



*The Barossa Council*

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BAROSSA COUNCIL**

held on Tuesday 16 June 2020 commencing at 9.00am in the Council Chambers, 43-51 Tanunda Road, Nuriootpa

**1.1 WELCOME**

Mayor Bim Lange declared the meeting open at 9.00am.

**1.2 MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Bim Lange, Crs Leonie Boothby, John Angas, Tony Hurn, David Haebich, Dave de Vries, Russell Johnstone, Don Barrett, Carla Wiese-Smith, Kathryn Schilling, and Richard Miller.

**1.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**1.4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**MOVED** Cr de Vries that Council:  
Receive and accept Cr Troup's apology.

**Seconded** Cr Wiese-Smith

**CARRIED 2018-22/148**

**1.5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS – FOR CONFIRMATION**

**MOVED** Cr Johnstone that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 19 May 2020 at 9.00am, Special Council Meeting 19 May 2020 at 11.08am, Special Council Meeting Wednesday 3 June 2020 at 6.30pm and Special Council Meeting Thursday 11 June 2020 at 6.30pm as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of those meetings.

**Seconded** Cr Angas

**CARRIED 2018-22/149**

**1.6 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

**1.7 PETITIONS**

Nil

**1.8 DEPUTATIONS**

Nil

**1.9 NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

### **1.10 QUESTIONS – WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE**

Nil

## **2. MAYOR**

### **2.1 MAYOR'S REPORT**

**MOVED** Cr de Vries that the Mayor's report be received.

**Seconded** Cr Barrett

**CARRIED 2018-22/150**

### **3. COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Nil

## **4. CONSENSUS AGENDA**

### **5. ADOPTION OF CONSENSUS AGENDA**

#### **5.1 ITEMS FOR EXCLUSION FROM THE CONSENSUS AGENDA**

Cr Barrett requested items:

4.3.1.1 Santos Tour Down Under 2020 – Host Council Report be withdrawn

And

4.5.5.2 Hard Waste Service Update be withdrawn

The Mayor sought to manage the matters as a question but determined after the substance of the matters to deal with them individually.

#### **5.2 RECEIPT OF CONSENSUS AGENDA**

**MOVED** Cr de Vries that the information items contained in the Consensus Agenda except items 4.3.1.1 and 4.5.5.2 be received and that any recommendations contained therein be adopted.

**Seconded** Cr Miller

**CARRIED 2018-22/151**

#### **5.3 DEBATE OF ITEMS EXCLUDED FROM THE CONSENSUS AGENDA**

Nil

##### **4.3.1.1 SANTOS TOUR DOWN UNDER 2020 – HOST COUNCIL REPORT**

Cr Barrett and Cr Wiese-Smith raised questions to obtain better information from Event SA in relation to local benefits and statistics for The Barossa Council area.

The Chief Executive Officer outlined historically that localised level of data is not available but that officers would follow up Event SA to obtain further information.

**Moved** Cr Wiese-Smith that report 4.3.1.1 be received and noted.

**Seconded** Cr Miller

**CARRIED 2018-22/152**

**4.5.5.2 HARD WASTE SERVICE UPDATE**

Cr Barrett sought an update on what work being undertaken means for residents from Mt Pleasant who will have to take their waste to Moppa Road?

The Director, Development and Environmental Services explained every effort was being made to have hard waste pop up services and find locations where they could be held. Moppa Road is a final location identified. There has been delay in proceeding due to Covid-19 health restrictions. At this stage, only the one site has been identified. Pursuant for program is scheduled to recommence next financial year. The Springton transfer station remains open.

The Mayor sought advice on the availability of the transfer station.

The Chief Executive Officer outlined the Springton transfer station opened this week (correcting that to last weekend) and is now operating as per normal levels of service.

**Moved** Cr Barrett that report items 4.5.2.2 be received and noted.

**Seconded** Cr Johnstone

**CARRIED 2018-22/153**

**6. VISITORS TO THE MEETING / ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING****6.1 VISITORS TO THE MEETING**

Nil

**6.2 ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL MEETING**

Nil

**7. DEBATE AGENDA****7.1 MAYOR – DEBATE**

Nil

**7.2 EXECUTIVE SERVICES - DEBATE****7.2.1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - DEBATE****7.2.1.1.****RATE PAYMENT DEFERRAL CONTINUANCE**

**B10833**

**PURPOSE**

To endorse extension to arrangements put in place to assist those who are in hardship due to COVID-19, and allow ratepayers to extend or apply for further deferral of rates fines or interest.

**MOVED** Cr Johnstone that Council endorse the revised Rates Hardship Policy at Attachment 1 and offer deferral of outstanding 2020/21 (and other accrued years balances outstanding) rates and charges for a period concluding on 31 January 2021 to those impacted by COVID-19 and becoming unemployed or enduring business failure or hardship, without any fines and charges.

**Seconded** Cr de Vries

**CARRIED 2018-22/154**

**REPORT**

In March 2020 Council provided a deferral of rates option for those impacted by COVID-19. The timeframe was originally for a period of 6 months and concluding on 26 September. With the economic impact clearer it is recommended Council extend this assistance and also set a time which does not coincide with further quarterly instalments.

