



Yarriambiack
SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes

Ordinary Meeting of Council

25 September 2024

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

34 Lyle Street, Warracknabeal

MEETING OF COUNCIL TO COMMENCE AT 9.30AM

We acknowledge that the activities of Yarriambiack Shire Council are being held under the traditional skies and in the waterways and lands of the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagulk people.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY VIEW THE MEETING VIRTUALLY VIA THE LIVESTREAM

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OUR VISION

A connected rural community who values its land and wellbeing.

We will achieve this vision through:

- ✓ Supporting agriculture
- ✓ Strengthening business and tourism
- ✓ Staying connected through infrastructure
- ✓ Being a supportive Council
- ✓ Looking after our communities
- ✓ Being environmentally friendly

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

We drive continuous and sustainable improvement in service provision, operational efficiency, and stakeholder relations to create a leading organisation.

LIVE STREAMING

Council meetings will now be live streamed to allow those interested in viewing proceedings greater access to Council decisions and debate without attending the meeting in person.

1 WELCOME

2 STREAMING PREAMBLE

The Chief Executive Officer reads this section as part of the Meeting Governance process.

This Open Council Meeting is to be streamed live, recorded and published online.

I give notice to anyone who is in the gallery, that they may be recorded, and their image may be published online.

Anyone who submits a question as part of item 13 – Public Questions (of this Agenda) will have their name stated and recorded as part of the livestreaming and recording, which is published online.

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The stream will stop prior to the closed section of the meeting, and that will conclude the Meeting of Council, open to the public.

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Should technical issues prevent the continuation of the livestream, the meeting may continue provided the gallery remains open to the public in accordance with Council's meeting procedures and Governance Rules, clause 2.42.3 (g).

3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND PRAYER

Mayor K Zanker to open the meeting at **9.30am** by acknowledging the Traditional Owners and offering the opening prayer.

3.1 ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

'We acknowledge that the activities of Yarriambiack Shire Council are held under the traditional skies and in the waterways and lands of the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagulk people, and we pay respects to their Elders, past and present'.

3.2 PRAYER

Almighty God, without whom no Council can stand, nor anything prosper we ask that you be present and guide us in our deliberations today. We pray that we will be fair in our judgements and wise in our actions and that decisions will be made with goodwill and a clear conscience for the betterment and welfare of the people of Yarriambiack Shire.

Amen

4 PRESENT

Mayor	Kylie Zanker	Warracknabeal Ward
Councillor	Andrew McLean	Hopetoun Ward
Councillor	Tom Hamilton	Dunmunkle Ward
Councillor	Graeme Massey	Warracknabeal Ward
Councillor	Chris Lehmann	Hopetoun Ward
Councillor	Corinne Heintze	Dunmunkle Ward
Councillor	Karly Kirk	Warracknabeal Ward

Council Officer	Tammy Smith	Chief Executive Officer
Council Officer	Tony Caccaviello	Chief Operating Officer
Council Officer	Anita McFarlane	Manager Corporate Services (Principal Accounting Officer)
Council Officer	Monique Metlika	Governance Support Officer
Council Officer	Daniel Brandon	Business Systems Coordinator

5 APOLOGIES

Name	Role	Description of Leave / Absence
Tony Caccaviello	Chief Operating Officer	On Leave

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 MINUTES 11 SEPTEMBER 2024 – UNSCHEDULED ORDINARY MEETING

Minutes of the Unscheduled Ordinary meeting of Council held on 11 September 2024 be taken as an accurate record and confirmed.

Recommended Motion:

That the minutes of the Unscheduled Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 11 September 2024, as circulated be taken as read and confirmed.

Resolution:

Moved Cr Massey

Seconded Cr Hamilton

That the recommendation be adopted.

Carried

7 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Pursuant to Division 2 – Conflict of Interest, of the *Local Government Act 2020* general and material conflict of interest must be declared prior to debate on specific items within the agenda; or in writing to the Chief Executive Officer before the meeting.

