



Alpine Shire

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

M8 - 4 August 2015

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 **7 July 2015** and commenced at **7:00pm**

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS

Cr Jan Vonarx – Mayor

Cr Ron Janas – Deputy Mayor

Cr Tony Keeble

Cr Daryl Pearce

Cr Kate Farrell

Cr Peter Roper

Cr John Forsyth

OFFICERS

Mr Dave Barry – Chief Executive Officer

Mr Trevor Britten – Director Corporate Performance

Ms Heather Green – Director Sustainable Development

Mr Charlie Bird – Director Assets



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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS, RECOGNITION OF ALL PEOPLE AND OPENING PRAYER

The Chief Executive Officer will read the acknowledgement of the traditional custodians, recognition of all people and opening prayer.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – M7

Cr Forsyth

Cr Janas

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting M7 held on 7 July 2015 as circulated be confirmed

Carried

3 APOLOGIES

Nil.

4 OBITUARIES / CONGRATULATIONS

Cr Pearce – Congratulations to Chloe Brain, a member of the Victorian U16 Football team that recently won the Women's National Championship.

Cr Forsyth – Condolences to the family of Ray Warden, a stalwart of the tobacco industry, recently deceased.

Cr Farrell – Congratulations to the Bright Community Garden for their 'turning of the first sod'.

5 DECLARATIONS BY COUNCILLORS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

6 QUESTION TIME

Q1. Ray Dyer, 'Why have the Jubilee Park toilets taken 10 years to be cleaned properly'?

A1. Director Assets, 'Can't answer why, but acknowledge that the cleaning can be improved, and Council will endeavour to do so'.

Q2. Trish Cross of the Upper Kiewa Valley Community Association (UKVCA), 'will the Mount Beauty auditorium be consumed by other plans for the facility and if so, what will become of the current auditorium users'?



- A2. CEO, 'The future use of the auditorium was discussed conceptually last week, no detail or view has been formed. Any decision making process will be informed by strong community engagement, likely to occur within the next 8 weeks'.
- Q3. Mary Pike of the UKVCA, 'Expressed disappointment regarding the cleanliness of the Mount Beauty Community Centre'.
- A3. CEO, 'the Director Corporate Performance will coordinate a meeting of frequent users to understand and resolve the matter (for discussion ... should Council coordinate the cleaning, have recent changes to the management arrangements had an adverse impact)?'
- Q4. Kevin Black, 'The playing surface at the Pioneer Park Reserve is in very poor condition, especially following the recent wet weather. What is Council doing to rectify that?
- A4. CEO, 'Council has successfully sought \$80k from the State and will contribute \$70k itself to deliver a \$150k project to improve the playing surface. A report will be provided to a future Council briefing session regarding the timing of the project, the Advisory Committee and the Footy Club will be advised'.



7 PRESENTATION OF REPORTS BY OFFICERS

7.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – DAVE BARRY

7.1.1 Contracts approved by the CEO

Cr Pearce

Cr Farrell

That the Contracts approved by the CEO be noted.

Contract No:	CQ 15/026	Process:	MAV Purchasing Scheme
Title:	Purchase of 1 x 80-90HP Tractor		
Tenderer:	John Deere 90hp Tractor model 5090M		
\$ (excl. GST):	\$75,336		
Funding:	Plant Replacement Budget		

Contract No:		Process:	Full quote process
Title:	Alpine Safer Parks - Public lighting		
Tenderer:	Bright and District Electrical		
\$ (excl. GST):	\$52,025.50		
Funding:	External grant received from Federal Department of Justice (\$50K)		

Carried



7.2 DIRECTOR CORPORATE PERFORMANCE – TREVOR BRITTEN

7.2.1 Community Satisfaction Survey 2015

File Number: 800.03

INTRODUCTION

The annual Community Satisfaction Survey provides the opportunity to assess the community's satisfaction with Council's performance over the previous 12 months. It also gives Council the opportunity to analyse historical trends, and to benchmark against 'Small Rural' and 'State-wide' averages.

Cr Forsyth

Cr Farrell

That the results of the 2015 Community Satisfaction Survey conducted within the municipality be noted.

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.

While Council resolved to not take part in the survey for 2014, it did participate in 2015, primarily to satisfy the needs of the LGPRF. 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. For the first time this year, a sample of 10% mobile numbers were utilised in addition to the traditional landline phone contacts. Surveys were conducted during February and March 2015.

In 2015, 69 of the 79 councils across Victoria participated in the survey. Of these, 18 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.

Council's results are in the form of index scores – where index factors are applied to the percentages returned for each category (e.g. very good, good, average, etc.), to return a value. These are then totalled, to give an index score out of 100. It is the index score that is comparable between councils, and that is used for the LGPRF. However, the % of respondents for each category is of interest for council to provide



a further breakdown or analysis of the results. Both are given in the results on the following pages.

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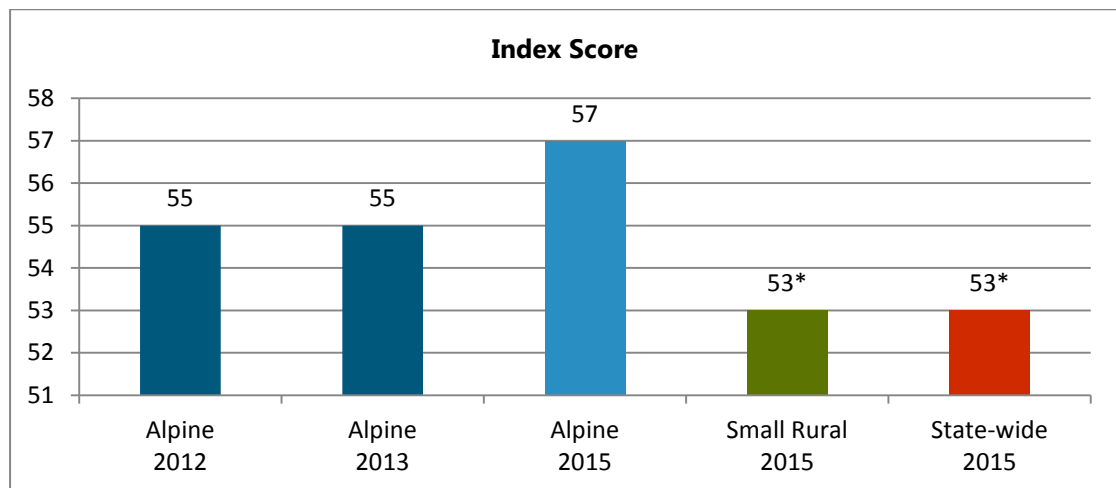
It must be noted that the survey was conducted early in the year, before the results of Council's business improvement program were quantified, reported, and announced.

