



Alpine Shire

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

M9 - 2 August 2016

Bright Council Chambers

7:00pm



The next **Ordinary Meeting** of the **Alpine Shire Council** was held in the Council Chambers, Great Alpine Road, Bright on **2 August 2016** and commenced at **7:00pm**.

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS

Cr Ron Janas – Mayor
Cr Tony Keeble – Deputy Mayor
Cr John Forsyth
Cr Kate Farrell
Cr Daryl Pearce
Cr Peter Roper
Cr Jan Vonarx

OFFICERS

Mr Dave Barry – Chief Executive Officer
Mr Trevor Britten – Director Corporate Performance
Ms Heather Green – Director Sustainable Development
Mr Charlie Bird – Director Assets

APOLOGIES

Nil



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1 RECORDING AND LIVESTREAMING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

The CEO read the following statement:

All Council meetings are filmed, with both video and audio being recorded.

Video recording is focused on Councillors and staff, while audio from the entire room is captured.

By speaking during question time, or at any time, you consent to your voice and any comments you make being recorded.

In common with all narrative in a Council meeting, verbal responses to congratulations, obituaries and question time will not be recorded in the written minutes of Council meetings. This is to improve access and transparency of Council decision making to our community.

The full meeting and entire recording will be live-streamed to Alpine Shire Council's YouTube Channel and made available after the meeting.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS, RECOGNITION OF ALL PEOPLE

The CEO read the following statement:

The Alpine Shire Council acknowledges the traditional owners of the land we are now on.

We also acknowledge those people who have contributed to the rich fabric of our community and strive to make wise decisions that will improve the quality of life for all.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – M8 - 5 JULY 2016

Cr Farrell

Cr Keeble

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting M8 held on 5 July 2016 as circulated be confirmed

Carried

4 APOLOGIES

Nil

5 OBITUARIES / CONGRATULATIONS

Refer to Alpine Shire Council's website www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au; for its YouTube live-stream recording.



6 DECLARATIONS BY COUNCILLORS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Forsyth declared a Conflict of interest with respect to item 8.4.2 – Event Funding item, due to his position on Myrtleford Rotary.

Cr Farrell declared a conflict of interest with respect to item 8.4.3 – Community Grants due her position at the Mount Beauty Neighbourhood Centre

Cr Keeble declared an indirect interest with respect to items 8.4.2 – Events Funding due to his involvement with Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre.

Cr Janas declared a conflict of interest with respect to item 8.4.2 – Events Funding and item 8.4.3 Community Grants due his involvement with Myrtleford Landcare Group as a committee member he is also a member of the Myrtleford Men's Shed and Relay for Life.

7 QUESTION TIME

Refer to Alpine Shire Council's website www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au; for its YouTube live-stream recording.



8 PRESENTATION OF REPORTS BY OFFICERS

8.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – DAVE BARRY

8.1.1 Contracts approved by the CEO

Cr Vonarx

Cr Farrell

That the Contracts approved by the CEO be noted.

Contract No:	CQ16023	Process:	Full Quote Process
Title:	Detailed design and documentation of the Bright (Stage 1) and Porepunkah, Alpine Better Places project works		
Tenderer:	MDG Landscape Architects		
\$ (excl. GST):	\$106.200		

Carried



8.1.2 Community Satisfaction Survey 2016

File Number: 800.03

INTRODUCTION

The annual Community Satisfaction Survey coordinated by Local Government Victoria provides a benchmark that many Councils across Victoria.

Cr Forsyth

Cr Pearce

That Council note the results of the 2016 Community Satisfaction Survey conducted within the Alpine Shire.

Carried

BACKGROUND

The annual Community Satisfaction Survey is coordinated by Local Government Victoria (LGV). While each Council has the ability to 'opt in' to the survey, the introduction of the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework (LGPRF) from 1 July 2014, has tied three of the results in the framework to questions within the Community Satisfaction Survey. The survey consists of a group of 'core' questions that are asked by every council that participates, plus a suite of 'optional' questions. Council elected to ask only the core questions, providing a basis to both provide good comparative data across councils, and also satisfy the needs of the LGPRF.

The survey (conducted by JWS Research on behalf of LGV) consists of a phone interview with 400 residents - respondents are sought according to the demographic profile for the Alpine Shire from the most recent census. Surveys were conducted during February and March 2016.

In 2016, 69 of the 79 councils across Victoria participated in the survey. Of these, 17 were in the "Small Rural Councils" grouping, to which Alpine Shire Council is allocated. Results for the survey are shown relative to both the Small Rural Councils grouping, and the wider State-wide result.

RESULTS

Performance Measures	Alpine 2015	Alpine 2016	Small Rural 2016	State-wide 2016
OVERALL PERFORMANCE	59	60	57*	59
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION <i>(Community consultation and engagement)</i>	56*	60	55*	54*
ADVOCACY <i>(Lobbying on behalf of the community)</i>	55	56	54	53*



Performance Measures	Alpine 2015	Alpine 2016	<i>Small Rural 2016</i>	<i>State- wide 2016</i>
MAKING COMMUNITY DECISIONS <i>(Decisions made in the interest of the community)</i>	58	60	53*	54*
SEALED LOCAL ROADS <i>(Condition of sealed local roads)</i>	59	60	52*	54*
CUSTOMER SERVICE	68	71	69	69
OVERALL COUNCIL DIRECTION	57	59	50*	51*

* Council's 2016 result is significantly different to these results

DISCUSSION

Excerpts from 2016 Community Satisfaction Survey Research Report:

- Council's performance improved across all core measures compared to 2015 results. Increases in performance range from one to four index points. Council outperforms the average ratings for other Small Rural councils as well as State-wide averages on all measures.
- Council's performance on Overall Council Direction, Sealed Local Roads, Community Consultation and Making Community Decisions is significantly higher than both the Small Rural council and State-wide averages on these measures.
- Community Consultation ratings saw the largest increase of all core measures, increasing by four points since 2015 – a statistically significant increase.
- Customer Service interactions increased by three points since 2015 – this is an area where Council has historically performed most strongly, and continues this trend.
- More in-depth analysis of results can be found in Attachment 1.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

While undertaking the Community Satisfaction Survey is not mandatory, the introduction of the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework (LGPRF) has meant that undertaking it not only gives Council an insight as to how the community thinks it is performing, but also helps Council meet its reporting requirements.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The cost to Council for the 'core' questions in the Community Satisfaction Survey was \$8,250 excluding GST.



CONSULTATION

400 residents were surveyed by JWS Research (on behalf of Local Government Victoria and Alpine Shire Council) to gather the data for this survey. All interviews were conducted by phone.

CONCLUSION

Council's improvement focus is beginning to show improvement in resident perception of the organisation. Council has shown strong growth in some areas, and maintenance in all others.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Under Section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989*, the following officers declare that they have no interests to disclose in providing this report.

