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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BAROSSA COUNCIL
held on Tuesday 17 September 2024 commencing at 5.30pm
in the Council Chambers, 43-51 Tanunda Road, Nuriootpa.

M I N U T E S

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country by Mayor Bim Lange who declared the meeting open at 5.30pm.

1. ATTENDANCE RECORD

1.1 Members Present

Mayor Bim Lange, Crs John Angas, Don Barrett, David de Vries, Tony Hurn, Cathy Troup, Jane Evans, Bruce Preece, Jess Greatwich, Rick Lane and Heidi Thompson

Apologies

Cr Kathryn Schilling

Not Present

Nil

Leave of Absence

Nil

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of previous meetings – for confirmation:

MOVED Cr Hurn

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 20 August 2024 at 5.30pm, as circulated, be confirmed as true and correct records of the proceedings of those meetings.

SECONDED Cr de Vries **CARRIED 2022-26/507**

2.2 Matters arising from previous minutes

Nil

3. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

3.1 Petitions

Nil

3.2 Deputations/Visitors to the meeting

Nil

3.3 Notice of Motion

Nil

3.4 Questions with Notice

Nil

4. MAYOR

4.1 Mayor's Report

MOVED Cr de Vries

That the Mayor's report be received.

SECONDED Cr Preece **CARRIED 2022-26/508**

5. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

5.1 COUNCILLOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL - CR DON BARRETT

MOVED Cr Evans

That the Councillor Barrett's report be received.

SECONDED Cr Greatwich **CARRIED 2022-26/509**

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA) Adoption Of Annual Business Plan And Budget 2024/25

6.2 Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority - Minutes of Meeting

6.3 Trees For Life - Bush For Life Report

6.4 Community Engagement Charter Update

6.5 Initiation Of Assessment Improvements Code Amendment

6.6 Northern and Yorke Local Government Association General and Annual General Meetings

6.7 Williamstown, Lyndoch Landcare Group

6.8 National Construction Code 2022 Modern Homes Provisions and Introduction of Certificate of Occupancy for Class 1a Buildings

7. DEBATE REPORTS

7.1 Office of the Mayor and CEO

7.1.1 ELECTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF SA PRESIDENT POSITION AND MEMBERS OF THE SAROC COMMITTEE
24/83059

A letter was received from Dr Heather Holmes-Ross of the City of Mitchem past the time that the agenda was released. Please note that this letter was tabled at the Meeting and is listed as APPENDIX 1.

MOVED Cr Preece

That Council vote for Mayor Claire Boan, Port Adelaide Enfield Council for the position of President of the Local Government Association of South Australia.

SECONDED Cr Hurn **CARRIED 2022-26/510**

Pursuant to Section 73 of the Local Government Act 1999, Cr Greatwich disclosed a material Conflict of Interest in the matter Item number 7.1.1 - Election of Members of the South Australia Region of Councils (SAROC) Committee and one of the nominees managers her in an employment context.

Cr Greatwich left the meeting at 5.58pm.

MOVED Cr Preece

That Council vote for Mayor Bill O'Brien from Light Regional Council and Mayor Roslyn Talbot from Copper Coast Council for the positions of Northern and Yorke LGA Councils representatives to the South Australia Region of Councils (SAROC) Committee.

SECONDED Cr Thompson **CARRIED 2022-26/511**

PURPOSE

Nominations for the position of President of the Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA) and representatives to the South Australia Region of Councils (SAROC) Committee have now closed. Elected Members are now asked to vote on the nominations received.

REPORT

Introduction
LGA South Australia is conducting elections for the LGA President and committees.

Under the current LGA Constitution these vacancies occur every two years. We have asked members for nominations for the:

- LGA President position.
- Members of the SAROC Committee.
- Members will now be asked to vote on the nominations received.

The new positions will commence at our Annual General Meeting on 22 November 2024.

NOMINATED POSITIONS

LGA President

This year, nominations were sought for the role of LGA President from the GAROC (Greater Adelaide Region of Councils) regional grouping of members on the two year rotation process.

Nominees were required to be:

- ✓ A current Council Member.
- ✓ A current member of the GAROC Committee and who has been in that role for at least 12 months.
- ✓ At the close of nominations, five candidates had nominated for the position of LGA President.

Those candidates are listed below in the order they will appear on the ballot, as determined by the Ballot Order Draw on 21 August 2024.

Lord Mayor Jane Lomax-Smith – City of Adelaide
Mayor Michael Coxon – City of West Torrens
Mayor Kris Hanna – City of Marion
Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross – City of Mitcham
Mayor Claire Boan – City of Port Adelaide Enfield

SAROC Committee
South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils

Positions on these committees become vacant every two years. Each member council was able to nominate a candidate for a role in SAROC.

SAROC had 12 positions vacant for regional councils to nominate for from their respective regional groupings.

Below are the details for candidates who have nominated for a position on SAROC.

Northern and Yorke LGA Councils (Legatus) Listed in the order determined by Ballot Order Draw	**Mayor Rodney Reid** – Wakefield Regional Council **Mayor Bill O'Brien** – Light Regional Council **Mayor Roslyn Talbot** – Copper Coast Council

Council must determine (by resolution) which two candidates it wishes to elect. The delegate (Mayor Lange) will mark an X next to the candidate and return the ballot paper as prescribed.

Ballot papers
Candidates who are declared duly elected following the Close of Nominations will receive formal correspondence via email. No Ballot Papers will be posted for these positions.

Ballot papers have been received and relevant background information provided. Relevant information is at Attachment 3 for the LGA President and Attachment 4 for our regional membership of SAROC.

Sitting fees
These positions will receive a sitting fee in accordance with the LGA Board and Committee Member Allowances and Expenses policy.

Conclusion
Council must determine (by resolution) which candidates it wishes to elect. The delegate (Mayor Lange) will mark an X next to the candidate and return the ballot paper as prescribed.

The ballot paper must be returned to the LGA by 4 November 2024.

Information received to date from candidates seeking support for their election to the position of LGA President is also provided for information as at the attachments.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1	Candidate for Local Government Association South Australia President - Letter from Jane Lomax-Smith
Attachment 2	Candidate for Local Government Association South Australia President - Letter from Michael Coxon - 4 September 2024
Attachment 3	Ballot Pack and Candidate Information - LGA President

Attachment 4 Ballot Pack and Candidate Information - SAROC Board Member

Supporting references
LGA Constitution (PDF, 450.65 KB)
SAROC Terms of Reference (PDF, 322.43 KB)
GAROC Terms of Reference (PDF, 337.75 KB)

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Corporate Plan
BS7 Governance - Provision of governance advice and support in the discharge of legislative responsibilities for policy development, delegations and authorisations, internal review of Council decisions, delegations and authorisations, Native Title claims

Legislative Requirements
Nil

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Not required.

Cr Greatwich returned to the meeting at 5.41pm

7.1.2 TANUNDA FOOTBALL CLUB - LOAN APPLICATION - THE BIG PROJECT FUNDING SUPPORT
24/84870

MOVED Cr Preece

That Council having reviewed the financial model and position of the Tanunda Football Club:

(1) Approve a Local Government Finance Authority Community Loan of $300,000 over a maximum period of 10 years.

(2) Authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to sign seal and execute any relevant documentation to give effect to part 1 of this resolution including the requisite loan funding agreement, application, debenture documentation and statutory declaration to the Local Government Finance Authority.

SECONDED Cr Barrett **CARRIED 2022-26/512**

PURPOSE

To consider advancing access to a community loan through the Local Government Funding Authority to support the redevelopment of the Tanunda Recreation Park.

REPORT

Background
The Tanunda Football Club has worked extensive with Council in achieving the high prior phase 1 projects under The Big Project. Indeed, their commitment to assisting fund the projects was a key benefit in seeking government funding support for the raft of projects undertaken at the site.

Discussion
The Tanunda Football Club has written to Council seeking to access a community loan of $300,000, see Attachment 1 which also includes a resolution of the committee.

The proposal is consistent with The Big Project financial estimates and budget settings and the loan funds the committed cash contribution to the Tanunda Recreational Park upgrade. It is noted like other clubs to date significant in-kind support has also been provided by the club.