There's now a better understanding of Council's commitment to increased efficiency, productivity and service, and Council is confident that future surveys will positively reflect this significant change of focus.

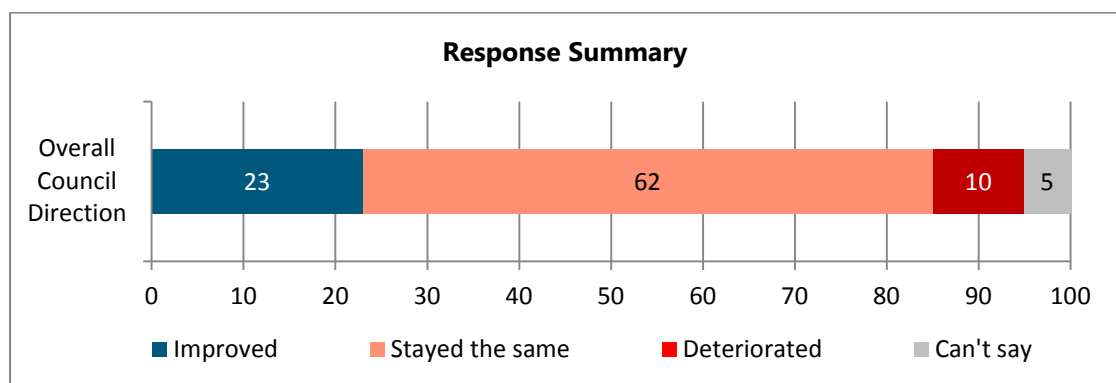
The 2015/16 Council Plan and Budget both give an excellent explanation of Council's strong improvement plans for the remainder of their term.

RESULTS

Overall Council Direction



A strong improvement trend is observed. Alpine's score is significantly better than the State-wide and Small Rural averages.

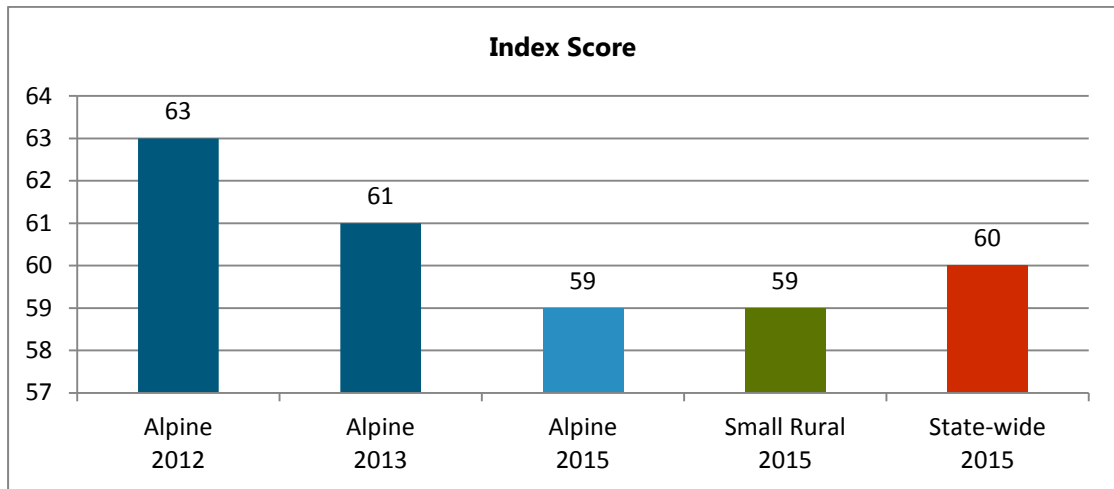


More respondents thought that Council's performance had 'improved', rather than 'deteriorated'.

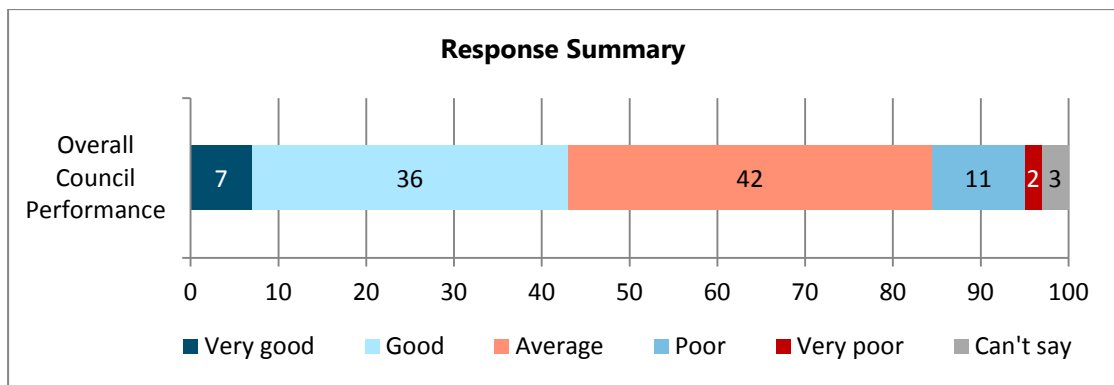
Council will continue to deliver and promote its business improvement program and look forward to the outcomes being positively reflected in the 2016 survey.



Overall Council Performance



Alpine is on par with Small Rural and State-wide averages.

