



Notice is given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, 25 July 2017
Time: 3pm
Location: Council Chambers, Serpentine

AGENDA

Ordinary Council Meeting

25 July 2017

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1 OPENING PRAYER

“Almighty God, we humbly beseech thee to bless this Council, direct and prosper its deliberations towards the true welfare of your people of the Shire of Loddon.”

2 APOLOGIES

3 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

4 PREVIOUS MINUTES**4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

File Number: 02/01/001

Author: Lynne Habner, A/Manager Executive and Commercial Services

Authoriser: Phil Pinyon, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council confirm:

1. The minutes of the Council Briefing of 27 June 2017
2. The minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 27 June 2017
3. The minutes of the Council Forum of 11 July 2017

REPORT

Seeking approval of the unconfirmed minutes of the previous meetings.

5 REVIEW OF ACTION SHEET

5.1 REVIEW OF ACTIONS

File Number: 02/01/002

Author: Lynne Habner, A/Manager Executive and Commercial Services

Authoriser: Phil Pinyon, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Action sheet

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the action sheet.

REPORT

Refer attachment.

Outstanding Actions	Division:	Date From: 1/01/2016
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Outstanding actions from previous meetings

ACTION NUMBER	COUNCIL MEETING	REF	DIRECTORATE	OFFICER
9	28/5/12	9.2	Operations	Manager Technical Services

ACTION

That Council:

1. Develop a process for the identification and prioritisation of minor community infrastructure projects which will allow for a structured approach in providing in-principle or financial support for external funding applications.

COMMENTS

12/11/14: Action item has been amended following completion of the BRIC gymnasium development project utilising "Putting Local's First" funding. Elements of this action have been simplified to exclude those relating to the BRIC project and focusing now on the remaining action element being the development of operational guidelines for receiving, prioritising and applying for external funding in respect to minor community infrastructure projects.

11/6/2015: Manager Infrastructure has commenced development of a draft project identification template and scoping document along with associated prioritisation criteria and explanatory notes.

11/09/2015: Progress on development of assessment and prioritisation criteria for minor community Infrastructure projects has been delayed due to competing operational priorities. Delivery of this action item shall be raised with the Manager of Infrastructure as a matter of urgency.

11/02/2016: Matter has been raised with the responsible officer however no further progress has been made on development of the required process and guideline.

12/05/2016: Development of minor community infrastructure project assessment and prioritisation guidelines has been incorporated into the 2016/17 performance objectives of the new Manager Technical Services.

10/6/2016: No progress to date - will be considered with review of building assets

11/08/2016: Review of methodology for identification and prioritisation of community infrastructure projects has commenced. Consideration is currently being given to frameworks which have been adopted by other LGA's (i.e. City of Greater Bendigo Capital Investment Assessment Framework).

20/02/2017: Progress on developing community infrastructure project prioritisation guideline has been delayed due to competing priorities and resource constraints. Project is being handed over to the recently appointed Project/Contract Officer for further progression.

19/04/2017: The Manager Technical Services and Project/Contract Officer are working together to progress the establishment of an Assessment Framework based upon the 2017/18 projects.

13/07/2017: No further action has been taken due to staff resource constraints.

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66	25/2/14	7.4	Operations	Manager Technical Services

ACTION

That Council look at the future needs of buildings under Council control but 'not currently covered by the Building Asset Management Plan and report to Council.

COMMENTS

8/4/14: All buildings identified within the shire are currently covered in the BAMP. Council have requested that the BAMP be reviewed in relation to the buildings that receive no financial support. A review of the BAMP is scheduled to be undertaken later this calendar year. At this time a review of all provisions will be undertaken with a subsequent report provided for Council consideration.

11/11/14: Review of the BAMP has been rescheduled to later this financial year due to commitments of staff in preparing the Road Asset Management and Stormwater Asset management Plans as a matter of priority. Preliminary discussions and consideration on service levels for various building categories has commenced however e.g. public toilets.

11/6/15: Review of the BAMP has been rescheduled following completion of the annual asset valuation data. It is expected that commencement of the BAMP review will occur following the completion of the Stormwater Asset Management Plan in September 2015.

11/09/15: Manager Policy & Strategy is finalising both the Urban Drainage Asset Management and Road Asset Management Plans. Following completion of these strategies focus shall be placed upon the revision of the Building Asset management Plan. Due to delays in progress with the development of the UDAMP and RAMP, work on the BAMP is now scheduled to commence in November 2015.

11/02/16: Draft RAMP and UDAMP have been prepared. Final review of draft documents is occurring in preparation for discussion with Council in March. Enquiries are being made with appropriately qualified consultants to gather necessary building asset data in preparation of commencement on the BAMP review later this year.

10/6/2016: Consultants are currently being interviewed regarding building asset system and data capture. Consultant should be engaged July/August with data capture due by end of 2016.

5/7/2016: Consultants from Assetic has been engaged to perform condition assessment of all the Council owned/managed buildings. Additionally, Assetic system has been purchased as a new corporate asset management system for building assets with future inclusion of roads and drainage assets.

11/08/2016: Register of buildings for inspection has been finalised and consultants will be commencing on site inspections and data capture by the end of August. It is expected that the data capture process could take up to 60 days after which time processing and analysis will commence to inform investment scenario modelling within the revised BAMP

31/08/2016: Building audits have now commenced. A total of 178 Council buildings have been identified for audit. In addition to data capture on structure details, inspections will also identify immediate works required where building element conditions are below service level intervention standards. These works will then form the basis of future building capital works programs and inform preparation of the future investment demand for the LTFP and BAMP.

4/10/16: Building audits are approximately 80% complete. It is anticipated that full audit details and population of the Asset Management System which has been procured, will be complete by the end of October 2016. Data modelling within the Asset Management package will then be used to inform development of the new draft Asset Management Plan.

10/11/16: Audit of Council buildings has been completed. Condition profiles for building stock are now being compiled to inform preparation of draft BAMP. It is anticipated

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that presentation of initial audit results to Council will occur in either December or January.

20/2/17: Post audit processing of building data has been slightly delayed due to resource constraints. Officers are in the process of finalising to produce renewal gap modelling prior to presentation of audit findings to Council. Outputs from audit process are also being utilised in the preparation of a building component of the 2017-2017 Annual Infrastructure Program.

20/03/2017: Preliminary modelling of long term investment requirements across the portfolio of Council buildings has now been completed. Summary report for Council is being prepared to convey initial findings however detailed analysis and adjustment is still required to take into consideration the current policies contained within the BAMP as well as preparation of various scenarios if service levels are changed. Scenario models will be presented to Council as part of developing the revised BAMP.

19/04/2017: First Draft of BAMP is expected in the first quarter of 2017/18.

13/07/2017: Due to delay in successful recruitment to the vacant position of Assets and Buildings Coordinator, it is very likely that the first draft of BAMP will be delayed.

ACTION NUMBER	COUNCIL MEETING	REF	DIRECTORATE	OFFICER
96	24/2/15	7.1	Operations	Manager Technical Services

ACTION

That a meeting be arranged between council staff and the residents of Holloway Street, Boort, to discuss the proposed works for the street.

COMMENTS

11/3/15: Planning and design for the Holloway street project has been included within the 2015/16 draft annual infrastructure program. It is envisaged that a consultant will be engaged to prepare the township street plan for Holloway Street including consultation with local residents.

11/6/15: Further progress in developing streetscape plans for Holloway Street, including the required public consultation meeting are on hold pending approval of Council's 2015/16 budget.

11/09/2015: Co-ordination of community meetings (residents of Holloway Street) is still to occur. Council's Infrastructure Department is preparing a specification for the engagement of a suitably qualified civil consultancy to prepare the Holloway Street Streetscape designs as well as conduct the necessary consultation with local residents. Item shall be raised with the Manager Infrastructure as a point of urgency.

11/4/2016: Tomkinson group have been engaged to develop project plans as well as undertake the necessary community consultation with local residents. It is expected that initial concept plans will be finalised during May with initial consultations then to follow.

10/6/16: Plans are completed to a level beyond the concept stage. Plans needed to be progressed closer to a functional stage to determine what can be done with the existing drainage issues and other constraints within this site. We can't go to the community with a concept they might not actually work. Plans should be available within 4 weeks.

6/7/2016: Plans are completed and estimates are being prepared for the whole of the works. Plans can now be communicated to the community for consultation.

11/8/2016: A consultation to the community will be implemented without further delay.

31/08/2016: Design and associated cost estimate has now been received. Initial estimates for works required are in the order of \$1.2 Million. This is significantly more than envisaged and consideration will be given to how the works can be progressively delivered over time. Consultation with local residents is being organised with the focus on identification of immediate asset renewal requirements whilst maintaining consistency with the overarching master plan for the streetscape.

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10/01/2017: Technical service staff are preparing correspondence for the Holloway street residents and greater Boort Community outlining the details of the Holloway Street Proposal. It is proposed to make the plans available on the website and for people that do not have access to the internet we will provide copies on request. Technical services staff will be available to discuss any issues over the phone and attend to any site visits if required.

20/03/2017: Plans yet to be issued to local residents due to competing priorities for technical service resources. Information packages will be issued to residents as soon as possible to prompt initial discussions and feedback regarding current scope of works.

19/04/2017: Meeting times with Residents being progressed for May.

15/05/2017: Letters went out to residents today to commence dialogue for draft streetscape and viewing on Website. Have requested feedback by 22 June and advised that a site meeting or a meeting at a venue to be decided will follow after assessment of feedback if warranted.

13/07/2017: Objections have been received by Council. Council officers will assess the response from the community and arrange a meeting. No meeting date has been set at this point. Council may have to revisit the scope of the program to meet community's expectation reflected in the objections.

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report 7.2 2016/39	Ordinary Council Meeting 13 December 2016	Carolyn Stephenson Peter Cownley	Planning Scheme Amendment to Correct Mapping Errors	27/12/2016	16/12/2016	
RESOLUTION 2016/39						
Moved: Cr Colleen Condliffe						
Seconded: Cr Cheryl McKinnon						
That Council						
1. Request authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare an amendment to the Loddon Planning Scheme to correct the mapping errors as identified in the attached table.						
2. Should authorisation be provided, prepare the amendment and place the amendment on exhibition.						
						CARRIED
<p><i>12 Jul 2017 - 4:59 PM - Christine Coombes</i> The C39 amendment report has been prepared for Council's adoption and approval to submit to the Minister for approval.</p> <p><i>03 Jul 2017 - 11:44 AM - Carolyn Stephenson</i> Report prepared for July meeting</p> <p><i>30 May 2017 - 12:57 PM - Carolyn Stephenson</i> Currently on exhibition. Exhibition closes 26th June. Will be reported to July meeting.</p> <p><i>16 May 2017 - 1:59 PM - Christine Coombes</i> Still waiting on Ministerial approval from DELWP. Proposed public exhibition is 25 May 2017.</p> <p><i>03 May 2017 - 12:18 PM - Carolyn Stephenson</i></p>						

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Still waiting for Ministerial authorisation for exhibition
 21 Mar 2017 - 9:38 AM - Carolyn Stephenson
 Currently on exhibition. Exhibition closes 26th June. Will be reported to July meeting.

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report 8.8 2017/102	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 June 2017	Indivar Dhakal Peter Cownley	Access on Nankervills Road, Campbells Forest	11/07/2017	3/07/2017	

RESOLUTION 2017/102

Moved: Cr Colleen Condliffe
 Seconded: Cr Geoff Curnow

That

1. Council resolve to remove the section of Nankervills Road between Campbells Road and Loddon Valley Highway at Campbells Forest from Council's Register of Public Roads.
2. The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning be advised that Council does not consent to the lease of the road reserve to the adjacent landowner.