Council is alerted that community borrowings are in essence access to our sectors borrowing capacity, but should they not be paid by the club the liability falls to Council. In terms of Councils financial indicators, the borrowing costs and repayments in terms of principal and interest are neutral. They are neutral as the interest and principal owed is reimbursed to Council over the life of the loan, and in terms of the balance sheet the loan (being a liability) is offset by a debt owed to Council (an asset) and these values balance off to zero.

There club has informed Council it has the necessary resolutions to enter the loan and this evidence will be obtained prior to finalising the loan. A due diligence assessment has been undertaken and financial model developed and that is provided at Attachment 2. We are in receipt of multiple years of financial information, and this is reflected in the financial model. With the facility already operating well beyond expectations the revenue growth factored into the model is considered conservative. Th financial model demonstrates capacity to repay the funds over the requested 10-year loan period. There is one further step that the club needs to take to access the loan in accordance with Policy and that is to enter into a loan agreement with Council.

The loan is in alignment with clause 3.2.2 of the Treasury Management Policy. Eligibility criteria under 3.2.2.8 are met with significant fit out, furniture and landscaping costs already borne by the club.

Summary and Conclusion
The club is strongly supporting Council and the community with The Big Project and the long-term benefits that brings the club and community. Having demonstrated capacity to service the borrowings it is recommended to support the Tanunda Football Club request.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1 Due Diligence Report - Financial Model - Tanunda Football Club for Loan Application - Updated Feb 2024
Attachment 2 Community Loan Balance 9 September 2024

Supporting references
THE BAROSSA COUNCIL

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Corporate Plan

Community Plan

Community and Culture

Infrastructure

Health and Wellbeing

7.1 Build on sound asset management practices to deliver sustainable services to ensure that infrastructure is adequate to support the community.

7.2 Ensure both current and future infrastructure needs are met in a proactive rather than reactive way.

9.1 Work towards combating loneliness and social isolation and ensuring that people enjoy a sense of inclusion and feel connected.

10.2 Advocate for and encourage services that ensure equity and support inclusion and at risk members of the community.

10.3 Build on the capacity of community members to participate in cultural, creative, recreational, sporting and learning opportunities.

Corporate Plan
CS3 - Assets - Planning, construction, maintenance and operation of Council's assets (Transport, Bridges, Stormwater, Community Wastewater Management System, Community, Cultural, Recreation, Open Spaces, Trees and Vehicles)

CS6 - Community - To help the prosperity and wellbeing of the community. Including; community grants programs, planning for future community needs, support for community groups, networking and advice

CS10 - Economic Development - Facilitating the economic well-being and quality of life of local businesses and the community

CS11 - Events - Management of internal and external events, including planning and execution. Supporting community and economic development focused events throughout the region

CS12 - Facility and Community Land - The management of Council buildings and property, including; facilities maintenance and occupancy (users and hirers) agreements or permits to ensure we have safe, accessible, fit for purpose and well managed community facilities, office spaces and community land.

CS19 - Social Inclusion - Advocate and work in collaboration with core service providers to ensure vulnerable people have increased access and inclusion, are connected with their community and have access to facilities and opportunities to improve their lives. Aboriginal Reconciliation support. Youth Development. Social Planning. Support for older people. Providing a broad range of sporting, recreational and leisure facilities/ services/programs at a range of facilities, parks and open space areas

CS20 - Tourism - Provision of a range of tourism services, including; managing the nationally accredited Barossa Visitor Centre, development and maintenance of tourism resources both digital and printed, customer service delivery encouraging longer stays, dispersal throughout the region, and maximising visitor yield and investment in our region, Tourism Business Support, capacity building, training, product development, marketing and events

Legislative Requirements
Local Government Act 1999 sections 121, 122, 123,

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

There are no impacts on Councils key financial indictors as outlined in the body of the report.

With this loan community loan funding and those anticipated in the future will reach 3.78% of revenue well under the maximum amount of 7.5%. The calculations and current position of community loans is presented at Attachment 2.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The current budget and long-term financial plan anticipate revenue from this source to assist with The Big Project implementation, and thus was consulted upon as part of the annual business plan and budget and long-term financial plan processes completed in June 2024.

7.1.3 ELECTION FOR THE POSITIONS OF REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

24/85014

MOVED Cr Evans

That Council vote for Mr Grant Piggott, Councillor from Norwood Payneham St Peters and Mr Michael Sedgman, Chief Executive Officer from City of Adelaide for a position on the Board of Trustees of the Local Government Finance Authority.

SECONDED Cr Preece **CARRIED 2022-26/513**

PURPOSE

Nominations for the position of a position on the Board of Trustees of the Local Government Finance Authority (LGFA) have closed and elected Members are now asked to vote on the nominations received.

REPORT

Members are referred to correspondence from the LGFA of SA which includes candidate information for all candidates nominating for two positions along with information on the voting process at the Attachment.

The delegate (Mayor Lange) will complete and return the ballot once determined by Council.

The ballot paper must be returned by 11 October 2024.

The nominees are:

- Mr Michael Phillips-Ryder – Councillor Light Regional Council
- Mr Jonathan Pietzsch – Councillor Coorong District Council
- Mr Grant Piggott – Councillor Norwood Payneham St Peters
- Mr Michael Sedgman - Chief Executive Officer City of Adelaide
- Mr John Smedley – Councillor City of Holdfast Bay

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1 Ballot Pack and Candidate Information - LGFA Board of Trustees

Supporting references

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Corporate Plan

BS7 Governance - Provision of governance advice and support in the discharge of legislative responsibilities for policy development, delegations and authorisations, internal review of Council decisions, delegations and authorisations, Native Title claims

Legislative Requirements
Nil

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Not required.

7.1.4 UPDATED LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN - 2024-2025 TO 2033-2034
24/85398

MOVED Cr Angas

That Council having reviewed the updated Long Term Financial Plan September 2024 indicating sound financial sustainability, based on the current service levels and policy positions of Council, endorse the plan as presented at Attachment 1 and note the first quarter budget review will update the actual budget lines to align to this plan and Council decisions post budget adoption.

SECONDED Cr de Vries **CARRIED 2022-26/514**

PURPOSE

To review and endorse an update to the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) for the 2024-2025 to 2033-2034 years.

REPORT

Background
Whilst Council did receive and review a prior update at the August 2024 ordinary meeting however further material changes and updates warrant another update.

Introduction
The LTFP, along with normal monthly budget management is being closely monitored and remodelled due to the significant investment program this year to ensure the best and most accurate information is used for modelling and maintenance of service delivery and funding and treasury management.

Discussion
The changes in this LTFP reflects material changes in:

- Recently announced financial assistance grants an increase of approximately $149,730 all related to the general-purpose grant, road grants where practically on budget being a variance of $543, this financial year, this is not material in the annual accounts, however in the LTFP it is.

- Recently announced road to recovery funding for the 2024-2029 program, resulted in a small increase this year of $21K and $139K over the 5-year program, this is not material in either the annual accounts or LTFP but as it was being updated it was incorporated in the modelling.
- All amendments approved by Council to the end of the August meeting including a more accurate provision for resourcing and structural changes approved at the August 2024 meeting.
- Ongoing active management of our treasury needs continues to result in savings in interest payments and these have been reflected in the model.
- The cash flow statements presented as part of the modelling to the August 2024 meeting had an error in allocation before sale of surplus assets and grants received for capital works, whilst this had little impact on the actual outcomes this has been corrected.

All key financial indicators continue for the current and future years within and meeting the performance targets based on the assumptions outline din the updated plan provided at the Attachment.

It is not anticipated hat a further update to the LTFP will be undertaken until the quarter 2 budget review is undertaken and tabled with Council in February 2025 unless large material items occur prior to this.

Summary and Conclusion
A further review and update of the LTFP has been undertaken to reflect material updates and is presented for Council review and approval.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1 Updated Long Term Financial Plan 2024-2025 to 2033-2034 - September 2024

Supporting references
Section 122 of the Local Government Act

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Corporate Plan

BS5 Enterprise Risk - Strategic and operational risk assessment, control and monitoring; internal control and audit; business continuity and disaster recovery planning; organisational emergency management; insurance portfolio management; and Work Health Safety system coordination.