- Director Corporate Performance
- Governance Officer

ATTACHMENT(S)

- 2016 Community Satisfaction Survey Results - Alpine Shire Council



8.2 DIRECTOR CORPORATE PERFORMANCE – TREVOR BRITTEN

8.2.1 Nil



8.3 DIRECTOR ASSETS – CHARLIE BIRD

8.3.1 Proposed fish passage structures at Bright and Porepunkah weirs

File Number: 563.09

INTRODUCTION

The report relates to the future ownership, operation and maintenance responsibilities of fish passage structures proposed at the both Bright and Porepunkah recreational weirs on the Ovens River.

Cr Roper

Cr Keeble

That Council:

- a. Support North East Catchment Management Authority's application to secure funding to construct a fish passage structure at the Bright and Porepunkah recreational weirs, providing:
 - i. There is sufficient budget to ensure any introduced structures are sensitive to the surrounding environment, especially from a functional and aesthetic perspective; and*
 - ii. North East Catchment Management Authority can demonstrate that any proposed in-stream infrastructure would not result in increased public safety or flooding risk within the townships.**
- b. Agree to take on the asset ownership of the fish passage structures at Bright and Porepunkah and associated operational and renewal responsibilities, subject to Council's current and future financial capacity to maintain its assets, should the North East Catchment Management Authority secure funding and construct the fish passage structures; and*
- c. Officers work closely with the North East Catchment Management Authority during the implementation of the fish passage structures.*

Carried

BACKGROUND

Alpine Shire Council is the asset owner and operator of two existing recreational weirs on the Ovens River, located in the Bright and Porepunkah townships. The primary purpose of these weirs is the creation of seasonal swimming pools in the river and they are significant tourism assets for these towns.

The Ovens River has been identified as a high priority waterway in the North East Catchment Management Authority's Regional Waterway Strategy, and is unregulated in Bright and Porepunkah. The weir structures located at Bright and Porepunkah are the remaining artificial barriers preventing fish from migrating into the upper reaches of the Ovens catchment, and have been identified as a high priority to address by the State Fishway Program.



North East Catchment Management Authority (NECMA) has secured funding and led a project to prepare detailed designs for fish passage structures for construction at Bright and Porepunkah. The fish passages will facilitate the movement of both native and recreational fish species where artificial barriers exist. Council officers have actively participated in this design project over the last nine months.

The proposed fish passage structures have been designed to be retro-fitted to the existing weir infrastructure, with the intent that Council take on the asset ownership and operational responsibilities of the fish passage structures, as they are incorporated into the operation of existing weirs.

NECMA is currently pursuing further funding to construct fish passage structures at the Bright and Porepunkah weirs, and is seeking confirmation that Council would take on the ownership of the asset and associated operational and renewal responsibilities.

It is understood that NECMA would manage the construction of the fish passage structures, should they be successful in securing funding.

ISSUES

The estimated cost of constructing the proposed fish passage structures at Bright and Porepunkah is \$2m at each location (\$4m in total). There is currently an opportunity to secure 100% of the funding required to construct fish passage structures at the Bright and Porepunkah weirs.

Whilst these weirs have a remaining useful life of at least 20 years, if Council carried out any work other than maintenance, a permit condition would trigger a requirement for Council to construct a fish passage structure as part of the repair/renewal works. In summary, there is a risk that Council would be required to pay 100% of the cost to construct a fish passage structure (\$2m per structure) when repairing/renewing the existing weirs.

The existing weirs in Bright and Porepunkah are used to create seasonal in-stream swimming pools, which are important recreation assets for the local community and visitors. Removal of these weirs would be a significant loss.

Fish passage structures are typically large concrete and galvanised steel structures that may not necessarily blend into the surrounding environment of the existing weir sites in Bright and Porepunkah. Throughout the design process, Council officers have stressed the aesthetic, recreational and economic importance of these areas and the need for the design and constructed structure to tie into the current setting. It is imperative that Council officers continue to be involved throughout the implementation phase, should NECMA secure funding.

Taking on the ownership and operational responsibility of the proposed fish passage structures in Bright and Porepunkah would increase Council's asset base (and hence renewal requirement) and ongoing maintenance costs. Cost estimates are:

- \$80,000 p.a. asset renewal requirement (for both fish passage structures)
- \$10,000 p.a. asset maintenance cost (for both fish passage structures) in addition to the current weir maintenance cost.



The construction in-stream infrastructure can reduce a waterway's capacity to convey water and subsequently increase the risk of localised flooding. NECMA would need to demonstrate that the proposed fish passage structures would not increase the flooding risk within Bright and Porepunkah before Council would support the installation of such infrastructure.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This proposal is consistent with the following strategic objectives of the Council Plan:

- 2.3 - To improve the condition and management of Council's assets
- 2.4 - To reduce Council's ecological footprint
- 5.2 - To manage resources well to ensure sustainability.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

It is understood that NECMA would secure 100% of funding to construct the fish passage structures at Bright and Porepunkah and manage the delivery of this infrastructure. Therefore NECMA would carry the capital cost risk and be responsible for any cost over-runs associated with delivering the project.

Taking on the ownership and operational responsibility of the proposed fish passage structures in Bright and Porepunkah would increase Council's asset base (and hence renewal requirement) and ongoing maintenance costs. Cost estimates are:

- \$80,000 p.a. asset renewal requirement (for both fish passage structures)
- \$10,000 p.a. asset maintenance cost (for both fish passage structures) in addition to the current weir maintenance costs.

CONSULTATION

The following key stakeholders have been engaged through the design process facilitated by NECMA:

- Alpine Shire Council
- NECMA
- Goulburn-Murray Water
- Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

Further consultation would be required with the local community and other interested stakeholders (e.g. sport fishing clubs) before proceeding to construction.

CONCLUSION

Council officers have been actively involved in the NECMA led project to prepare detail designs for the construction of fish passage structures at Bright and Porepunkah. Implementation of the fish passages will allow fish migration into the upper reaches of the Ovens catchment, currently obstructed by the Council weir structures that are used to create seasonal in-stream swimming pools.



NECMA is currently pursuing further funding (\$4m) to construct fish passage structures at the Bright and Porepunkah weirs. It is recommended that Council take on the ownership of the asset and associated operational and renewal responsibilities, providing:

- There is sufficient budget to ensure the fish passage infrastructure is sensitive to the surrounding environment, especially from a functional and aesthetic perspective.
- It can be demonstrated that any proposed in-stream infrastructure would not result in increased flooding risk within the townships.
- Council officers continue to work closely with NECMA during the implementation phase of the proposed infrastructure.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Under Section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989*, the following officers declare that they have no interests to disclose in providing this report.

- Director Assets
- Acting Manager Asset Maintenance

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Nil



8 DIRECTOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT – HEATHER GREEN

8.3.2 Harrietville Strategic Master Plan – Final for Council acknowledgement of community priorities

File Number: 1780/69

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to recommend to Council that the Strategic Master Plan for Harrietville is formally recognised as an expression of strategic priorities in Harrietville.