CARRIED

12 Jul 2017 - 12:20 PM - Indivar Dhakal

The adjacent landowner has been notified. A gazette notification will be published as well as in the paper regarding the removal of the section of road from public register.

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report 8.9 2017/103	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 June 2017	Sharon Morrison Sharon Morrison	Barraport Recreation Reserve	11/07/2017	3/07/2017	

RESOLUTION 2017/103

Moved: Cr Colleen Condliffe
 Seconded: Cr Gavan Holt

That Council transfer Barraport Recreation Reserve to Alan Leslie Boyle for nil consideration and approve the affixing of the Council seal to any related documentation.

CARRIED

10 Jul 2017 - 1:32 PM - Sharon Morrison

Property is to be advertised as excess land pursuant to section 189 of the Local Government Act prior to being transferred.

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Actions completed since last meeting

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New Item 11.3 2017/60	Ordinary Council Meeting 28 February 2017	Indivar Dhakal Peter Cownley	FOOTPATHS IN PYRAMID HILL	14/03/2017	10/03/2017	10/07/2017
<p>11.3 FOOTPATHS IN PYRAMID HILL</p> <p>RESOLUTION 2017/60</p> <p>Moved: Cr Cheryl McKinnon Seconded: Cr Geoff Curnow</p> <p>Council noted concerns raised by Cr Cheryl McKinnon from members of the Pyramid Hill business community about the ongoing unsafe condition of footpaths. Ian McLauchlan undertook to investigate the matter and report to Council.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p><i>10 Jul 2017 - 11:21 AM - Indivar Dhakal</i> Action completed by: Indivar Dhakal Councillors were advised that the jobs will be completed in 2017-18 financial year</p> <p><i>15 Jun 2017 - 6:59 PM - Indivar Dhakal</i> A report has been prepared to present at the June Council meeting seeking approval of budget variation.</p> <p><i>11 Apr 2017 - 3:53 PM - Christine Coombes</i> Action reassigned to Indivar Dhakal by: Christine Coombes</p> <p><i>11 Apr 2017 - 2:55 PM - Christine Coombes</i> Action reassigned to Peter Cownley by: Christine Coombes</p> <p><i>20 Mar 2017 - 12:15 PM - Ian McLauchlan</i> Report on progress of Capital works projects, including footpath renewal works, contained within the 2016-17 Annual Infrastructure Program is being prepared and expected to be presented to Council in April 2017.</p>						
Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report 8.4 2017/72	Ordinary Council Meeting 26 April 2017	Indivar Dhakal Peter Cownley	Load Restriction on Lakeview Street, Boort	10/05/2017	9/05/2017	10/07/2017
<p>RESOLUTION 2017/72</p> <p>Moved: Cr Cheryl McKinnon Seconded: Cr Colleen Condliffe</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Council resolve in principle to undertake a study for a by-pass route for heavy vehicles in Boort. That a project brief be prepared for suitably qualified traffic consultants to undertake the study and the brief be submitted for Council consideration at the Council meeting 27 June 2017. 						

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3. That advice be given by public advertisement regarding the current status relating to the use of Lakeview Street pending further consideration of the matter.

CARRIED

10 Jul 2017 - 11:22 AM - Indivar Dhakal

Action completed by: Indivar Dhakal

A project brief has been prepared to be presented on July 2017 Council meeting for Council consideration

15 Jun 2017 - 1:35 PM - Indivar Dhakal

Project brief is being prepared and an information report has been prepared to be presented at June Council meeting outlining the progress.

16 May 2017 - 1:57 PM - Christine Coombes

Item 3 information contained in May Mayoral Column

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 June 2017	Deanne Caserta	Adoption of the 2017/18 Budget	11/07/2017	3/07/2017	3/07/2017
8.1		Sharon				
2017/95		Morrison				

RESOLUTION 2017/95

Moved: Cr Cheryl McKinnon

Seconded: Cr Colleen Condliffe

That Council, having advertised the Draft Budget and having received no submissions, adopt the 2017/18 Budget.

CARRIED

03 Jul 2017 - 10:45 AM - Deanne Caserta

Action completed by: Deanne Caserta

Published to the website, copies printed for each office and copy sent to minister as required.

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 June 2017	Lorraine Jackson	Finance Report for the period ending 31 May 2017	11/07/2017	3/07/2017	13/07/2017
8.2		Sharon				
2017/96		Morrison				

RESOLUTION 2017/96

Moved: Cr Cheryl McKinnon

Seconded: Cr Gavan Holt

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That Council:

1. receives and notes the 'Finance report for the period ending 31 May 2017'
2. approves budget revisions included in the report for internal reporting purposes only

CARRIED

13 Jul 2017 - 4:34 PM - Christine Coombes
 Action completed by: Christine Coombes
 Resolutions have been actioned.

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report 8.3 2017/97	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 June 2017	Lynne Habner Phil Pinyon	Review of Delegations, Appointments and Authorisations	11/07/2017	3/07/2017	10/07/2017

RESOLUTION 2017/97

Moved: Cr Geoff Curnow
 Seconded: Cr Colleen Condliffe

That Council

1. In the exercise of the powers conferred by section 98(1) of the Act and the other legislation referred to in the attached instrument of delegation, resolves that:
 - (a) There be delegated to the members of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the offices or positions referred to in the attached Instrument of Delegation to members of Council staff, the powers, duties and functions set out in that instrument, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument.
 - (b) The instrument comes into force immediately the common seal of Council is affixed to the instrument.
 - (c) On the coming into force of the instrument all previous delegations to members of Council staff (other than the Chief Executive Officer) are revoked.
 - (d) The duties and functions set out in the instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the instruments must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.
2. In the exercise of the powers conferred by section 224 of the Act and the other legislation referred to in the attached instruments of appointment and authorisation, resolves that:
 - (a) The members of Council staff referred to in the instruments be appointed and authorised as set out in the instruments.

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- (b) The instruments come into force immediately the common seal of Council is affixed to the instruments, and remain in force until Council determines to vary or revoke them.
 - (c) The instruments be sealed.
 - 3. Revokes all existing Instruments of Appointment and Authorisation (Planning and Environment Act 1987), effective from the date that the CEO approves the new instrument as attached.
- CARRIED**

10 Jul 2017 - 11:39 AM - Lynne Habner

Action completed by: Lynne Habner

Completed. the Instrument of Delegation to Members of Staff and the Instrument of Authorisation and Appointment have been signed and sealed by the CEO. Relevant staff were advised of the updates.

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 June 2017	Indivar Dhakal	Progress report on the 2016 - 2017 Annual Infrastructure Program	11/07/2017	3/07/2017	4/07/2017
8.4 2017/98		Peter Cownley				

RESOLUTION 2017/98

Moved: Cr Cheryl McKinnon

Seconded: Cr Gavan Holt

That Council receive and note this report on the progress of capital works projects, including footpath renewal works specific to Pyramid Hill, contained within the 2016 – 2017 Annual Infrastructure Program.

CARRIED

04 Jul 2017 - 11:02 AM - Indivar Dhakal

Action completed by: Indivar Dhakal

Finance advised of the outcome

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 June 2017	Sharon Morrison	Plant and Equipment Private Hire Policy	11/07/2017	3/07/2017	5/07/2017
8.5 2017/99		Sharon Morrison				

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RESOLUTION 2017/99

Moved: Cr Colleen Condliffe
 Seconded: Cr Cheryl McKinnon

That the Plant and Equipment Private Hire Policy v2 be rescinded.

CARRIED

05 Jul 2017 - 4:01 PM - Sharon Morrison
 Action completed by: Sharon Morrison
 Staff advised in staff newsletter on 28 June 2017

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report 8.6 2017/100	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 June 2017	Deanne Caserta Sharon Morrison	Review of Revenue and Debt Collection Policy	11/07/2017	3/07/2017	3/07/2017

RESOLUTION 2017/100

Moved: Cr Geoff Curnow
 Seconded: Cr Cheryl McKinnon

That Council adopts the Revenue and Debt Collection Policy v2

CARRIED

03 Jul 2017 - 10:45 AM - Deanne Caserta
 Action completed by: Deanne Caserta
 Document sent to Executive Office for finalisation including adding signature and publishing to website

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report 8.7 2017/101	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 June 2017	Indivar Dhakal Peter Cownley	Road Management Plan Review Report	11/07/2017	3/07/2017	4/07/2017

RESOLUTION 2017/101

Moved: Cr Cheryl McKinnon
 Seconded: Cr Geoff Curnow

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That Council:

- (a) Pursuant to the Road Management Act 2004 and the Road Management Regulations, resolve to publish the Road Management Plan Review Report
- (b) Note the officers' review of the intervention levels, grading frequency and response time to improve the standards of road maintenance and consequent cost implications

CARRIED

04 Jul 2017 - 11:04 AM - Indivar Dhakal

Action completed by: Indivar Dhakal

Report has been advertised and placed on the Council website and in the foyer of the Wedderburn Office for viewing.

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 June 2017	Sharon Morrison	Adoption of Council Plan 2017-2021	11/07/2017	3/07/2017	3/07/2017
10.1		Sharon Morrison				
2017/106						

RESOLUTION 2017/106

Moved: Cr Geoff Curnow

Seconded: Cr Cheryl McKinnon

That Council:

1. Thank Mr Rod Poxon for his submission
2. Amend the draft Council Plan in accordance with the proposals in this report
3. Adopt the Loddon Shire Council Plan 2017-2021
4. Forward a copy of the approved Council Plan to the Minister for Local Government

CARRIED

03 Jul 2017 - 12:55 PM - Sharon Morrison

Action completed by: Sharon Morrison

Rod Poxon thanked by email on 3 July 2017. Amendments made as recommended and final copy on website on 30 June and sent to Minister on 29 June.

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10.2		Sharon Morrison				
2017/107						
RESOLUTION 2017/107						
Moved: Cr Geoff Curnow						
Seconded: Cr Cheryl McKinnon						
That Council:						
1. receives and notes the February 2017 Audit Committee Meeting Report						
2. endorses the performance improvement recommendations documented in the:						
(a) Follow up of Agreed Actions from Prior Year Internal Audit Reports and						
(b) Review of Salary Oncost Rate, Project Costing and Budgeting Process						
3. receives and notes the Outstanding Actions Report May 2017						
4. receives and notes the Internal Audit Plan						
5. receives and notes the External Audit Strategy						
6. endorses the Audit Committee Charter version 5						
7. endorses the Performance Reporting Framework version 2						
8. receives and notes the Risk Management Report						
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<i>10 Jul 2017 - 1:35 PM - Sharon Morrison</i>						
Action completed by: Sharon Morrison						
Actions arising from motion are being implemented.						
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Report	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 June 2017	Sharon Morrison	SECTION 86 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT	11/07/2017	3/07/2017	5/07/2017
10.3		Sharon Morrison	MEMBERSHIP DETAIL-WEDDERBURN ENGINE PARK			
2017/108						

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RESOLUTION 2017/108

Moved: Cr Colleen Condliffe
 Seconded: Cr Cheryl McKinnon

That Council appoints the persons named in this report as members of the Wedderburn Engine Park Section 86 Committee of Management, effective immediately.

CARRIED

05 Jul 2017 - 11:21 AM - Sharon Morrison
 Action completed by: Sharon Morrison
 letter sent to committee of management 5 July 2017

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 June 2017	Michelle Hargreaves	SECTION 86 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEMBERSHIP DETAIL-DINGEE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION	11/07/2017	3/07/2017	5/07/2017
10.4		Sharon Morrison				
2017/109						

RESOLUTION 2017/109

Moved: Cr Colleen Condliffe
 Seconded: Cr Cheryl McKinnon

That Council appoints the persons named in this report as members of the Dingee Progress Association Section 86 Committee of Management, effective immediately.