As at Tuesday, 2 June (date rates due for the fourth quarter) 154 rateable assessments have applied and been placed on deferral arrangements for a total deferral amount of \$166,077.61. This is well below the original estimates from the report to the Special Council meeting of 26 March 2020. The assistance has been taken up across the district as follows:

Residential	46
Rural Residential	11
B & B's and Rentals	18
Commercial & Industry Light & Home Industry	49
Wineries	2
Primary Production	18
Vacant Land	1
Zero & Credit Balances	9

**ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES**

Attachment - Rates Hardship Policy

**COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**Community Plan

Natural Environment and Built Heritage



Community and Culture



Infrastructure



Health and Wellbeing



Business and Employment



How We Work – Good Governance

All

Legislative Requirements

State Australian Public Health Act

Work Health Safety Act

Local Government Act

**FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS**Risk

In addition to the current environment is the need to support those in the community who have been financially impacted and cannot pay at this time. The ability of Council to fund this long term has not been fully assessed due to time constraints but the model is simple enough and when people are able to return to work, Council will recover its cash position and pay the loan off, or offset that loan against loans we had in the long term plan for The Big Project and if successful with stimulus funding we can rebalance the cash position overtime. The situation will need to be closely managed.

Council's financial sustainability will be assessed through the budget and budget review processes throughout 2020/21.

### COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

There is no requirement to undertake consultation as response to the growing threat of COVID-19 warrants rapid response.

#### 7.2.1.2

### DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME - EXTENSION

**B10872**

#### PURPOSE

To lift from the table 7.2.1.1 – Drought Communities Programme – Extension from the meeting of matter 19 May 2020 resolution number 2018-22/120.

**MOVED** Cr Wiese-Smith that Council lift, matter 7.2.1.1 – Drought Communities Programme - Extension from the meeting of 19 May 2020 resolution number 2018-22/120, from the table having held a workshop on the matter on Wednesday, 27 May 2020

**Seconded** Cr Haebich

**CARRIED 2018-22/155**

The Chief Executive Officer outlined that the Tanunda Business Group have sought funding of 50% or 100% of the drought grant allocation of \$1,000,000 for an independently managed project for the Main Street of Tanunda. The Chief Executive Officer outlined in response that Council has a design plan and framework for the main street of Tanunda but at this time Council has committed to completing Mount Pleasant and Angaston firstly and also committed that the matter would be raised for Council attention.

The Chief Executive Officer outlined that the Barossa Bushgardens priority in the report alternative resolution was for the drainage pad not the car park.

**MOVED** Cr Boothby that Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make enquiries on the following submissions and if considered acceptable by the Department development the submissions and bring back a final report to Council:

1. Tourism and town signage for townships across the region – up to \$200,000 based on a design to be determined through a subsequent design process but based around the principle of the generic Barossa Branding with final approval by Council following consultation with Barossa Grape and Wine Association and community stakeholders.
2. Drought and emergency water supply, if approved by SA Water, for the Barossa through the installation of appropriately placed infrastructure at:
  - Eden Valley – Murray Recreation Park;
  - Mt Pleasant standpipe;
  - Moculta standpipe;
 for up to \$300,000.
3. Implementation of Barossa Bushgardens drainage pad project for up to \$50,000.
4. Utilisation of the remaining budget for a footpath program addressing the next renewal priorities (not new footpaths) for up to \$450,000.

**Seconded** Cr de Vries

**CARRIED 2018-22/156**

**REPORT**

With Council having satisfied the trigger for this matter, being to hold a workshop to discuss options, it can be lifted from the table and resume debate.

Council did not debate the matter at the 19 May 2020 meeting but rather had a conversation in a suspended meeting session.

The attachments provided are the prior May 2020 report and an additional project list previously presented at a workshop.

It is now for Council determine the project/s it wishes to pursue.

Matters discussed at the workshop include:

1. Delivering the key water projects being Moculta, Mt Pleasant and Eden Valley;
2. Implementing bush gardens project;
3. Alternative views on the signage project supporting community and tourism development – noting the project is not fully development but can be within the times as with the others;
4. Any balance being used for The Big Project or footpath programs – noting anything utilised for The Big Project would lever up the about as Council has 60% matching funds in its long term budgets for instance \$500,000 would translate into a project or projects totalling \$1.25M (2.5 times the original grant). Footpath programs are also sound investments and can be broken down into smaller units to attract local suppliers and greater local economic benefit.

An alternative resolution from that of the May 2020 resolution is presented below:

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**ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES**

Attachment 1 Council report of 19 May 2020

Attachment 2 Drought Communities Programme – Extension FAQ's

Attachment 3 Generic Signage

Attachment 4 Workshop Presentation

**COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

Community Plan

Unknown as it will depend on the project/s chosen.

**FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

Drought Communities Programme is for \$1M and does not have to have any matched funding.

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Not required

**7.2.1.3****INDENTURE DEED – KEIL ESTATE**  
**B7081****PURPOSE**

Council is asked to finalise the updated Deed (known as the Keil Estate Deed) being the last process to re-establish a Deed over new land to be transferred to Council (in the near future) as part of the Chateau Tanunda land transfer.

Mayor noted that a letter was circulated late yesterday afternoon from community members.

**MOVED** Cr de Vries that Council authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to execute the Deed as presented at the Attachment under seal.

**Seconded** Cr Johnstone

**CARRIED 2018-22/157**

**REPORT**

Council received a report in August 2019 and January 2020 outlining the final draft Deed. Council approved the final engagement with the executor.

There was a further section 270 review that Council has concluded that outlined the wrong title had been inserted. This has been corrected. New titles have now been issued and the actual title and deposited plan number for the parcel of land Council is receiving has been finalised and the deed updated accordingly.

Settlement is now currently being scheduled with Chateau Tanunda.

**ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES**

Attachment - Final Deed

**COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

Community Plan



Natural Environment and Built Heritage



Community and Culture



Health and Wellbeing



Business and Employment

- 1.4 Develop and maintain streetscapes that reflect the character and heritage of the region.
- 1.6 Support tourism development that is sensitive to the natural environment and sustainable.
- 2.1 Initiate and support activities which encourage participation and pride in the Barossa Council area.