Cr Keeble

Cr Farrell

- 1. That 'Harrietville – Our Future: Strategic Master Plan' be formally recognised by Council as an expression of the strategic priorities of the community.*
- 2. That the projects identified in the master plan for action by Council be included in the project pipeline.*
- 3. That the Harrietville Community Forum and the community generally, be thanked and congratulated on their input and enthusiasm for the project.*

Carried

BACKGROUND

The Harrietville Strategic Master Plan has been developed as a part of the *Communities Adapting to Climate Change* project – a Victorian Government funded project delivered by the Alpine Shire Council in partnership with the Harrietville Community Forum (HCF). The project was developed after the 2013 fire and flood in Harrietville to help strengthen resilience and sustainability of the Harrietville community and support some of the sustainability actions identified in the 2012 Harrietville Community Building Initiative Sustainability Action Plan.

A significant component of the project was to develop a Strategic Master Plan to acknowledge the factors that make Harrietville such a valued location; to formalise support and guidance from relevant agencies; and to outline a set of relevant strategies to build on the work that has been ongoing in Harrietville for a number of years.

The Strategic Master Plan defines the vision and strategic direction for the town, and outlines the roles and responsibilities of key stakeholders in the community. It is a clear statement of intent regarding the community's priorities for Harrietville's long term sustainability. Future funding applications and projects will be guided by the Strategic Master Plan and will share an overarching common goal and vision.



ISSUES

The draft of the Strategic Master Plan expresses a comprehensive vision for the town, an overarching aim, and a series of work areas or themes that contribute to building resilience in the community by impacting on either the economic base of the town, or on community facilities or social networks. These are represented below:

Resilience for Harrietteville is defined as:

Economic sustainability of the community and of individual residents, whereby people are able to earn a living that satisfies reasonable needs.

Sustainability of the population, whereby residential numbers and population structure is able to support a range of services and businesses.

An aggregated low vulnerability, whereby a majority of the population are able to respond and adapt to change and shocks.

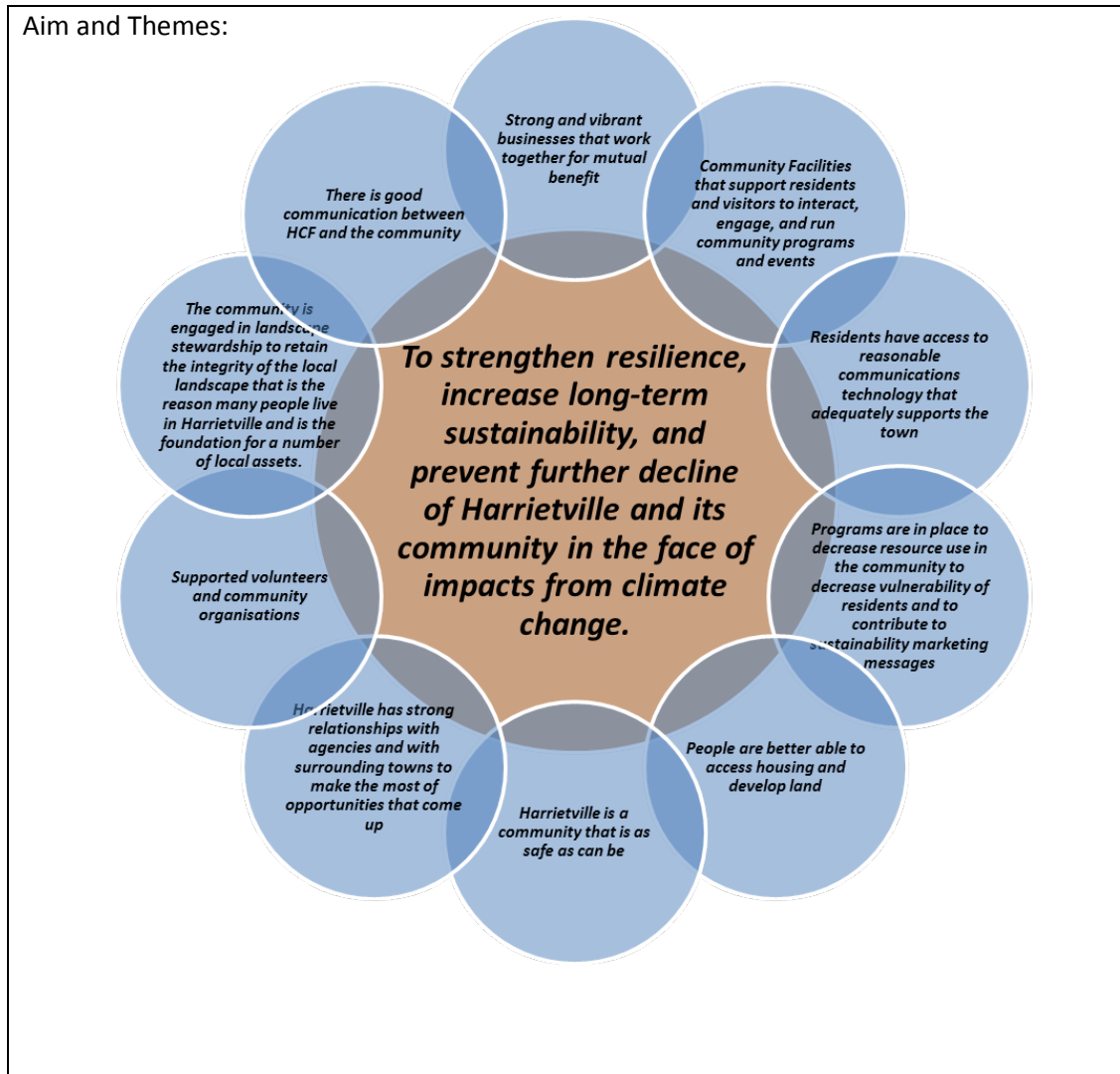
Stability of services and businesses.

Strong social networks.

Functional community facilities.

Vision for Harrietteville:

Harrietteville will be a strong, resilient, connected and thriving community. It will have a robust population, active and committed to meeting the needs of the town and engaging in a range of events and community development initiatives. Harrietteville will have a 'heart' and will have a range of facilities that work to meet the needs of the community. The natural environment and rural landscapes, including forests, parks, rivers and farmlands will be an integral part of the Harrietteville lifestyle and will support people's livelihoods in diverse ways. Visitor numbers will be healthy throughout the year, supporting a strong tourism industry focussed on the nature-based offerings of the town, without detracting from the rural lifestyle and nature-focused experience, which residents and tourists are seeking. Harrietteville will be 'connected' with regional agencies, working together to integrate the latest in understanding of the environment, resource options and sustainable development options for the town and its surrounding environment.



The full draft of the Strategic Master Plan, including Action Tables, is attached.

Each theme carries with it a table of actions and the first appendix of the Strategic Master Plan rearranges the actions into groups according to type of work and whether the action is executed by the HCF, other agencies, or the continued work of the Project Officer dedicated to this project.

Key aspects of the Strategic Master Plan that would require support from Council are identified in the table below. Throughout the development of the Strategic Master Plan it has been made very clear that actions that require support from Council do not imply that funding is available. Rather the actions are a statement of priorities, and will be used to inform the entry and prioritisation of projects in Harrietville within Council's asset development project pipeline.

Development of the Strategic Master Plan has involved extensive consultation with the community and with the HCF. Nine community discussion sessions were held over October and November 2015. In addition, HCF conducted its own survey of the community in 2014.