CARRIED

05 Jul 2017 - 11:16 AM - Michelle Hargreaves
 Action completed by: Michelle Hargreaves
 letter sent to committee of management 5 July 2017

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 June 2017	Michelle Hargreaves	SECTION 86 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEMBERSHIP DETAILS-INGLEWOOD RIDING CLUB	11/07/2017	3/07/2017	5/07/2017
10.5		Sharon Morrison				
2017/110						

<p>Outstanding Actions</p> <p>Action Sheets Report</p>	<p>Division:</p> <p>Committee:</p> <p>Officer:</p>	<p>Date From: 1/01/2016</p> <p>Date To: 31/12/2018</p> <p>Printed: Thursday, 13 July 2017 4:34:34 PM</p>
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RESOLUTION 2017/110

Moved: Cr Colleen Condliffe
 Seconded: Cr Cheryl McKinnon

That Council appoints the persons named in this report as members of the Inglewood Riding Club Section 86 Committee of Management, effective immediately.

CARRIED

05 Jul 2017 - 11:16 AM - Michelle Hargreaves
 Action completed by: Michelle Hargreaves
 letter sent to committee of management 5 July 2017

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 June 2017	Sharon Morrison	DINGEE BUSHLAND RESERVE	11/07/2017	3/07/2017	10/07/2017
10.7		Sharon Morrison				
2017/112						

RESOLUTION 2017/112

Moved: Cr Cheryl McKinnon
 Seconded: Cr Colleen Condliffe

That Council apply in writing to become the Committee of Management for Crown Allotments 2015, 2016, 2017, 141, 143 and 145.

CARRIED

10 Jul 2017 - 1:38 PM - Sharon Morrison
 Action completed by: Sharon Morrison
 Letter has been sent to DELWP

Outstanding Actions	Division:	Date From: 1/01/2016
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	Officer:	
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ACTION NUMBER	COUNCIL MEETING	REF	DIRECTORATE	OFFICER
132	23/8/2016	7.1	Corporate Services	Director Corporate Services

ACTION

Cr Curnow asked whether there had been any further action regarding the Tarnagulla community centre and its separation from the Tarnagulla hall. The Director Corporate Services will investigate the matter and provide advice.

COMMENTS

31/08/2016: DELWP advise that they are still waiting on plans from Crown Survey Approvals following a recent survey of the land. In the meantime, for insurance purposes DELWP have suggested that a section 17B licence agreement be issued to the Community Centre; however the Hall Committee would need to agree to this. The President of the Hall Committee will be contacted shortly to discuss this option.

27/09/2016: Separate conversations have occurred between Director Corporate Services and: President of the Hall Committee, President of the Community Centre Action Group and Cr Curnow, to discuss the issues. Director Corporate Services has been liaising with DELWP to progress the finalisation of the plans by Crown Survey Approvals. DELWP is still insistent on a s17B licence agreement between the parties to ensure users are covered by insurance. Contact will be made with Barry Rogers, secretary of the Hall Committee, who has been asked to liaise with us on behalf of the Hall Committee while the president is away. A meeting will be scheduled with representatives of interested parties on a date after the council election.

21/10/2016: Barry Rogers has been provided with a draft licence agreement for the Hall Committee to consider prior to the Hall Committee offering it to the Action Group for signing. The finalisation of the plans by Crown Survey Approvals is still underway. Once completed, DELWP will be able to issue a separate management agreement to the Action Group. The Director Corporate Services is currently arranging a time to meet with the Hall Committee or its representative.

10/11/2016: Hall Committee was meeting on 8 November to discuss entering section 17B licence agreement with Community Centre until survey is complete and new management committee is put in place.

30/11/2016: Hall Committee have agreed to licence agreement being prepared for Action Group. Hall Committee have advised that Action Group have agreed to enter into licence agreement. DELWP are preparing the agreement for signing by the Action Group.

16/12/2016: DELWP is currently preparing a section 17B licence agreement for signing by the Action Group as an interim measure while the plans are being completed by Crown Survey Approvals. Completion of the plans will enable a separate committee of management to be appointed for the Community Centre.

14/2/2016: DELWP has forwarded the section 17B licence agreement to the committee of management for completion. Plans are still being completed by Crown Survey Approvals.

15/3/2017: The Committee of Management is considering the 17B licence agreement. Plans are still being completed by Crown Survey Approvals.

11/4/2017: By letter dated 10 March 2017, Maree Edwards, State Member for Bendigo East contacted the Lily D'Ambrosio, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change seeking assistance to progress the division of the title as soon as possible. A copy of the letter was provided to Councillor Curnow. A letter has also been received from the Loddon Southern Development & Tourism Committee requesting assistance with better access to and utilisation of the Community Centre. DELWP have advised that the existing committee appointment over the Public Hall reserve is due to expire on 31 July 2017. Paperwork for reappointment will be forwarded to the committee in the coming weeks. A report will be prepared for discussion with Council in May.

09/05/2017: A report is being prepared for the May Briefing providing a detailed update on this issue.

02/06/2017: DELWP have been advised that Council do not wish to be the committee of management for the Community Centre however Council is working with the

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community to establish suitable management arrangements.

14/06/2017: DELWP have confirmed receipt of Council's advice that it does not wish to be the committee of management and is working with the community to establish suitable management arrangements.

12/7/2014: DELWP to work with the community to establish suitable management arrangements for the Community Centre following recent review of the membership of the Hall Committee. This action is now closed.

6 MAYORAL REPORT

6.1 MAYORAL REPORT

File Number: 02/01/001

Author: Lynne Habner, A/Manager Executive and Commercial Services

Authoriser: Phil Pinyon, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Mayoral Report

REPORT

The Mayor will present a report at the meeting.

7 COUNCILLORS' REPORT

7.1 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

File Number: 02/01/001

Author: Lynne Habner, A/Manager Executive and Commercial Services

Authoriser: Phil Pinyon, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Councillors' reports

REPORT

Each Councillor will present a report at the meeting.

8 DECISION REPORTS**8.1 PLANNING APPLICATION 5289- YEMAYA FESTIVAL**

File Number:	5289
Author:	Alexandra Jefferies, Planning Officer
Authoriser:	Glenn Harvey, Manager Development and Compliance
Attachments:	1. Trespassing map
	2. Site plan
	3. Road design & check bank plan
	4. VicPol objection
	5. C Rollinson objection
	6. D & R Evans objection
	7. K Holland objection
	8. M Trethowan objection
	9. R & B Evans objection
	10. R Rollinson objection
	11. S Anderson objection
	12. P Walsh MP submission

RECOMMENDATION

That the application be refused on the following grounds:

1. The proposal is not consistent with the current Cultural Heritage Management Plan, as required by Section 52 (3) of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 which states that:
“The decision maker must not grant a statutory authorisation for the activity if the activity would be inconsistent with the approved cultural heritage management plan.”
2. The Victoria Police have objected to this application raising numerous concerns relating to public safety.
3. The poor quality of documentation and plans provided as part of this application have not adequately addressed risks associated with the event.
4. There is likely to be unreasonable amenity impacts upon surrounding residences as a result of prolonged noise.
5. The proposed use is inconsistent with the purpose of the Farming Zone and is likely to negatively impact on surrounding agricultural land uses through the spread of noxious weeds, noise, trespassing, traffic and parking issues.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There is no conflict of interest for any Council staff member involved in the preparation of this report, or involved in the subject matter of the report.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Three previous planning applications for the Yemaya festival have been received and subsequently presented to Council for determination.

Planning application 5106, which was the first of the two historical applications received, was refused on 28 January 2016 for the following reasons:

- a) The proposed use was considered to be inconsistent with the purpose of the Farming Zone.
- b) Local infrastructure was insufficient to cater for the proposed use and development.
- c) The proposed use and development would likely result in the spread of a regionally controlled weed.
- d) The proposed use would likely have detrimentally affected the amenity of the area through the generation of noise.
- e) The proposed use would likely have resulted in an adverse environmental effect on the Loddon River.

A further application (5167) with slightly amended documentation was received approximately 1 month later. On this occasion the officer recommendation was to refuse the application based on similar grounds as listed above for permit application 5106. Further, concerns were identified with respect to the lack of a Cultural Heritage Management Plan prepared for the event as required under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*.

Following consideration of the proposal, objections and the officer recommendation, Council resolved to grant planning permit 5167 which was subsequently issued on 20 April 2016 for the use of the land for a place of assembly (Yemaya Festival).

The permit contained an extensive list of documentation/plans which were required to be provided to Council prior to the event taking place – limited documentation was supplied.

Planning application 5254 was refused after being presented to Council for determination at the March 2017 Council meeting. The application was refused for the following reasons:

- a) The current proposal is not consistent with the approved Cultural Heritage Management Plan.
- b) The proposed use is inconsistent with the purpose of the Farming Zone.
- c) The proposal is likely to negatively impact on surrounding agricultural land uses through the spread of noxious weeds, trespassing, traffic and parking issues.
- d) Victoria Police have major concerns outstanding with regard to the proposal.
- e) There are likely to be unreasonable amenity impacts upon surrounding properties as a result of noise.
- f) Adequate documentation and plans have not been provided to satisfy concerns with respect to separation of camping and car parking.

BACKGROUND

Proposal

Planning application 5289 was lodged on 5 June 2017; the application proposes the use and development of the land for a place of assembly (Yemaya Festival) which will consist of 4,500 persons and 250 staff at the 4 day music festival.

Music is proposed to be played during the following hours:

- starting at 6pm on Thursday 28 September 2017 - ending 2am Friday 29 September 2017 (8 hours)
- resuming 10am Friday 29 September 2017- ending 6pm Sunday 1 October 2017 (56 hours)

Gates are proposed to open at 12pm Thursday 28 September, with all patrons to clear the site by 6 pm Monday 2 October 2017.

It is proposed that patrons will camp on site for the duration of the event, with no 'pass outs' to be permitted and no patron vehicle movements to be allowed once parked. Camping and cars are proposed to be separated by 300 mm high soil check banks which are proposed to be constructed. Vehicles will reverse into allocated car spaces so the rear of the car is facing the check banks. The result will be two rows of cars facing each other with a 12 metre space allowed for access and egress. Camping will be done within a 40 metre area space created in between each row of parked cars behind the check banks (refer to attachment: site plan). This treatment is intended to reduce moving vehicles potentially interacting with the camping areas, which has been linked to significant injury or death at similar events.

Approximately 1,500 cars are estimated to be within the camping/parking areas on the basis there will be an average of 3 persons per vehicle. Camping areas are proposed to be managed/ patrolled by a mixture of volunteers, traffic marshals and security personnel. The roster nominates that 4 traffic marshals and 6 volunteers will be on site on Thursday, until 1 am Friday; after this 3 traffic marshals and 6 volunteers shall be on site from 9 am to 5 pm Friday, this is reduced to 2 of each per day for the duration of the Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Security/crowd control

The applicant has advised that 32 security guards will be on a rotational roster meaning 16 security guards will be on site throughout the duration of the event. These 16 are proposed to be allocated around the event as follows

- 1x security manager
- 5 x security guards on perimeter patrol (one per fence line, one along Majors line Road)
- 2 x campground area
- 1 x first aid
- 1x art spaces
- 1 x front gate
- 1 x ticket processing
- 1x main stage
- 1x second stage
- 2 x general area patrol

Perimeter patrol

It is proposed that four perimeter patrol units will be dispatched within vehicles to address trespassing into and from the event. These units will consist of one security guard and one volunteer. The volunteer will be driving the vehicle along designated areas (refer to attachment: Trespassing map)

Proposed areas/facilities within the event are as follows:

- stage 1 (36 metre span)
- stage 2 (20 metre span)
- a number of creative spaces

- a number of market stalls and food stalls
- the camping areas

Facilities/infrastructure

- 2 x emergency assembly areas
- 60 x 240 L wheely bins distributed across the site and 4 x 31 m² skip bins
- Helicopter landing pad
- 2 x 10,000 L water tanks located at each toilet block for drinking, basin supply and fire
- 1 x 20,000 water bladder located at the Event Command Centre for firefighting purposes
- 1 x 5,000 L water tank for food and drink stalls
- 1 x 2,500 L water tank main stage drinking water and firefighting purposes
- 12 x 1,000 L IBC water tanks & 3 x 10,000 L bladder for food prep and cleaning
- 8 x 1,000 L IBC water tanks & 3 x 10,000 L bladder available for contingency use
- 1 x ATM
- 1.8 metre high temporary fencing is proposed to enclose the activity area (refer to attachment: Site plan)

The application proposes a 6 m wide all-weather road will be constructed internally to allow for patron car access. A separate emergency vehicle access route is also proposed to be constructed (attachment: Road design & check bank plan).