A Councillor who has declared a conflict of interest in respect of a matter must:

- a) Disclose the conflict of interest in the manner required by the Yarriambiack Shire Council Governance Rules (Chapter 5- Disclosure of Conflict of Interest at Council Meetings).
- b) Exclude themselves from the decision-making process in relation to that matter, including any discussion or votes on the matter at any Council meeting or delegated committee, and any action in relation to the matter.

General conflict of interest is if a relevant person has an interest in a matter if an impartial, fair-minded person would consider that the person’s private interests could result in that person acting in a manner that is contrary to their public duty.

- a) *Private interests* mean any direct or indirect interest of a relevant person that does not derive from their public duty and does not include an interest that is only a matter of personal opinion or belief.
- b) *Public duty* means the responsibilities and obligations that a relevant person has to members of the public in their role as a relevant person.

Material conflict of interest is if a relevant person has an interest in respect of a matter if an affected person would gain a benefit or suffer a loss depending on the outcome of the matter,

- a) The benefit or loss incurred may be directly or indirectly,

OR

- b) In a pecuniary or non-pecuniary form.

Councillors are also encouraged to declare circumstances where there may be a perceived conflict of interest.

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED

Conflict Declared by	Agenda Item	Reason - Explanation

8 BUSINESS ARISING

8.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Noted only during Election Period.

As per ongoing and pending actions list, Item 8.2.

8.2 ONGOING AND PENDING ACTIONS

Noted only during Election Period.

Council Meeting	Recommendation Action	Action Taken
26 June 2024 Item 15.3	Reallocation of SHARE Grant 2023-24 funding to the installation of Automated External Defibrillator (AED) machines at Council owned Senior Citizen buildings.	
26 June 2024 Item 15.4	Unallocated funds of SHARE Grant 2023-24 funding be redistributed towards the installation of the fence at Murtoa Silo Art rail corridor to mitigate the risk.	
28 August 2024 Item 15.9	Enter into a lease and/or licence agreement to support the establishment of in-venue care in the childcare section of the building at 87-89 Mandeville Street Hopetoun.	
28 August 2024 Item 15.10	Enter into licence agreement with the CFA.	
28 August 2024 Item 15.13	Resheet a section of Mellis Road, from Stawell Warracknabeal Road to a property 4.3km to the East.	
11 September 2024 Item 8.6	Subdivide Lot 2 at 16 Cromie Street Murtoa into two separate parcels. Gift one parcel to Murtoa Housing Innovation Pty Ltd.	

9 PETITIONS

No petitions received.

10 CORRESPONDENCE

Due to Election Period, this information is for noting only.

Outgoing		
Date	Recipient	Details
29/09/24	Rural Northwest Health	Letter – Green Waste Transfer Station Fee Waiver for CHSP Clients who receive Garden Maintenance Services.
29/08/24	Department of Education	Letter – Confirmation Transition of Services of Hopetoun and Beulah Kindergarten to Emerge
29/08/24	Emerge Early Years Services	Letter - Confirmation Transition of Services of Hopetoun and Beulah Kindergarten to Emerge
30/08/24	Wimmera Southern Mallee Development (Affordable Housing Partnership Program)	Letter of Support – Wimmera Housing Innovations Affordable Housing Partnership Program Expression of Interest
30/08/24	Minyip Hall	Letter of Support – Grant Funding Opportunity
03/09/24	Community Groups	Council Funding Contribution Letters - Weir Pool, Swimming Pool, Progress Association, Halls and Recreation Reserves.
16/09/24	Hopetoun Recreation Reserve	Letter of Support – Hopetoun Recreation Reserve Netball Sports Lighting Upgrade Project
16/09/24	Minyip Recreation Reserve	Letter of Support – Changerooms and Netball Court Upgrade Project

Incoming		
Date	Sender	Details

11 SPECIAL COMMITTEES

11.1 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

The proposed scheduled meeting program is as follows for the next 12 months for the Audit and Risk Committee:

Date	Description
23 September 2024	Special Meeting
14 October 2024	Ordinary Meeting
10 February 2025	Ordinary Meeting
14 April 2025	Ordinary Meeting
14 July 2025	Ordinary Meeting

11.2 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING

The Audit and Risk Committee meeting to consider the Annual Financial Statements and Performance Report is to be held on 23 September 2024.