BS6 Finance - Transparency and accountability regarding Council activity and expenditure. Provision of organisational performance report (outcomes), activity report (outputs), a range of statutory reporting (e.g. public health, tax, superannuation), financial reporting.

BS7 Governance - Provision of governance advice and support in the discharge of legislative responsibilities for policy development, delegations and authorisations, internal review of Council decisions, delegations and authorisations, Native Title claims.

<u>Legislative Requirements</u>
Section 122 of the Local Government Act 1999

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Outlined in the Attachment.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Nil required or recommended, the LTFP has already been consulted upon.

7.2 Corporate Services, Strategy and Innovation

7.2.1 <u>2023/2024 DRAFT ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - COUNCIL CERTIFICATE</u> 24/84637

MOVED Cr de Vries

That Council authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to sign the Certification of Financial Statements for the 2023/2024 Financial Year.

SECONDED Cr Troup **CARRIED 2022-26/515**

PURPOSE

Prior to presentation of the draft financial statements to the external auditors, Council is required to authorise the Chief Executive Officer and Principal Member (Mayor) to certify the statements.

REPORT

<u>Introduction</u>
Regulation 14 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* requires that a certification statement (in the prescribed form) be included in the Annual Financial Statements and be signed by the Chief Executive Officer and Principal Member (Mayor) of the Council.

<u>Discussion</u>
The certification statement indicates that:

- Council's Annual Financial Statements have complied with the *Local Government Act 1999*, *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* and Australian Accounting Standards;
- the Financial Statements present a true and fair view of Council's financial position as at 30 June 2024, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year;

- internal controls implemented by the Council provide reasonable assurance that the Council's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year; and
- the Financial Statements accurately reflect the Council's accounting and other records.

The certifiers will be required to sign the certificate prior to the final presentation of the accounts to the external auditors. Upon completion of the audit and presentation to the Audit Committee in October, final statements will be tabled at Council.

Summary and Conclusion
Council authorisation is sought for the Chief Executive Officer and Mayor to sign the Certification of Financial Statements for 2023/2024 in accordance with Local Government regulations.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil

Supporting references
Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Corporate Plan
BS6 Finance - Transparency and accountability regarding Council activity and expenditure. Provision of organisational performance report (outcomes), activity report (outputs), a range of statutory reporting (e.g. public health, tax, superannuation), financial reporting

Legislative Requirements
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011, Regulation 14

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial, resource or risk management considerations.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Engagement is not required for this report. Following the adoption of Council's Financial Statements, a copy will be placed on the Council website.

7.2.2 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024
24/84650

MOVED Cr de Vries

That Council receives and notes the Monthly Finance Report as at 31 August 2024 as provided at Attachment 1.

SECONDED Cr Angas **CARRIED 2022-26/516**

PURPOSE

The monthly finance report provides information on the financial performance and position of Council, including information on material financial transactions.

REPORT

The Monthly Finance Report as at 31 August 2024 is attached. The report has been prepared comparing actuals to the original adopted budget for 2024-25.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1 Monthly Finance Report Council August 2024

Supporting references
Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Corporate Plan

BS6 Finance - Transparency and accountability regarding Council activity and expenditure. Provision of organisational performance report (outcomes), activity report (outputs), a range of statutory reporting (e.g. public health, tax, superannuation), financial reporting

Legislative Requirements
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011, Regulation 9(1)(b) LGA information paper no.25 – Monitoring Council Budget Performance.

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

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

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community consultation was part of the original budget adoption process in June 2024, as per legislation. This report is advising Council of the monthly finance position compared to that budget.

7.3 Infrastructure and Environmental Services

7.3.1 REQUEST TO INSTALL MEMORIAL ON COUNCIL LAND - PARROT HILL CREEK TRANQUILLITY TRAIL MOCULTA
24/83050

MOVED Cr Preece

That Council accepts the donation of a replacement bench and provides consent to Veronica Thomson for the installation of a memorial plaque at the Parrot Hill Creek Tranquillity Trail, Moculta, subject to compliance with the Memorials on Community Land Policy.

SECONDED Cr Evans **CARRIED 2022-26/517**

PURPOSE

To consider a request to accept the donation of a new replacement bench and installation of a memorial plaque recognising the late Cliff and Lesley Thomson at the Parrot Hill Creek Tranquillity Trail, Moculta.

REPORT

Background
The installation of memorial symbols within Community Land requires the approval of Council. Council's Memorials on Community Land Policy is attached for information.

Discussion
Veronica Thomson has written to Council, requesting permission to install a memorial within the Parrot Hill Creek Tranquillity Trail, Moculta, to honour her late parents.

"The memorial will be for my parents, Cliff and Lesley Thomson, who were members of the Moculta Community for over twenty years. They were involved with the Moculta Hockey Club, the tennis club and the Moculta Primary School, serving on the Governing Council for many years, Cliff, as the chairperson for the last few. They helped to find the Moculta SALA committee, serving as elected members and were involved in the Friends of Parrot Creek. They had 4 daughters that were also heavily involved in the Moculta sports clubs and the school.

My proposal is to replace the bench that is already in place along the Tranquility Trail as it is falling into disrepair, so the placement site is already prepped and has a pad.

I'm not sure what size plaque will fit on the bench, so I can get the plaque made up when I know what the size will be, but I was hoping the plaque could read:

"In loving memory of Cliff and Lesley Thomson, dedicated Moculta community members"

I have a sister who lives overseas and will be in the country for Christmas, so I would love it if this could be completed by December so we could visit as a family while we are together.

I am happy to meet costs".

Summary and Conclusion
The application outlines the connection the Mr and Mrs Thomson have to the Barossa as required at 4.1.1 of the Policy.

Council's Manager Infrastructure and Environmental Services has no objection to the proposal.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1 Memorials on Community Land - adopted 17 September 2019

Supporting references
Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Community Plan

Infrastructure

Corporate Plan

CS3 - Assets - Planning, construction, maintenance and operation of Council's assets (Transport, Bridges, Stormwater, Community Wastewater Management System, Community, Cultural, Recreation, Open Spaces, Trees and Vehicles)

Legislative Requirements
Nil

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Veronica Thomson will pay all costs associated with the purchase and installation of the replacement bench and memorial plaque.

The bench will be selected by the Open Space team.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community consultation is not required under legislation or Council Policy.

7.3.2 INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN - COMMUNITY CONSULTATION
24/84205

MOVED Cr Preece

That Council:

(1) Endorse the draft Infrastructure Asset Management Plan for a three-week community consultation period from 25 September 2024 to 16 October 2024.

(2) Endorse the Infrastructure Asset Management Plan Communications Plan.

SECONDED Cr Hurn **CARRIED 2022-26/518**

PURPOSE

To formalise the opportunity for the community to provide feedback to Council on the Infrastructure Asset Management Plan (IAMP).

REPORT

Background
Under the *Local Government Act 1999*, Council is required to have a number of Strategic Management Plans, of which the Infrastructure Asset Management Plan (IAMP) is one.

The IAMP needs to be reviewed by Council within 2 years following a Council election.

The IAMP must be formally adopted by Council by November 2024 (following a community consultation period).

Discussion
The DRAFT Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan (attached) has been written using existing methodologies and Service Levels.

Summary and Conclusion
The IAMP is a key strategic document of Council and a legislated requirement, as such, to maximise the opportunity for the community to provide feedback, a three-week community consultation period is proposed as per the attached Communications Plan (attached).