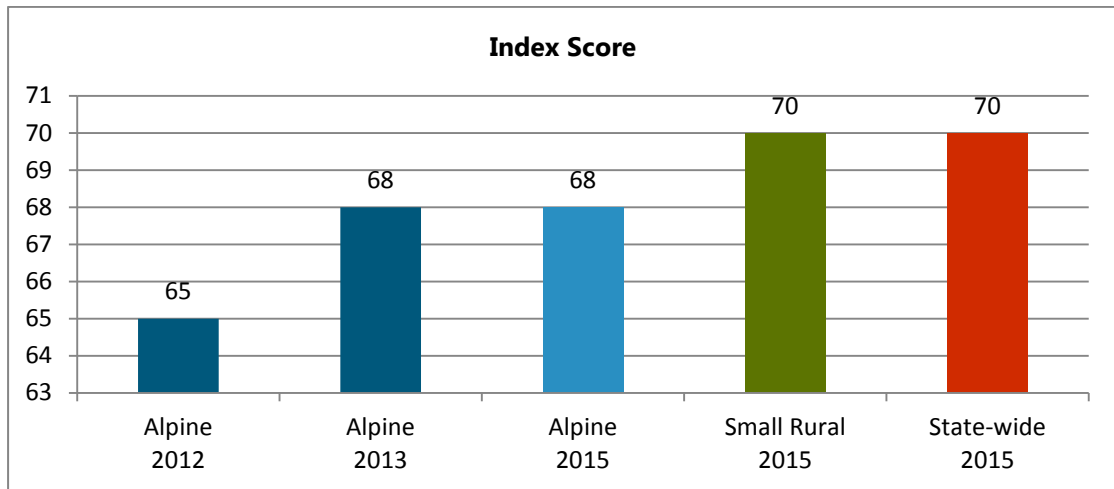


43% of respondents rated Councils performance as 'good' or 'very good', compared to 13% rating it as 'poor' to 'very poor'.

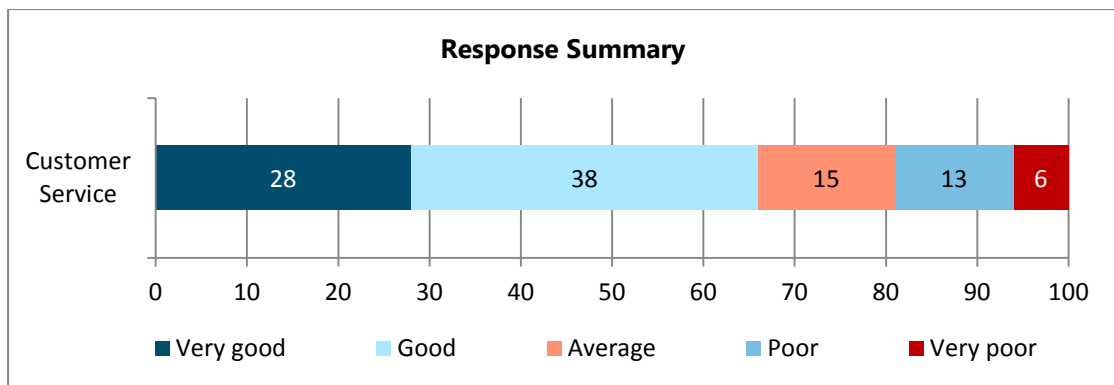
Council will continue to deliver and promote its business improvement program and looks forward to positively influencing 'average' votes in the 2016 survey.



Customer Service



An improvement trend is observed.

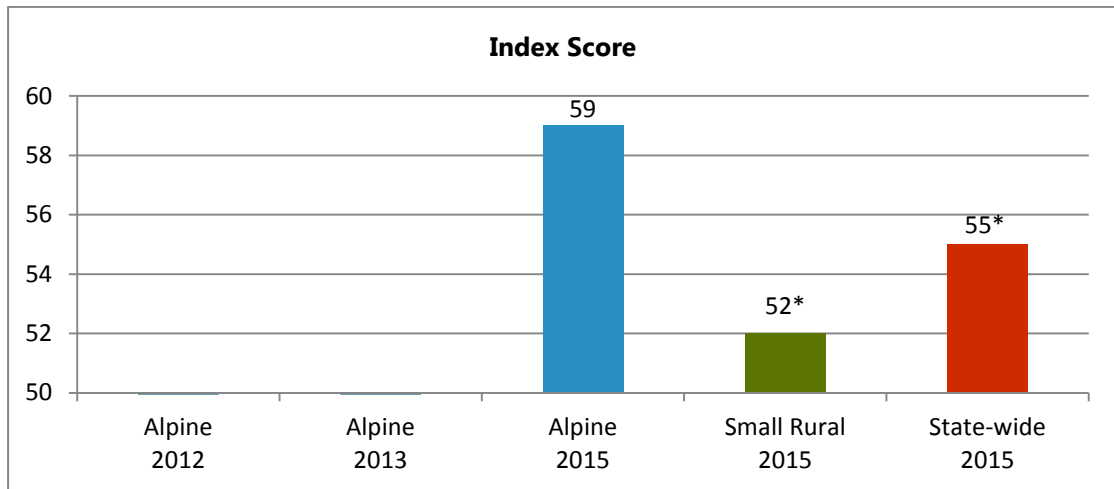


66% of respondents rated their most recent contact as 'good' or 'very good', compared with 19% rating it as 'poor' or 'very poor'.

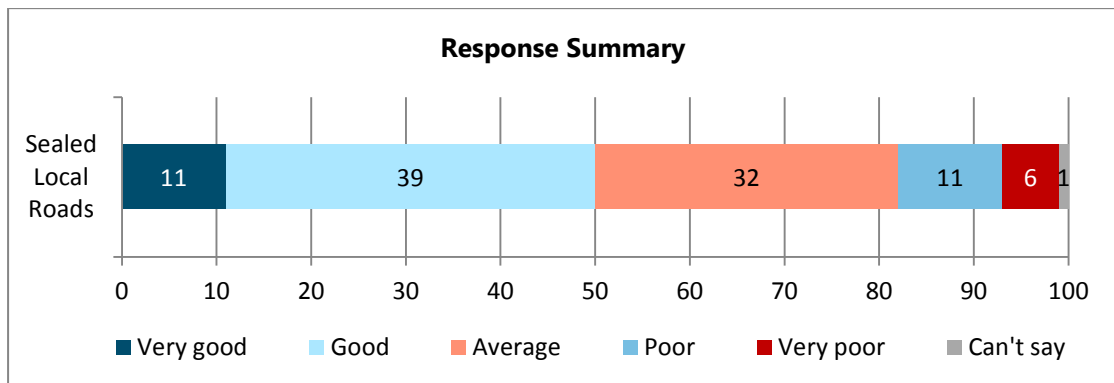
Council currently has a focus on customer service improvement, and will continue to build on this in the coming 12 months.