- 2.2 Support the development of activities that celebrate the history and culture of the Barossa and its people.
- 2.6 Support a vibrant and growing arts, cultural, heritage and events sector.
- 4.2 Create opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to participate in the community.
- 4.6 Ensure that community members can participate in cultural, recreational, sporting and learning opportunities.
- 5.1 Work closely with State Government, Federal Government and stakeholders to support economic growth, development and job creation.
- 5.4 Attract investment for new and innovative industries, such as creative industries and cultural tourism.
- 5.13 Support economic development through events.

#### **FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no financial, resource and risk management consideration with proceeding that haven't already been outlined to Council in prior reports on this matter.

#### **COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Engagement and regular updates (when relevant information was available) have been held with the executor/s throughout the process of the land swap.

#### **7.2.1.4**

#### **COVID – 19 - SERVICE LEVEL UPDATE**

**B10833**

#### **PURPOSE**

To review and report current service level changes enacted by the Chief Executive Officer in conjunction with consultation with the Mayor in accordance with Council's instructions contained in resolution number 2014-18/87 of the Special Meeting of 26 March 2020.

**MOVED** Cr de Vries that Council receive and endorse:

- (a) the service level changes undertaken in accordance with Council's Budget and Business Plan and Review Policy clause 4.3.9 ; and
- (b) that the Chief Executive Officer continues to review, monitor and assess the risks and implement further service delivery solutions or changes as the Public Health Emergency proceeds and the State and Federal Government implement new changes to manage COVID-19 in conjunction with the Mayor and report changes back to Council in due course.

**Seconded** Cr Angas

**CARRIED 2018-22/158**

#### **REPORT**

The ongoing changes and response to COVID-19 has changed over the past weeks with change focussed on reopening our activities such as libraries and the visitor centre.

The Business Continuity Management Team is working on processes to return staff to the office on a split shift arrangement so as to management the risk should an infection occur.

The current detailed service level changes and position along with notes are provided at the Attachment. These are being updated online and Facebook with links to our website as changes occur. Noting the recent communication to members and the community regarding the lap pool delay.

#### **ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES**

Summary of Key Changes as at 28 May 2020.



## COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

### Community Plan



Natural Environment and Built Heritage



Community and Culture



Infrastructure



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State Australian Public Health Act

Work Health Safety Act

Local Government Act

## FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Managing the risk of a pandemic has been outlined in our risk assessment which has informed the Business Continuity Plan and the current responses outlined in the Summary of Key Changes document.

There are no further resource or financial issues resulting from this report.

## COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

There is no requirement to undertake consultation and response to the threat of COVID-19 warrants rapid response.

### 7.2.1.5

#### **TERMS OF REFERENCE – COVID-19 RECOVERY PLAN INTERNAL WORKING GROUP B10833-6**

### PURPOSE

To endorse the terms of reference for the COVID-19 Recovery Plan Internal Working Group.

**MOVED** Cr Hurn that Council, having considered the Terms of Reference for the COVID-19 Recovery Plan Internal Working Group, as provided at the Attachment, are approved.

**Seconded** Cr Johnstone

**CARRIED 2018-22/159**

### REPORT

At the special meeting of Council on 19 May 2020 Council endorsed the COVID-19 Recovery Plan version 1.2, in so doing it established a working group to assist in implementation.

A terms of reference has been developed and is attached for consideration and approval

## ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment Terms of Reference COVID-19 Recovery Plan Internal Working Group

**COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**Community Plan

How We Work – Good Governance

**FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

The role of the working group is to assist the Chief Executive Officer with the implementation of the plan and discuss emerging issues for future policy Council consideration.

The working group has no powers or duties or delegation and therefore present a low risk activity.

There are no additional impacts to finance this group.

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Community consultation is not required to establish the group.

**7.2.2 DEBATE AGENDA – FINANCE****7.2.2.1****MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT (AS AT 31 MAY 2020)****B411**

Cr Wiese-Smith sought an update on Williamstown dog park expenditure.

The Chief Executive Officer will circulate an updated spreadsheet to all members.

Author: Senior Accountant

**PURPOSE**

The Uniform Presentation of Finances report provides information as to the financial position of Council, including notes on material financial trends and transactions.

**MOVED** Cr Boothby that the Monthly Finance Report as at 31 May 2020 be received and noted.

**Seconded** Cr de Vries

**CARRIED 2018-22/160**

**REPORT**Discussion

The Monthly Finance Report (as at 31 May 2020) is attached. The report has been prepared comparing actuals to the Original adopted budget 2019/20 and incorporating the Revised Budgets for September, December and March.

**ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES**

Attachment 1: Monthly Finance Report 31 May 2020

Policy

Budget & Business Plan and Review Policy

**COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**Corporate Plan

How We Work – Good Governance

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#### Legislative Requirements

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 - Reg 9(1)(b)  
LGA Information paper no. 25 – Monitoring Council Budget Performance

### **FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

#### Financial

To enable Council to make effective and strategic financial decisions, a regular up to date high level financial report is provided.

### **COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Community Consultation was part of the original budget adoption process in June 2019, as per legislation. This report is advising Council of the monthly finance position compared to that budget.

#### **7.2.2.2**

#### **FEES AND CHARGES REGISTER – 2020/2021**

#### **B9880**

Author: Senior Accountant

The Chief Executive Officer alerted Council on the updated attachment to agenda item 7.2.2.2.

### **PURPOSE**

Council must review the Fees and Charges structure to be applied for the 2020/2021 financial year.