The application includes numerous documents that aim to address issues of safety and emergency management response. These include the following:

- Emergency management plan (version 1.0)
- Tourism & community benefits summary (version 1.1)
- Noise management plan (version 1.0)
- Event plan & safety management system (version 1.5)
- Environmental management system (version 1.1)
- Noxious weed management plan (version 1.0)
- Security crowd management plan (V4- 23/05/2017)
- Traffic management plan (version 1.2)
- Event health services proposal (St John Ambulance Australia)
- Regulatory guidelines (version 1.0)
- Fire management plan (version 1.0)
- Trespassing plan (version 1.5)

Subject site and locality

The subject land is located to the east of Loddon West Road, Fernihurst. The subject site is approximately 229.42 ha in area with approximately 1.6 km of frontage (northern boundary) to Majors Line Road. The site is generally flat and clear of vegetation, excluding some scattered

trees. The site is bound to the east by the Loddon River and to the south and west by Kinypanial Creek. The area to be used for the purpose of the festival is approximately 70 ha within the balance of the site.

The subject site is within the Farming Zone and is covered by the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay. The site is (almost entirely) culturally sensitive.

The site is currently being used for agriculture, with land surrounding and adjoining being used in a similar manner. The surrounding area is not considered to be densely populated however there are dwellings located within relatively close proximity to the subject site, the closest being 33 Loddon West Road, located approximately 1.05 km west of the proposed main stage.

Figure 1: Subject site



Loddon Shire Planning Scheme

Farming Zone

The purpose of the Farming Zone is as follows:

- To implement the State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement and local planning policies.
- To provide for the use of land for agriculture.
- To encourage the retention of productive agricultural land.
- To ensure that non-agricultural uses, including dwellings, do not adversely affect the use of land for agriculture.
- To encourage the retention of employment and population to support rural communities.
- To encourage use and development of land based on comprehensive and sustainable land management practices and infrastructure provision.

Land Subject to Inundation Overlay

The purpose of the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay is as follows:

- To implement the State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement and local planning policies.
- To identify land in a flood storage or flood fringe area affected by the 1 in 100 year flood or any other area determined by the floodplain management authority.

- To ensure that development maintains the free passage and temporary storage of floodwaters, minimises flood damage, is compatible with the flood hazard and local drainage conditions and will not cause any significant rise in flood level or flow velocity.
- To reflect any declaration under Division 4 of Part 10 of the Water Act, 1989 where a declaration has been made.
- To protect water quality in accordance with the provisions of relevant State Environment Protection Policies, particularly in accordance with Clauses 33 and 35 of the State Environment Protection Policy (Waters of Victoria).
- To ensure that development maintains or improves river and wetland health, waterway protection and flood plain health.

State and local planning policies

The following State Planning Policies are considered to be relevant to the application:

13.02-1 Flood Plain Management

Objective

To assist the protection of:

- Life, property and community infrastructure from flood hazard.
- The natural flood carrying capacity of rivers, streams and floodway's.
- The flood storage function of floodplains and waterways.
- Floodplain areas of environmental significance or of importance to river health.

13.04-1 Noise abatement

Objective

To assist the control of noise effects on sensitive land uses.

13.05-1 Bushfire planning strategies and principles

Objective

To assist to strengthen community resilience to bushfire.

14.01-1 Protection of agricultural land

Objective

To protect productive farmland which is of strategic significance in the local or regional context.

14.01-2 Sustainable agricultural land use

Objective

To encourage sustainable agricultural land use.

14.02-1 Catchment planning and management

Objective

To assist the protection and, where possible, restoration of catchments, waterways, water bodies, groundwater, and the marine environment.

14.02-2 Water quality

Objective

To protect water quality.

15.03-2 Aboriginal cultural heritage

Objective

To ensure the protection and conservation of places of Aboriginal cultural heritage significance.

The following Local Planning Policies are considered to be relevant to the application:

21.04-3 Land Management and Environment

Objective

To protect and enhance the condition of the natural resource base of the Shire to provide for the environmental and economic health of the Shire.

22.02 Drainage and Flooding

Objectives

To encourage use of drainage works and schemes that manage surface flows and minimise irrigation runoff to assist in the reduction of the salinisation of land.

To promote on-farm drainage re-use for effective nutrient management.

To ensure that drainage works and schemes are consistent with management plans for wetlands, streams and forests.

To ensure levee banks are constructed and maintained to a standard that provides for the appropriate and equitable flow and distribution of floodwaters.

To ensure that downstream impacts of levee banks are appropriately considered and managed.

To recognise the role of public and community-based organisations in the maintenance and development of existing flood protection levee banks.

To encourage the use of rain where it falls, particularly in groundwater recharge areas.

To ensure appropriate land use and development of flood plains.

22.05.1 Development in rural areas

Objectives

To protect the natural and physical resources upon which agricultural industries rely.

To support the ongoing viability of existing farms.

To maintain farmland in productive agricultural use.

To promote the development of new and diverse agricultural industries, fulfilling the potential of existing infrastructure.

To prevent land use conflicts between sensitive uses and agricultural uses.

To ensure that new use and development in the Shire is not prejudicial to agricultural industries or the productive capacity of the land.

To encourage the most productive and sustainable uses of water and soil in the Shire.

To ensure that development in rural areas does not compromise landscapes of significant value.

To encourage safety from structure fires and bushfires.

Relevant particular provisions

The following particular provisions are considered relevant to the application:

52.43.1 Live music and entertainment noise

Purpose

To recognise that live music is an important part of the State's culture and economy.

To protect live music entertainment venues from the encroachment of noise sensitive residential uses.

To ensure that noise sensitive residential uses are satisfactorily protected from unreasonable levels of live music and entertainment noise.

To ensure that the primary responsibility for noise attenuation rests with the agent of change.

Notice and referral

Notice of the application was sent to adjoining land owners on 20 June 2017. The proposal was also advertised in the Loddon Times newspaper the week of 26 June 2017 with the advertising period finishing on 7 July 2017.

The application was referred to the following authorities under section 52:

- Victoria Police (VicPol) – objected.
- Ambulance Victoria - conditional consent.
- WorkSafe- no comment.
- Department Economic Development Jobs Transport and Resources (DEDJTR) - conditional consent.
- Country Fire Authority (CFA) - conditional consent.
- Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning – conditional consent.
- Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) – conditional consent.

The application was referred to the following authority under Section 55:

- North Central Catchment Management Authority (NCCMA) – conditional consent.

ISSUES/DISCUSSION

Objections

The application has attracted 8 objections, 7 from surrounding land holders (see attachments) and one from Victoria Police (attachment: VicPol objection). The application also attracted a letter in support of the objectors and their concerns from Hon. Peter Walsh MP member for Murray Plains.

The objections from adjoining land holders are based upon the following issues:

- The proposal is inconsistent with the purpose of the Farming Zone and will negatively impact on the ability for surrounding farms to undertake agricultural activities due to noise and traffic during the event.

- The application does not address the issue of trespassing which would disrupt the amenity of the area as well as posing a potential risk of injury to offenders.
- The spread noxious weeds; particularly bathurst burr and silver leaf nightshade. Spread is likely to occur via vehicle movement, patrons and transferal of equipment e.g. tents swags etc.
- Concerns of pollution to the Loddon River and Kipypanial Creek and disturbance to associated flora and fauna.
- Disturbance and stress to live stocks caused by noise and trespassing.
- Lack of acknowledgement of Kipypanial Creek and the management of effects on the creek.
- Negative amenity impacts on surrounding residents from proposed 58 hours non-stop music.
- Concerns that an approved amended CHMP has not been provided.
- Impact on the infrastructure of the area and the insufficiency of existing infrastructure, mainly roads, to accommodate the proposed amount of vehicles and provide access to the site for emergency services.
- Limited capacity of local emergency services.
- Ambulance Victoria is not listed as a service provider.
- The applicant's lack of compliance with the previously granted permit e.g. no fencing erected which was required by DELWP to protect the Loddon River.
- Inconsistencies between the site plan and written documentation e.g. 'Art walls' are proposed within the Trespassing Plan but not shown on the site plan.
- The use of volunteers in a security role.
- Lack of proof of community benefit from the festival being held.
- Use and distribution of illicit drugs and the impacts that affected persons may have on themselves and surrounding properties.

The VicPol objection is based on the failure of provision of documentation and plans that address relevant safety concerns. The issues raised are as follows:

- Lack of response to the Emergency Management Manual Victoria (EMMV).
- Lack of engagement with an Emergency Services Provider.
- Concerns with lack of sufficient ability to make contact during an emergency.
- Lack of information provided around emergency staff qualifications.
- Little or no provision of shelter adequate for an emergency weather event.
- Fire management plan refers to the event proposed for April, the event is now proposed for September resulting in a change in fire conditions.
- Lack of reference to EMMV within Fire Management Plan.
- No evidence of engagement with a contractor for the construction of the all-weather access and emergency access road.

- Concerns that check banks to separate camping and car parking are not practical and do not manage the risk.
- Lack of strategies/policies to stop alcohol and drugs being brought into the event.
- Concerns that volunteers are working with security guards, the objection considers that security guards should be working in pairs as a minimum.
- The proposed number of security guards is not sufficient for an event of this size.
- Despite what is stated within the Trespassing plan, to date (of the objection being lodged) there has been no formal agreement made between the event organiser and the Victorian Police to provide services. Deficiencies in the documentation as to how the issue of drug use will be proactively monitored and reported back to police.
- Pressures that provision of police services to the event will place on the local community and surrounding area during the time of the event.

Inspector Gardiner concluded by stating that “I am not against music events in principle, but they need to be planned for in a professional manner that takes into account the appropriate risk mitigation strategies to ensure the safety of persons attending and reduce risk to local communities.”

Documentation

The application documentation provided does not include all the relevant documentation and permissions which are required for the Planning Department to make a fully informed decision on the application. An approved amended Cultural Heritage Managing Plan (CHMP) is required for Council to legally approve the proposal, as well as the EPA’s SEPP N-2 consent which would allow the proposal permission to play extended amounts of music.

Legal requirements

An amended version CHMP No. 14196 is required in order for the Yemaya Festival to be legally held on the site. The original CHMP was approved 11 April 2016, this document requires an amendment to include structures left on site after the festival in 2016 and additional proposed activities and works. The applicant was informed that an amendment to the CHMP is required to be submitted to and approved by Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation after the event in 2016.

In order to construct the check banks proposed to separate camping and parking, the applicant has proposed a 75 mm ‘top soil scrape’ in order to acquire the materials required. Dja Dja Wurrung has required this activity to be included within the approved CHMP as it poses a risk of disturbance to artefacts buried within the surface of the site. Dja Dja Wurrung have raised concerns with these works and suggested that soil be imported from a quarry or an alternative solution to the check banks is sought by the applicant to avoid any soil disturbance.