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1 Infrastructure Asset Management Plan 2024 - 2034 - Working Draft - Public Consultation
Attachment 2 Communications Plan - Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan 2024-2034

Supporting references
Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

<u>Community Plan</u>

Infrastructure

<u>Corporate Plan</u>

CS3 Assets - Planning, construction, maintenance and operation of Council's assets (Transport, Bridges, Stormwater, Community Wastewater Management System, Community, Cultural, Recreation, Open Spaces, Trees and Vehicles)

BS7 Governance - Provision of governance advice and support in the discharge of legislative responsibilities for policy development, delegations and authorisations, internal review of Council decisions, delegations and authorisations, Native Title claims

<u>Legislative Requirements</u>
Section 122 Local Government Act 1999
Section 50 Local Government Act 1999

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

The review of the IAMP may identify priority work that will require funding as part of Council's annual budget process.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Minimum requirement as per Section 50 (4a) (i) and (ii) Local Government Act 1999.

It is proposed that the administration will consult based on the Communication Plan for a three-week period.

7.3.3 BAROSSA PARK - LYNDOCH RECREATION PARK - REDEVELOPMENT
24/84209

MOVED Cr de Vries

That Council:

(1) Approve the removal of Tree No. 8 (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*) and Tree No. 12 (*Pinus Pinea*), as identified in the Lyndoch Recreation Park – Tree Inspections 2023 (Attachment 1), due to significant impact from infrastructure required for large-scale events, and the risk to public safety and infrastructure.

(2) Request the landscape plans for tree planting at Barossa Park be amended to offset the loss of these two trees at a replacement rate of 7:1.

SECONDED Cr Hurn **CARRIED 2022-26/519**

PURPOSE

As part of the Barossa Park redevelopment, the Department of Premier and Cabinet has developed an overlay event layout for potential AFL Gather Round and other significant State Level events.

During this process, concerns have been raised regarding two (2) trees located in an area of the site which will be significantly impacted by the infrastructure required for these large-scale events and increase risk for attendees. Council Officers are seeking approval to remove both trees to mitigate risks to public safety and infrastructure.

REPORT

Background
Tree removal has taken place at Barossa Park to deliver the adopted Master Plan for the facility and development to date that includes:

- re-orientation and expansion of the existing oval,
- realignment of internal roadways,
- landscape design to support future state event overlay requirements.

Tree planting will commence around the whole site for completion by March 2025. Wherever possible, existing trees have been maintained and design has taken account of the opportunity to work around mature and healthy trees.

Every effort has been made to prioritise the retention of as many existing trees as possible, however, the scale and requirements of developing the site into a Regional Precinct have currently necessitated the removal of approximately 60 trees. Landscape plans have been developed which currently allow for the planting of approximately 500 new trees.

Introduction
Due to the delivery model of the Barossa Park project, which requires many elements of the precinct to be designed, procured, and constructed simultaneously, it has unfortunately become necessary to remove two additional trees that were not impacted by the original plans.

The removal of these trees is only now being considered after all other options were explored and deemed unsuitable for the long-term health of the trees and the risk associated with keeping them.

Onsite discussions with relevant consultants and Council Officers considered options such as the redesign and placement of infrastructure along with putting in place ongoing tree pruning and maintenance practices, however, these were deemed not appropriate.

Discussion
Officers commissioned an Arboriculture Assessment to determine the condition of all trees on the project site to help determine the conflict with the placement of new buildings and infrastructure and the impact of the changes on the future health and structure of trees proposed to be retained - Lyndoch Recreation Park – Tree Inspections 2023 (Attachment 1).

The Department for Environment and Water (DEW) was also engaged to assess trees identified as being native to determine if approvals were required under the Native Vegetation Act.

According to the Native Vegetation Clearance Application (Attachment 2), of the native trees proposed and assessed for removal, only one tree (tree 6) was classified as being a remnant native tree requiring approval for removal under the Native Vegetation Act, as well as a payment for the required off set. However, as highlighted in the Native Vegetation Clearance Application, the Eucalyptus tree (tree 1) proposed for removal in this report has been identified as a planted native tree, which does not require approval under the Native Vegetation Act for its removal.

The assessments within the Lyndoch Recreation Park – Tree Inspections 2023 (Attachment 1) conclude that the two trees proposed for removal in the report both have the following characteristics:

Tree No. 8 (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*) and Tree No. 12 (*Pinus pinea*), have both been determined as being mature trees in good health, with fair structural conditions, fair shape and form and a useful life expectancy of 20+ years.

The following pictures show the position of the trees proposed for removal within the current works site:

Eucalyptus camaldulensis

Pinus pinea

Summary and Conclusion

Endorsement of the report recommendations is sought to facilitate the urgent removal of these trees, ensuring that the tight project delivery timelines are met without delays.

Completing these works will support the efficient and safe management of future large scale regional and state events at this site.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1	Lyndoch Recreation Park - Tree Inspections November 2023
Attachment 2	Lyndoch Recreation Park - Native Vegetation Clearance Application - Decision Plan

Supporting references

Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Community Plan

Natural Environment and Built Heritage

Legislative Requirements

NIL

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

A quotation for removal is in the process of being obtained and a verbal update will be provided at the Council meeting. The cost of removal is estimated to be in the order of $6,000 ex GST. This is an additional cost to the approved project budget.

The determination of this matter is urgent to ensure that the project construction program is not compromised.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Consultation on the master planning process has been undertaken which incorporated consideration of tree removal.

No additional engagement has been undertaken in relation to this specific matter and the public safety consideration outweighs the requirement for further engagement.

7.3.4 ROAD NAMING - RUSHALL ROAD LYNDOCH - PRIVATE ACCESS ROAD
24/84599

MOVED Cr Preece

That Council name the private road within the community title development at 45 Rushall Road, Lyndoch, as "Georgia Place" and that the dwellings be sequentially numbered from 1 to 7.

SECONDED Cr Evans **CARRIED 2022-26/520**

PURPOSE

To consider a request received from Outhred English Planners Pty Ltd for the naming of a newly created private access road to 7 residential community title allotments at 45 Rushall Road, Lyndoch.

REPORT

Discussion
Council's Property Identification Policy allows for the naming of a private road if requested by the road owner.

Council staff have received formal application from Outhred English Planners Pty Ltd on behalf of the property owner, Lyndoch Estate Pty Ltd, to name the private road within the community title development within 45 Rushall Road as Georgia Place.

In accordance with Council's Property Identification Policy, the name "Georgia" does not score a high warrant for selection due to low compliance with Section 4.2 "Sources for Road Names", where it states:

4.2.1 Sources for road names may include,
- Aboriginal names taken from the local aboriginal language;
- Early explorers, pioneers and settlers;
- Elected Members with a term of service greater than 10 years;
- Local identities of significant achievement in their field;
- Local history;
- Thematic names such as flora, fauna etc;
- War/ casualty lists;
- Commemorative names.

However, the developer states that the name "Georgia Place" is compliant in terms of the other principles for naming roads and sufficiently appropriate for consideration on these terms.

The request is essentially for naming of a private road under the care and responsibility of the private owners and is not for public thoroughfare. Additionally, it may be considered inappropriate to assign other worthy community related names to name a private road with no public access, rather than allocating these names to a future public road with public access.

The name “Georgia Place” does not duplicate any other street name in the Council area and is the developers strong favoured preference. The source of the name Georgia is the daughter of the joint land developers.

Any person can submit names for Council consideration to name new roads. All submissions are acknowledged and retained for reference in the Street Name Nomination Register.

Since 2008 names for new public roads in the Lyndoch area have been selected from a list of suggestions provided by the Lyndoch Historical Society to honor pioneers and those that have made significant service or contribution to the Lyndoch community.

The list was last updated by this group in August 2024 and there are 11 names remaining unused to date, listed below:

Pioneers:

- Burfield – Owner of Section 3250 that he subdivided for the Lyndoch township in 1851
- Emmett – Early settler and first postmaster of Lyndoch Valley Post Office 1848
- Tepper – Early settler institute, purchased and donated “Pioneer Reserve: to Lyndoch community

Community Involvement:

- Crambrook – Institute, Literary Society, Recreation Park, Williamstown Rifles, cricket, football, Red Cross, tennis, church organist, pianist at local functions, supported functions with items and music, war service
- Gogoll – Institute librarian, Lutheran Church involvement, hall, primary school and St Jakobi School
- Hunt-Cooke – CWA, State President CWA, Red Cross, Park, institute, Vintage Festival, MBHA, Agricultural Bureau
- Kayser - Teacher at Lyndoch township German School from early 1860s He became the first head teacher at the current Lyndoch Primary School when it opened in 1879, involved in Lyndoch Lodge, institute
- Noon – Anglican Church minister, School cricket, scouts, gymnasium, planted carob trees
- Tepper - Donated Pioneer Tree allotment to the community for their use in a "Trust Deed" with District Council of Barossa
- Walker – Anglican Church minister, school, tennis, Institute, war effort
- Heloise - Name of ship on which the majority of Hoffnungsthal German settlers arrived from Posen in 1847.