**MOVED** Cr Johnstone that the proposed Fees and Charges are adopted for the 2020/2021 budget year.

**Seconded** Cr Boothby

**CARRIED 2018-22/161**

### **REPORT**

#### Discussion

A list of the proposed Fees and Charges for 2020/2021 is provided as Attachment 1. The list is encompassing of all sundry fees charged by Council in its general service provisions and includes dog registration fees which were previously adopted by Council at the 18 February 2020 meeting. Any relevant fees and charges set by the State Government have been excluded as not all increases for 2020/2021 have been announced yet. The Fees and Charges Register will be updated when this information becomes available, but these fees do not require Council approval. Any fees and charges that do not have a comparable 2019/2020 amount are new for 2020/2021. The Tanunda Show Hall hire fee has also been excluded. A separate report will be put to Council in the new financial year by the Director of Corporate and Community Services.

#### **The Rex Barossa Aquatic and Fitness Centre, Williamstown and Nuriootpa Pool - Draft Fees and Charges 2020/2021**

A table of the proposed fees and charges for 2020/21 is provided at Attachment 2. A competitor pricing analysis (Attachment 3) was completed to determine fee amendments. The increases proposed still place the Rex in an extremely competitive position when comparing the facilities, service, programs and offers.

Changes to note are:

- Aquatic Fees
  - o Casual entry fee to increase by 20c to \$7.00
  - o Memberships to remain the same as 2019/20
  - o Swim School fees to increase 50c per week for 1st and 2nd child. However, additional service available with free swim anytime for Swim School members and industry leading swimming app for parent communication
- Health Club Fees
  - o Casual visits to remain the same
  - o Full Health Club memberships to remain the same for direct debit customers; up front customers to pay a 3% increase (to encourage direct debit ongoing memberships)
  - o Personal Training – non-member rates included to allow for attendance in short term promotional programs
- Stadium Hire and entry
  - o No increases

Nuriootpa Pool and Williamstown Pool entry fees have increased moderately by 20c for a casual visit and 10c for concession rate.

Rex aquatic members will also be able to use the outdoor pools at both Williamstown and Nuriootpa included within their membership fee. Members of outdoor pools will still be required to pay Rex fees for entry, unless there is an outage experienced at an outdoor pool and officers determine to allow access. This authorisation is provided under existing delegation through the Chief Executive Officer.

Previous increases included a 50c increase to Swim School fees in 2019/20. The increase proposed for 2020/21 still places the Rex competitively within the marketplace, while considerate to competitive neutrality requirements.

### Summary

To maintain existing cost recovery rates for various services, and to continue to minimise the general rate burden on our community, it is imperative that Council increase the fees and charges at least in line with the cost increases being experienced by Council in the delivery of such activities to our community. Accordingly, all fees have been reviewed by the relevant Budget Manager and have been increased where required.

### ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1: Register of Fees and Charges as at 1 July 2020

Attachment 2: The Rex Barossa Aquatic and Fitness Centre, Williamstown and Nuriootpa Pool - Draft Fees and Charges 2020/2021

Attachment 3: The Rex Barossa Aquatic and Fitness Centre, Williamstown and Nuriootpa Pool - Fees and Charges Benchmarking 2020/2021

### Policy

Budget & Business Plan and Review Policy

### COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

#### Corporate Plan



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Legislative Requirements

Local Government Act 1999 – Section 188 (1)

**FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS**Financial

To ensure that Council is able to recover its costs in relation to user paid services provided to the community.

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Fees and charges set by the State Government are a legislative requirement and Council is required to charge the amounts applied by the relevant Act. Other fees and charges are set by Council as part of the budget process and public consultation on the 2020/2021 budget closes on 7 July 2020. The newly adopted fees and charges will be available for the Community to access on Council's website from 1 July 2020.

Pursuant to S73 of the Local Government Act 1999 Cr Angas disclosed a material conflict of interest in the matter 7.2.2.3 – *Discretionary Rate Rebates – 2020/2021* – as he is a member of the Board of Management of Barossa Village who if the motion is passed will receive a rate rebate.

Cr Angas advised Council of the conflict of interest and left the meeting at 9.50am while the matter was being considered and voted upon.

Pursuant to S73 of the Local Government Act 1999 Cr Schilling disclosed a material conflict of interest in the matter 7.2.2.3 – *Discretionary Rate Rebates – 2020/2021* – as she is a member of the Board of Management of Nuriootpa Futures Association who if the motion is passed will receive a rate rebate.

Cr Schilling advised Council of the conflict of interest and left the meeting at 9.51am while the matter was being considered and voted upon.

**7.2.2.3****DISCRETIONARY RATE REBATES – 2020/2021****B8200**

Author: Senior Rates Officer

**PURPOSE**

To consider the application of discretionary rate rebates for the 2020/2021 rating year.

**MOVED** Cr de Vries that Council authorise the proposed discretionary rate rebates as outlined at Attachment 1.

**Seconded** Cr Wiese-Smith

**CARRIED 2018-22/162**

**REPORT**Discussion

The report in Attachment 1 outlines proposed discretionary rate rebates to be applied for the 2020/2021 rating year. A summary of estimated mandatory rate rebates for the same period is at Attachment 2.

Under legislation mandatory rebates must be rebated no resolution of Council is required.

The discretionary rate rebates have increased from last year, due to following factors:

1. Anticipated additions to the existing independent living units within the four local retirement villages. The discretionary rate rebates will again be reviewed in the 2020/21 financial year to ensure suitability and equality and alignment with policy.
2. Allowance for \$150,000 to cover remission of general rates (not including the fixed charge) for ratepayers and business affected by COVID 19 in 2020/2021 noting there will be policy changes required to support this initiative. Applications will be considered on a case by case basis and meeting specified policy criteria.

