractors for 10 community buildings. Works to be staged over 2 financial years.
BB0100 - Birchip pool painting	18,000	19,900	Project completed.
EF0009 - HACC Minor Capital Works	0	2,414	Project completed.
EF0010 - Library books purchase	200,000	200,000	Project completed.
EF0011 - Library Project	0	18,651	Carry forward works from 17/18 budget.
EI0051 - IT & Equipment replacement	155,000	113,826	Works and procurement on track.
EI0052 - Asset Management System - 2017	30,000	25,598	System implementation ongoing. Project delayed due to opportunity for state government funding (Transformation Program). To be rebudgeted in 2019/20.
EI0053 - IT systems renewal	800,000	11,832	Carry forward works from 17/18 budget.
EI0054 - Phone system replacement	0	1,552	Major works completed. Minor works with trucks to occur in May
EP0002 - Major Plant	600,000	586,941	Sourcing quotes. Additional expenditure in April/May.
EP0003 - Small Plant	20,000	8,575	Contract let. Temporary levee works to occur in April.
ID0020 - Donald Flood Study - Levee Development Stage 2	120,000	72,413	Contract let and works underway.
ID0023 - Charlton Drainage Design	70,000	0	Designs to be delivered in March. Project grant funded. Minor expenditure expected in 2018/19, with majority of works to occur in 2019/20
ID0024 - Charlton Flood Levee –Feasibility	0	0	
IF0025 - Horace Street, Sea Lake (St Marys)	36,000	0	Contract let. Works to occur in April
IF0026 - Davies Street, Charlton (Charlton College)	50,000	0	Contract let. Works to occur in April
IL0015 - Birchip upgrades - power connection and litter scre	30,000	31,510	Project completed.
IL0016 - Sea Lake Transfer Station E-Waste	0	0	Contract let. Works to occur in April/May
IL0017 - Birchip Landfill E-Waste	0	0	Contract let. Works to occur in April/May
IO0084 - Streetscape Plan and Implementation Stage 1	125,000	45,593	Design works continue at Birchip. Upgrades to occur in Best Street, Sea Lake over May/June.
IO0085 - Playground Replacement program	60,000	3,360	Contract let for Apex Park, Sea Lake. Works to occur in May
IO0086 - Park irrigation upgrades	40,000	2,850	Contracts let for Charlton and Nullawil. Works to occur in April/May.

IO0087 - Park furniture/BBQ upgrades	20,000	2,685	Works to occur in Best Street, Sea Lake over May/June Final works completed. Minor follows up to occur through March/April
IO0088 - Lake amenities development (Stage 1)	800,000	834,859	Carry forward works from 17/18 budget.
IO0090 - Tourism and Cultural Heritage signs	0	3,736	CHMP in draft. Planning permit to be applied for in March. Project to be carried forward.
IO0092 - Lake Tyrrell infrastructure upgrades (Stage 1)	2,471,000	95,603	Works to occur in late June.
IO0095 - Town entrances - tree planting	40,000	0	Charlton, Birchip and Donald. Planning continuing. Funding won't be received until July 1. Works to occur in 2019/20.
IO0096 - Donald Skate Park	0	0	Contract let. Works to occur in April.
IR7100 - Road Reseal Program	700,000	0	Contract let. Works to occur in April.
IR7240 - Final Seal - Yuengroon Road	70,000	0	Internal works. To occur in over period March through to June
IR7241 - Northern earth road soft crests	150,000	0	Project completed
IR7242 - Corack East-Chirrup Rd (Corack) (4600m)	127,000	140,211	Project completed
IR7243 - Blairs A Rd (Nareewillock) (1150m)	36,000	38,129	Project completed
IR7244 - Cooks and Kerrs Road (Narraport) (5000m)	84,000	111,949	Project completed
IR7245 - Sea Lake Springfield Rd (Sea Lake) (1850m)	80,000	74,118	Project completed
IR7246 - Speed Estate School Bus Rd (Nandaly) (5000m)	145,000	147,427	Project completed
IR7247 - Charlton - Swan Hill Road (Glenloth) (3,000m)	64,000	0	Work to occur through March/April
IR9007 - Major Patch Program 2016/2017	100,000	9,553	Contract let. Works to occur in April.
IR9015 - Birchip-Corak Pavement Renewal	822,000	28,730	Contract let. Works to occur in April/May.
IR9016 - Yuengroon Road Pavement Renewal	960,000	36,375	Contract let and works underway. First section completed.
IR9021 - Watchem Warracknabeal Road – Ch 10.810km to Ch 12.	0	0	Grant funded project. Contract let. Works to occur in April/May.

3. Financial Implications

The capital works program is significant and is one of the largest we've had in recent years.

4. Cost Shift Considerations

There are no cost shift considerations in this report

5. Community Consultation

There has been no community consultation in the development of this report.

6. Internal Consultation

Staff from the management team have provided input into this report.