Summary and Conclusion

Public road names are selected in accordance with The Barossa Council “Property Identification Policy” and the associated “Selection of Road and Public Place Names Process”.

The private road is requested by the developer to be named “Georgia Place” as per the Council Policy process. Council may however choose an alternative name for the private road and, if desired, may choose a name from the list provided by the Lyndoch Historical Society.

Naming of a road on private land does not imply Council assumes responsibility for the road, other than ensuring it is named in accordance with Council Policy and Process. All costs associated with the Government Gazette process and sign installation and its ongoing maintenance are the responsibility of the developer.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1	45 Rushall Road - Community Ttitle Land Division - Location Plan
Attachment 2	Outhred English - 45 Rushall Road - Community Title Land Division - street numbering and naming request

<u>*Supporting references*</u>
Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

<u>Community Plan</u>

Infrastructure

<u>Legislative Requirements</u>
Nil

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

All costs associated with the naming and sign posting of new roads within land developments are borne by the developer, in this case Lyndoch Estates Pty Ltd.

Council will require that Lyndoch Estate Pty Ltd cover any associated costs to implement the naming of the private access road i.e. advertising in the Government Gazette (approx. $50) and all costs for Council to supply and install the directional signage (approx. $150 per sign including post).

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

No formal community consultation has been engaged; however, reference has been made to The Barossa Council "Selection of Road and Public Place Names Process". Suggestions for new road names in Lyndoch have been provided by the Lyndoch Historical Society.

7.3.5 ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROPOSAL FOR TANUNDA RECREATION PARK 24/84791

MOVED Cr Barrett

That Council approve the change to the service level noting the funding and award prize and support the project with funding of $16,296.35 excluding GST from facilities maintenance budget to the Tanunda Recreation Park to facilitate the purchase of a battery that supports the Solar PV System proposed by the South Australian Cricket Association.

SECONDED Cr Evans **CARRIED 2022-26/521**

PURPOSE

The South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) are investing in a Solar PV system at Tanunda Recreation Park as part of the recent facilities award and there is an opportunity for Council to provide additional financial support to extend the systems capability to battery storage to minimise ongoing energy costs to Council and reduce greenhouse gas emissions emitted at this facility.

REPORT

Background
The Tanunda Recreation Park has undergone significant redevelopment including, new club rooms and change rooms, new junior oval and cricket nets, and inclusive playground. As a result, the facility was recognised by SACA as the Cricket Facility of the Year for 2024. The award acknowledges a club, organisation or local government authority that has developed or redeveloped a community cricket facility to enable increased use by underrepresented groups in the community and an enhanced experience for all. *(*https://www.saca.com.au/community/saca-community-cricket-awards).

The prize for winning this award is a $10,000 solar package kindly supported by Tindo Solar. SACA have committed an additional $20,000 in support this opportunity with Joel Cross, General Manager Community Cricket, noting that "it is strategically relevant for us [SACA] and ensures sustainable energy generation along with future proofing the current site". This amount will purchase a panel only system, and Council has been asked by SACA to consider funding the additional amount to realise the benefits of adding a battery to the solar system.

Introduction
The following table outlines some of the key information about the preferred system scoped with a battery as quoted by Tindo for the Tanunda Cricket Club (quote number 4979822).

Criteria.	Key metrics.	Comments.
System size	30.34kW with 20kWh battery storage	System size is the same with or without battery investment.
Expected Asset life:	Panels: 30 Years Battery: 20 Years	Panels: 25-year warranty Inverter: 10-year warranty Battery: 10-year

Consumption	142% total generated (renewable energy). 44% direct consumption, 56% export to grid.	Without battery support direct consumption component is 16% less.
Estimated annual electricity bill saving	$6737 per annum. $2,225 of this amount is directly attributed to battery investment.	Panel only system delivers savings too but at a reduced rate ($4512/ annum)
Greenhouse gas emissions avoided – related to panel installation.	23 tonnes per annum.	Equivalent to 4,485 trees planted over the systems lifetime.
Cost (excluding GST)	Council investment in System to include battery is $16,297	This represents 34% of net system price of $47,028.

System hardware specifications are outlined on page 28 of Tindo quote number 4979822.

Discussion

Responsibility and savings.
Under the Tanunda Recreation Park lease conditions, Council is responsible for electricity costs. SACA investing in a panel-only solar system will benefit Council directly, but these savings can be further increased by approximately $2,200 per annum with the addition of battery storage, making the total estimated savings available $6,737 per year.

Environmental impact.
This renewable energy project will also prevent the emission of 23 tonnes of greenhouse gases (CO2 equivalent) annually. Over the system's lifespan, this is equivalent to planting 4,485 trees. Although local government is not currently required to report emissions from its activities, electricity usage falls under Scope 2 emissions according to the GHG Protocol (internationally accepted standards and resources for emissions accounting and reporting), Tanunda Recreation Park is in Council's operational control and therefore would be included in Council's carbon inventory.

Return on Investment.
The direct return on investment for the system is estimated at 7 to 7.5 years ($16,297/$2,200). However, due to SACA's investment, the adjusted return on investment is reduced to about 2.5 years ($16,297/$6,737).

Decision timing.
The decision to invest in the battery to maximise benefits at the reduced investment cost needs to be made at the time of purchasing the Solar PV system and aligned with the same supplier, Tindo. If Council does not approve the additional funds, SACA will likely proceed with the Solar PV system without the battery option.

Alignment with Goals.
Supporting renewable energy project aligns with the State Government's Climate Emergency Declaration (May 2022) and associated net zero emission targets for

South Australia. The Council's Community Plan focuses on sustainably managing resources and promoting sustainable practices. The Corporate Plan similarly is committed to setting a corporate carbon emissions reduction plan, recognising that emissions from electricity will be a significant portion of those within our operational control.

Summary and Conclusion
It is recommended that Council approve the financial allocation of $17,027 (including GST) to facilitate the purchase of a battery to support the proposed Solar PV System investment by the South Australian Cricket Association at Tanunda Recreation Park. Council has an opportunity to maximise the long-term value to Council the renewable energy system will deliver. The investment will reduce electricity bill costs incurred by Council and aligns to Council's strategic commitment in the Community Plan to sustainably managing our resources and encouraging sustainable practices.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil

Supporting references
Government of South Australia Climate Emergency Declaration (May 2022)

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Community Plan

Infrastructure

Corporate Plan
CS3 - Assets - Planning, construction, maintenance and operation of Council's assets (Transport, Bridges, Stormwater, Community Wastewater Management System, Community, Cultural, Recreation, Open Spaces, Trees and Vehicles)

Legislative Requirements
Nil

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Solar PV system and associated battery technology is well established and low risk technology. Low risk that the system will not deliver the generation outputs promised and works are warranted.

Low risk that payment for electricity exports disappear in full and change the rate of return on investment. Return on Investment will likely improve with increased utilisation of the facility which is probably. Battery capability will likely afford Council some flexibility in the future to load share at peak cost times subject to group electricity contract terms and conditions. Planning approval may be required subject to panel installation specification.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

No community consultation required.

7.3.6 MOUNT PLEASANT KITCHEN RENEWAL - MOUNT PLEASANT
24/84780

MOVED Cr de Vries

That Council approve the transfer of $105,000 from Asset 601269-8041-1010 to Asset 200281-8000-1010 to enable the renewal of the Mt Pleasant Kitchen to be completed to meet the necessary food standards.

SECONDED Cr Hurn **CARRIED 2022-26/522**

PURPOSE

This report seeks Council approval for the budget adjustment to complete the Mt Pleasant Kitchen Renewal Project, Mt Pleasant.