The mandatory rate rebate amount is expected to increase from last year, particularly in the area of community services, as Housing SA continues to transfer ownership of their properties to Housing Associations who are entitled to the rebate of 75% of total rates. We currently have 50 properties that are eligible for the rate and it is expected approximately 3-5 more will be added in 2020/2021

Pursuant to the Local Government Act sections noted below Council needs to review the application of discretionary rate rebates applied on an annual basis.

#### **ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES**

- Attachment 1 Proposed Discretionary Rate Rebates for 2020/2021
- Attachment 2 Estimated Mandatory Rate Rebates for 2020/2021

#### **COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

##### Corporate Plan



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##### Legislative Requirements

Local Government Act 1999 – Sections 159-166

##### Council Policy

Budget and Business Plan and Review Policy  
Rate Rebate Policy

#### **FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

##### Financial

The budget for 2020/21 consultation document includes estimated mandatory (\$498K) and discretionary (\$285K) rate rebates. These estimates are based on last year's actual result and the 1.5% indexation and relevant growth.

The discretionary rebate amount has been recalculated applying an indexation on last year's rate charge. As the majority of the discretionary rate rebates assessments are assigned to the rate type "other" we have used rating information from this rate type from the draft budget for the consultation document to provide more accurate indexation calculations. The rate type "other" valuation increase including growth multiplied by the proposed rate in the dollar results in a net increase in general rate charges of 2.24%.

Any rebates approved by Council will apply to both general rates and community wastewater management system service rates as required by section 159(9) of the Local Government Act.

## COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The annual budget and business plan includes consultation in accordance with the Local Government Act and Council's Public Consultation Policy.

Cr Angas returned to the meeting at 9.52am.

Cr Schilling returned to the meeting at 9.52am.

### 7.3.2 DEBATE AGENDA – MANAGER COMMUNITY PROJECTS

#### 7.3.2.1

#### **COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION – BAROSSA FARMERS MARKET INC**

**B3342**

#### PURPOSE

To consider an out of session Community Grant Application from Barossa Farmers Market Inc.

**MOVED** Cr Wiese-Smith that Council:

- (1) approve a Community Grant of \$3,000 (ex GST) to Barossa Farmers Market Inc towards the 'Barossa Farmers Market Membership Scheme' project, specifically for advertising;
- (2) require Barossa Farmers Market Inc to appropriately acknowledge The Barossa Council as a funding source for the project through social media, signage, website and promotional material.

**Seconded** Cr Haebich

**CARRIED 2018-22/163**

#### REPORT

##### Introduction

A Community Grant application was received from Barossa Farmers Market Inc (BFM) on 15 May 2020. The next Round of applications is due for consideration by the Community Assistance Scheme Committee (CASC) on 5 August 2020.

The BFM has indicated to officers that it would like this request for funding assistance to be considered earlier, due to the impact of the COVID-19 Virus on its organisation. The CASC Chair and Chief Executive Officer have agreed that the application be considered as soon as practicable and, as it is outside of the advertised CASC meeting schedule, be presented to Council for decision.

##### Discussion

The BFM is a community produce market, permanently located undercover in the Vintners Sheds at Angaston. It is a not-for-profit community organisation that is run by a board of volunteers and any profit that is generated is reinvested into Market initiatives. The Market offers a direct connection between producer and consumer and offers an opportunity for locals and tourists to experience the quality and provenance of Barossa food.

The BFM are seeking \$3,000 (ex GST) towards the "Barossa Farmers Market Membership Scheme" project. Information regarding the Scheme is contained in the Application, Attachment 1. BFM states that membership schemes are reciprocal through South Australian farmers markets, so by inclusion in the network, it stands to build a stronger base of regular customers, reduce its reliance on the tourist market, and build stronger connections through our regional community.

The BFM has already undertaken all preliminary work to establish the scheme and it was scheduled for roll-out in April 2020. The scheme was to be self-funded by the Market and implemented by the

incumbent General Manager who was to start on 1 April 2020. However, both of these planned implementations have had to be suspended and the Market has taken a significant hit in revenue due to COVID-19 circumstances.

BFM propose to allocate the grant funds towards partially supporting the cost of the scheme roll-out, particularly the advertising component of the project, outlined in the budget below. The Market will cover all remaining costs incurred in the project launch.

The estimated income and expenses for the project are:

#### 7. BUDGET AND FUNDING

<b>PROJECT INCOME</b>	(Group's Contribution to Project)
Group Funds	\$ 6500
Fundraising Activities	\$ 0
Donations	\$ 0
In Kind (provide details)	\$ 0
Other (provide details)	\$ 0
<b>Total Group's Contribution</b>	<b>\$ 6500</b>
Council Assistance Requested	\$ 3000
<b>TOTAL PROJECT INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 9500</b>

#### **PROJECT EXPENDITURE** (Please provide an itemised list of expenses for the project)

<b>Provision for contract project manager, 10 hours per week @ \$40 per hour</b>	<b>\$ 5000</b>
<b>Advertising</b>	<b>\$ 3000</b>
<b>Signage, POS and membership packs</b>	<b>\$ 1000</b>
<b>Website development for membership payments</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>
<b>TOTAL PROJECT EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$ 9500</b>

As required by the Community Grant Guidelines, the BFM has provided details of what its cash holdings are earmarked for (page 4 of Application) and also other funding it has applied for:

- \$1,500 rapid response grant through Foundation Barossa – decision still pending
- Registered for South Australian Emergency support package – eligible for \$5,000, adjusted for \$5,000 already received from the South Australian Tourism Commission (not project specific, but designed to support organisations during the current financial upheaval)
- Qualified for Job Keeper payments for one casual employee and one permanent part-time employee.

Various officers have provided comment regarding the Grant application and project ([Attachment 2](#)).