Condition of sealed local roads



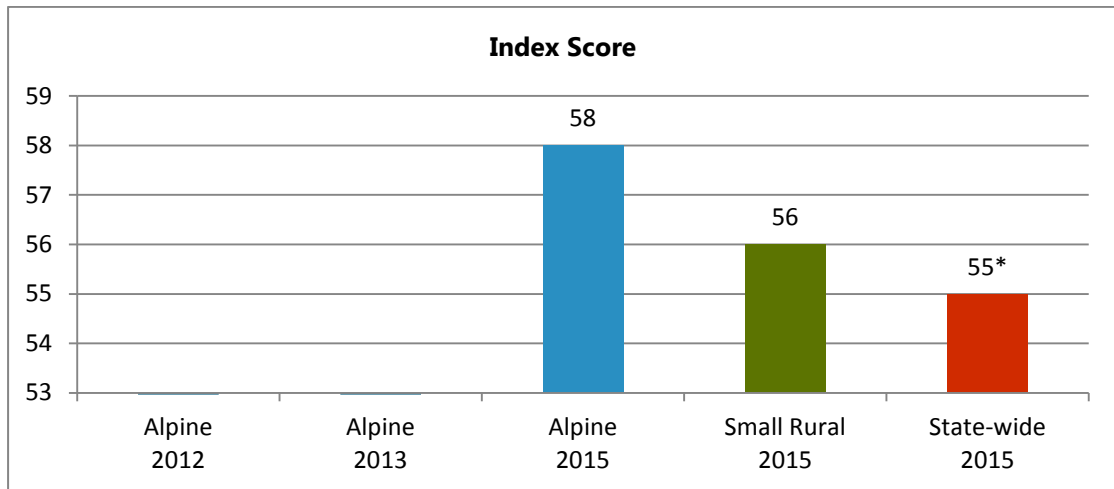
This is a new measure, and Alpine's score significantly out performs both the Small Rural and State-wide averages.



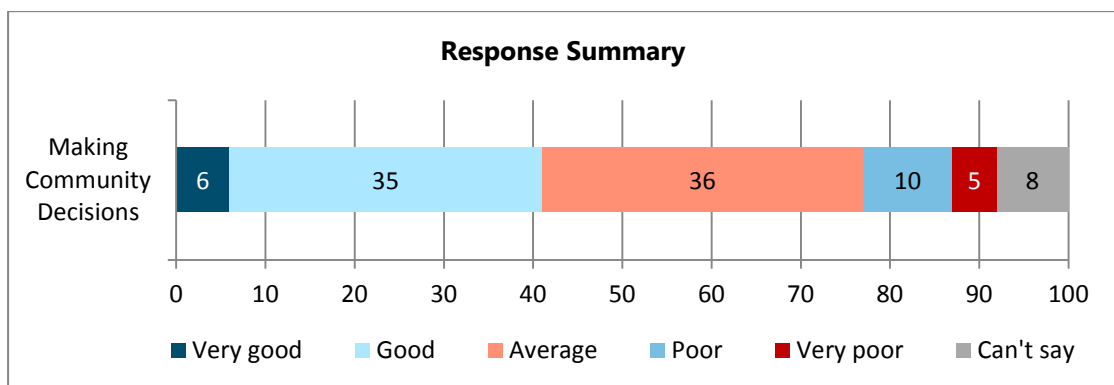
Council will continue to maintain its road network according to its sustainable Asset Management Plan.



Making community decisions



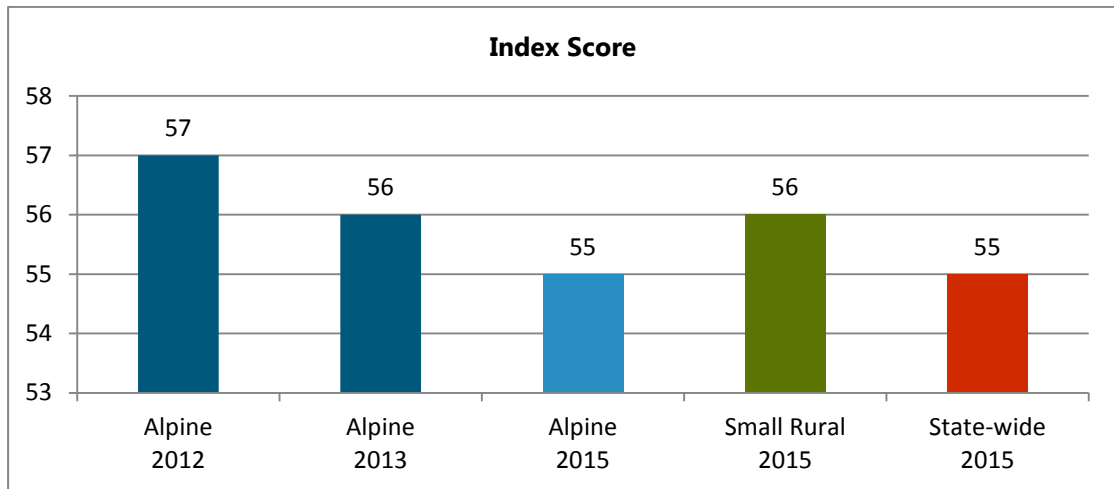
This is a new measure, and Alpine's score is better than both the Small Rural and State-wide averages.