REPORT

Background
Council previously approved the renewal of the Mt Pleasant Kitchen to bring the facility in line with current Australian food health and safety requirements. The project was approved to be constructed late within the 2023/2024 Capital Program and was carried over to the 2024/2025 Capital Program.

The Mt Pleasant Kitchen Renewal project approved budget was for $176,000, with currently $172,600 of that remaining, cost incurred to date have been for survey and design.

A community consultation process was conducted with the relevant user groups to ensure the new design is tailored to local requirements and enhances usability. BGi Building Group were engaged to create the design documentation. Council went to tender with the proposed plans and the tender proposals received exceeded the approved budget. Strategic adjustments were made to identify cost-saving measures amounting to approximately $48,000. By eliminating non-structural elements from the initial design, we can maintain the integrity of the facility while allowing for future enhancements if necessary.

Cost saving elements include; reduction of footpath and paving work, replace glass bi-folding servery windows with roller doors, remove one window, change double glass sliding doors into Atrium to a single metal door, remove one internal hand basin, delete the provision of new stainless steel benches.

It is important to note that the new kitchen facility does not include any equipment, it is purely rebuilding the structure to meet health regulations. All existing equipment will be retained and reinstalled at the end of the project. The current equipment is in good condition. The size of the kitchen has not been increased nor have any unnecessary features been included. The aim is simply to create a standard facility that meets essential food safety requirements.

Discussion
The estimated contract sum for the Mt Pleasant Kitchen Renewal project is $275,000 (inclusive of 10% contingency and exclusive of GST). Thus, $105,000 will be transferred from Buildings Capital Asset 601269 to increase the Mt Pleasant Kitchen Renewal

budget (200281) from $176,000 to $275,000 to facilitate the award of the contract works.

Summary and Conclusion
The Mt Pleasant Kitchen requires renewal to ensure it meets the required health standards to allow the existing users to operate within the necessary legislation for Food Safety.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1 Mt Pleasant Farmers Market Kitchen Upgrade - BGi Building Group - Full Set of Drawings (inclusive of cost saving items)

Supporting references
Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Community Plan

Infrastructure

Corporate Plan
CS3 - Assets - Planning, construction, maintenance and operation of Council's assets (Transport, Bridges, Stormwater, Community Wastewater Management System, Community, Cultural, Recreation, Open Spaces, Trees and Vehicles)

CS12 - Facility and Community Land - The management of Council buildings and property, including; facilities maintenance and occupancy (users and hirers) agreements or permits to ensure we have safe, accessible, fit for purpose and well managed community facilities, office spaces and community land.

Legislative Requirements
Nil

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

A Due Diligence Report has not been completed as the project is already approved and included in the 2024/2025 budget.

It is proposed that this item if approved, will be funded from the transfer of $105,000 from the Buildings Renewal Budget (Asset 601269-8041-1010) to the Mt Pleasant Kitchen Renewal budget (200281-8000-1010-80118).

This transfer will mean that we will be moving the renewal of the Angas Recreation Park Show Hall Roof ($75,000) and Toilet Block Renewal Program ($30,000). Officers are comfortable that delaying these works by 1-2 years will not have an overall detrimental impact to service levels.

There is no net change to the total 2024-2025 capital budget allocation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Consultation has been ongoing with the relevant community user groups including the Manager of the Mt Pleasant Farmers Market. They have had significant input to the project and are aware of the impacts to their operations during the construction period.

Adjacent residents and Farmers Market community will be provided a project update letter once the Mt Pleasant Kitchen Renewal contract is awarded. The building contractor will also provide pre-construction letter drops to residents immediately prior to building works commencing on site.

7.4 Development and Community Services

7.4.1 EARLY CHILDHOOD STRATEGY
24/84647

MOVED Cr Troup

That Council:

(1) Approve the Draft Barossa Council Early Childhood Strategy and support the key stakeholder consultation process for Strategy as attached.

(2) Endorses a phase of targeted public consultation for the periods 25 September 2024 to 16 October 2024, noting feedback from the Wellbeing Plan will also inform the final strategy, in accordance with the attached Consultation Plan and Council's Public Consultation Policy.

SECONDED Cr de Vries **CARRIED 2022-26/523**

PURPOSE

To seek Council endorsement of the Draft Early Childhood Strategy and to undertake key stakeholder public consultation for the proposed Strategy.

REPORT

Background
At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 21 May 2024 Elected Members endorsed the proposal for the Manager, Library Services to develop an Early Childhood Strategy for The Barossa Council. That Strategy has since been drafted and was provided to the Elected Members for feedback at the Council workshop on 4 September 2024.

Discussion
Early Childhood is a crucial time for learning, with up to 80% of brain development occurring in the first three years of life. The Barossa Council Early Childhood Strategy

will demonstrate the value Council places on the early years and early childhood development.

The Early Childhood Strategy was developed after consultation with relevant Council teams including Library team members, Manager Infrastructure and Environmental Service, Manager Community Services, Team Leader Arts and Culture, Senior Environmental Officer, and the Barossa Bushgardens NRC Coordinator. It provides four strategic priorities:

1) Our young children;
   a) have opportunities to play, learn and be active,
   b) are physically, mentally and emotionally healthy, and
   c) feel empowered, heard and connected to the community.
2) Families with young children have access to the services and resources they need to help their children thrive.
3) Professionals working with young children and their families feel connected and have opportunities to collaborate.
4) The Barossa community understands the importance of early childhood development.

These priorities will be addressed collaboratively over three years (initially) via a series of actions with measurable outcomes. Actions will be delivered within existing resources where possible, or further resourcing will be requested via business plans for externals grants or internal Council funding. The Strategy clearly articulates what is within and out of scope for The Barossa Council, including not encroaching on services currently being delivered by existing markets, providers in the region and are State, or Commonwealth responsibilities.

Summary and Conclusion
Council is asked to endorse the draft Early Childhood Strategy (Attachment 1) for key stakeholder public consultation.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1	Barossa Council Early Childhood Strategy draft - August 2024 - submitted to Council - 27 August and 9 September 2024
Attachment 2	Public Consultation Communications Plan - Early Childhood Strategy - September 2024

Supporting references
Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Community Plan

Community and Culture

Corporate Plan
CS6 - Community - To help the prosperity and wellbeing of the community. Including; community grants programs, planning for future community needs, support for community groups, networking and advice

Legislative Requirements
Libraries Act 1982

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Consultations will be undertaken using existing staff resources, software subscriptions and promotion budgets.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

To facilitate key stakeholder consultation in accordance with requirements under the *Local Government Act 1999*, a Community Engagement and Consultation Plan has been developed (Attachment 2). Full community consultation is not considered necessary due to the extensive work undertaken on the Wellbeing engagement, research basis of the strategy and community capacity for a further unlegislated consultation process.

Targeted public consultation will take place between Wednesday 25 September and Wednesday 16 October 2024.

Specific members/groups of the public will be invited to provide feedback via a suite of options. Feedback received during the public consultation process for the Wellbeing Plan will also inform the final strategy.

The draft Strategy will be returned to Council for endorsement following the key stakeholder consultation period, subject to any written submissions being received.

8. CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA

8.1 CONCORDIA QUARTERLY UPDATE
24/85280

There is strong public interest in enabling members of the public to observe Council's transparent and informed decision-making. This helps to ensure accountability, maintain transparency of public expenditure, facilitate public participation, assist public awareness and allow for the scrutiny of information. Attendance at a Council meeting is one means of satisfying this interest. The public will only be excluded from a Council meeting when the need for confidentiality pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Act outweighs the public interest of open decision-making.

In this matter, the reasons that receipt, consideration or discussion of the information or matter in a meeting open to the public would be contrary to the public interest are that information enclosed subject to non-disclosure agreements with State Government under authority of the Minister or delegation of the Minister.

On balance, the above reason which supports the need for confidentiality pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Act outweighs the factors in favour of the public interest of open decision-making.

