



MINUTES
of the
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
held on
WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE 2018
in the
COUNCIL CHAMBER -ALEXANDRA
commencing at
4.00 pm

INDEX

1.	PLEDGE AND RECONCILIATION STATEMENT.....	2
2.	APOLOGIES AND REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE	2
3.	DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST	2
4.	OFFICER REPORTS.....	2
4.1	Goulburn River Valley Tourism - Memorandum of Understanding.....	2
5.	CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS	4

1. PLEDGE AND RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

The meeting was opened with all Councillors declaring the following Pledge:

“We as Councillors democratically elected to represent our community as the Murrindindi Shire Council, are committed to working together in the best interests of the people who live in our municipality, who conduct business here and those who visit.”

2. APOLOGIES AND REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence tendered.

Present:

Crs C Bisset (Chair), S McAulay, R Bowles, J Ashe, L Dunscombe, E Lording, M Rae

In attendance:

Interim Chief Executive Officer: Craig Lloyd

General Manager Corporate and Community Services: Michael Chesworth

General Manager Infrastructure and Development Services: Stuart McConnell

Manager Business Services: Andrew Bond

Manager Development Services: Shivaun Brown

Coordinator Tourism and Events: Matt Thomas

Communications Coordinator: Amy Dainton

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

4. OFFICER REPORTS

4.1 GOULBURN RIVER VALLEY TOURISM - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

*Attachment(s): Goulburn River Valley Tourism Memorandum of Understanding 2018
(refer Attachment 4.1)*

Purpose

This report presents for consideration a revised Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Goulburn River Valley Tourism Pty Ltd (GRVT), Murrindindi Shire Council and three other partner councils. The MoU sets out the tourism marketing and development services to be provided by GRVT, the corresponding funding and other arrangements.

This MoU contains minor changes compared to a previous version of the MoU endorsed for renewal by Council on the 28 February 2018. Given the changes, the MoU has been brought back to Council for endorsement.

This item was listed for consideration at this Special Meeting due to its urgency. The existing MoU expires on 30 June 2018 and to support continuity of staff and services it is appropriate to endorse and sign the MoU as soon as practical, rather than waiting until the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 27 June 2018.

Officer Recommendation

That Council endorse the Goulburn River Valley Tourism Memorandum of Understanding for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.

Background

Council's existing MoU with GRVT, Mitchell Shire, Strathbogie Shire and Greater Shepparton City Council's concludes on the 30 June 2018.

On 28 February 2018 Council endorsed '*the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with Goulburn River Valley Tourism for a period of one year commencing 1 July 2018, subject to confirmation that all existing member Councils will continue to be members for this period*'. Council also requested further consultation with the tourism industry in Murrindindi Shire and that a report be brought back to Council for consideration no later than 28 February 2019 setting out options and recommendations for future tourism partnership arrangements.

Since the initial decisions by each council to renew the MoU some minor amendments to the MoU have been made, necessitating further endorsement by councils. The changes include:

- provisions to reflect the varying terms nominated by each council
- office accommodation to be provided by Murrindindi Shire Council and Greater Shepparton City Council
- provisions to allow reconsideration of the MoU depending on certain outcomes of the review of regional tourism arrangements being undertaken by the Victorian Government.

Discussion

The changes included in the revised MoU (refer Attachment 4.1) are relatively minor and the considerations leading to Council's decision in February 2018 remain unchanged.

The officer recommendation outlined above is consistent with the resolution of Council on 28 February 2018 in relation to renewal of the MoU.

Council Plan/Strategies/Policies

This report is an important step in delivering on the following strategy under the Council Plan 2017-2021 Our Prosperity - work with our businesses, regional partners and communities to support a diverse visitor experience that promotes our natural assets, and a vibrant range of events.

Relevant Legislation

Not applicable.

Financial Implications and Risk

The membership fee payable to GRVT for 2018/19 is \$39,937.

Conflict of Interest

There are no declared conflicts of interest by Council officers involved in preparation of this report.

Community and Stakeholder Consultation

No additional consultation was undertaken as part of preparation of this revised MoU.

RESOLUTION:**Cr L Dunscombe / Cr M Rae****That Council endorse the Goulburn River Valley Tourism Memorandum of Understanding for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.****CARRIED****5. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

The Local Government Act 1989 section 89(2) allows Council to resolve to close a meeting to the public to consider confidential information relating to any of the following matters:

- (a) personnel matters
- (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer
- (c) industrial matters
- (d) contractual matters
- (e) proposed developments
- (f) legal advice
- (g) matters affecting the security of Council property
- (h) any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person
- (i) a resolution to close the meeting to members of the public.

Where possible Council will resolve to make public any decision it makes in a closed meeting where the resolution does not disclose confidential information. There may be occasions where Council cannot make its decision public.

The report on the Visy Contract Matters is being considered in the closed part of this meeting because it is considered under S89(2)(d) contractual matters.

Recommendation

That Council, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* section 89(2)(d), resolve to close the meeting to the members of the public:

- Visy Contract Matters

RESOLUTION:**Cr M Rae / Cr J Ashe****That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to s.89(2)(d) of the *Local Government Act 1989* due to contractual matters.****CARRIED**

The meeting closed to the public at 4.07 pm

The meeting re-opened to the public at 4.13 pm.

During the closed section of the meeting, Council resolved to release the resolution of agenda item 5.2 'Visy Contract Matters' to the ordinary minutes on 2 July 2018.

There being no further items of Business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 4.13 pm.

CONFIRMED THIS

Wednesday 27 June 2018

CHAIRPERSON