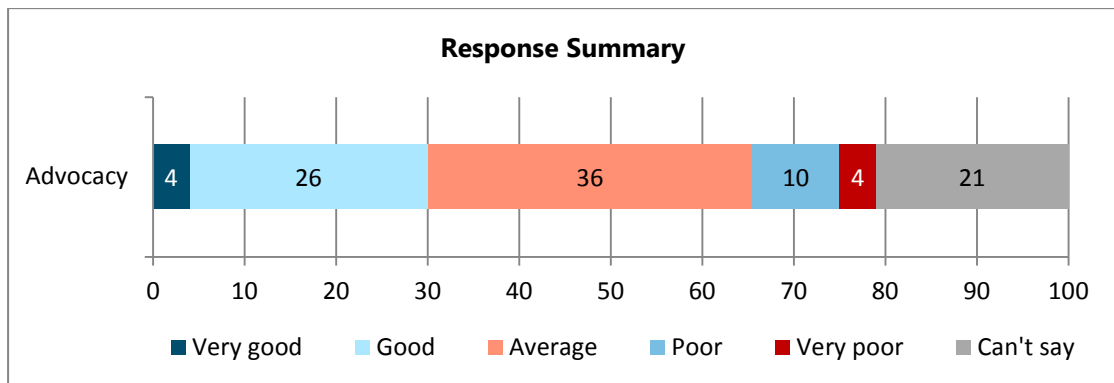
Council will continue to engage with the community in its decision making and is exploring participative budgeting techniques that may improve this measure.



Advocacy



Alpine is on par with the Small Rural and State-wide averages.

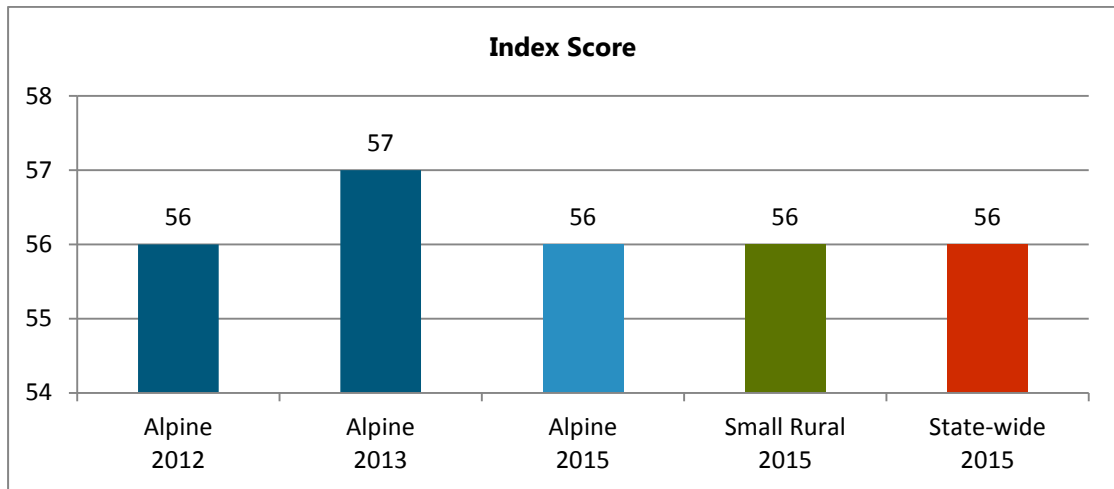


21% of respondents said they 'couldn't say' how Council performed regarding advocacy.

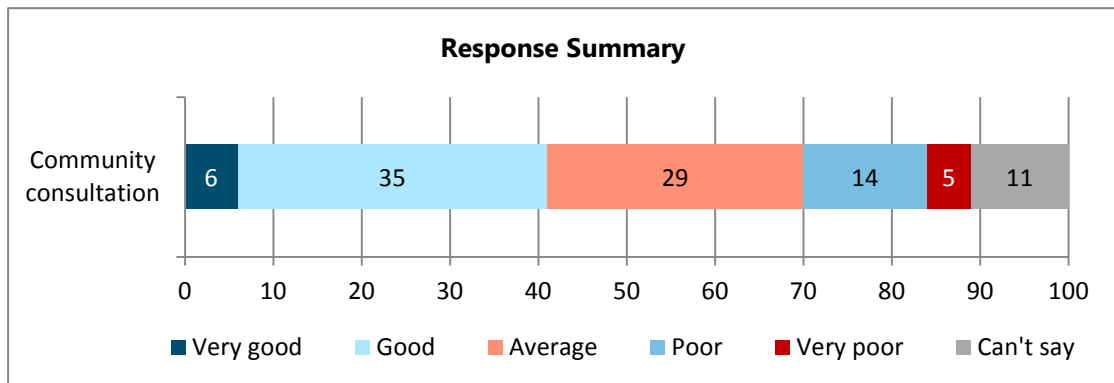
Council will investigate how it can improve the community's knowledge of its advocacy efforts.



Community consultation



Alpine's performance is steady and on par with Small Rural and State-wide averages.



Improved consultation is a key focus in the 2015/16 action plan.



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 \$8,000 including 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 of the past 12 months is beginning to pay dividends in resident perception of the organisation in some areas. Survey topics such as 'making community decisions' and 'overall council direction' are strong positives for Council's performance, both historically and amongst Council's peers.

Council is confident that the 2016 Community Satisfaction Survey will more positively reflect the significant work that is being done to improve the business in every way.

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)

- 2015 Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey



7.3 DIRECTOR ASSETS - CHARLIE BIRD

7.3.1 Contract 1503001 – Supply and Delivery of Road Maintenance Unit

INTRODUCTION

This tender report relates to the award of a contract for the supply and delivery of a new road maintenance unit to Council.

Cr Pearce

Cr Roper

That Council award Paveline Contract No: 1503001 for the supply and delivery of one new road maintenance unit to Council for the contract price of \$342,774 (including Stamp Duty but excluding GST).

Carried

BACKGROUND

Council uses a road maintenance unit to maintain its sealed road and path network. Council's existing road maintenance unit has reached the end of its useful life and is seeking to replace as part of its annual plant replacement program.

Tenders were sought through the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Vendor Panel. The tender documents were downloaded by two contractors and both submitted offers.