7. Legislative / Policy Implications

The delivery of Council's capital works program is a key commitment in the Council Plan and annual Council Budget.

8. Environmental Sustainability

There are no environmental sustainability considerations in this report.

9. Conflict of Interest Considerations

No officer involved in the development of this report has a known conflict of interest.

10. Conclusion

The report highlights that good progress has been made against the capital works program, with a significant amount of works to occur in the final quarter of the financial year.

8.3 FINANCIAL REPORTS

8.3.1 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AS AT 31 JANUARY 2019

Author's Title: Acting Manager Finance

Department: Corporate Services

File No: FM/19/03

Attachments:

- 1 [Income Statement](#)
- 2 [Balance Sheet](#)
- 3 [Cash Flow Statement](#)
- 4 [Cash Flow Graph](#)
- 5 [Capital Works Program](#)
- 6 [Capital Works Graph](#)

Relevance to Council Plan 2017 - 2021

Strategic Objective: Deliver our service in a financially viable way

MOTION:

That Council receives and notes the Financial Performance Report for the month ending 31 January 2019.

MOVED: CR ELLEN WHITE

SECONDED: CR GRAEME MILNE

CARRIED.

(R514/19)

1. Executive Summary

The **Income Statement** provides a summary of the total income and total expenditure relating to Council's annual recurrent operations. It also specifically includes capital income but does not include capital works expenditure. The surplus/(deficit) is disclosed at item B on the Income Statement (Attachment 1). So as operating revenues can be compared to operating expenditures, an adjustment is made to exclude all capital income. The presentation of this income statement and resultant surplus/(deficit) is reported at item A.

For the first seven months of the financial year ending 31 January 2019, the surplus disclosed was \$895k. *Excluding* capital grants income of \$2.7m, a deficit of \$1.806m was recorded. See notes 2 and 7 on the income statement for the reasons behind this deficit, but in summary, Flood monies of \$4.8m have not been received due to State Government change in disbursement policy.

The **Balance Sheet** effectively shows a summary of the value of Assets (what we own) and our Liabilities (what we owe), both of which balance off against each other to show Net Assets or Equity (our net worth). Council's net worth as at this accounting period was \$207m.

The **Cash Flow Statement** is formatted to show a 12 month forecast. The corresponding cash flow chart maps actual cash alongside budgeted cash and restricted funds. At 31 January 2019, Council's Cash and Cash Equivalents were \$9.641m.

The **Capital Works Program** depicts \$3.966m of capital works having been expended to the end of this accounting period. The Annual Budget for capital works is \$14.454m to be funded by Capital Grants of \$7.5M, Contributions \$2.3M and Council Cash of \$4.6M. Council has let a number of large scale contracts in the first half of the 2018/19 financial year (i.e. Charlton Park, Donald Community Precinct, Road Rehabilitation) and expenditure will increase over the coming five months.

2. Financial Implications

The table below provides an overview of Council's financial performance as at 31 January 2019.

Income Statement - Excluding Capital Grants and Contributions	YTD	YTD	YTD	Annual	Preliminary
	Actuals	Budget	Variance	Budget	Annual
	\$(000)	\$(000)	\$(000)	\$(000)	Forecast
Total Income	19,376	23,840	(4,464)	26,603	26,800
Total Expenses	21,181	22,972	1,790	32,936	33,309
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,806)	868	(2,674)	(6,332)	(6,509)
Add back Capital Grants Income and Contributions	2,700	6,388	(3,687)	9,812	9,038
Surplus/(Deficit) including Capital Grants Income and Cont.	895	7,255	(6,361)	3,479	2,529
Capital Works Program	3,966	6,327	2,562	14,454	12,709
Cash and Cash Equivalents		Restricted	Un-Rest.	Total	
		1,374	8,267	9,641	

The following commentary is provided:

a. Total income excluding capital grants and contributions

The negative variance of \$4.464m occurs largely as a result of Flood Natural Disaster Funding (\$5m variance) not having been received (see note 2 per Income Statement for further detail). This is a timing matter.

b. Total expenses

Favourable variance of \$1.79m materially explained by flood restoration works under budget expectations by \$1.27m (see note 7).

c. Capital Grant Income and Contributions

Roads to Market and Heavy Vehicle Safety Productivity Program funding are yet to be received (\$1.15m). Funding for Lake Tyrell (\$952k) and Roads to Recovery (\$342k) also not received in full.

d. Capital Works Program Expenditure

Council has expended \$3.966m on capital works YTD this period, with significant large contracts let.

e. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Council has cash of \$9.6m of which \$1.374m is restricted being committed to capital projects.

3. Community Consultation

No consultation with the community was required for the production of this report.

4. Internal Consultation

The reports have been prepared in consultation with the budget managers directly responsible for Council budgets.

5. Legislative / Policy Implications

The report is consistent with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

6. Environmental Sustainability

This report has no direct impact on environmental sustainability.