The issues discussed and articulated during the consultation sessions were then subjected to an analysis by the Harrietteville Community Forum. The HCF looked at the overarching goal of strengthening community resilience and long-term broad sustainability and considered what needs to change to meet that long term goal and how the issues and suggestions raised by the community contribute to building sustainability and resilience.

Assessments by a number of experts have been used, where applicable to support the content of this Strategic Master Plan. These include the following documents:

- Dr Graeme Pearman presentation on climate change in Harrietteville August 2015
- Victoria University Report on managing emergencies and tourism.
- Moreland Energy Foundation Report on alternative energy options in Harrietteville

The *Communities Adapting to Climate Change* project will also include pre-feasibility work to assess the viability of the Tailings to meet future development needs in Harrietteville, and has achieved pre-feasibility analysis to assess options for a waste water management solution for Harrietteville.

In addition to expert reports, the HCF has prepared a number of strategic documents that have been used to inform the development of the Strategic Master Plan. These documents include:

- Bon Accord/Tronoh Track Complex
- Harrietteville Tourism Promotion Management Plan
- Tracks and Trails Strategy Paper
- Harrietteville: Gateway to the nature and history of Mount Feathertop and the Alpine National Park

The community was encouraged to give feedback on the draft of the Strategic Master Plan by attending one of two drop in centres, responding to an online survey, or viewing a visual display of the Plan in the Post Office in Harrietteville and filling in a paper survey. Feedback rates were significantly lower than participation in the development of the Plan, however, more than 35 hard copies of the Plan were taken from the Post Office and Post Office staff indicated that many people stopped to view the display.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Promotion and furthering of community resilience and sustainability is in line with the direction provided by the 2030 Vision, the Council Plan, Council's Environment Strategy 2013, the Alpine Liveability Plan 2013-17, and the Climate Change Action Plan 2010. They all identify the importance of resilience building and future planning to best combat the impacts of climate change.



FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The Strategic Master Plan does not require further budget for implementation. Rather, it sets out the community's priorities so that future asset development funding directed to Harrietville will be done so with an accurate understanding how those funds are best used.

CONSULTATION

The Strategic Master Plan draft has been informed by a series of nine discussion sessions with Harrietville residents held in October and November 2015. The initial three sessions focussed on residents' vision for the community. The remaining six sessions focussed on specific topics that were commonly raised during the first three sessions that needed further exploring.

The HCF has also conducted a survey of the community to identify community priorities. The survey was conducted in late 2014 and received fifty respondents.

During the development of the Strategic Master Plan letters were received from the Harrietville Cricket Club, the Harrietville branch of the Country Fire Authority, and the Harrietville TV Committee.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council formally accepts Harrietville: Our Future. Strategic Master Plan for Harrietville as an expression of community development priorities.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Under Section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989*, the following officers declare that they have no interests to disclose in providing this report.

- Director Sustainable Development
- Environment Officer

ATTACHMENT(S)

- 8.4.1 Strategic Masterplan including Action Table.



8.3.3 Event Funding Program 2016-17

File Number: 1610.26

INTRODUCTION

Events are vitally important to the economy of the Alpine Shire. Council provides support to event organisers in two forms: provision of logistics and financial sponsorship.

Cr Vonarx

Cr Roper

That Council:

1. Approve the following events for logistical and/or sponsorship support :

<i>Event name</i>	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Sponsorship</i>	<i>Logistics</i>
<i>Adventure Travel Film Festival</i>	<i>Adventure Travel Film Festival Australia</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>	<i>\$700</i>
<i>Alfred 6 Hour</i>	<i>Alpine Cycling Club</i>	<i>\$1,500</i>	<i>\$350</i>
<i>Alpine Equine Extravaganza</i>	<i>Alpine Adult Riding Club</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>\$500+ use of marquee*</i>
<i>Alpine Shire Relay for Life</i>	<i>Cancer Council Victoria</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>\$500</i>
<i>Audax Alpine Classic and Bonjour Bright Festival</i>	<i>Audax Australia Cycling Club</i>	<i>\$4,000</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>
<i>Barrowthon</i>	<i>Beechworth Barrowthon Inc.</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>\$2,500</i>
<i>Blackwood Special School Ride</i>	<i>Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>BMW Club Australia Motorrad Rally</i>	<i>BMW Motorcycle Club Victoria</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>\$7,500</i>
<i>Bright Autumn Festival</i>	<i>Bright Autumn Festival Committee</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>	<i>\$7,200</i>
<i>Bright Body & Soul Expo</i>	<i>Bright Body & Soul Expo</i>	<i>\$1,300</i>	<i>Nil</i>



<i>Event name</i>	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Sponsorship</i>	<i>Logistics</i>
<i>Bright Creative Writing Workshop</i>	<i>Bright Creative Writing Workshop</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Bright Cross</i>	<i>Bright Alpine Sporting Events</i>	<i>\$1,500</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>Bright Fun Run</i>	<i>Bright P-12 College</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>\$3,500</i>
<i>Bright Mountain Film Tour</i>	<i>Hand Cut Productions</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Bright Oktoberfest</i>	<i>Bright Oktoberfest</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>	<i>\$500</i>
<i>Bright Rotary Markets</i>	<i>Rotary Club of Bright</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>
<i>Bright Rotary Summer Concert Series</i>	<i>Rotary Club of Bright</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Bright Spring Festival Grand Fireworks Spectacular and Entertainment</i>	<i>Bright Spring Festival Committee</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>	<i>\$500</i>
<i>Brighter Days</i>	<i>Brighter Days Foundation</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>
<i>Bright's Iconic Rod Run</i>	<i>Bright Rod & Kustom Club</i>	<i>\$5,500</i>	<i>\$10,200 + use of marquee*</i>
<i>Buffalo Stampede</i>	<i>Mountain Sports Australia</i>	<i>\$6,000</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>Dederang Picnic Race Day</i>	<i>Dederang Picnic Race Club Inc</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>Four Peaks - Bright Alpine Climb</i>	<i>Mountain Sports Australia</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>	<i>\$2,500</i>
<i>Harrietville Half Marathon</i>	<i>Harrietville Primary School</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>Junior Mountain Climb Championships (Alpe d'Buffalo)</i>	<i>Alpine Cycling Club</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>