[Attachment: Audit and Risk Committee Draft Minutes 23 September 2024](#)

Recommended Motion:

That the minutes of the Special Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 23 September 2024 to consider the Annual Financial Statements and Performance Report, as circulated as a late attachment, be taken as read and confirmed.

Resolution:

Moved Cr Heintze Seconded Cr Kirk

That the recommendation be adopted.

Carried

12 ACTIVITY REPORTS

12.1 MAYOR ACTIVITY REPORT

This section of the Agenda is for noting only during Election Period.

Mayor Kylie Zanker – Warracknabeal Ward (September)		
Date	Activity	Location
28/08/24	Premier of the BY5 Program	Horsham
29/08/24	Rural Business and Community Meeting (Mildura)	Online
30/08/24	Meeting with Emma Kealy MP	Online
30/08/24	Mayor and CEO Weekly Catch Up	Warracknabeal
30/08/24	Hopetoun Bowling Club 100-year Celebration Dinner	Hopetoun
02/09/24	Radio Interview for "We love Warracknabeal Promotion"	Phone Call
02/09/24	Yarriambiack Tourism Meeting	Warracknabeal
05/09/24	Meeting with Playgroup Parents	Warracknabeal
05/09/24	Dunmunkle Land Protection Group Meeting	Rupanyup
06/09/24	Wayne Street Presentation: Projects overview for Beulah Store and Hopetoun Old School Site	Online
07/09/24	Warracknabeal Community Garden 10 Year Birthday Celebration	Warracknabeal
09/09/24	Mayor and CEO Weekly Catch Up	Warracknabeal
10/09/24	Wind Energy and Farm Business Information Day	Longerenong
11/09/24	Unscheduled Council Meeting and Council Forum	Warracknabeal
12/09/24	MAV State Conference	Melbourne
12/09/24	MAV Awards Dinner	Melbourne
13/09/24	Rural Councils Victoria Annual General Meeting	Online
15/09/24	Wimmera District Scout Awards, Reports and Presentation Ceremony	Horsham
17/09/24	Election Period Commences 12 noon. Restricted Councillor activities in accordance with Council's Election Period Policy.	
20/09/24	Mayor and CEO Weekly Catch Up	Warracknabeal
20/09/24	Citizenship Ceremony	Patchewollock
20/09/24	Mayor attending strictly in her Councillor capacity as the Mayor to Officially Opening of the Southern Mallee Co-Operative Parish Art Exhibition for 2024.	Hopetoun

12.2 COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORTS

This section of the Agenda is for noting only during Election Period.

Cr Andrew McLean – Hopetoun Ward (September)		
Date	Activity	Location
30/08/24	Meeting with Emma Kealy MP	Online
30/08/24	Viewed the Video "Mine Field"	Woomelang
11/09/24	Unscheduled Council Meeting and Council Forum	Warracknabeal
11/09/24	Tour of Old Court House Project	Warracknabeal
16/09/24	Viewed the Video "Mine Field"	Brim
17/09/24	Election Period Commences 12 noon. Restricted Councillor activities in accordance with Council's Election Period Policy.	

Cr Tom Hamilton – Dunmunkle Ward (September)		
Date	Activity	Location
30/08/24	Meeting with Emma Kealy MP	Online
05/09/24	Dunmunkle Land Protection Group Meeting	Rupanyup
11/09/24	Unscheduled Council Meeting and Council Forum	Warracknabeal
11/09/24	Tour of Old Court House Project	Warracknabeal
17/09/24	Election Period Commences 12 noon. Restricted Councillor activities in accordance with Council's Election Period Policy.	

Cr Graeme Massey – Warracknabeal Ward (September)		
Date	Activity	Location
02/09/24	Yarriambiack Tourism Meeting	Warracknabeal
11/09/24	Unscheduled Council Meeting and Council Forum	Warracknabeal
11/09/24	Tour of Old Court House Project	Warracknabeal
17/09/24	WAG Meeting	Warracknabeal
17/09/24	Election Period Commences 12 noon. Restricted Councillor activities in accordance with Council's Election Period Policy.	