#### Summary and Conclusion

BFM states that it is permanently self-funded, and prior to the current financial crisis, was ready to launch the project without the need for financial support.

The membership approach is a tried and tested one with other local and intrastate markets. BFM current reserve position suggests there is capacity for this project to proceed without immediate



Council contribution, notwithstanding that this has been a tough period for the Market and that it has a high tourist customer base.

Officers are supportive of the project and recognise the value of the Barossa Farmers Market to the Barossa community. However, there is concern with the equity of this Application being escalated for consideration outside of the CASC timeframes, when there may be other projects equally worthy that are waiting in line with Council's stated timeframes on the website. There may be opportunity to consider alternative funding support through the Barossa COVID-19 Recovery Plan which has allocated funds to business recovery.

As the funding request represents 30% of the project cost, Officers recommend that, should Council approve the funding, it be contingent on recognition of Council's support and requires acknowledgement of Council's contribution on the promotion of the project and any project deliverables.

There is \$3,162 (ex GST) remaining in the 2019/20 Community Assistance Scheme Budget (Community and Youth Grants). The final Round of applications for 2019/20 was considered at the 19 May 2020 Council Meeting.

#### ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

- Attachment 1: Community Grant Application and supporting documentation Ref: HPE P20/39325  
Attachment 2: Staff Feedback Sheet – Ref: HPE 20/29789

#### COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

##### Community Plan



Community and Culture



Business and Employment

##### Corporate Plan

2.4 Foster volunteering opportunities that are responsive to the needs of the Community.

4.6 Support the growth and sustainability of sporting, recreational and community clubs and organisations through provision of shared infrastructure, grants and opportunities to shape future use and development.

5.3 Support Barossa regional branding in our tourism activities and product.

6.4 Ensure that decisions regarding expenditure of Council's budget are based on an assessment of whole of life costs, risks associated with the activity and advice contained within supporting plans.

#### FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

##### Financial Management Considerations

The adopted Budget for the Community Grants and Youth Grants for 2019/20 was \$25,500 (excl GST). There is currently \$3,162 (ex GST) remaining in the Budget.

		\$ (excl GST)
	BUDGET 2019-2020	\$25,500
	GRANTS APPROVED TO DATE	<u>\$ 22,338</u>
	FUNDS REMAINING	<u>\$3,162</u>
New Community Grant Application – received 15/05/20	Barossa Farmers Market - \$3,000	\$3,000
Funds remaining if Application approved		\$ 162

##### Risk Management Considerations

The Community Grant Guidelines, Grant requirements and the review of applications by various Council Officers provide a satisfactory level of risk management.

## COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Not required under legislation or Council's Public Consultation Policy.

### 7.4.1 DEBATE AGENDA – DIRECTOR WORKS AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

#### 7.4.1.1

#### **2020 AGI SPORT ADELAIDE HILLS RALLY - PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE**

**B9187 – 20/26298**

Author: Manager Engineering Services

#### **PURPOSE**

Ultimate Motorsport Events Pty Ltd has applied to The Barossa Council for support as they plan the 2020 AGI SPORT Adelaide Hills Rally on Sunday 18 October 2020.

#### **MOVED** Cr Hurn

That the Commissioner of Police be advised that The Barossa Council endorses the closure of the following road:

Starkey Road, Mount Crawford between Cricks Mill Road and Glen Devon Road between 7.00am and 1.00pm,

on Sunday 18 October 2020 to stage the 2020 AGI Sport Adelaide Hills Rally.

**Seconded** Cr de Vries

**CARRIED 2018-22/164**

#### **REPORT**

##### **Background**

The 2020 AGI SPORT Adelaide Hills Rally will be based at the National Motor Museum in Birdwood from 16 – 18 October 2020. The Rally will host Round 2 of the Australian Rally Championship and will be the final round of the South Australian Rally Championship. Competition on 18 October will see competitors taking part in stages throughout Mid Murray and Mount Crawford Forest regions.

##### **Summary and Conclusion**

The Rally will require a road closure on Starkey Road (refer attached map) and diversion of traffic on race day. Organisers have engaged a certified traffic management company to implement and monitor the closure.

Council has supported this event by approving road closures in previous years.

#### **COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

Community Plan



Community and Culture



Health and Wellbeing  
How We Work – Good Governance

- 2.1 Initiate and support activities which encourage participation and pride in the Barossa Council area.
- 2.6 Support a vibrant and growing arts, cultural, heritage and events sector.
- 4.2 Create opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to participate in the community.
- 5.13 Support economic development through events.

Legislative Requirements

Local Government Act 1999  
Road Traffic Act 1961

**FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

Financial and Resources -

The cost and implementation of the road closure and associated advertising is to be met by the organisers.

Risk management -

Council officers deem the closure necessary as a risk mitigation strategy to maintain the safety of participants and the general public.

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Affected property owners have been advised by the organisers via mail out and prior to the event the community will be advised of the proposal by public advertisements to be placed in print media by SAPOL and also via placement of the SAPOL Section 33 Notice on Council's website.

**7.5.1 DEBATE AGENDA – DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**7.5.1.1**

**POTENTIAL FUTURE STRATEGIC PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE B1577**

Author: Principal Planner

**PURPOSE**

To consider maintaining a committee to advise and assist Council in respect to Strategic Planning and Development Policy matters.

**MOVED** Cr Angas

- (1) That Council receive the report.
- (2) That Council continue with a Committee to advise and assist it with Strategic Planning and Development Policy matters and that a separate report be presented to Council with draft Terms of Reference and Operating Procedures.