<i>Event name</i>	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Sponsorship</i>	<i>Logistics</i>
<i>Kangaroo Hoppet</i>	<i>Kangaroo Hoppet</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>	<i>\$100</i>
<i>Kiewa Valley Community Bonfire</i>	<i>Champagne Club Kiewa Valley Inc.</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>	<i>\$250</i>
<i>La Fiera Italian Festival</i>	<i>Myrtleford Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc.</i>	<i>\$4,000</i>	<i>\$1,500</i>
<i>Mid-Winter Snow Ball</i>	<i>Champagne Club Kiewa Valley Inc.</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>	<i>\$250</i>
<i>Mount Beauty Cricket Club New Year's Eve</i>	<i>Mount Beauty United Cricket Club</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>	<i>\$500</i>
<i>Mount Beauty Half Marathon</i>	<i>Mt Beauty Half Marathon Committee</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>	<i>\$500</i>
<i>Mount Beauty Parkrun</i>	<i>Mount Beauty Parkrun</i>	<i>\$2,500</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>MountainGrass</i>	<i>Australasian Bluegrass and Old Time Music Association</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>	<i>\$100</i>
<i>Myrtleford and District Agricultural & Pastoral Show</i>	<i>Myrtleford and District Agricultural & Pastoral Society</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>Myrtleford Bush Market</i>	<i>Myrtleford Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc.</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>Myrtleford Festival, The</i>	<i>The Myrtleford Festival Association Inc.</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>	<i>\$4,000</i>
<i>Myrtleford Fun Run</i>	<i>Myrtleford Fun Run</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>\$4,000</i>
<i>Myrtleford Golden Spurs Rodeo</i>	<i>Myrtleford Lions Golden Spurs Rodeo Inc.</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>
<i>Myrtleford Golf Club</i>	<i>Myrtleford Golf Club</i>	<i>\$750</i>	<i>Nil</i>



<i>Event name</i>	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Sponsorship</i>	<i>Logistics</i>
<i>Annual Tournament</i>	<i>Inc</i>		
<i>Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Club Easter Tournament</i>	<i>Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Club</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>\$500</i>
<i>Mystic Cross Trail Run</i>	<i>Bright Alpine Sporting Events</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>NERD Skating Beauty</i>	<i>North East Roller Derby</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>\$360</i>
<i>Ovens Valley Canine Club Championship Show</i>	<i>Ovens Valley Canine Club</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>Peaks Challenge Falls Creek</i>	<i>Bicycle Network</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>\$1400</i>
<i>Reel Rock Film Tour</i>	<i>Hand Cut Productions</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Repco 4WD Challenge</i>	<i>Cross Country Drivers Association</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>Swagger Music Festival</i>	<i>Swagger Music</i>	<i>\$4,000</i>	<i>\$2,500</i>
<i>Team Mt Beauty - Cyclocross, Enduro, RAMBO, Mitta to Mount Beauty</i>	<i>Team Mt Beauty</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>	<i>\$1,500</i>
<i>Thule B24 MTB Race</i>	<i>Bright Alpine Sporting Events</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>\$2,000+ use of marquee*</i>
<i>Tour of Bright (Champion System)</i>	<i>Alpine Cycling Club</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
<i>Touratech</i>	<i>Touratech Australia</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>Victorian Men's Country Teams Championship</i>	<i>Mount Beauty Golf Club Inc.</i>	<i>\$750</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Wandiligong Nut Festival</i>	<i>Wandiligong Nut Festival Committee</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>	<i>\$500</i>
<i>Jayco Herald Sun Tour</i>	<i>GTR Events</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>	<i>Nil</i>



<i>Event name</i>	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Sponsorship</i>	<i>Logistics</i>
<i>MTBA Downhill Series</i>	<i>MTBA</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>High Country Charity Ride</i>	<i>Cycling Australia</i>	<i>\$4,000</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Pre World Paragliding Cup</i>	<i>Northeast Hang Gliding Club</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>	<i>Nil</i>

**The marquee owned by Council is erected in Bright and will be utilised by three events. The cost of the marquee erection will be shared across the three events.*

- 2. Advise the unsuccessful applicants that their applications were not successful and thank them for their proposals.*

Carried

Cr Forsyth left the chamber at 8.12pm.

Cr Vonarx

Cr Farrell

That Council:

- 3. Approve the following events for logistical and/or sponsorship support :*

<i>Event name</i>	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Sponsorship</i>	<i>Logistics</i>
<i>Myrtleford Show 'n' Shine & Swap Meet</i>	<i>Rotary Club of Myrtleford</i>	<i>\$2,500</i>	<i>\$500</i>

Carried

Cr Forsyth re-entered Chambers at 8.16pm.

BACKGROUND

The number of events held across the Alpine Shire continues to grow.

Total events:

Total events FY 2013/2014 was 72;

Total events FY 2015/2016 was 88;

Total events planned, for the 2016/2017 FY is 109.

The number of events has grown over the period 2013 to 2016 by 24%. The number of participants at events has also increased. It is envisaged that the number of events, calibre and size of events will continue to grow into future years.

The economic impact of events held across Alpine Shire in the coming year is estimated at \$29million, also an increase on previous years. This figure is based on known participation (2015/2016 events), average spend per night and based on a one night stay only. This number is conservative as some events encourage longer stays.



The 2016-17 Event Funding round opened on Monday 2 May and closed on Friday 1 July 2016. During this time 64 applications were received, almost double the number of applications since the program began.

Council officers worked with event organisers to ensure logistical support needs were accurately determined. Logistic support includes the use of Council resources, such as traffic management and signage or services such as waste management. Changes were made to the application process in 2015-16 to ensure more detailed information was gathered about events requesting logistical support and previous expenditure in this area was also reviewed. This approach once again assisted in creating a better-informed estimate of costs for the upcoming 2016-17 period.

The total 2016-17 events budget provides a total of \$265,000 that could be applied across logistics and sponsorship support and allows for erection of the marquee. Furthermore, this figure includes an amount for "major event attraction" (Spartan Trifecta) and an amount for "other new event attraction". This allows for opportunistic support, for events that may present outside of the funding program round. Of the 64 applications received, a total of \$253,559 was requested of sponsorship support and approximately \$49,555 of logistic support. The Spartan Trifecta event has an existing agreement in place for sponsorship of \$40,000. At the time that the budget was adopted, an amount of \$60,000 was also set aside for the Enduro World Series Mountain Bike event. Unfortunately Council was unsuccessful in gaining the hosting rights to this event.

The above recommendations allocate the following:

Sponsorship Funds to be allocated	\$170,000
Spartan Trifecta	-\$40,000
Remaining sponsorship funds to be allocated	\$130,000
Total sponsorship funds recommended (in this report)	-\$105,300
Remaining funds	\$24,700
Logistics funds to be allocated	\$95,000
Marquee (erection and cleaning)	-\$15,000
Remaining logistics funds to be allocated	\$80,000
Total logistics funds recommended	-\$49,555
Remaining Funds	\$30,445

ISSUES

Assessment process

Event funding applications are only assessed if the event meets set criteria and completed documentation is submitted.

The assessment of each application considers the provided documentation, the eligibility of the applicant, suitability of the event in terms of tourism objectives, benefit to the community and economic impact. Sponsorship funds recommended for each event are determined by a number of factors including growth of the event, the number of visitors it attracts, regional or local significance of the event and



evidence of innovation (such as introducing something new to the program or investing in more comprehensive marketing campaign).

Events that have been running for three years or less are eligible for 'seed funding' which provides extra sponsorship funds to assist in establishing the event. This funding is reduced after three years and applicants are expected to demonstrate financial sustainability through the growth of their event.

An assessment panel consisting of: Council Officers, Councillors and members of Bright, Myrtleford and Mount Beauty communities took part in assessment of funding applications and the recommendations of funding for Council consideration.