Section 52 of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 states that:

- (1) The decision maker must not grant a statutory authorisation for the activity unless a cultural heritage management plan is approved under this Part in respect of the activity.
- (3) The decision maker must not grant a statutory authorisation for the activity if the activity would be inconsistent with the approved cultural heritage management plan.

If a planning permit were to be issued without confirmation and provision of an approved amendment to the current CHMP, Loddon Shire Council would be in breach of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*.

The Planning Department is yet to be provided with an amended CHMP.

Environmental Protection Authority: State Environment Protection Policy No. N2 (SEPP N-2)

The proposal includes music being played for a total of 64 hours with a 56 hour period of continuous music (10 am Friday 29 September 2017 to 6 pm Sunday 1 October 2017). Under SEPP N-2 outdoor venues where musical entertainment is conducted should comply with the following guidelines:

Operating times

- (a) *An operation of an outdoor venue may only take place between the hours 12 noon and 11 pm, except where the duration of the operation is greater than five hours in which case the operation may take place only between the hours 12 noon and 10 pm.*
- (b) *Notwithstanding clause (a), the Authority may allow later operations where it is satisfied that music from the premises will be inaudible within all noise sensitive areas, or where it is satisfied that the proposed operation is: a non-profit event, for charitable purposes, or is of special social significance.*

As the duration of proposed music to be played is of a period longer than 5 hours EPA consent needs to be sought.

The application documentation submitted to the planning department includes a covering letter from the EPA granting permission for extended music run times; however no documentation specifying dates, times or endorsed documents was provided. It has been since clarified by an EPA officer that this approval was sought for the previously proposed festival to be held in April, which was refused by Council.

As a result this approval cannot apply for the dates proposed in September and a new approval should be sought. This is yet to be provided to the Planning Department; SEPP N-2 consent is required for planning officers to make a fully informed decision which has been guided by the EPA.

Loddon Shire Planning Scheme

The proposal for the use and development of the land for a place of assembly (Yemaya Festival) is a section 2 use and therefore requires a planning permit under Clause 35.07 Farming Zone. The proposal is considered to be inconsistent with the purpose of the Farming Zone. The application does not provide for the use of the land for agriculture and does not encourage the retention of land for productive agricultural activities. It is not considered that the activity is based on comprehensive or sustainable land management practices and is considered to have a detrimental effect.

The subject site is covered by the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay. The proposal is considered to be generally consistent with the purpose of the LSIO. The majority of structures used for the event are temporary in nature. North Central Catchment Management does not object to the application, providing conditional consent.

Separation of car parking and camping

The use of 300 mm soil check banks as a 'barrier' between the nominated camping areas and car parking is proposed to be implemented in order to reduce the risk of car/human injury. The application documents state that existing banks running parallel across the property will be utilised

and that 'native soils' will create a "mound approximately 30 cm high, and function as a physical barrier".

The information provided within the application does not provided sufficient explanation as to how the check banks will be compacted firmly so as to avoid erosion as a result of possible weather events e.g. rains or wind or general deterioration.

There are significant concerns from the Planning Department around how logistically patrons will be able to utilise the check banks as they are intended to be used. The application documentation does not include detailed plans which show vehicle swept paths or how access or egress of vehicles into the camping area will be managed and undertaken.

The issue of successfully managing the separation of camping and cars is a significant one. The aim of undertaking and maintaining separation is to ensure that patrons who may be sleeping in tents or utilising the camping grounds are not at risk of being injured or killed by vehicles being operated by other patrons. It is considered that sufficient planning has not been put into place in relation to separation of vehicles and designated camping areas and justification that the proposed check banks will reasonably minimise risk has not been provided.

Noxious weed control

The spread of noxious weeds has been highlighted as a concern from surrounding land owners and from the Department of Economic Development, Job, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR). Although the application does include a management plan to address concerns surrounding the spread of silver leaf nightshade the plan gives little detail on the measures that will be implemented to ensure the site has as little as possible infestation at the start to the event. The plan does make reference to a wheel wash system that "may" be implemented if required, however there is no discussion (including with the traffic management plan) around how the event staff would manage this during the times of patron egress from the site.

In their objection DEDJTR state that "there are only a small number of infestations in the North Central Catchment and this infestation is one of the largest" (referring to silver leaf nightshade). If a planning permit is to be granted DEDJTR have suggested that a wheel wash system is implemented and that an audit of the Weed Management Plan be provided to ensure that the actions within a management plan are being undertaken.

It is noted that Loddon Shire Council has committed funding from the Roadside Weeds and Pests Plan to assist with the control of silver leaf nightshade within the Fernihurst Area. Without ensuring the appropriate measures are in place to stop the possible further spread of noxious weeds the Council is at risk of elevating an issue that it is currently working to minimise.

Trespassing

Trespassing has been raised as a concern by adjoining land owners and VicPol. As part of the proposal the application includes the erection of a 1.8 metre high fence around the 'main activity area' (see attachment: site plan). The fence will help to alleviate any unlawful trespassing onto adjoining land; however the application does not contain details surrounding the logistics of installing the fence.

The proposed 'perimeter patrol' teams consisting of 1 volunteer and 1 security guard generates concern for two reasons. The documentation nominates that the volunteers role will be to drive the vehicles which the teams will patrol the perimeter in. This leaves 1 solo professional security guard to deal with situations as they arise, as it is not expected or encouraged by Council that a volunteer engage in a security breach/situation that would require professional training. The use of vehicles as part of the security measures also raises some safety concerns; the Trespassing Plan does not contain guidelines or previous training details that drivers will be subject to and is considered to

contradict the 'no car movement' policy. The Trespassing Plan is not considered to propose measures that will reasonable manage the issue of trespassing.

Infrastructure and road maintenance

After discussions with Council's asset engineers it is considered the local road network is limited in its capability to cope with the increased traffic generated by this event. The site is accessed by a rural gravel access road that has a nominal design width of 4.6m and is designed for occasional two way traffic. There is potential for issues of the all weather road network in the vicinity of the event being overloaded should an evacuation of the site be required. This concern is further exacerbated as in the past event patrons parked vehicles on the road outside of the event.

COST/BENEFITS

The application documents include a Tourism and Community Benefits Summary which details the specific financial benefits which the event is expected to have for local townships and/or individual clubs/groups/local businesses. However, based upon last year's event which proposed similar figures and anecdotal reports of actual benefits derived by some businesses, the actual financial benefit does not appear to be an accurate reflection.

If a permit was to be granted it is considered that the event is likely to be of financial benefit to traders and organisations who choose to be directly involved. Some ancillary financial benefit to the broader Shire may be realised however the quantum and distribution of this benefit is extremely difficult to quantify.

RISK ANALYSIS

Failure to process planning applications in a timely manner or undertake a rigorous assessment of use and development or works proposals is considered to pose the following risks:

- Barrier to development and associated economic growth within the Shire.
- Potential approval of inappropriate and incompatible land uses.
- Risk to Council's reputation as a regulatory authority.
- Risk to inappropriate pressure on infrastructure and service provisions.
- Legal or enforcement issues.
- Loss of protection of surrounding land uses which are accommodated for within a land's zoning.

Whilst officers have completed the assessment of the application to the extent possible given the tight timeframes, lack of supporting documentation and numerous areas of ambiguity remain with respect to the proposed event.

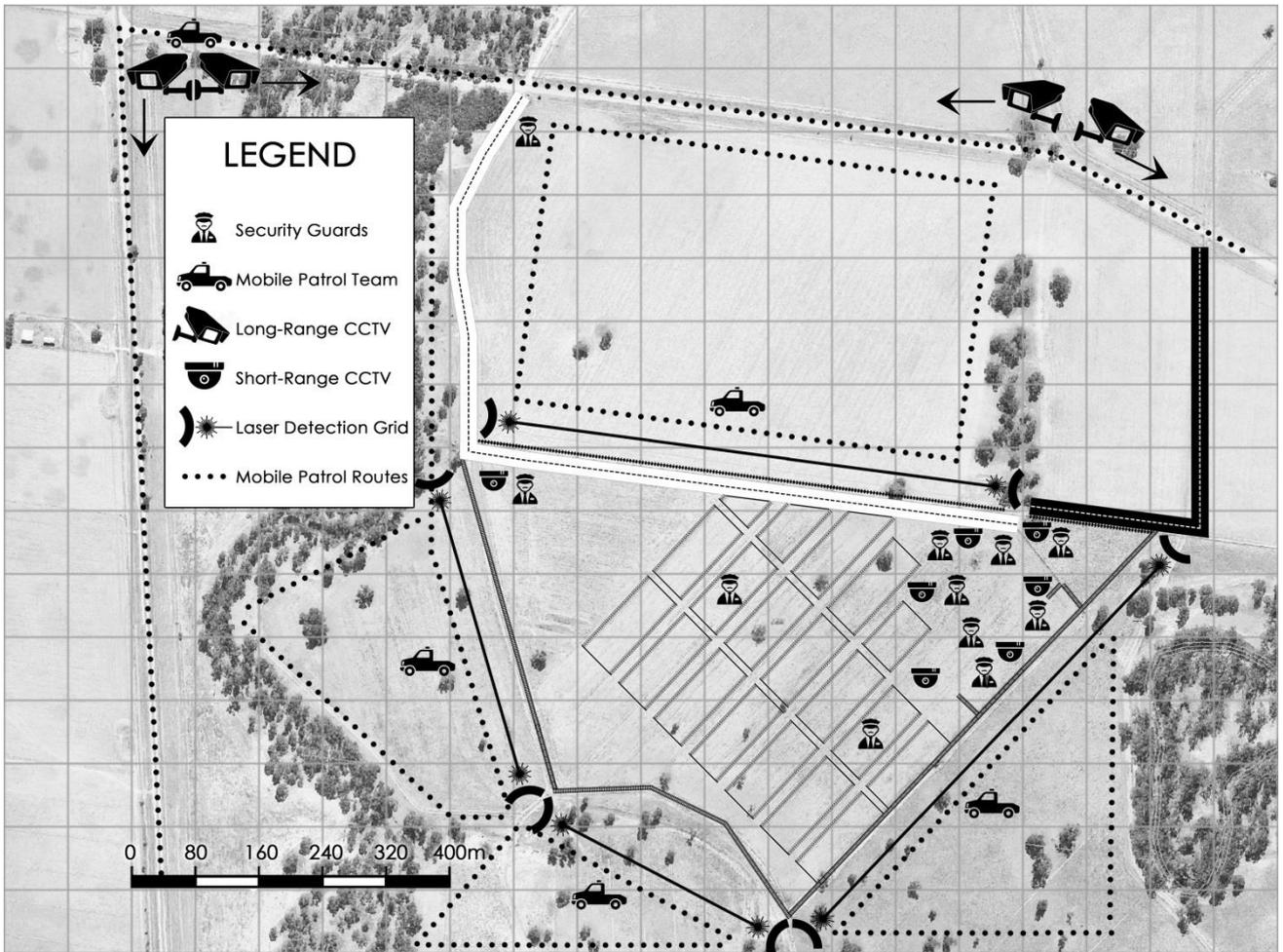
The combination of lack of information and constrained assessment timeframes has reinforced officer concerns that inadequate planning and protections are proposed to support the event.