7. Conflict of Interest Considerations

No officer involved in the preparation of this report had a conflict of interest.

8. Conclusion

Grant income for both operating and capital are behind where Council planned to be on a year to date basis. Council is being proactive in attaining these funds especially with the Natural Disaster Funding Authority (Treasury and Finance), where grants received have been fully acquitted. These monies are forecasted to come in before the end of the financial year.

Preliminary Forecasting has been provided but cannot be relied upon at this point.

8.4 ORGANISATIONAL REPORTS

Nil

8.5 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

MOTION:

Council to receive the Councillor Reports as presented.

MOVED: CR GRAEME MILNE

SECONDED: CR DAVID VIS

CARRIED.

(R515/19)

Cr Ellen White

Delegate Meetings:**1. Central Murray Regional Transport Forum**

- A meeting was held in February.
- The new strategic plan has been adopted by all member councils.
- One pagers for each of the strategic actions will be developed by Transport Department for us to use as advocacy documents. Should be finalised soon.
- An implementation plan is to be developed for the strategy, identifying champions for the actions.
- Other stakeholders to be invited as guest speakers to the forum eg. RFA, Cross Border Commissioners etc

2. Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee

A meeting was held on February 26th, which I was unable to attend. The minutes have not yet been distributed so I cannot report on this.

3. Mallee Local Transport Forum

A meeting to be held next week in relation to the project which was funded to promote the local transport options for the member shires.

4. Lake Tyrrell Project Control Group

No meeting held this month.

5. Buloke Library Steering Committee

The next meeting to be held in May.

6. Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Group

This group met for the first time on 28th February. Membership has reps from across the Shire and across business groups.

Highlights of the month

I attended the International Women's Day morning tea hosted by the Shire. Both male and female employees from across the Shire attended. A presentation by Alicia Emonson from the SMPCP about gender equity, family violence, the Buloke United Walk project, and other projects that they are doing.

Cr David Pollard

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| February | 14 | Meeting in Stawell to listen to the prospected candidates for role of MAV President |
| | 15 | Launch for 2019 Community Leadership Loddon Murray Course |
| | 20 | Council Briefing in Donald |
| | 22 | Murray Darling Association conference in Renmark |
| | 26 | Municipal Emergency Management Meeting
Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee |
| March | 6 | Revenue and Rating strategy listening post in Sea Lake
Councillor Briefing in Sea Lake |
| | 13 | Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance meeting |

Cr Darryl Warren (Deputy Mayor)

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| February | 14 | Workspace Board meeting Bendigo |
| | 20 | Council Briefing Donald |
| | 21 | Loddon Mallee WRRG meeting Swan Hill |
| | 26 | MAV meeting Warracknabeal |
| | 27 | Donald 2000 meeting |
| March | 1 | Loddon Mallee WRRG meeting Melbourne |
| | 5 | Rating Strategy Listening Post Birchip |
| | 6 | Rating Strategy Listening Post Donald
Council Briefing Sea Lake |
| | 7 | International Women's Day Wycheproof |
| | 12 | Loddon Mallee WRRG Briefing Loddon Shire Wedderburn |
| | 13 | Wimmera Migration Workshop Horsham
Council meeting Wycheproof |

Cr Carolyn Stewart (Mayor)

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| February | 14 | MAV Candidates Forum |
| | 15 | 2019 LCMCLP Launch |
| | 18 | Charlton Neighbourhood House Opening |
| | 19 | Meeting CEO and Mayor
Wyche Alive Committee Meeting |
| | 20 | Councillor Briefing, Donald |
| | 23 | Over the Farm Gate Event, Donald |
| | 26 | Meeting CEO and Mayor |
| | 26 | MAV Rural North West Region Strategic Planning Session |
| | 27 | Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting |
| March | 1 | Annual Mayors and Deputy Mayors FastTrack Leadership Program |
| | 5 | Meeting CEO and Mayor
Listening Post - Rating Strategy, Birchip
Royal Flying Doctors Service local health needs discussion, Birchip
Listening Post - Rating Strategy, Wycheproof |
| | 6 | Listening Post - Rating Strategy, Sea Lake
Councillor Briefing Sea Lake |
| | 12 | Meeting CEO and Mayor |
| | 13 | Ordinary Meeting of Council, Wycheproof |

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

9.2 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

9.2.1 MODIFICATIONS TO DONALD RECREATION RESERVE

Cr Milne enquired if there are any implications as a result of the modifications to the Donald Recreation Reserve.

Mr O'Toole responded the modifications were necessary, and there has been no financial implications or impact on the timeline.

9.2.2 RECYCLING MATERIALS TO LANDFILLS

Cr White enquired if Buloke Shire Council was sending recycling materials to landfills.

Mr Judd responded no to this question and that material was being taken to Polytrade

9.3 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

9.4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

9.5 MATTERS WHICH MAY EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Nil

10. MEETING CLOSE

Meeting closed at 7.31pm.