EVALUATION

The evaluation panel consisted of the Director Assets, the Acting Manager Asset Maintenance, Depot Operations Officer and Team Leader Myrtleford Works. The tender was evaluated according to the selection criteria listed below:

- Price
- Suitability
- Maintenance
- Delivery time.

Following the assessment of offers by the evaluation panel it was determined that the tender from Paveline best met the selection criteria and provided the best value for Council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The tender was advertised and evaluated according to the Procurement Policy and the Purchasing and Contract Procedures Manual.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The supply and delivery of the road maintenance unit is funded out of the plant replacement budget. The net changeover allowed for this unit was \$340,000. Council



is expecting to realise at least \$14,800 for the sale of its existing road maintenance unit, which would result in a net changeover of \$327,974. This is within the budget allowance.

CONSULTATION

An extensive evaluation was carried out by Acting Manager Asset Maintenance, Depot Operations Officer and Myrtleford Works Team Leader. This included a hands-on demonstration of the units, visiting local councils that have recently purchased similar units and contacting referees.

CONCLUSION

Acceptance of the tender from Paveline is considered to be the best value option for Council.

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
- Depot Operations Officer
- Team Leader Works, Myrtleford

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Nil



7.4 DIRECTOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT – HEATHER GREEN

7.4.1 Event Funding Program 2015/2016

File Number: 1610.25

INTRODUCTION

Events are vitally important to the economic wellbeing of the Alpine Shire. It is estimated that events attract 94,000 visitors directly and provide benefit to a wide range of businesses. Council provides support in two direct forms; logistics and sponsorship. Council also provides assistance to event organisers with their planning and preparation.

The 2015/16 Event Funding program has commenced.

Cr Janas

Cr Keeble

That Council:

Approve the following events for logistical and/or sponsorship support as detailed:

Event	Applicant	Funding
Adventure Travel Film Festival	Adventure Travel Film Festival Australia	\$2,250 Sponsorship \$700 Logistics
Alfred 6 Hour	Alpine Cycling Club	\$1,000 Sponsorship \$250 Logistics
Alpine Challenge	Running Wild	\$1,000 Sponsorship
Alpine Country Fair	Bright P-12 College Parents & Friends Group	\$500 Sponsorship
Audax Alpine Classic and Bonjour Bright Festival	Audax Australia	\$4,000 Sponsorship \$2,500 Logistics
Barrowthon	Beechworth Barrowthon Inc.	\$2,000 Logistics
Bright Autumn Festival	Bright Autumn Festival Committee	\$1,000 Sponsorship \$7,000 Logistics
Bright Body & Soul Expo	Jenny Chalwell & Ros Holland	\$1,000 Sponsorship
Bright Fly Fishing Opening Weekend	Southern Fly Fishing Adventures	\$1,000 Sponsorship
Bright Fun Run	Bright P-12 College	\$2,500 Logistics
Bright Markets - Make It Bake It Grow It	Bright & District Chamber of Commerce	\$500 Logistics
Bright Rotary Markets	Rotary Club of Bright	\$4,000 Logistics
Bright Spring Festival Grand Fireworks Spectacular and Entertainment	Bright Spring Festival Committee	\$750 Sponsorship \$500 Logistics
Brighter Days	Brighter Days Foundation	\$3,000 Sponsorship



Event	Applicant	Funding
		\$2,000 Logistics
Bright's Iconic Rod Run	Bright Rod & Kustom Club Inc.	\$5,000 Sponsorship \$12,000 Logistics
Community Garden Film Night	Bright Community Garden	\$150 Logistics
Cycling Australia Junior Mountain Climb Championships (Alpe d'Buffalo)	Alpine Cycling Club	\$600 Logistics
Dederang Picnic Race Day	Dederang Picnic Race Club Inc.	\$2,000 Sponsorship \$500 Logistics
Gravity 12 Hour	Gruppo Sportivo International	\$1,000 Logistics
Harrietville Half Marathon	Harrietville Primary School	\$2,000 Sponsorship \$1,000 Logistics
Harvest N Graze	Harvest N Graze Pty Ltd	\$3,500 Sponsorship \$1,500 Logistics
Kangaroo Hoppet	Kangaroo Hoppet Inc.	\$4,000 Sponsorship
La Fiera Italian Festival	Myrtleford Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc.	\$4,000 Sponsorship \$1,000 Logistics
Mount Beauty Half Marathon	Mount Beauty Half Marathon Committee	\$1,000 Sponsorship \$700 Logistics
Mount Beauty Music Festival	Mount Beauty Music Muster Inc.	\$1,000 Sponsorship \$1,500 Logistics
MountainGrass	Australasian Bluegrass and Old Time Music Association	\$2,000 Sponsorship
Music and Entertainment in the Park	Rotary Club of Bright	\$500 Sponsorship \$500 Logistics
Myrtleford and District Agricultural & Pastoral Show	Myrtleford and District Agricultural & Pastoral Society	\$800 Sponsorship
Myrtleford Bush Market	Myrtleford Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc.	\$500 Sponsorship \$1,000 Logistics
Myrtleford Cotters Market	The Myrtleford Festival Association Inc.	\$500 Logistics
The Myrtleford Festival	The Myrtleford Festival Association Inc.	\$3,500 Logistics
Myrtleford Fun Run	Marian College	\$3,000 Logistics
Myrtleford Golden Spurs Rodeo	Lions Club of Myrtleford Inc.	\$2,000 Logistics
Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Club Easter Tournament	Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Club	\$500 Sponsorship \$500 Logistics
Ovens Valley Canine Club Championship Show	Ovens Valley Canine Club	\$800 Logistics
Reel Rock 10 Film Tour	Hand Cut Productions	\$850 Sponsorship



Event	Applicant	Funding
		\$150 Logistics
Swagger Music Festival	Swagger Music Festival	\$3,500 Sponsorship \$1,500 Logistics
Sweet Valley Sounds	Sweet Valley Sounds Inc.	\$500 Sponsorship \$1,500 Logistics
Thule B24 MTB Race	B.A.S.E.	\$1,000 Sponsorship \$2,000 Logistics
Tour Fondo	B.A.S.E.	\$500 Sponsorship
Tour of Bright (Champion System)	Alpine Cycling Club	\$10,000 Logistics
Victorian Veteran Golfers Association State Men's Championships	Myrtleford Golf Club	\$1,000 Sponsorship
Wandiligong Nut Festival	Sub-committee of Bright & District Chamber of Commerce	\$500 Sponsorship \$500 Logistics

Carried

BACKGROUND

A competitive funding program was originally put in place in the 2012/13 financial year to provide an equitable and transparent way of assessing events.