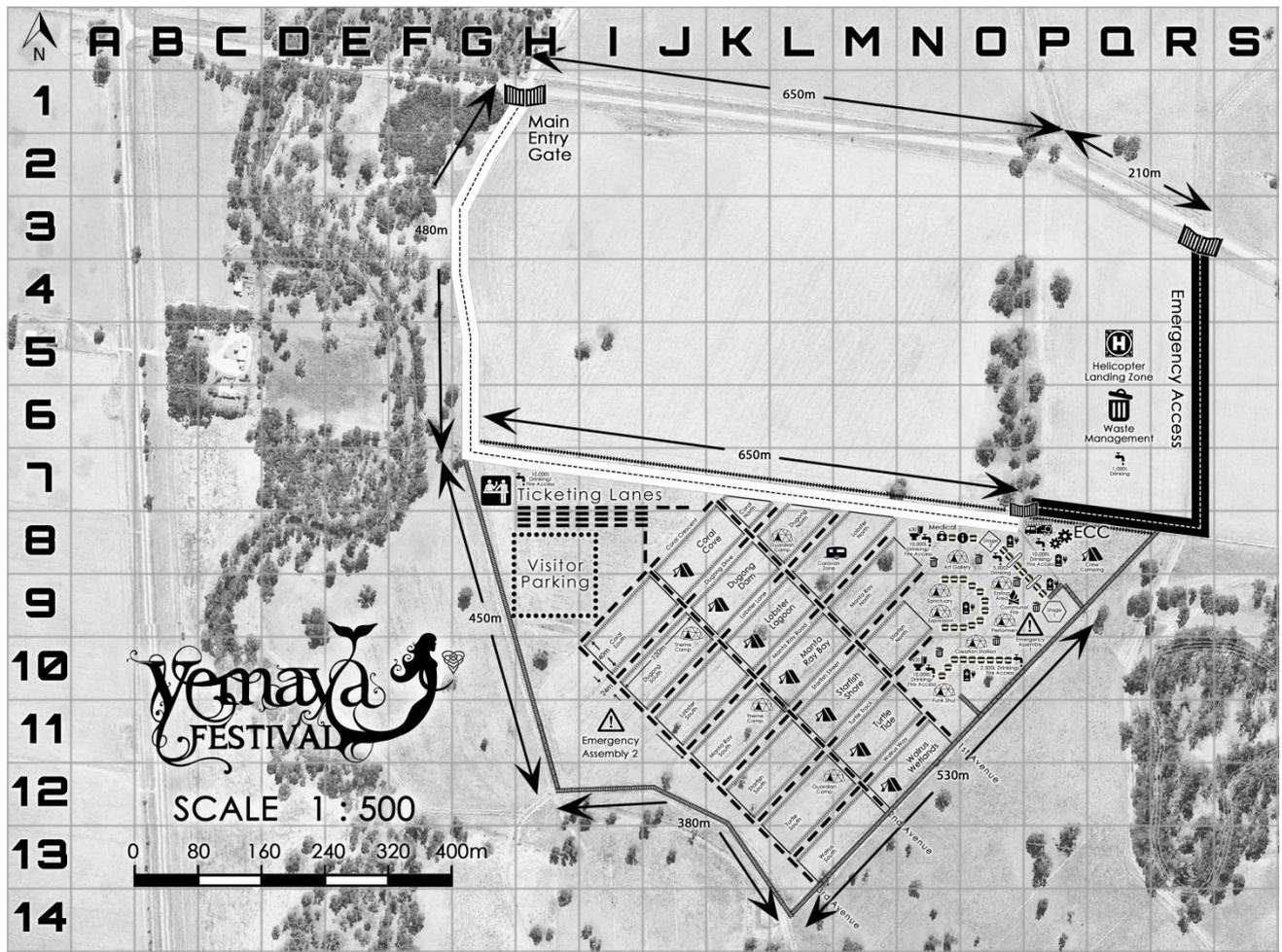
A large list of conditional plans or actions to be undertaken before the event can be legally held is not a recommended option. Doing this creates a possible risk of non-compliance issues that would then lead to possible enforcement and/or legal actions having to be undertaken.

CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

The following points are in relation to consultation and engagement relevant to this report.

- No consultation was sought by the applicant after the application was refused in March.
- A meeting with local police representatives, Council's Building and Planning officers, Manager of Development and Compliance and the applicant was held on 27 June 2017 to discuss the application.
- Planning officers have had various phone conversations with concerned land holders.
- Public notice and notice to adjoining landowners was issued as part of the assessment process.





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| | Event Command Centre | P8 | | Car Parking Lanes | K8-M12 |
| | Fire Suppression (4 Units) | P8 | | Main Access Road (6m) | G1-O8 |
| | Medical & Dancewise | N8 | | Emergency Access (6m) | R3-P8 |
| | Emergency Assembly | P9, J9 | | Internal Access Paths | K8-M12 |
| | 6 x Waste (4 x 240L each) | Q6 | | Generators | O8-P9 |
| | Ticketing Gate | G7 | | Physical Gates | H1, R3 |
| | Camping Areas | K8-M12 | | Existing Fencing (1.2m) | L13-P9 |
| | Water Stations | N8, O10 | | Temp. Fencing (1.8m) | P9, O11 |
| | Toilets (30 North, 20 South) | N8, N11 | | Helicopter Landing Zone | Q5 |
| | Creative Spaces | N9-O9 | | Caravan Zone | M8 |
| | Market Stalls | N8-O10 | | Stage 1 (36m span) | P9 |
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Yemaya Festival 2017 Site Operations Map

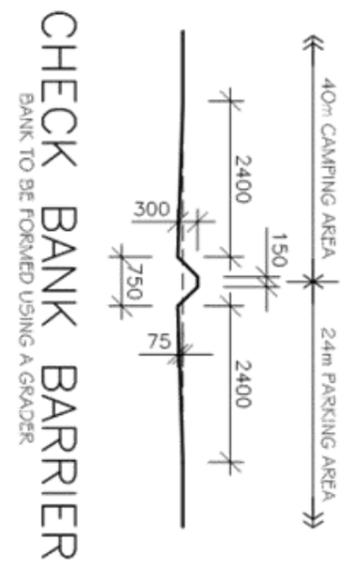
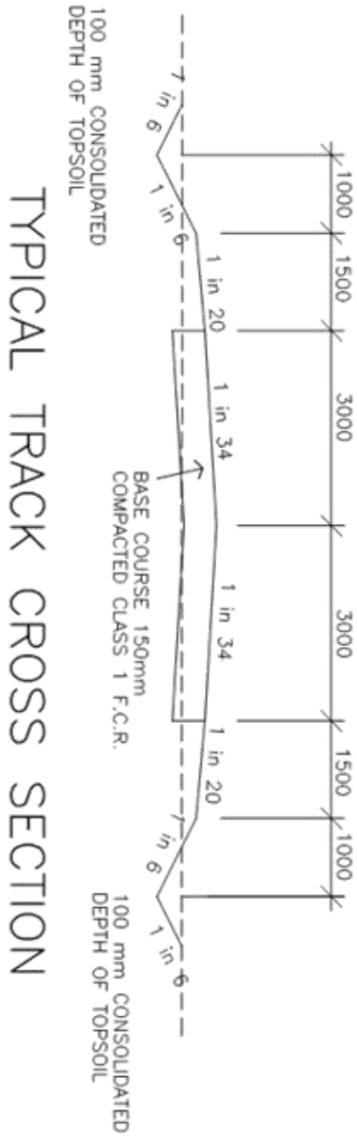
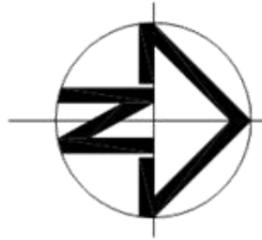


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 Crown Allotment 6A & 6B,
 Parish of Kinypanial
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4 July 2017

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Subject : Planning Application 5289 Yemaya Festival.

Dear Ms Jefferies,

I am writing on behalf of Victoria Police to formally object to the application for planning permit 5289 regarding Yemaya Festival being held in Fernihurst from 28 September 2017 to 1 October 2017.

This objection is not intended to cover all aspects of the planning application and is not to be taken as a comprehensive assessment of all the information provided. I have detailed some observations of the main areas that could impact on the event being conducted in a safe manner.

I have separated my objection into two areas. The first being in regards to overall planning for the event based on planning application 5289 and the second being the policing response and effect on local communities.

Planning application

There are several concerns I have with the planning application documentation. Many of these concerns could be rectified by the event organiser however I believe it shows a level well below the standard that should be accepted for the conduct of an event of this size and nature. This indicates a risk on its own and overall professional standards that could flow onto the impact on the safety of the event.

Emergency Management Plan

The Emergency Management Plan under 1.5 legal guidelines shows a range of codes and legislation the plan has been developed in accordance with. There is a lack of reference to Emergency Management Act 1986 which has defined purpose of 'to provide for the organisation of emergency management in Victoria' and Emergency Management Act 2013 which states the objectives are;

- (a) *Foster a sustainable and efficient emergency management system that minimise the likelihood, effect and consequences of emergencies; and*
- (b) *establish effective governance arrangements that-*
 - (i) *clarify the roles and responsibilities of agencies; and*
 - (ii) *facilitate cooperation between agencies; and*
 - (iii) *ensure the coordination of emergency management reform within the emergency management sector; and*
- (c) *implement an 'all hazards – all agencies' approached based on networked arrangement and greater interoperability.*

There is no reference to the Emergency Management Manual Victoria (EMMV) which contains policy and planning documents for emergency management in Victoria and provides details of the roles different organisations play in the emergency management arrangements.

The Emergency Management Co-ordinator (EMC) is referenced as Matt Wood – Ararat City Council. On Tuesday 20 June 2017 Matthew Wood contacted me in regards to the Yemaya event. He acknowledged Mr Apter had made contact with him however had not engaged his services for this event. At that time, Mr Wood was due to leave Australia for an overseas holiday until late August 2017 and was concerned that his name would be used to aid promoting his involvement in emergency management with the event without him actually being formally requested or paid for.

I see the EMC role as exceptionally important in an event of this nature and the advice, professionalism, qualifications, liaison and expertise a person employed in this position can bring to the overall event aids in it's success. Failure to have an adequately experienced person performing this role could have a significant negative impact.

At 2.3 the Emergency Management Team is detailed. When this list is referenced to the key contact list it is deficient in there is no senior medical officer, no communications officer, no wardens or area wardens identified and the chief warden should be a separate role to the event organiser. It also concerns me that the title of Joel Rowland from St John Ambulance is *Sales Manager*.

In regards to communications during the event, it is acknowledged there will be limitations on site hence the requirement for repeaters to be established for mobile phone use. In an emergency, the mobile phone network will become congested with overuse which may render it inoperable. Although one satellite phone will be made available, I am concerned this will not be sufficient.

3.2 detailed preparedness and states *....all internal safety staff are appropriately experienced and possess relevant qualifications*. There is nothing further in the documentation that details their experience or what relevant qualifications are. Being prepared and organised in an emergency management event is a priority.

Section 8 – evacuation. I acknowledge the advice in regards to evacuation sites within or adjacent to the main festival area. If the evacuation is required to those locations due to a severe weather event (could be rain, wind, storm etc), what shelter will be provided at those locations?

There are two escape routes identified from the actual event – Main Access Road and Emergency Access Road. What advice is being provided about the capacity and capability of Majors Line Road to cope with the volume of traffic (should a full evacuation be required) in either direction?

Fire management plan

The fire management plan refers to the event occurring in April 2017. Fire risks in April are different to those in September/October which makes me question have they been fully taken into consideration – in particular due to the 2015 fire season commencing very early in October.

This plan like the emergency management plan doesn't include legal guidelines such as EMMV and Emergency Management Act reference.

It details a team of qualified personal with a broad level of qualification and experience will be deployed to the event and will work in teams on 8 hour rotating shifts under the direction of an FMT shift supervisor. Who are these teams, where are they from and what are their qualifications?

Two of Phillip Millars certificates of accreditation are expired. One in 2014 and one in 2015 (pages 29 and 30).