Cr Chris Lehmann – Hopetoun Ward (September)		
Date	Activity	Location
30/08/24	Meeting with Emma Kealy MP	Online
06/09/24	Briefing Beulah Precinct and Partnership Application	Online
11/09/24	Unscheduled Council Meeting and Council Forum	Warracknabeal

Cr Chris Lehmann – Hopetoun Ward (September)		
Date	Activity	Location
11/09/24	Tour of Old Court House Project	Warracknabeal
16/09/24	Viewed the Video "Mine Field"	Brim
17/09/24	Election Period Commences 12 noon. Restricted Councillor activities in accordance with Council's Election Period Policy.	
18/09/24	Beulah Progress Meeting	Beulah

Cr Corinne Heintze – Dunmunkle Ward (September)		
Date	Activity	Location
30/08/24	Meeting with Emma Kealy MP	Online
05/09/24	Dunmunkle Land Protection Group Meeting	Rupanyup
07/09/24	Warracknabeal Community Garden 10 Year Birthday Celebration	Warracknabeal
11/09/24	Unscheduled Council Meeting and Council Forum	Warracknabeal
11/09/24	Tour of Old Court House Project	Warracknabeal
17/09/24	Election Period Commences 12 noon. Restricted Councillor activities in accordance with Council's Election Period Policy.	

Cr Karly Kirk – Warracknabeal Ward (September)		
Date	Activity	Location
30/08/24	Meeting with Emma Kealy MP	Online
06/09/24	Briefing Beulah Precinct and Partnership Application	Online
07/09/24	Warracknabeal Community Garden 10 Year Birthday Celebration	Warracknabeal
11/09/24	Unscheduled Council Meeting and Council Forum	Warracknabeal
11/09/24	Tour of Old Court House Project	Warracknabeal
11/09/24	Warracknabeal Amateur Basketball Association Annual General Meeting	Warracknabeal
16/09/24	Viewed the Video "Mine Field"	Brim
17/09/24	Election Period Commences 12 noon. Restricted Councillor activities in accordance with Council's Election Period Policy.	

12.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ACTIVITY REPORT

Tammy Smith (September)		
Date	Activity	Location
28/08/24	WSM ByFive and Royal Childrens Hospital Premiere "Years on End.. The Tyranny of Distance"	Horsham
30/08/24	Mayor and CEO Meeting	Warracknabeal
30/08/24	Meeting with Emma Kealy MP	Online
30/08/24	Hopetoun Bowls Club 100 th Anniversary	Hopetoun
04/09/24	Joint State and Local Government Monthly CEO Forum	Online
04/09/24	Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Development Victoria Team Meeting	Warracknabeal
05/09/24	Wimmera Southern Mallee Development Post Board Meeting CEO Briefing	Online
06/09/24	Briefing Beulah Precinct and Partnership Application	Online
07/09/24	Warracknabeal Community Garden 10 Year Anniversary	Warracknabeal
09/09/24	Meeting with Warracknabeal Resident	Warracknabeal
09/09/24	Meeting with Chair of Minyip Progress Association	Warracknabeal
10/09/24	Wimmera Southern Mallee Development Wind Energy Information Session	Longerenong College
11/09/24	Unscheduled Council Meeting and Council Forum	Warracknabeal
11/09/24	Tour of Old Court House Project	Warracknabeal
12/09/24	Municipal Association Victoria Conference and Dinner	Melbourne
13/09/24	Rural Councils Victoria Annual General Meeting	Online
16/09/24	Municipal Association Victoria Monday Connect	Online
16/09/24	Meeting with Murtoa College Year 11 and 12 Literacy Class	Warracknabeal
17/09/24	Meeting with West Wimmera Health Service	Warracknabeal
17/09/24	Election Period Commences 12 noon. Restricted Councillor activities in accordance with Council's Election Period Policy.	
17/09/24	Attended Murtoa Progress Association Annual General Meeting	Murtoa
18/09/24	Attended Yaapeet Community Club Annual General Meeting	Yaapeet
19/09/24	Treaty Information Session Victorian Government	Horsham
20/09/24	Strengthening Regional Tourism Meeting	Online

Tammy Smith (September)		
20/09/24	Fortnightly Hopetoun and Beulah Transition Working Group Meeting – Childcare and Kindergarten	Online
23/09/24	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	Online

13 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Division 8 – Public Question Time (Yarriambiack Shire Council Governance Rules)

Community Members (excluding Councillors) may submit a question to Council.