The 2015/16 Event Funding round opened on Monday 25 May and closed on Friday 10 July. During this time 52 applications were received, which is approximately 15 more than in previous years.

In assessment of 2015/16 funding applications, greater focus was given to Council's logistic, or in-kind, support. Logistic support includes the use of Council resources, such as traffic management signage, or services, such as waste management. This support is offered as in-kind only, monetary support is offered through sponsorship.

Changes were made to the application process to ensure more detailed information was gathered about events requesting logistic support and previous expenditure in this area was also reviewed. This assisted in creating a better-informed estimate of logistical costs for the upcoming 2015/16 period.

The changes to the application process were intended to encourage more event organisers to apply for funding so a more accurate budget could be developed. With a focus on tourism in past years, smaller community events only requiring basic logistic support had not traditionally applied for funding through this program. As a result, there was no allocation for these events in the budget and they relied upon the availability of discretionary funds to cover the costs.

In order to simplify the process, applicants were asked to apply for logistics and/or sponsorship as two separate funding opportunities, rather than submitting an overall



request for funds for the event. Sponsorship funding is open to tourism-based events; logistic support is open to any event.

The 2015/16 events budget has been budgeted at \$165,000 for distribution across logistics support and cash sponsorship, including a commitment of \$30,000 for the Australian Mountain Bike National Championships (atop of \$20,000 funded by Sports and Recreation). Of the 52 applications received, \$141,190 was requested in sponsorship and approximately \$80,000 in logistic support, a total of \$221,190 combined.

The above recommendations allocate the following:

Sponsorship funds to be allocated:

Australian Mountain Bike National Championships	\$30,000
Total sponsorship funds recommended	\$50,150
Total	\$80,150

Logistics funds to be allocated:

-Marquee erection (spring events)	\$10,000
-New event attraction	\$10,000
Total logistics funds recommended	\$69,350
Total	\$89,350
Total funding allocation	\$169,500

Recommended cash sponsorship funding and logistic support provided by the panel equates to \$169,500 and includes available funds for spring marquee erection and new event attraction. Logistics funding recommended has been over budgeted. It is likely that savings will be made to cover the potential \$4,500 over assumption.

Assessment

All applicants were asked to provide an event management plan with their application. Event organisers seeking logistics support were required to list the services and/or resources they were requesting so a more accurate estimate could be determined. Those seeking sponsorship were asked to provide a brief outline of what they would use the funds for as well as a communications and marketing plan.

Some events are receiving more logistics 'dollars' than previous years to ensure there are sufficient funds to cover their requirements. Where possible, additional logistics funds have been taken from the sponsorship allocation for that event to ensure the total funding allocation does not change.

Attachment 1 – 'Event Applications' describes the requests for support.

Of particular interest are;

Bright's Iconic Rod Run

The new event organisers for Bright's Iconic Rod Run are in their third year running the event. This year will be the 25th anniversary of the event in Bright and organisers are planning plenty of celebrations. The organisers deliver a high quality event attracting a large number of visitors estimated at 15,000 for last year.



Barrowthon (New event)

Inspired by a bet between a local publican and mechanic some 80 years ago, this event will see teams push each other from Beechworth to Mount Buffalo in wheelbarrows. Although based in Beechworth, the Barrowthon course stops in Myrtleford and Porepunkah before finishing on Mount Buffalo. This event is bound to attract a lot of media attention.

Harrietville Half Marathon (New event)

A new event for Harrietville; half marathon competitors will run from Bright to Harrietville (approximately 26km) with shorter run/walk/cycle courses starting from the trout farm. Raising funds for Harrietville Primary School.

Swagger Music Festival

With humble beginnings at the Wandi Pub, this two-day event has outgrown its current location and is moving to a bigger site, subject to planning approval with the hope of attracting around 1500 attendees. This is the first year Swagger has applied for funding from Council. Should planning approval not be granted, event funding will not be provided.

Kangaroo Hoppet

This event is in its 25th year running at Falls Creek. Although this event is not in the Alpine Shire, it has a significant benefit for the town of Mount Beauty.

The below applications were not approved for funding:

Event	Applicant	Reason not funded
Bright Escapes Cycle Tours	Jenny Chalwell & Priscilla Williamson	Ongoing tours – not an event
Victorian Men's Country & Junior Regional Golf Championships	Myrtleford Golf Club	Inter-club tournament – not an event
Victorian Men's and Women's Senior Golf Championships	Myrtleford Golf Club	Inter-club tournament – not an event
Porepunkah Bike Safety Rodeo	Porepunkah Primary School	Community activity – not an event. Will be referred to Community Grants
Mountain Bike Trail Run Challenge	BIG4 Bright Holiday Park & B.A.S.E	Event not taking place in this financial year
Hotham Auto Corsa Alpine Tarmac Rally and Mount Hotham Alpine Cup International Hill Climb	Auto Corsa Group	Event not located in Alpine Shire
BIG4 Bright Amateur Filmmaking Competition	BIG4 Bright Holiday Park	Private business activity – not suitable for funding



Future of events in the Shire

Council supports all events held in the Shire by providing ongoing logistic support and seed funding for new events. It is foreseeable that events attracted to the Shire in the future will be run by private organisations.

It is likely that council will be called upon to provide ongoing support to events. Consideration will need to be given in the preparation of next year's budget to additional funding for events if event attraction remains a high priority.

ISSUES

Due to the infancy of the program and numerous changes to staff, there have been issues in previous years managing the logistical support provided to event organisers. Tighter budgets in the 2015/16 financial year will mean there are less discretionary funds available to cover logistical support for events that have not applied or otherwise been allocated funding.