**Seconded** Cr Johnstone**CARRIED 2018-22/165****REPORT**Background

The *Development Act 1993* currently requires a Council to appoint a Strategic Planning and Development Policy Committee (SPDPC). The *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* (PDI Act) does not carry this requirement forward; however this does not preclude Council appointing a Committee of this nature in the future.

Strategic planning and development policy instruments, now and in future

Under the *Development Act 1993* there are two key Strategic and Development Policy instruments: the Planning Strategy and component 'chapters' (e.g. the 30-Year Plan for Greater Adelaide – 2017 Update) and Development Plans.

Councils are required to prepare a Strategic Directions Report at least every five years to identify any issues, development trends or other aspects that require review. These reports in turn result in a work program which typically proposes a range of Development Plan Amendments (DPA) to implement changes to the Development Plan. From time to time additional DPAs not identified in the SDR are initiated to address new issues or in response to land owner requests – e.g. the Nuriootpa (Sturt Highway Service Centre) DPA. Generally speaking, DPAs are initiated by either councils or the Minister for Planning.

The PDI Act introduces additional and revised Strategic, Policy and Design documents which are called 'designated instruments': State Planning Policy; Regional Plan; Planning and Design Code and Design Standard.

The State Planning Commission is responsible for preparing a State Planning Policy, the Planning and Design Code (the Code) and a Design Standard. The Commission is also responsible for preparing a Regional Plan except where a joint Planning Board is in place where it is the Board's responsibility.

A proposal to amend a State Planning Policy can only be initiated by the Commission acting at the request of the Minister; whereas a proposal to amend other designated instruments can be initiated by a range of bodies and persons with the approval of the Minister, acting on the advice of the Commission – e.g. an amendment to the Code can be initiated by a council, a Joint Planning Board or a person with an interest in land among others.

Reviewing strategic planning and development policy – current approach

Our Council appointed its SPDPC on 21 August 2012 with membership comprising the Mayor and all elected members. Although established under the *Development Act 1993*, the Committee operates as if it was a Section 41 Committee established under *Local Government Act 1999*. The provisions of Part 2 of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013* apply to meetings of the Committee.

In brief, the role of the SPDPC is to ensure Council's Development Policies are up to date and responsive to current trends and issues. To this end the Committee has various delegations in

relation to Strategic Directions Reports and Development Plan Amendments. These delegations include the power to initiate Development Plan Amendments, authorise Statements of Intent, conduct a public meeting, respond to agency comments and public submissions, and endorse a final amendment for submission to the Minister for Planning for approval.

Reviewing strategic planning and development policy – a potential future approach

The PDI Act does not provide for a Strategic Directions Report or equivalent, nor does it require councils to appoint an SPDPC or similar Committee, leaving a question mark over how councils would identify the need for future amendments to the Code for example.

If a Joint Planning Board was in place it is likely that member councils would promote changes through the Board; however in the absence of a Board (as will be the case for our Council) we need to consider how we identify and monitor future Development Policy issues, trends etc. We also need to consider the best way to review and respond to future amendments to the Code and other designated instruments initiated by the Commission and others.

Despite there being no ongoing requirement for an SPDPC in the new planning system there is also nothing to prevent councils appointing a similar Committee in future to perform Strategic Planning, Development Policy review and other functions. The LGA has acknowledged this and has provided template appointment and Terms of Reference documents for councils to use if they propose to continue an SPDPC-type Committee in future.

Observations and potential approach

Since its establishment the SPDPC has only met as required, primarily to deal with DPA matters. In this sense the Committee has been 'reactive' and arguably has not exercised its full suite of functions and delegations – e.g. to proactively discuss Policy issues.

This in part could be due to the fact that ordinary meetings of the SPDPC are scheduled for the third Tuesday in March, June, September and December commencing at 9.30am. Being the same day as ordinary Council meetings it invariably requires adjournment of the Council meeting to enable the meeting to take place, and possibly places the Committee under time constraints and not facilitating broader discussion of Policy matters. If an ongoing Committee is to be established, it is recommended that Council consider alternative meeting arrangements.

Potential functions of an ongoing Strategic Planning and Development Policy Committee include:

1. To provide advice to the Council in relation to the extent to which the Council's Strategic Planning and Development Policies accord with relevant designated instruments.
2. To assist the Council in undertaking strategic planning and monitoring directed at achieving:
  - 2.1 orderly and efficient development within the area of the Council;
  - 2.2 high levels of integration of transport and land-use planning;
  - 2.3 relevant targets set out in a designated instrument within the area of the Council; and
  - 2.4 the implementation of affordable housing policies set out in the designated instruments within the area of the Council.
3. To provide advice to the Council (or, where delegated, to act as its delegate) in relation to Strategic Planning and Development Policy issues when the Council is:

- 3.1 initiating or considering initiating a proposal to amend a designated instrument;
  - 3.2 preparing a report or response of any nature in relation to a proposal by another body to initiate, prepare or amend a designated instrument;
  - 3.3 initiating or considering initiating an infrastructure scheme under Part 13 of the PDI Act;
  - 3.4 preparing a report or response to consultation (direct or otherwise) under Part 13 of the PDI Act in relation to an infrastructure scheme initiated by another body;
  - 3.5 establishing or considering the establishment of an offset scheme under Part 15, Division 2 of the PDI Act; or
  - 3.6 preparing a report or response to an agency or body which relates to a proposal to create or amend, or the contents of, a practice direction or practice guideline.
4. To provide advice to the Council in relation to such other issues or matters as requested by the Council.

#### Summary and Conclusion

Assuming Council sees merit in continuing a Committee to advise and assist Council in regard to Strategic Planning and Development Policy it is recommended that appropriate Terms of Reference and Operating Procedures be presented to a future Council meeting for discussion and adoption.

#### **ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES**

Nil.