MOVED Cr Preece

That Council:

(1) Under the provisions of Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, make an order that the public be excluded from the meeting with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, Deputy CEO and Director Corporate Services, Strategy and Innovation, Director Development and Community Services, Director Infrastructure and Environmental Service and the Minute Secretary, in order to consider in confidence a report relating to being information that must be considered in confidence pursuant to:

Section 90(3)(j) of the *Local Government Act 1999:*

information the disclosure of which-
(i) would divulge information provided on a confidential basis by or to a Minister of the Crown, or another public authority or official (not being an employee of the council, or a person engaged by the council); and
(ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;

(2) Accordingly, on this basis, Council is satisfied that public interest in conducting meetings in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information and discussion confidential in order that information enclosed subject to non-disclosure agreements with State Government under authority of the Minister or delegation of the Minister.

SECONDED Cr Troup **CARRIED 2022-26/524**

The meeting moved into confidence at 6.04pm

MOVED Cr Angas

That Councill;

(1) Council resolution

(2) Having considered this matter in confidence under Sections 90(2) and 90(3)(j) of the Local Government Act 1999, makes an order pursuant to Section 91(7), that the minutes, agenda report and attachments other than the minutes relating to this confidentiality order of the Confidential Council Meeting held on 17 September 2024 in relation to item 8.1 Concordia Quarterly Update be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until not to be released and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to review and revoke the order.

SECONDED Cr Barrett **CARRIED CO 2022-26/525**

Resumption of open council meeting at 6.16pm

8.2 <u>BAROSSA CREATIVE INDUSTRIES CENTRE - MANAGING CONTRACTOR TENDER</u>
24/85234

There is strong public interest in enabling members of the public to observe Council's transparent and informed decision-making. This helps to ensure accountability, maintain transparency of public expenditure, facilitate public participation, assist public awareness and allow for the scrutiny of information. Attendance at a Council meeting is one means of satisfying this interest. The public will only be excluded from a Council meeting when the need for confidentiality pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Act outweighs the public interest of open decision-making.

In this matter, the reasons that receipt, consideration or discussion of the information or matter in a meeting open to the public would be contrary to the public interest are that Council is assessing Managing Contractor tenders and commercial information that is confidential.

On balance, the above reason which supports the need for confidentiality pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Act outweighs the factors in favour of the public interest of open decision-making.

MOVED Cr Preece

That Council:

(1) Under the provisions of Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, make an order that the public be excluded from the meeting with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, Deputy CEO and Director Corporate Services, Strategy and Innovation, Director Development and Community Services, Director Infrastructure and Environmental Service and the Minute Secretary, in order to consider in confidence a report relating to being information that must be considered in confidence pursuant to:

<u>Section 90(3)(k) of the *Local Government Act 1999:*</u>

tenders for the supply of goods, the provision of services or the carrying out of works;

(2) Accordingly, on this basis, Council is satisfied that public interest in conducting meetings in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information and discussion confidential in order that Council is assessing Managing Contractor tenders and commercial information that is confidential.

SECONDED Cr de Vries **CARRIED 2022-26/526**

The meeting moved into confidence at 6.16pm

MOVED Cr de Vries

That Council:

(1) Council resolution

(2) Council resolution

(3) Council resolution

(4) Having considered this matter in confidence under Sections 90(2) and 90(3)(k) of the *Local Government Act 1999,* makes an order pursuant to Section 91(7), that the minutes, agenda report and attachments other than the minutes relating to this confidentiality order of the Confidential Council Meeting held on 17 September 2024 in relation to item 8.2 Barossa Creative Industries Centre - Managing Contractor Tender be kept confidential and not available for public inspection and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to review and revoke the order.

SECONDED Cr Preece **CARRIED CO 2022-26/527**

Resumption of open council meeting at 6.20pm

8.3 BAROSSA ASSESSMENT PANEL - CORRESPONDENCE FROM STATE PLANNING COMMISSION
24/83812

There is strong public interest in enabling members of the public to observe Council's transparent and informed decision-making. This helps to ensure accountability, maintain transparency of public expenditure, facilitate public participation, assist public awareness and allow for the scrutiny of information. Attendance at a Council meeting is one means of satisfying this interest. The public will only be excluded from a Council meeting when the need for confidentiality pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Act outweighs the public interest of open decision-making.

In this matter, the reasons that receipt, consideration or discussion of the information or matter in a meeting open to the public would be contrary to the public interest are that in this matter, the reasons that receipt, consideration or discussion of the information or matter in a meeting open to the public would be contrary to the public interest are that it would be an unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of a person.

On balance, the above reason which supports the need for confidentiality pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Act outweighs the factors in favour of the public interest of open decision-making.

MOVED Cr Barrett

That Council:

(1) Under the provisions of Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, make an order that the public be excluded from the meeting with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, Deputy CEO and Director Corporate Services, Strategy and Innovation, Director Development and Community Services, Director Infrastructure and Environmental Service and the Minute Secretary, in order to consider in confidence a report relating to being information that must be considered in confidence pursuant to:

Section 90(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999:*

information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead);

(2) Accordingly, on this basis, Council is satisfied that public interest in conducting meetings in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information and discussion confidential in order that In this matter, the reasons that receipt, consideration or discussion of the information or matter in a meeting open to the public would be contrary to the public interest are that it would be an unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of a person.

SECONDED Cr Lane **CARRIED 2022-26/528**

The meeting moved into confidence at 6.20pm

MOVED Cr de Vries

That Council:

(1) Council resolution

(2) Council resolution

(3) Council resolution

(4) Having considered this matter in confidence under Sections 90(2) and 90(3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, makes an order pursuant to Section 91(7), that the minutes, agenda report and attachments other than the minutes relating to this confidentiality order of the Confidential Council Meeting held on 17 September 2024 in relation to item 8.4 Barossa Assessment Panel - Correspondence from State Planning Commission be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until not to be released and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to review and revoke the order.

SECONDED Cr Preece **CARRIED CO 2022-26/529**

Resumption of open council meeting at 6.39pm

8.4 <u>BAROSSA CARAVAN PARK - LYNDOCH</u>
24/84603

There is strong public interest in enabling members of the public to observe Council's transparent and informed decision-making. This helps to ensure accountability, maintain transparency of public expenditure, facilitate public participation, assist public awareness and allow for the scrutiny of information. Attendance at a Council meeting is one means of satisfying this interest. The public will only be excluded from a Council meeting when the need for confidentiality pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Act outweighs the public interest of open decision-making.

In this matter, the reasons that receipt, consideration or discussion of the information or matter in a meeting open to the public would be contrary to the public interest are that in this matter, the reasons that receipt, consideration or discussion of the information or matter in a meeting open to the public would be contrary to the public interest are that it would reveal legal advice

On balance, the above reason which supports the need for confidentiality pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Act outweighs the factors in favour of the public interest of open decision-making.

MOVED Cr Preece

That Council:

(1) Under the provisions of Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, make an order that the public be excluded from the meeting with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, Deputy CEO and Director Corporate Services, Strategy and Innovation, Director Development and Community Services, Director Infrastructure and Environmental Service and the Minute Secretary, in order to consider in confidence a report relating to being information that must be considered in confidence pursuant to:

<u>Section 90(3)(h) of the *Local Government Act 1999:*</u>

legal advice;

(2) Accordingly, on this basis, Council is satisfied that public interest in conducting meetings in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information and discussion confidential in order that In this matter, the reasons that receipt, consideration or discussion of the information or matter in a meeting open to the public would be contrary to the public interest are that it would reveal legal advice

SECONDED Cr Greatwich **CARRIED 2022-26/530**

The meeting moved into confidence at 6.39pm

MOVED Cr Preece

That Council:

(1) Council resolution

(2) Council resolution

(3) Having considered this matter in confidence under Sections 90(2) and 90(3)(h) of the *Local Government Act 1999,* makes an order pursuant to Section 91(7), that the minutes, agenda report and attachments other than the minutes relating to this confidentiality order of the Confidential Council Meeting held on 17 September 2024 in relation to item 8.4 Lyndoch Caravan Park be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until not to be released and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to review and revoke the order.