Attachment 1 – 'Event Applications' outlines the requests received for support.



The following applications were not recommended for funding:

Event	Applicant	Reason not funded
Alpine Country Fair	Bright P-12 College Parents & Friends Group	Does not meet criteria to attract visitors.
Heroes of the Alpine Shire	Boynton's Feathertop Winery	Event not being held within 2016-17 financial year, not eligible for funding.
Cloud 9's High Country Christmas	Cloud 9 Cinema	Event model needs to be reviewed before funding can be considered.
Longest Lunch at Boynton's	Boynton's Feathertop Winery	Private business interest, not eligible for funding.
Tour Fondo	Bright Alpine Sporting Events	Support provided through Tour of Bright funding

Economic Impact

Events have a major economic impact in the Alpine Shire, as a result of:

- number of events held across the Shire;
- visitation and spend;

Major events in terms of visitation and economic impact across the Alpine Shire include:

Kangaroo Hoppet	Mount Beauty	1500 participants
Swagger Music Festival	Wandiligong	1500
Dederang Races	Dederang	3500
La Fiera	Myrtleford	5000
Bright's Iconic Rod Run	Bright	13500
Audax Alpine Classic	Bright	5000
Brighter Days Festival	Bright	7000

Growing existing events:

Mount Beauty Cricket Club New Year's Eve (new event)

Following the closure of the Country Club in Mount Beauty last year, the Mount Beauty Cricket Club took on the challenge of hosting a New Year's Eve celebration. Held outdoors at the cricket ground, the club organised a family-friendly event with live music, catering, kid's activities and more. It was very well attended by over 600 locals and visitors. The club is already in planning this year's event.



Audax Alpine Classic and Bonjour Bright Festival

After celebrating 30 years of the Alpine Classic in 2016, this long-standing cycling event will celebrate the tenth year of the “value add event” Bonjour Bright” in 2017. It provides entertainment, activities and a festive atmosphere for family and friends of riders across the weekend. The Alpine Classic attracts around 1500-2000 entrants and another 2500-3000 spectators across the weekend.

The Myrtleford Festival

The Myrtleford Festival has been a popular community event since 1961. In response to a reduction in crowd numbers the committee is taking the initiative to revamp the format of the event by collaborating with other events over the March long weekend and create an event that appeals to both locals and visitors. This is an iconic festival with a passionate committee that is aiming for great results in 2017.

Brighter Days

This event has gone from strength to strength since its inception in 2012. The 2016 event saw around 6000 people enjoying live music in Howitt Park, motorbike and car displays, cruises and plenty of other family-friendly entertainment. In 2017, organisers expect to exceed this number and continue raising money for children’s charities in the process. It is likely that this event will outgrow Howitt Park as its host venue. Council officers are working with the event organisers in transition to Pioneer Park, once the Alpine Events Park project is completed.

New Events

The 2016-17 year will see a total of 17 new events coming to the Alpine Shire. Of particular interest are the BMW Clubs Australia Motorrad Rally in Bright, Mystic Cross Trail Run in Wandiligong and the Adventure Riders Southern Congregation in Myrtleford that will each bring in an additional 300 visitors on average to the region. The Rotary Club of Myrtleford has teamed up with the Chopped & Changed Kustom Car Club of Myrtleford to create a new event that hopes to attract 1000-2000 car, boat and hot rod enthusiasts to a show’n’shine and swap meet at the Myrtleford Showgrounds. This event has an enthusiastic committee behind it and aims to be an annual fundraiser for the Rotary Club.

Most of these new events have requested support; however some will not require additional assistance from Council and are able to run independently.

Funds have been earmarked for the Spartan Trifecta weekend and extensive planning has begun with the organisers to bring this new event to Bright in November. This event will be the first of its kind for Australia and is expected to attract around 3,000 participants in its first year.

A number of existing events have not applied for funding support through the event funding program.

Committees of events for Mount Beauty, Mount Beauty Music Festival and Sweet Valley Sounds have indicated that their events will take a “recess” for 2017 as a result of lack of local support and volunteer “burn out”. These events will look to re-establish for 2018. As a result of this and acknowledging that events are important



for the economy of any of our townships, Council officers will explore opportunities on how to work with the Mount Beauty community to assist in the development of events, including the provision of specialist assistance to event organisers.

New events requesting Council support outside of the funding application period will have the opportunity to apply for funding through the new event attraction budget.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Alpine Shire Council Plan

Strategy 4.2.1 Prosperous Economy, Employment and Investment – Implement targeted tourism and business support

Arts and Culture Strategic Plan 2008 – 5.5 Events

Creative, efficient, effective and strategic support of culture and arts programs, events and facilities.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The recommended funding of events can be accommodated in this year's budget.

CONSULTATION

The Event Funding program was widely advertised in the local media, on the Alpine Shire Council website and Facebook page and emailed directly to all event organisers listed in Council's directory.

All event organisers who expressed interest in the program were offered one-on-one assistance with the application process and/or access to event plan templates. Numerous event organisers took advantage of this assistance.

An assessment panel including two Councillors, two Council staff members and a representative from the Bright, Mount Beauty and Myrtleford Chambers of Commerce was formed to assess and discuss the funding applications.

Applications were assessed against the following criteria:

Alignment with the Alpine Shire Council Tourism Development strategies

Alignment with township brands

Level to which the event will attract outside visitors (intrastate and interstate)

Future growth and sustainability of the event

Value added to the existing calendar of events

Offer a significant economic benefit to the wider Alpine Shire community

Marketing/ promotional strategies – how they complement Alpine Shire Council

Organisational capacity of the event managers

Potential for the event to develop into a key tourism or visitor attraction in the foreseeable future.



There was agreement about the events that met the criteria and have greatest benefit to the Shire.

CONCLUSION

Events are extremely important to the Shire by providing economic activity and cultural enrichment. Council officers assist event organisers by providing guidance, ongoing logistic support and where possible recommend sponsorship.

The recommendations put forward by the funding sub-committee support events that align with the regional brand, encourage repeat visitation, contribute to the events calendar, have a positive economic impact for the community and are sustainable over a long period of time.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Under Section 80C of the Local Government Act 1989, the following officers declare that they have no interests to disclose in providing this report.

- Director Sustainable Development
- Manager Economic and Community Development
- Development Officer (Event Operations)
- Development Officer (Events)

In addition, the Bright, Mount Beauty and Myrtleford Chambers of Commerce are all involved with events, either directly or as an underwriter. During the assessment the representatives from the Chambers declared their interests and removed themselves from the assessment of those events.

ATTACHMENT(S)

- 8.4.3 Events Funding attachment



8.3.4 Alpine Shire Council Community Grants 2016/17

File Number: 1780

INTRODUCTION

Each year, Council runs a community grants program to assist in funding projects that enhance community development, community resilience and social inclusion. The 2016/17 Community Grants program opened for applications mid-May and closed on 8 July 2016.

Forty-two applications were received; 32 are recommended for funding.