Questions must be submitted in writing, stating the name and address of the person submitting the question, on an approved or permitted form by Council.

[Public Questions for Council – Yarriambiack Shire Council.](#)

Questions must be submitted 24 hours prior to a Council Meeting.

The questions will be answered at a Council meeting by the Mayor (Chairperson), or if delegated by the Chairperson, the Chief Executive Officer, a Councillor or a nominated Officer.

If questions are submitted less than 24 hours before the Council meeting, they will be answered at the meeting where possible, and if no answer can be given, then a written answer will be given to the person as soon as possible after the Council meeting.

No person can submit more than two questions at any Council meeting (unless permitted by the Chair – Mayor).

The question will not be allowed if:

- i. relates to a matter outside the duties, functions and powers of Council;
- ii. is defamatory, indecent, abusive, offensive, irrelevant, trivial or objectionable in language or substance;
- iii. deals with a subject matter already answered;
- iv. is aimed at embarrassing a Councillor or an Officer;
- v. relates to a personnel matter; or
- vi. contains or refers or relates to Confidential Information.

Questions and answers must be as brief as possible, and no discussion is allowed other than for the purpose of clarification.

The Name of Person and Question will be read out by either the Mayor or Chief Executive Officer, and the nominated Councillor / Officer is to respond.

The party submitting the question need not physically attend the Council Meeting, however if they are not physically present at the part of the meeting allocated for public question time, the Mayor (Chairperson) may determine that a verbal answer will not be provided at the meeting and a written answer will instead be communicated after the meeting.

13.1 QUESTIONS SUBMITTED

Name:	Town:
Question:	
Respondent:	
Response:	

14 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

14.1 MAYORS REPORT

Council has entered Election Period from 12 noon, 17 September 2024 until 6pm, 26 October 2024.

The Mayors Report will not be produced during this period.

15 REPORTS FOR DECISION

15.1 DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE STATEMENT FOR YEAR END 30 JUNE 2024

Prepared by: Anita McFarlane, Manager Corporate Services (Principal Accounting Officer)

ORIGINAL

SUMMARY

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* (Section 98 and 99), that came into effect on 24 October 2020, Council is required to approve a set of financial statements in principle and submit the resolution with the Financial Statements to the Victorian Auditor General Office (VAGO).

The Audit and Risk Committee is scheduled to consider the Annual Financial Accounts and Performance Statement at its meeting scheduled for the 23 September 2024. It is recommended that the Committee move a recommendation that Council approve the Annual Financial Statements and Performance Statement in principle, subject to no material change as a result of the Victorian Audit General's Office (VAGO) review.

Recommended Motion:

That Council:

1. Approves "in principle" subject to no material changes as a result of the Victorian Auditor General Office review, the draft Annual Financial Report (attachment 1) for the year ended 30 June 2024, and the draft Performance Statement (attachment 2); and
2. Nominates Councillor Kylie Zanker and Councillor Graeme Massey to be authorised to sign the Annual Financial Report (Statements) and Performance Statement in their final form after any changes recommended, or agreed to, by the auditor have been made.

REVISED

SUMMARY

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* (Section 98 and 99), that came into effect on 24 October 2020, Council is required to approve a set of financial statements in principle and submit the resolution with the Financial Statements to the Victorian Auditor General Office (VAGO).

On Monday 23 September at 12 noon the Audit and Risk Committee met to consider the Draft Financial Statements and Performance Report for 23/24 Financial Year.

As you are all aware the Agenda paper went out with a motion included in the papers.

During the Audit and Risk Committee meeting, after hearing from our External Auditors it was agreed and endorsed that an alternative motion would be put forward to the Councillors today, to replace the Motion included in the agenda pack.

In summary, the reason for the changes to the motion are as follows:

- As of Monday, the External Auditors were still undertaking their final review.