#### **COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

##### Community Plan



Natural Environment and Built Heritage



Business and Employment



How We Work – Good Governance

- 1.3 Ensure environmental and agricultural sustainability and historic significance of the region is retained.
- 1.4 Develop and maintain streetscapes that reflect the character and heritage of the region.
- 1.5 Provide support and advice to preserve properties and sites which have historic significance.
- 1.7 Maintain clearly defined townships and manage residential and commercial development that is sensitive to the natural environment and areas of historical significance.
- 1.10 Facilitate opportunities to repurpose or find alternative use of built heritage.
- 1.11 Ensure the unique character of the rural landscape is appropriately managed.

- 5.7 Collaborate with industry leaders to ensure informed decision making and Council representation in relation to economic growth, planning and development.

#### Corporate Plan

- 6.2 Ensure that Council's policy and process frameworks are based on principles of sound governance and meet legislative requirements.

#### Legislative Requirements

Following repeal of the *Development Act 1993* there will be no legislative requirement for a Committee to deal with Strategic Planning and Development Policy matters. There is an opportunity to create a Committee with similar powers and functions pursuant to the Local Government Act.

### **FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

Nil

### **COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

There is no requirement to consult with the community regarding establishment of a Committee to deal with Strategic Planning and Development Policy matters.

## **7.5.2. DEBATE AGENDA – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT**

### **7.5.2.1**

#### **SUPPORT FOR CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT STIMULUS**

#### **B10833-10**

Author: Director Development and Environmental Services

### **PURPOSE**

To seek Council's support for a proposal for a jobs-rich investment in conservation and land management across Australia, as part of broader economic stimulus measures in the wake of COVID-19.

**MOVED** Cr de Vries that Council:

(3) notes that

- a. In light of the current and anticipated impacts of COVID-19 across every sector of society, it is clear that decisive action and unprecedented investment is needed to temper the worst social and economic impacts of this crisis.
- b. Over 70 farming and conservation groups around Australia, including Landcare, the National Farmers Federation, NRM Regions Australia, the Australian Land Conservation Alliance and the Australian Association of Bush Regenerators, have come together to call on State and Federal Government to invest in a jobs-rich conservation and land management stimulus package as part of the economic response to COVID-19.
- c. Such a program presents important opportunities for safe, meaningful and socially beneficial work as part of the 'bridge to recovery', while leaving enduring benefits for the environment, tourism and farm businesses.
- d. Local Governments play a pivotal role in delivering conservation and land management work, such as controlling weeds, protecting and

restoring habitat, and managing public land and are ideally placed to manage a surge in effort for on ground conservation work.

(4) express its support for State and Federal Government investment in a jobs-rich conservation and land management stimulus package as part of the economic response to COVID-19.

(5) write to our local Federal and State Members of Parliament expressing our support for this proposal and urging them to support it.

**Seconded** Cr Schilling

**CARRIED 2018-22/166**

## REPORT

### Background

The Mayor received correspondence from Mr Jack Gough, National Pastoral Conservation Manager of The Pew Charitable Trusts providing Local Governments across Australia a copy of a letter sent to the Prime Minister seeking the Federal Government to facilitate a potential COVID-19 economic stimulus measures in conservation and land management.

### Introduction

Mr Jack Gough has provided a copy of the letter (Attachment 1) co-signed by a number of representative conservation and land management organisations across Australia.

These organisations have sought to collaborate to highlight the significant role that the conservation and land management sector could play in immediate, medium and long-term economic stimulus efforts.

### Discussion

The briefing note provided as part of Attachment 1 outlines a proposed \$4 billion combined Federal and State economic stimulus package aimed at providing jobs to 24,000 workers at its peak to undertake practical conservation activities such as weed and pest control, river restoration and bushfire recovery and resilience.

Mr Gough outlines the following conservation activities that could be undertaken across public and private land as part of the stimulus package:

- a surge in weed control efforts, focussed on containment and preventing cross-tenure spread;
- river and wetland restoration, including fencing, revegetation and erosion control;
- national park infrastructure, track maintenance and park management (fire, weeds, feral animals);
- bushfire recovery and resilience activities, including infrastructure repairs and habitat restoration;
- invasive animal control, including deer and pigs which impact on farming and threatened species;
- tree planting and habitat restoration in metropolitan, suburban, peri-urban and rural areas;
- funding for private land conservation, putting money in the hands of farmers and other land managers;
- coastal habitat restoration and monitoring, in partnership with the fishing industry and local communities;
- plastics and marine debris clean up, including research to inform future policy decisions; and
- funding for Indigenous rangers to deliver jobs directly to vulnerable communities using a proven model.



Mr Gough is seeking Council to support this initiative via the proposed recommendation.

Summary and Conclusion

Support is being sought from Council for the proposed COVID-19 economic stimulus measures in conservation and land management by writing to our local Federal and State Members of Parliament expressing our support for this proposal and urging them to support it.

**ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES**

Attachment 1 Letter to Prime Minister

**COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

Community Plan



Natural Environment and Built Heritage

Corporate Plan

- 1.5 Maintain and seek to expand Council initiated native conservation and land management initiatives.
- 1.8 Partner with affiliated government, community and business organisations to support NRM programs and services, sustainable land practices and wastewater and stormwater reuse initiatives.

Legislative Requirements

Nil

**FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

*Financial Management*

Nil

*Risk Management*

Nil

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Nil

**9. URGENT OTHER BUSINESS**

Nil

**9.1 REQUEST – LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**10. NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday July 21 2020 at 9.00am.

**11. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

Mayor Lange declared the meeting closed at 10.03am.

Confirmed at Council Meeting on Tuesday July 21 2020

Date:.....

Mayor:.....