

from the September Council meeting

Highlights from meeting held on 25 September at Holbrook.

Cr Doug Meyer OAM was elected Deputy Mayor for a one year term. *Cr Wilton was elected Mayor in 2018 for a two year term.*

Council approved an application for a two lot subdivision on Ralvona Lane, Holbrook subject to 10 conditions of consent.

In relation to an application for the relocation of an existing dwelling on an allotment in Dickson Street, Woomargama and construction of a deck, Council agreed to approve the application with consent including 28 conditions and included that the proponent will have a two year time frame to physically commence construction.

Following deferment from the August meeting and the receipt of additional information regarding the use of the proposed shed to maintain vintage cars and trucks, Council resolved to approve a large shed in Huon Street, Gerogery West, subject to conditions.

Council resolved to authorise the General Manager to provide owners consent to lodge the development application for the Walla Walla Solar Farm which involves the laying of a cable in Schneiders Road to the proposed substation to be located on the western side of the proposed development.

Cr Quinn and Cr Weston will attend the National Conference of the Murray Darling Association to be held in Toowoomba in October.

Following exhibition of proposed changes to ward boundaries, Council resolved to adopt the ward boundary changes. Council will write to all affected households notifying them of the outcome.

Council appointed its Manager Traffic and Infrastructure and Councillors Terry Weston and Jenny O'Neill to the new Jindera to Lavington Recreation Path Working Party. The aim of the Albury City and Greater Hume Councils working party will be to prepare plans for a shovel ready project to construct a bicycle/walking path to join Jindera to Lavington.

Council's draft financial statements for year ended 30 June 2019 were adopted, with Council agreeing that the documents be referred to Council's external auditor. The Auditor will make an assessment of the financial statements and will attend the October meeting to report on the conduct of the audit.

Council considered a report on the closure and sale of an unused section of road at Culcairn. Following exhibition three submissions were received including a submission from NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Crown Land. In response, the Department has informed Council that consent will not be provided until such time as a formal assessment of the impacts of the proposed closure and disposal is undertaken, which may take up to 12 months to be completed and further delays due to Crown Land processes. Council resolved to defer the request pending further advice from the Department. Council will also meet with the Member for Albury, Justin Clancy MP, to discuss the ramifications of the new Crown Lands Management Act in relation to closure and sale of unused sections of public roads.

Council adopted a range of policies including 23 policies for Greater Hume Children Services.

In relation to electricity procurement, Council has participated in a REROC joint procurement project for electricity supply with five other councils. Council resolved to be excused from the normal tendering process due to the extenuating circumstances and only a 2-day validity of offers from electricity retailers.

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Council resolved to delegate authority to the General Manager, to execute the contracts for supply of electricity for small tariff sites, large contract sites and streetlighting. Council also agreed to contribute 20% of Council's electricity load to a newable energy where the pricing is financially advantageous.

As part of best practice requirements, Greater Hume Council must undertake an Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy (IWCM Strategy) for its water and sewer assets every 8 years. Maintaining compliance is important as it is a regulatory requirement when applying for grant funding. Council resolved to undertake the strategy and accepted funding to meet 75% cost of the strategy. The total project to be undertaken by Public Works Advisory is estimated at \$324,565 (excl GST). Funding through Safe and Secure Funding Program will meet the cost of \$243,424 with Council to fund the remaining balance out of existing water and sewer reserves.

Council resolved to lodge in two parts road projects to attract grant funding under the Fixing Country Roads Program.

Tranche 1 project

- Widen and reconstruction of Holbrook – Culcairn Road (1.9km) east of Morven est. \$800,000 - \$1.0M
- Widen and reconstruction of Grubben Road, Henty (1.7km) west of Graincorp silos est. \$600,000 - \$800,000

Tranche 2

- Widen and reconstruction of Jingellic Road (3.0km) Yarra Gap to Coppabella Road est. \$1.2M - \$1.5M
- Widen and reconstruction of Coppabella Road (4.0km) Starting at Tumbarumba Road est. \$1.6M - \$2.0M

Announcements on the success of projects are expected in December 2019 for Tranche One Projects and March 2020 for Tranche Two Projects. Council has agreed to commit a 25% contribution to all projects if successful, in order to demonstrate its commitment to all submitted projects.

The next Council meeting will be held on 23 October at Culcairn.

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Cr Heather Wilton Mayor

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