Cr Vonarx

Cr Forsyth

That Council:

1. Allocates funding as follows:

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>	<i>Amount Recommended</i>	<i>Total project cost</i>
<i>Alpine Arthritis Group</i>	<i>Flex and Bends - FAB Warm Water and Exercise Program</i>	<i>\$1,110</i>	<i>\$1,100</i>	<i>\$6,294</i>
<i>Alpine Cycling Club</i>	<i>First Aid for Volunteers</i>	<i>\$2,300</i>	<i>\$1,500</i>	<i>\$3,150</i>
<i>Alpine Independent Aged Care Advocacy Service Inc.</i>	<i>Alpine Powers of Attorney</i>	<i>\$1,200</i>	<i>\$1,200</i>	<i>\$18,450</i>
<i>Alpine Shinkyokushin Karate</i>	<i>Protective Headgear</i>	<i>\$669</i>	<i>\$669</i>	<i>\$892</i>
<i>Bright and District U3A</i>	<i>New Tables and Chairs</i>	<i>\$4,265</i>	<i>\$3,390</i>	<i>\$5,856</i>
<i>Bright Bowls Club</i>	<i>Kitchen Improvements</i>	<i>\$2,429</i>	<i>\$1,200</i>	<i>\$3,239</i>
<i>Bright Community Garden</i>	<i>Bright Community Garden Car Parking Project</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>	<i>\$2,500</i>	<i>\$17,380</i>
<i>Bright Croquet Club</i>	<i>Replace Aged Mower</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>	<i>\$4,500</i>
<i>Bright Garden Club Inc.</i>	<i>Bright Garden Club Maintenance of Bright RSL Grounds - Purchase Lawn Mower</i>	<i>\$550</i>	<i>\$550</i>	<i>\$2,450</i>



<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>	<i>Amount Recommended</i>	<i>Total project cost</i>
<i>Bright RSL Sub-branch</i>	<i>The Long Tan Cross</i>	<i>\$1,505</i>	<i>\$1,505</i>	<i>\$2,655</i>
<i>Friends of Germantown Streamside Reserve</i>	<i>Germantown Reserve Boardwalk</i>	<i>\$8,444</i>	<i>\$8,444</i>	<i>\$15,725</i>
<i>Gapsted Community Hall Committee</i>	<i>Gapsted Community Hall Improvement Program - Stage 2</i>	<i>\$8,345</i>	<i>\$8,345</i>	<i>\$11,225</i>
<i>Happy Valley Hall Tree Garden</i>	<i>What Tree is That?</i>	<i>\$1,880</i>	<i>\$1,880</i>	<i>\$2,680</i>
<i>Harrierville Dredge Hole Recreation Reserve</i>	<i>Bring It To Life</i>	<i>\$9,389</i>	<i>\$9,389</i>	<i>\$20,990</i>
<i>Harrierville Community Hall of Management</i>	<i>Harrierville Mural Replacement and Upgrade Project</i>	<i>\$2,918</i>	<i>\$2,500</i>	<i>\$4,878</i>
<i>Harrierville Primary School Parents and Friends</i>	<i>Back to Harrierville Day Celebrating 150 Years of Harrierville Primary School</i>	<i>\$3,345</i>	<i>\$1,500</i>	<i>\$20,525</i>
<i>Kurdawanga Warrabe Committee</i>	<i>Kurdawanga Warrabe</i>	<i>\$9,100</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>	<i>\$78,500</i>
<i>Myrtleford and District Landcare and Sustainability Group</i>	<i>Myrtleford Sustainable House Day</i>	<i>\$1,500</i>	<i>\$1,500</i>	<i>\$16,200</i>
<i>Myrtleford Bowls Club</i>	<i>Youth/Adult Recruitment Drive</i>	<i>\$1,600</i>	<i>\$800</i>	<i>\$4,500</i>
<i>Myrtleford Cemetery Trust</i>	<i>Pioneer Cemetery Tree Planting Project</i>	<i>\$750</i>	<i>\$750</i>	<i>\$1,480</i>
<i>Myrtleford Farmers Market</i>	<i>Entertainment - Myrtleford Farmers Market</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>	<i>\$2,800</i>
<i>Myrtleford Golf Club Inc</i>	<i>Myrtleford Golf Project</i>	<i>\$4,596</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>	<i>\$16,626</i>
<i>Myrtleford and District</i>	<i>Modular Units for Gold Mining Displays</i>	<i>\$2,930</i>	<i>\$1,500</i>	<i>\$3,910</i>



<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>	<i>Amount Recommended</i>	<i>Total project cost</i>
<i>Historical Society Inc.</i>				
<i>Myrtleford Men's Shed</i>	<i>Dust Hazard Removal</i>	<i>\$2,260</i>	<i>\$2,260</i>	<i>\$3,085</i>
<i>Myrtleford Men's Shed</i>	<i>Mental Health First Aid Training</i>	<i>\$2,400</i>	<i>\$2,400</i>	<i>\$3,240</i>
<i>Myrtleford Toy Library</i>	<i>Purchase of Toys for Kids with Additional Needs</i>	<i>\$1,400</i>	<i>\$1,400</i>	<i>\$1,880</i>
<i>Neighbourhood Watch - Dederang and District</i>	<i>Community Movie Night</i>	<i>\$2,100</i>	<i>\$1,500</i>	<i>\$4,820</i>
<i>TAFCO Rural Supplies</i>	<i>FARM SMART - Adoption of Sustainable Management Practices in the Ovens, King and Kiewa Valleys</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>	<i>\$111,165</i>
<i>Tawonga Bowls Club</i>	<i>Paving Installation</i>	<i>\$400</i>	<i>\$400</i>	<i>\$1,400</i>
<i>Upper Ovens Valley Landcare Group</i>	<i>Environment/ Management Plan- Values and Risks</i>	<i>\$4,500</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>	<i>\$21,100</i>
	<i>Totals=</i>	<i>\$103,836</i>	<i>\$79,682</i>	<i>\$458,700</i>

Carried

Cr Vonarx moved a motion for the deputy Mayor take over as Chair for the remainder of this item.

Cr Vonarx

Cr Pearce

That the Deputy Mayor assumes position as Chair for the remainder of this item.

Carried

Crs Janas and Farrell left Chambers at 8.20pm



*Cr Vonarx
Cr Forsyth*

That Council:

2. Allocates funding as follows:

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>	<i>Amount Recommended</i>	<i>Total project cost</i>
<i>Mount Beauty Neighbourhood Centre</i>	<i>Safe Disability Access</i>	<i>\$4,000</i>	<i>\$4,000</i>	<i>\$29,000</i>
<i>Myrtleford and District Landcare and Sustainability Group</i>	<i>Myrtleford Ovens River Loop Walk/Clearwater Reserve/Nimmo Bridge Reserve</i>	<i>\$5,945</i>	<i>\$3,500</i>	<i>\$18,105</i>

3. liase with the following applicants to better understand the requirements and need for the proposed projects and determine whether they can be completed within the Asset Maintenance program, as they both relate to Council owned assets.

- Kiewa Valley Historical Society: Upgrade Electrics in Display Area value \$3,182*
- Myrtleford Neighbourhood Centre: Flexible Learning Hub Improvements (new carpet) value \$7,770.*

4. Note that the Community Grants program will assist in the delivery of \$458,700 of community projects to be undertaken in the 2016/2017 FY.