Extra effort was made this year to ensure as many events as possible submitted an application and although there was an increase in applications, a number of events held in the Alpine Shire still did not apply for sponsorship or logistic support. In order to manage the logistics budget, Council will not financially support these events. Rather than provide this support as an in-kind donation, the cost of any logistical support will be billed back to the event organiser. New events in their first year will continue to be supported from a separate pool of funds.

Any event that exceeds their allocated logistic support amount will also be invoiced. Where possible, event organisers will be given the option to seek alternative providers (such as contractors or hire companies) to ensure they get a competitive price

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 paper, on the Alpine Shire Council website 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. Numerous event organisers took advantage of this assistance.

A sub-committee including a Councillor, two Council staff and a representative from both the Bright and Myrtleford Chambers of Commerce was formed to assess and discuss the funding applications. The Mount Beauty Chamber of Commerce was also invited to join the sub-committee; however a representative was not available.

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 and its managing participants
- Potential for the event to develop into a key tourism or visitor attraction in the foreseeable future.

There was general 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 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:

- Manager Economic and Community Development
- Development Officer - Event Operations
- Development Officer - Events

Both the Bright and Myrtleford Chambers of Commerce are 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)

- Event Applications - Attachment 1



7.4.2 Alpine Community Fund - Request from Border Trust

File Number: 1780.55

INTRODUCTION

Border Trust: the Community Foundation for the Albury Wodonga Region has requested Council consider the establishment of an Alpine Shire only perpetual fund. The trust has also offered to manage Councils Community Grant program.

Border Trust is one of 34 Community Foundations across Australia, working to support its community; now and in the future. Border Trust supports the people and not-for-profit community organisations of Albury, Alpine, Corowa, Greater Hume, Indigo, Towong, Tumbarumba and Wodonga.

Cr Keeble

Cr Janas

That:

- 1. Council advise Border Trust that it does not support the establishment of the Alpine Perpetual Fund as it is a less cost effective way to support community groups than those currently in existence.*
- 2. That the Border Trust be advised of this decision and the reasons underpinning it.*

Carried

BACKGROUND

Representatives of Border Trust met with Council to propose establishing of a Perpetual Fund to provide an ongoing funding stream for the Alpine Communities for charitable purposes. The fund would:

1. receive donations from Alpine Residents, businesses and local community events
2. commence distribution once it reached \$20,000
3. Provide a vehicle for important community projects to be cofounded by Council and the fund
4. require Council provide an initial contribution of \$5,000 and an annual contribution.
5. require Council to promote a fundraising challenge to raise \$20,000 in one year
6. ensure all funds raised be distributed in the Alpine Shire

As a part of investigation of this proposal officers also met with the Chair and Executive officer of Into Our Hands Community Foundation who also advised that it would consider the same proposal.



ISSUES

Establishment of an Alpine Community Fund

There are some good reasons to consider the establishment of such a fund these include:

1. establishes a very local fund administered by a local board
2. Helps encourage philanthropy in the community
3. Not a huge financial commitment by Council
4. Keeps funds donated local
5. Council could kick start this model and advocate to the community for contributions.

Council however already contributes an average of \$60,000 per annum of direct grants to the community through its Community Grants Program. This system is managed by Council at minimal cost. This enables Council to keep abreast of the current needs of the community and to help groups and organisations to better deliver their individual services.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Should Council wish to proceed with this proposal it would require an annual contribution to the fund and some officer time to promote the fund within the community.

CONSULTATION

Discussions with both Border Trust and Into Our Hands have been undertaken but would require further discussion and negotiation should Council wish to proceed with any agreements.

CONCLUSION

Council contributes directly to the community through its community fund. It can choose to be part of the establishment of a perpetual fund if it considers the merits of such a fund are significant.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

- Director Sustainable Development

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Nil



8 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 Janas

Cr Keeble

That the summary of the Assemblies of Councillor for June / July 2015 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 8.0 to this report.

Date	Meeting
30 June	Briefing Session
7 July	Briefing Session
21 July	Briefing Session

ATTACHMENT(S)

- 8.0 Assemblies of Councillors - June / July 2015



9 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 Janas

Cr Forsyth

That the summary of the presentation of reports by delegates for July 2015 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 9.0 to this report.

Date	Meeting	Councillor
10 July	Rural Councils Victoria	Cr Jan Vonarx
10 July	Timber Towns	Cr Jan Vonarx
17 July	Mount Buffalo Community Forum	Cr Jan Vonarx
16-17 July	Waste Management Forum Tour	Cr Ron Janas

ATTACHMENT(S)

- 9.0 Presentation of Reports by Delegates - July 2015



10 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Farrell – Advised that she has been approached by residents requesting 24hr petrol stations in Harrietville and Dinner Plain.

Cr Roper – Question to the CEO, 'Can you give me an estimate of how much money (including officer time) Alpine Shire Council has spent over the past 3 years on assuaging Cr Farrell's ongoing dissatisfaction with the previous and current Mayor?'

CEO – Cr Roper's question will be investigated and a report provided.

Cr Farrell – Objected to Cr Roper's question.

Cr Farrell left the meeting 7.44 pm.

11 MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN GIVEN

12 RECEPTION AND READING OF PETITIONS



13 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

Cr Roper

Cr Keeble

That the following documents be signed and sealed.

1. Section 173 Agreement – Jake William Howman and Martina Mary Wilson, Crown Allotments 1A, 2A & 2B, Section 12, Parish of Tawanga, Volume 8504 Folio 766 and Volume 10270 Folios 944 and 945.

Condition 5 of Planning Permit 2015.013 for the use and development of a rural dwelling in Happy Valley Road, Rosewhite.

The Agreement provides for Farm Plan requirements.
2. Alpine Shire Council 'S11A - Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation - *Planning and Environment Act 1987* - July 2015.
3. Issue of Licence under Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 – to the Rotary Club of Bright for the use, operation and maintenance of the Centenary Park Waterslide and surrounding landscape, on part Crown Allotment 5C Section O Township of Bright, for a ten year period commencing 1 September 2015.

Carried

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 7.45 pm

Confirmed,

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Chairperson