- The asset revaluation and impairment testing is currently being undertaken. The timing of the impairment is being reviewed to assess if it should be accounted for in the 22/23 financial year or the 23/24 financial year. The accounting treatment is also being considered, to assess if a change is required to the equity and income statements.

Alternative Recommended Motion:

That Council:

3. Approves “in principle” subject to no material changes as a result of the Victorian Auditor General Office review, the draft Annual Financial Report (attachment 1) for the year ended 30 June 2024, and the draft Performance Statement (attachment 2) acknowledging that;
 - i. The asset revaluation and impairment are still currently under review, and depending on the outcome of the external audit, there maybe an adjustment required to the equity statement, income statement and prior year results; and
 - ii. The draft Annual Financial Report and Draft Performance Statement presented as part of this report have had minor changes made (non-material) resulting from the Audit and Risk Committee and External Auditor review.
4. Approves if a change is required to the draft Annual Financial Report and the Draft Performance Statement from the asset revaluation and impairment assessment (still currently under review), that the Councillors endorse for the changes to be reviewed and approved by the Principal Accounting Officer, Chief Executive Officer and the Audit and Risk Committee Chairperson before being submitted to the Victorian Auditor General Office; and
5. That a summary of the changes be circulated to the Councillors and the Audit and Risk Committee for noting.
6. Nominates Councillor Kylie Zanker and Councillor Graeme Massey to be authorised to sign the Annual Financial Report (Statements) and Performance Statement in their final form after any changes recommended, or agreed to, by the auditor have been made.

Resolution:

Moved Cr Kirk

Seconded Cr Heintze

That the recommendation be adopted.

Carried

ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment 1: Draft Financial Statement 23/24](#)

[Attachment 2: Draft Performance Statement 23/24](#)

[Attachment 3: Minutes from the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting 23 September 2024](#)

DISCUSSION

Financial Report

Key financial data for the 2023-2024 financial year includes:

Financial Overview	2023	2024
	\$'000	\$'000
Total income	33,621	26,007

Financial Overview	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000
Total expenses	(29,292)	(29,354)
Surplus/Deficit	4,329	(3,347)
Comprehensive result	29,586	(10,834)
Cash balance	17,185	6,382
Total equity	179,888	168,826

- The 2024 total income of \$26.007 million is less than 2023 due to the decrease in the number of capital and operating grants.
- Total expenses for 2024 of \$29.354 million is \$62,000 less than the prior year.
- The comprehensive result is \$10.834 million deficit for the 2023/24 year. This is mainly due to a full revaluation of land and buildings and infrastructure assets undertaken in the 2022/23 year.
- Council's cash balance as of 30 June 2024 was \$6.382 million comprising \$2.480 million 'cash and cash equivalents' plus \$4.347 million cash from term deposits that are disclosed as 'other financial assets'. The total cash balance of \$6.828 million is \$10.791 million less than the prior year of \$17.619 mainly due to the timing of grants being received in advance prior to 30 June 2023. No significant grants were received in advance prior to 30 June 2024.
- Total equity has decreased from \$179.888 million to \$168,826 million.
- Capital spending was under budget during 2023/24 by \$4.449 million due to delays in being able to engage contractors.

Performance Statement

- The draft Performance Statement 2023/24 is in the ninth year of reporting against the auditable measures of the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework (LGPRF).
- Reporting has been prepared in accordance with relevant Local Government Better Practice Guides - Performance Reporting Framework Indicator Workbook.
- Comments have been provided for all performance measures, and where possible comment on trend over time and any material variations (+/- 10%) for current year versus prior year results. Variations of +/- have occurred in a significant number of performance measures.
- Financial Performance Measures are identified by the following LGPRF broad classifications:
 - Liquidity – Council is able to meet its liabilities when they fall due.
 - Obligations – including the ability to fund asset renewal while maintaining loan borrowing within prudent limits.
 - Stability – a measure of rate concentration and rate effort. The stability measure assesses the total of rate revenue relative to total revenue and relative to property values.
 - Underlying surplus – Council's ability to generate a surplus from day to day activities.

RELEVANT LAW

Local Government Act 2020, Division 3 Reporting.