The EPA documentation relates to April 2017 event and Cultural Heritage Management Plan relates to 2016 event.

Traffic Management Plan

2.3 Primary Access Road. At what time prior to the event will the primary access road be professionally coated to an all-weather standard? The Loddon Shire was subject to significant flooding in mid September 2016 which if occurred again, would impact on achieving this plan.

6.3 Video Surveillance. A series of eight (8) wireless high-definition night vision CCTV cameras will be established at key locations around the event site and perimeter to assist all operations Eight cameras will not be sufficient to cover the four main boundaries (each over 500m long) and key locations around the event site.

7.5 Soil Checkbanks. This is a positive initiative by the event organiser in order to segregate cars from camping areas. I am however concerned how it can be ensured the check banks are a minimum of 30 cm high due to dirt compacting and if 30cm is high enough to prevent vehicles driving over it.

Security crowd management plan

Details the following *Critical to AUSWIDE strategy is effective communication of access control and implementation of entry search procedures (executed in co-operation with Victoria Police Force and in accordance with legislative limitations) primarily to assist in overall harm minimisation. The best deterrent is to have a distinct presence at all patron entry gates, at all areas of perimeter weakness, and at targeted high risk locations so there is a visual impact of control systems in place as the public access and observe the event site. This will ensure the public's perception of the event is that of a safe site controlled by proper authorities, this will also reduce the incidents that may occur.*

Legislative requirements make it prohibitive for Victoria Police to implement any search procedures, in particular with patrons attending in vehicles and not on foot. It is also exceptionally resource intensive from a policing perspective.

This role will be that of the event organiser in consultation with security. The plan is deficient in regards to specific advice on what 'search' and/or scanning procedure patrons will be subject to upon entry to the festival – for the safe conduct of the festival. Although there will not be a liquor licence on site, the application also doesn't indicate expectations or strategies in regards to alcohol coming onto the site and how this will be managed.

Physical Security Infrastructure – the plan includes the requirement for installation of adequate perimeter fencing to ensure site integrity to avoid unauthorised access by patrons to maintain crowd capacity at the approved level. Currently the plan is reliant upon farm height fencing, CCTV cameras and security patrols.

The trespassing section states ... *based on experience at the 2016 event, the most prominent risk factor was that of trespassing. It goes on to say further ... statistics have shown that persons caught trespassing at events are more likely to be associated with crimes and anti-social behaviour. As such, a greater focus on preventing instances of trespassing is likely to significantly reduce associated risk factors throughout the entire event.*

The best deterrent is to have a distinct presence at all patron entry gates, at all areas of perimeter weakness, and at targeted high risk locations so that there is a visual impact of control systems in place as the public access and observe the event site.

It is my opinion the best practicable way to deter trespassing (and subsequent disruption to the event) is through sufficient fencing around the borders of the event to ensure appropriate access control via the main entry points as indicated in the plan. This would also reduce the opportunity for festival goers to trespass onto neighbouring properties and crown land.

Security guards are trained and have relevant qualifications to deal with a variety of incidents. For safety reasons, I believe they should be working as a minimum in pairs without any reliance on volunteer workers. The reliance on volunteer workers to be supporting security guards in their role is a risk that in my opinion cuts corners and is likely due to cost reduction measures.

Security schedule and ratio

Upon review of this documentation, it is my opinion that the deployment of 26 security guards for the event over 2 x 12 hr shifts per day (1 x swing shift to cover peak periods) is insufficient. The documented ratio of 1:187 based on 4500 persons attending is misleading. The actual figure per shift is closer to 1:346 whereas the 1:187 is for the rolling 24 hour period. The plan also indicates final deployment will be determined in consultation with Yemaya Festival as planning continues. This deployment should be part of the current planning required to be assessed not any future planning.

For any venue/event that has a liquor licence included, the standard practice is two licensed crowd controllers per 100 people and one per additional 100. In the instance of Yemaya and based on these ratio's, the number of security personnel would be 46 per shift. That means a total of 92 licensed crowd controllers per 24 hour period. I acknowledge there is no liquor licence included with this event however 13 licensed crowd controllers per 12 hour shift is insufficient to control a crowd of this size – in particular as a number will be involved in front gate, security command, campground, entry, first aid and perimeter patrols leaving very few for the most populous area of the actual festival. As indicated earlier, it is also my opinion that any licensed crowd controller should be working with another licensed crowd controller, not a volunteer to create a safe workplace and event.

The security risk register summary indicates the responsibility of Victoria Police in a number of areas of risk controller. There has not been any communication with myself or local Police in regards to this nor (to date) has there been any agreement on number of Police that will be directly working within the confines of the event.

Drugs and prohibited items

I again refer to the '*entry search procedures*' that Victoria Police will not be involved with. I find the overall plan is deficient in identifying how any drugs or prohibited items will be prevented from being taken into the festival. This is particularly important when the festival indicates it has a **100% Zero Tolerance Drug Policy**.

One risk mitigation strategy indicates * Subject to ongoing legal consultation regarding conduct of security pat-down or frisk searches (recent Victoria Police advice that activity cannot be conducted by security - potential implementation by Victoria Police Force). Legislative requirements limit the role that Victoria Police can do in these circumstances and general 'pat-down' frisk searches will not occur.

There is no extensive detail of proactive approaches occurring to ensure the event is drug free and it would require further detail and risk mitigation strategies.

The event held in 2015 at Costerfield detected a large number of drug offences – see attached article in Bendigo Advertiser. These detections were by local police without any specific operation being conducted in response to the event.

<http://www.bendigoadvertiser.com.au/story/3060622/drug-offences-rife-at-festival/>

At the event in 2016, there was clear evidence of overt drug use on site with, to my knowledge, no actions taken by the event organiser or security. Current intelligence indicates these events are targeted by drug trafficking groups in order to profit from the sale of drugs in an environment that is difficult to police.

Of particular concern to me is the *No GHB or Ice/Meth* specific heading. This section specifically singles out these drugs however in line with Yemaya **100% Zero Tolerance Drug Policy**, the silence on drugs such as cannabis indicates to me the use of such drugs is allowed within the scope of the event.

I note the engagement of DanceWize working closely with the medical team and the information they provide about the harms associated with illicit and licit drug use. I also note the intentions of the event are strongly and regularly relayed to all patrons via online channels, conditions of entry on tickets and onsite signage.

There is nothing however that indicates any drug use will be proactively monitored by event organisers, security and volunteers and reported to Police in each instance so relevant action can be taken.

Medical and Health plans

This event is being held at a remote location, some distance from the nearest medical facilities. There is insufficient detail in the documentation to indicate what medical and health support is being provided on site in order to treat any patients. I believe this lack of planning creates an unacceptable risk to event attendee's.

Police Presence

At the time of writing, details of any police presence on site have yet to be confirmed with the event organiser.

Policing Response

In 2016, the policing response to this event was limited due to short time lines being provided in regards to the planning permit being granted. That said, the number of drug related detections from the Police operation is concerning from a community perspective. Had a larger scale policing response occurred, I would anticipate the detections to be a lot higher than indicated.

A summary of offences relating to the 2016 event are as follows;

- In 2016, there was 47 drug possession offences recorded in the entire Loddon Shire. 33 of these offences related to the targeted police operation that occurred in the Serpentine area over the ANZAC day long weekend.
- There were two drug traffickers detected.
- One collision near the event from a drug affected driver.
- One assault at the venue.
- 16 drug impaired drivers with a further two refusing to accompany police for further testing.
- 2400 random breath tests conducted with no positive results.

Planning is underway in respect of an increased policing response should the permit be granted. While I would prefer not to divulge the police operation methodology, I anticipate that in excess of 71 police from general duties and specialist police units from across Victoria would be involved in the operation. Only six of these will be working each shift specifically from the event (two shifts per day = 12 police per day) with the remaining police being deployed for a variety of other roles. This is a large commitment of policing resources that would normally be tasked to other duties within the community and will impact on services we are able to provide elsewhere over the duration of this event.

I have planned for this level of commitment due to how high I rate the risks to the community. While it will be stated these events provide an economic benefit to the community, the risks to road users and likelihood of a serious injury or fatal collision are always in the front of my mind. There is also little public transport available other than the use of cars.

Conclusion

I am not against music events in principle, but they need to be planned for in a professional manner that takes into account appropriate risk mitigation strategies to ensure the safety of persons attending and reduction of risk to the local communities. An event in an isolated farming location such as Fernihurst, 230 km north of Melbourne in my opinion creates too many risks that are unable to be effectively mitigated, in particular with deficiencies in planning as detailed in my objection letter.

Should a permit be granted and based on my experiences from 2016 where several conditions and planning details were not met despite regular assurances, I recommend the permit details specific conditions that must be adhered to one month prior to the event or proof of payment to ensure the condition will be met.

This should not be difficult to achieve with many tickets pre sold. It will also enable strong governance over the agreed approach to the conduct of the event with the opportunity to enforce the provisions of the permit.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Gardiner - Inspector
Local Area Commander
Goldfields Police Service Area
(incorporating Central Goldfields, Loddon and Mt Alexander Shires)

Thursday, 6 July 2017

C L Rollinson
"Silesian Downs"
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Mr Phil Pinyon
Director Operations
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Dear Mr Pinyon,

Re: Objection to Proposed Yemaya Festival, Fernihurst. September 2017.

I refer to my two previous objections pertaining to the Yemaya Festival at Fernihurst: one made against the successful application for a similar festival in 2016; and one against the unsuccessful application submitted for April 2017.

My previous objections and opinion remain unchanged.

My key objections are repeated:

1. I object to the Council permitting such a large festival to be held in an agricultural zone.
2. I object to the inability, caused by the location of the site on the Loddon River, of adequate security and safety for patrons.
3. I object to the inability of the Festival organisers and their hired security to prevent trespass by intruders or patrons of the Festival onto and through our property.
4. I object to potential damage, disturbance and distress to livestock on our property.
5. I object to the pollution of the Loddon River, caused by patrons of the Festival last year.
6. I object to the disturbance of wildlife and potential destruction of fauna on the River frontage.

In addition, I object also to the possibility of a repetition of vehicles driving at speed up to and past our main residence at Silesian Downs in search of the Festival site.

I reiterate my concern about injury to any person, particularly in crossing the Loddon River when trespassing through our property.

I protest again against the prospect of this event in 2017.

Yours faithfully,



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July 3rd, 2017

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Re: Planning permit application 5289 Yemaya Festival

We wish to lodge an objection to the planning application submitted by Mr Eugene Apter of UE Industries.

Silverleaf Nightshade

Because of the serious infestation of Silverleaf Nightshade in our district, a research team from New South Wales are conducting trials on controlling this weed. They have implemented a series of plots throughout our district, one of these sites is on Lawsons Road which is in close proximity to the festival site (approximately 100 metres). The purpose of these trial plots is to test the use of different spray adjuvants and herbicide efficiency in killing the root system of the plant. An additional plot is located at the Major Mitchell Cairn which is again in close proximity to the festival site. Festival participants camped at the Cairn site during the previous festival.

The festival site has a long history of Silverleaf Nightshade infestation. Plants produce up to 60 berries each containing 10-210 seeds, new plants can regenerate from pieces as small as 1cm and remain viable in soil for up to 15 months. Seeds left from many past years germinations on the property will be rapidly spread on vehicles and equipment and spread will be exacerbated if there are wet weather conditions. Using the applicants own noxious weed management plan, germination will start occurring in August ending in November with the priority treatment months being September, October, November. The festival is planned within these priority treatment months which compromises Silverleaf Nightshade control. The weakest point in the plant's life cycle is after its winter dormancy, control measures are most effective at this time. Silverleaf Nightshade is a Regionally Controlled Weed. Under the Catchment and Land Protection Act(1994) Section 20, a land owner must take all reasonable steps to prevent the growth and spread of regionally controlled weeds.