5. Feedback and assistance be provided to unsuccessful applicants to find other potential grant programs that may be available.

Carried

Cr Janas and Cr Farrell returned to Chambers at 8.22pm.

Cr Janas resumed position as Chair.

BACKGROUND

The Community Grants program is a long established funding scheme that has assisted numerous community groups and organisations in the past. This year, applications were received from a diverse group of organisations from across the shire.

The total amount of money requested through the Community Grants Program this year was \$163,511.



ISSUES

1. The Community Grants program is of great value to our community. Groups and organisations are able to access valuable funds to improve their facilities, resources or programs. This helps the group/organisation to be sustainable and offer a wider range of activities and keep people better connected. Groups may benefit from new and improved facilities, equipment or training to enable them to be more effective and perhaps lead safer activities. Often the grant enables the community to complement the workings of Council; an example being empowering our Landcare groups.
2. Thirteen of the projects have been recommended for reduced funding due to availability of funds. All of these projects can still proceed, with a reduced grant allocation.
3. Ten projects were unsuccessful as they did not meet the criteria for this grants program.

Applications were considered according to the following criteria:

- Projects that provide a high degree of community benefit;
- A good geographic spread of allocation across shire;
- The contribution and support from the community toward the project;
- Projects that impact on environmental, economic, social, built, recreational and wellbeing criteria; and
- Projects that can be maintained and are sustainable.

Unsuccessful applicants will be contacted; provided with feedback and recommendation of other grant providers, who may be able to assist.



Applicant	Project	Amount Requested
Gapsted Recreation Reserve Committee Management	Gapsted Cricket Wicket Renewal	\$6375
Declined as Cricket Club not yet established and funds could be available through Cricket Victoria		
Icons in the Sky	Icons in the Sky - Mount Buffalo Chalet	\$2934
Declined as confusion between being a community project and a private enterprise.		
Kiewa Valley Community Radio Association Inc	Alpine Radio Soundproofing Windows in Main Studio	\$1500
Declined due to insufficient funds to fund all projects		
Kiewa Valley Historical Society	Upgrade Electrics in Display Area	\$3182
Refer to Recommendation # 2		
Mudgegonga Hall Committee	Community Quilt Display Case	\$3308
Declined as this project would be better suited to Into Our Hands Community Foundation's Grant program.		
Myrtleford Neighbourhood Centre	Flexible Learning Hub Improvements	\$7770
Refer to Recommendation # 2		
Myrtleford Pony Club	Sand Arena	\$27,100
Declined because of the large amount asked for and because the site for this arena has not been fixed as yet. Will encourage the Pony Club to participate in the development of the Masterplan for the Showgrounds Recreation Reserve and for the Pony Club to partner with other organisations e.g. Service clubs, for support.		
Neighbourhood Watch Dederang and District	Laptop and Printer for the Production of the Voice	\$2300
Declined due to concerns re the ownership and maintenance of this equipment as requested.		
Ovens Valley Horse Riders Association	Safety and Emergency Equipment	\$638
Declined as this organisation was unable to make any contribution to the project.		
Rotary Club of Myrtleford	Purchase and Installation of Flag Poles in Myrtleford	\$4568
Declined as the landowner (VicRoads) has not given permission for the flag poles to be erected in the road reserve, and the project benefits need to be demonstrated better.		



POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Community Grants program is consistent with the:

Council Plan 2013-17: Strategy 3.2.1 Strengthen the Capacity and Resilience of Communities;

2030 Community Vision: Key Direction Seven: Enhancing Our Strong and Safe Communities; and

Liveability Plan 2013-17.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

\$80,000 is available for distribution from the 2016/17 budget.

\$79,682 is recommended to be allocated.

CONSULTATION

The Community Development Officer regularly advises groups and individuals of grant opportunities. The Community Grants Guidelines suggest that any prospective applicant contact the Community Development Department prior to submitting a grant application. This is an opportunity to gain advice on whether the proposed project is a suitable project for this program, on how to write a grant application and how to structure a budget.

An assessment panel consisting of Cr Forsyth, the Community Development Officer, and 7 community members representing the diversity of the Alpine Shire geographical location, age and gender met on 18 July 2016 to consider the applications after having had the opportunity to pre-read the applications.

CONCLUSION

Funding the 32 projects to the value of \$79,682 will ensure that all highly ranked projects are funded for 2016/17. The recommendations put forward by the assessment panel, support community participation, contribute to the building of healthy and strong communities and represent a diversity of projects from across the municipality.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Under Section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989*, the following officers declare that they have no interests to disclose in providing this report.

- Director of Sustainable Development
- Manager Economic and Community Development
- Community Building Officer

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Nil



9 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

INTRODUCTION

Section 80A of the *Local Government Act 1989* requires a written record of Assemblies of Councillors to be reported at an ordinary meeting of the Council and to be incorporated in the minutes of the Council meeting.

Cr Vonarx

Cr Keeble

That the summary of the Assemblies of Councillor for July 2016 be received.

Carried

BACKGROUND

The written records of the assemblies held during the previous month are summarised below. Detailed assembly records can be found in Attachment 9.0 to this report.

Date	Meeting
5 July	Briefing Session
19 July	Briefing Session

ATTACHMENT(S)

- 9.0 Assemblies of Councillors – July 2016



10 PRESENTATION OF REPORTS BY DELEGATES

INTRODUCTION

Councillor representation on various committees occurs where Council has an interest. Delegate reports contain information about meetings attended, and the outcomes of those meetings that affect Council.

Cr Farrell

Cr Keeble

That the summary of the presentation of reports by delegates for June 2016 be received.

Carried

BACKGROUND

The written records of the delegates reports held during the previous month are summarised below. Detailed delegates reports can be found in Attachment 10.0 to this report.

Date	Meeting	Councillor
29-30 June	Rural Councils Victoria	Cr Jan Vonarx

ATTACHMENT(S)

- 10.0 Presentation of Reports by Delegates – June 2016



11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Vonarx Question time is a privilege that now takes up much time, QT should be curtailed. Getting out of hand

Cr Pearce queried Farmer family on Dunstons Track and German Creek access.

Director Assets responded.

Cr Roper – approx. cost of clean-up following recent weather events.

Director Assets advised that further investigation required, accurately accounting for costs.

Cr Keeble – insurance claims on February weather events have been approved. And remedial works will commence shortly.

12 MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN GIVEN

13 RECEPTION AND READING OF PETITIONS

13.1.1 Mount Beauty Skate Park Committee

Council received a petition seeking financial assistance towards the renovation and revitalisation of its local facilities.

A report will be tabled at the next Ordinary Council meeting in September 2016.

Cr Vonarx

Cr Farrell

Accept the petition, money in budget for scoping

Carried



14 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

Cr Farrell

Cr Pearce

That the following documents be signed and sealed.

- 1. Heads of Agreement with Independence Stockman Project Pty Ltd and Alpine Shire Council regarding vegetation offset provision at Dinner Plain.*

Carried

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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Chairperson