COUNCIL PLANS AND POLICIES

Yarriambiack Shire Council Plan 2021-2025

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

Nil.

OPTIONS

Council must comply with its obligations under Section 98 and 99 of the *Local Government Act 2020* by passing a resolution giving its approval in principle to the performance statement and financial statements.

Council has the option of either:

- a) Nominating two Councillors to certify the Financial Statements and the Performance Statements; or
- b) Can appoint any other persons prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of Section 99 sub-section 3(b) of the Act;

to sign the certified statements.

Once all certifications are received, the Annual Report must be adopted by the 31 October 2024 and made available in accordance with our Public Transparency Policy.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

One of the Overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted.

The subject matter of the report does not raise any sustainability implications.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The development of the draft Annual Financial Report and Performance Statement has been undertaken in consultation with Council’s external auditors on behalf of the Victorian Auditor General, and the Audit and Risk Committee.

GENDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT

A Gender Impact Assessment is not required for this report.

RISK

Utilising the Risk Management Framework the following assessment has been made:

<i>Strategic Risk Description and Residual Risk Level</i>	<i>Action to Mitigate/Reduce Risk</i>	<i>Does Action maintain or reduce Residual Risk Level</i>
Financial Risk - Residual Risk Level Medium	The Financial and Performance Statements do not identify any risks that would increase Council’s financial strategic risk levels.	Maintains Residual Risk Level
Corporate Governance, Compliance and Liability Risk - Residual Risk Level Low	The preparation of the Annual Report and adhering to the legislation requirements ensure good corporate governance is being achieved.	Maintains Residual Risk Level

REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PLANS AND POLICIES

Not applicable.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

All officers involved in the preparation of this report have declared that they do not have a conflict of interest in the subject matter of this report.

16 COUNCIL REPORTS FOR NOTING

No reports for noting.

17 PERMITS ISSUED

List of permits issued in August 2024 is listed below for noting.

Recommended Motion:

That Council:

Note the permits issued by Council between 01 August 2024 and 31 August 2024.

Resolution:

Moved Cr Hamilton

Seconded Cr Kirk

That the recommendation be adopted.

Carried

Reference No	Description	Address	Date of Issue
Building Permits			
BLD20240405	Construction of a dwelling	Hopetoun	06/08/2024
BLD20240411	Demolition of administration building	Minyip	06/08/2024
BLD20240404	Demolition of an office building	Warracknabeal	07/08/2024
BLD20240391	Construction of shed	Minyip	30/08/2024
BLD20240410	Construction of a hay shed	Beulah	30/08/2024
Planning Permits			
PA20240025	Re-erection of a single storey dwelling	Rupanyup	14/08/2024
PA20240027	Use and development of the land for a restricted retail premises, business signage and dispensation from car parking	Murtoa	30/08/2024
PA20240032	Construction of a storage shed within an LSIO	Warracknabeal	30/08/2024
PA20240031	Alterations and extension of a dwelling within an LSIO	Warracknabeal	30/08/2024
Local Law Permits			
12/24	Local Laws Permit – Conduct festival, carnival or similar event.	Warracknabeal	22/08/2024
13/24	Local Laws Permit – Camping in a Public Place	Murtoa	29/08/2024
16/24	Street Trade Permit – We Love Warracknabeal promotion	Warracknabeal	15/08/2024

18 URGENT BUSINESS

Business cannot be admitted as urgent business, other than by resolution of Council. Council must only admit business as urgent if the business:

- a) Cannot safely or conveniently be deferred until the next Council meeting; or
- b) Involves a matter of urgency, as determined by the CEO.

Councillors may ensure that an issue is listed on an Agenda by submitting a Notice of Motion in accordance with Governance rules, item 2.13.

If the CEO rejects the Notice of Motion, they must provide a response to the Councillor as outlined in 2.13 (e) of the Governance Rules.

19 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 23 October 2024

20 CLOSED

Council will close the Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Recommended Motion:

That the Ordinary Meeting of Council is now closed at 9.47am.

Resolution:

Moved Cr Hamilton Seconded Cr Kirk

That the recommendation be adopted.

Carried