SECONDED Cr Evans **CARRIED CO 2022-26/531**

Resumption of open council meeting at 6.44pm

8. URGENT OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

9. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 15 October 2024 at 5.30pm

10. CLOSURE

Mayor Lange declared the meeting closed at 6.44pm.

Confirmed at Council Meeting on 15 October 2024

Date:………………………………. Mayor:………………………………….

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10 September 2024

Dear Mayor Lange

I am writing to ask for your support in the upcoming election for President of the LGASA.

I have described my experience and views as part of my LGA nomination form and have attached the document to the bottom of this email, however, I recently contacted your councillors seeking their thoughts on the role and performance of the LGA, so I wanted to circle back. I've had some great conversations with councillors and mayors to better understand which services are most valued and where we can grow, and my position and priorities have been guided by the feedback I received.

I've heard strong support for the LGA subsidiaries, the Local Government Finance Authority, and LGA Mutual Liability and Workers Compensation schemes. People also appreciate staff training and the Mayor & CEO events. However, I believe we must do more to clearly define and communicate the roles and value of the LGA and its committees (SAROC, GAROC) to members.

My priority as President will be to ensure that the LGA continues to evolve and support all councils, from metro to regional. I'm committed to listening, engaging with members, and driving collaboration to make our collective voice stronger. With the challenges we face today, our association must become even more effective in delivering results that matter. I believe I can lead the LGA toward that future by focusing on three key areas:

1. Financial Sustainability

I see great potential for councils to save resources and improve services through collaboration, including:

- Facilitate partnerships between metro and regional councils, enabling shared services—like planning or Environmental Health Officers—to boost efficiency.
- Reduce costs for councils by expanding the LGA's procurement services, such as the successful electricity tenders of Mitcham and Murray Bridge.
- Create opportunities to share ideas across the sector, so we stop reinventing the wheel!
- Prioritise research and development to explore potential new efficiencies and income streams.
- Position local government as an employer of choice, ensuring we attract and maintain top talent.

2. Stronger Advocacy

Our collective voice can be a powerful tool in addressing the issues facing local government, but we need to shift from just identifying problems to proposing solutions:

- Encourage and facilitate discussions and problem solving around common concerns, going beyond regional divisions.
- Launch targeted campaigns that leverage our numbers and increase our influence.
- Build our reputation as a vital and respected level of government.
- Better communicate our successes both within and beyond our sector to strengthen our standing.

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3. Support for Members

Support must be at the heart of the LGA's mission, ensuring that all members feel a sense of pride and belonging:

- Expand training opportunities to encourage elected members to keep developing skills, perhaps leading to micro-credentials.
- Provide inhouse legal and governance advice to ensure strong decision-making, and decrease the sector-wide legal spend
- Promote well-being and resilience throughout the sector, so we're equipped to face challenges.
- Develop leadership and mentoring programs for elected members and CEOs to foster growth.

A Future Full of Opportunity

I am keenly aware of the financial and societal pressures that our communities are facing. Times are tough and uncertain, and our people are looking to us for leadership. Yet, as a sector, we have the ability to turn these challenges into opportunities. With my experience as a mayor, small business owner, and scientist, I see great possibilities ahead—particularly in areas like renewable energy, decarbonisation, and the advancement of AI. These shifts open doors for collaboration with other councils, government bodies, and private industry. As a sector, we need to be ready to take the lead, adapt, and signal our readiness to be part of the solution.

There's so much expertise within our sector, and I believe that by improving how we communicate, collaborate, and innovate, we can unlock great outcomes. I'm committed to making the LGA a stronger, more effective voice for local government, and I'd be honoured to lead that effort as President.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

Heather

Dr Heather Holmes-Ross
MAYOR

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LGA Nomination Form

Mayor – Dr Heather Holmes-Ross

LG Experience & Knowledge:

I have served as Mayor of Mitcham since 2018 and as a GAROC representative for the past four years, currently holding the position of GAROC Chair. Since April 2022, I have also been a member of the LGA board.

I see my role as Mayor as one of listening and advocacy, which has driven me to establish strong relationships with councillors, our CEO, council staff, local MPs, and community members. By proactively engaging with community groups, schools, universities, and businesses, I have been able to understand and address their diverse needs, facilitating partnerships that benefit all parties involved.

I have successfully advocated for my community, securing grant funding and policy changes that directly benefit our residents. At the sector level, I have worked diligently to build strong relationships with fellow Mayors, councillors, LGA staff, and government MPs. My election as LGA board member and GAROC Chair reflects the trust my peers place in my abilities. I have also proudly represented the sector in several occasions including on panels at the 2022 and 2023 ALGA National General Assemblies.

Through my role on GAROC, I have developed a comprehensive understanding of the common issues and concerns faced by metropolitan councils. Through my role on the LGA board, I have gained an excellent understanding of the workings of the LGA and broadened my knowledge of the regions. Having spent my childhood (Alice Springs) and teen years (Deniliquin, NSW) in regional Australia, I am aware of the joy of country living and the harsh realities of rural life. I have recently travelled to a number of regional LGA board meetings to further expand my knowledge of the regions and better understand the concerns of rural councils.

Local Government Policy Views & Interests:

Like many of us in local government my passion lies in building happy, resilient, and empowered communities. I believe collaboration is key, whether among stakeholder groups within local government areas or across the sector as a whole. The LGA is uniquely positioned to strengthen the long-term financial, environmental, and social sustainability of the sector through advocacy, promotion, and facilitation. My goal is to support the LGA in being as effective as possible in these endeavours.

Financial sustainability is a pressing issue for the sector, particularly in the face of rising living costs, the state government oversight through ESCOSA and the federal government's shift to tied grant funding. The challenge is to become more efficient, delivering more with less and exploring opportunities for additional revenue generation. The LGA can play a crucial role in facilitating the spread and adoption of innovative solutions being trialled by councils across the sector.

For example, last year, the LGA supported the Rural City of Murray Bridge and City of Mitcham in a joint power procurement trial, which resulted in Murray Bridge saving upwards of $350k per annum, while Mitcham is set to save $10 million over the next ten years. Opportunities like this can be expanded to benefit other councils, with the LGA leading the way in facilitating such initiatives. Similarly, several councils are currently involved in programs with Adelaide's universities for

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graduates who would probably not have considered a career in local government. These programs are very successful in attracting and retaining talented and enthusiastic young people, helping address skills shortage and positioning local government as employers of choice. I am keen to see the LGA support and extend these opportunities.

Additionally, there are opportunities for cost savings through shared services, and collaborations with the private sector. There is also interest by member councils in working together to tackle or advocate on common issues such as the Adelaide freight by-pass or eliminating childcare deserts. It is my wish help the LGA be clearer with its purpose, play a leadership role in facilitating collaborations, and advocate effectively on behalf of the sector.

Other Information:

I came to local government from a background in business and academia. I have a PhD in chemistry from Flinders Uni which means I am trained to investigate, problem solve and collaborate. In turns out that these are handy skills for navigating the intricacies of local government. I have an excellent understanding of finances and business management. The hospitality business, the Artisan Cafe, which my chef husband and I founded and managed for 10 years was recognised for excellence several times, with a highlight our being awarded the Australian Cafe of the Year in 2017 by our industry body. Our latest venture, The Lost Dice, is a board game cafe located in the Adelaide CBD which services a wonderfully diverse community.

I believe small businesses play a pivotal role in community development, and supporting local economies leads to better outcomes for everyone. I previously founded a "shop local" and social inclusion movement in our area, which resulted in both economic and social benefits for the community. I am deeply interested in finding the best ways to support our business communities, allowing them to thrive and give back to the communities that support them.

Since early 2019, I have served as a director on the East Waste board, a subsidiary of eight councils responsible for waste transport. Additionally, our council has chaired Region 7 of the Murray Darling Association, representing the Adelaide metropolitan area. Waste and water management present significant challenges for the sector, but there are also opportunities for local government to lead the way through best practices and embracing the circular economy.

I am the Local Government Representative on the Australia Day Council SA board. I take great pride in the council's work celebrating Australians who exemplify our nation's best qualities. Shining a spotlight on ordinary Australians doing extraordinary things inspires hope for a respectful and inclusive future.

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