The landowner of the festival site received a large amount of government funding sometime ago to control this weed on his property, unfortunately in the following years no subsequent control was undertaken by the landholder. Our understanding is that the Loddon Shire is receiving funding to target and control Silverleaf Nightshade, if this is the case it would seem that holding the festival on this weed infested site is counter productive to the control of this insidious weed. The Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources are also concerned with this particular weed.

There are also other weeds on the site including Prairie Ground Cherry, Bathurst Burr and Horehound etc.

The proposed use is inconsistent with the purpose of the Farming Zone

The property is an irrigation farm however pole structures and a water tank still remain on the festival site from last years event. In the application it states that the festival will be an annual event and there are plans for a major road network within the site. Furthermore, as at the time of writing

this objection this irrigation farm is advertised on Airbnb at \$13037 a night as a festival site, this appears to be a major change to land use and in contradiction to its zoning.

Impact to surrounding properties as a result of noise

According to police reports there were noise complaints from this event from over fifty kilometres away.

Negative impact on surrounding agricultural land

A major concern of ours is community security. During last years festival, trespass by car and foot on adjoining farming land posed a major security threat to our community. The warning by police to remove keys because of the possibilities of drug affected people taking farm vehicles and machinery added to the communities stress, especially at night.

Impact on the district due to drug use

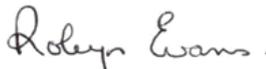
At the time of last years festival there was a vehicle crash which related to the festival, the driver was still under the effects of drugs (methamphetamine). Fifteen people including this man were charged with driving under the influence of drugs. Fernihurst district residents are rightfully worried about driving on roads with people who disregard the drug driving laws.

Considering all the problems arising from the previous festival, we respectfully suggest that the Loddon Shire Council refuse planning application 5289. We honestly do not consider that this event is appropriate for the Loddon Shire.

Yours Sincerely



Dallas Evans



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Dear Caroline

I am writing to voice my objection to the proposed event affecting the land located at Loddon West Rd – Majors Line Road, Fernihurst, the parish of Kinypanial, Lots CA5, 6A, 6B, 9A, 9B, 10A, 10B, titled Yemaya Festival – planning application number 5289

My reasons for objection are the following:

- The proliferation of a noxious weed, recognised by the state of Victoria, called “Silver leaf nightshade” otherwise known as white horse nettle, is extensively established on the lands of the proposed festival site. The weed control methods proposed by the festival organiser, do not take into account the large seed bank already present in the area dedicated to festival camp sites.

It is noted in the organisers VF16 Weed Management plan that the seed is viable for five years and is readily transported by numerous means- including animal, vehicles, tents and clothing. The control of seed movement from the proposed site, would require something similar, to the standard of inspection and eradication exhibited by border quarantine control methods.

Having personally dealt with this weed for over 15years, I have discovered it is extremely difficult to manage and control and has a constant negative effect on farming production. Preventing the transfer of seed to any other area, should be of highest priority.

As stated in the above mentioned plan, it must be noted that on the graph supplied the current weed infestations of the proposed site is greater than 10 hectares, with medium weed plant density. As such, containment, not control should be the priority.

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- Within all of the documentation supplied by the festival organiser, there is no mention of the existence of the Kinypanial creek or the effect that the festival may have on water management, regarding the use of this waterway by Goulburn Murray Water. It is a major element of water irrigation supply to the surrounding farming district.

I feel that on many environmental and noxious weed management aspects, the area of land proposed for the event is inappropriate. It must also be noted that none of the proposed management plans have any time frame for commencement of application or duration of implementation. It can be noted that no evidence has been shown to indicate that prior management of all mentioned weeds has commenced in the flowering phase or seed development phase.

The discussion of inappropriate access to the Loddon river, and ignoring the Kinypanial creek, to be managed by fencing, as shown on the site map, has no specific time frame for its erection.

During the last festival cars were parked around my property during the length of the event

Sincerely

Ken Holland

"Wentworth"
722 Pulletop Road
Cookardinia, NSW, 2650
6th July 2017

Ms Alexandra Jefferies
Planning Officer
Loddon Shire
41 High Street,
Wedderburn, Victoria, 3518

Dear Ms Jefferies,

Thankyou for your letter advising me of Planning Application Reference Number 5289, for the proposed Arts, Music and Lifestyle Festival known as Yemaya to held in the Fernihurst district from Thursday 28th September 2017 to Monday 2nd October 2017.

I would like to lodge a very strong objection to this proposal.

My families properties are in the Fernihurst district, our core business being farming and grazing. The family home and associated infrastructure are located approximately one kilometre to the east from the proposed festival site. Stock water from and graze the east side of the Loddon River, directly across the river from the proposed festival site.

I am concerned regarding the importation of illegal drugs into the festival and the subsequent results of their use by festival patrons. I would suggest those patrons who sought help from St John Ambulance staff at the Yemaya Festival 2016 when affected by drugs were only a very small percentage of those patrons using illicit drugs. Perhaps those that presented were first time uses and were ill or injured by their use or maybe they were frightened by the effects the drugs had on them. Vulnerability to uninhibited behaviour and mood alteration can be attributed to the use of illicit drugs. Consequences of which may lead to the user being abused, or to participate in activities they may in the future regret and/or to display anti social behaviour. A culture that I believe should not be facilitated. Persons experiencing the use of illicit drugs render themselves susceptible to injury and death. I would not like to have drug affected behaviour in our district or see vulnerable people abused or degraded. Nor would I like to see those who supply or deal in illegal drugs prosper because there has been a venue created for such activity.

There is no frontage along the section of the Loddon River where the festival is proposed to occur. Consequently I am concerned regarding public liability and the trespass of would be festival attendees through our property to gain illegal entry as happened during the 2016 festival.

Climbing over fallen timber above the water line in the bottom of the Loddon River to gain illegal entry is a quite hazardous.

I am not convinced that the policies to contain Yemaya patrons for the duration of the festival will stop the trespass onto our property. Five days and four nights in one place, with no pass outs supplied, is a long time for anyone to be in one place for.

The increased time for music to be played, I believe will not stop patrons from leaving the festival site to roam onto private property, despite the proposed increased security and fencing. It is not a jail.

The noise and light created by the music entertainment together with the increased noise and movement generated by so many people in a one place and the noise of increased vehicular traffic must have a detrimental effect on the native wildlife who live a quiet and peaceful existence along the Loddon River. Clearly this would also have an adverse affect upon my family and our grazing animals.

The Fernihurst district enjoyed a very good season resulting in the prolific germination and growth of many noxious weeds, in particular bathurst burrs. Little has been done to arrest or prevent their growth on the proposed site for the festival. While the plants that germinated and grew over the earlier months of this year have died, the dead bushes remains with many of their hooked covered seed pods known as burrs either still attached to the dead plant or fallen onto the surrounding ground. These burrs are renowned for there ability to stick to virtually anything so their spread would be inevitable.

I remain concerned with regard to the polluting of the river and surrounding area. My letters to council and the police post festival 2016 detail the litter from camping along the road sides and human excreta we and the environment were exposed too.

There have not been any improvements or benefits in the Fernihurst district that can be directly attributed to the Yemaya festival 2016.

Should you wish to clarify any of the above objections I can be contacted at the above address.

Yours faithfully,

Margaret Trethowan

**Barry & Rosalie Evans Objection to Planning Application 5289
(Host- Yemaya Festival at Fernihurst)**

Planning Permit Application No 5289 submitted to Loddon Shire Council to hold Yemaya Festival on Ken Pattison's property – 53 Majors Line Rd Fernihurst. We strongly object to the permit being approved for the following reasons:

1. FESTIVAL LOCATION - Parish : Kinypanial CA 5, 6A, 6B, 9, 9A, 9B,10, 10A & 10B

Proposed site to hold festival is Zoned Farming (ZF). The proposed use and development is inconsistent with the purpose of the Farming Zone.

Permit Application 5106 -Sept 2015 was for a one off Music Festival to be held April 2016. With a second music festival planned and documents submitted the festival site is no longer a one off event. Land usage therefore is inconsistent with the purpose of the Farming Zone.

It is a concern when reading Security Crowd Management Plan (V4 updated 23/5/17)

AWG Auswide states: **Event Frequency – Annual.**

Significant earthworks will need to take place to transform the current irrigation land into camping/parking area with 30cm banks as set out in Y17 Site Map and form emergency service access road as set out in Y17 Road Design & Check Bank Plan

We question, that due to increasing the size of the campsite, soil to be moved to form check banks and a culvert to be installed in such a significant area which is less than 200 metres from a named waterway - Kinypanial Creek is an amended Cultural Heritage Plan being presented?

2. INFRASTRUCTURE

Fernihurst district has insufficient infrastructure in place to cater for the proposed event.

2.1 Roads leading to Festival Site

Minor Rd - No 2 Weir Rd and **Unsealed Local Access Rd** Jarklin West Rd, Hurstwood Rd, Boort-Fernihurst Rd were used by numerous patrons in 2016 to arrive and depart the festival site. Up to 25 Vehicles were parked on the road side of the minor and unsealed local access roads before and throughout the festival. Some patrons even camped in or around the vehicles on the roads surrounding the festival site.

Our families farming business is located either side of the proposed music festival site – Mysia East Rd and No 2. Weir Rd. Majors Line Rd is the road, driven on a regular basis to commute between the two properties. Taking into account the days needed for setup, festival and dismantle/clean up, Majors Line Rd will be extremely busy over a lengthy period, making it difficult for our family to carry out our normal business activities.

2.2 Phone Coverage

Phone coverage in the area is marginal and unlikely to cope with the anticipated volumes arising from the proposed event. Weather conditions and actual location on the site will have an impact on whether there is phone coverage or not.

2.3 Emergency Services

Local emergency services have limited capacity to support the proposed event.

One of the Permit conditions applied to Yemaya 2016 was that Ambulance Victoria be paid and be present at the festival site. **Ambulance Victoria has not been named as part of the main event safety team** (Emergency Management Plan Version 1.0 Updated on 15.05.2017).

3. PERIMETER FENCING

Trespassing Plan (Version 1:5 Update 3/7/17)

1.1 Indication Classification

Instances of persons accessing the river was a more common issue encountered in 2016, however these occurrences are not classified as trespassing as patrons had not left the boundary of the site owner's land. While river access prevention will be supported by security operations, it will primarily be addressed by internal procedures and fencing.

Loddon River edge is predominately owned by the Crown and not the site owner. In 2016, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning as part of permit conditions requested that a 1.8 metre high chain mesh fence be erected outside the drip line of the exciting trees along the edge of the Loddon River for the duration of the festival to prevent access to Crown Land. No fence was erected. Even though the permit condition were not adhered too in 2016, we believe that patrons that were seen along the Loddon River edge or used the river to cross into the festival site illegally were therefore trespassing.

1.5 Temporary Fencing

In order to secure the site, temporary fencing will be utilised to create the event boundary along existing site fencing lines as identified on the festival site map.

All fencing will be established at a minimum height of 1.8m.

1.6 Permanent Fencing

Farm fencing surrounds the entire event perimeter to a height of 1340mm with a line of barbed wire extruding at the upper point, which is suitable for maintaining the primary boundary with the provision of monitoring.

Established fencing will be utilised along the northern boundary which will be supported by perimeter patrol operations and additional measures.

1.7 Art Walls

The primary extension of the existing fence line will be at the South-Eastern boundary of the event site to primarily prevent patrons from crossing the event boundary to access the Loddon River.

Such measures will effectively prevent any crossing of the festival boundary, and also obscure all visibility of the river and tree line so as to further reduce the likelihood of incidents.

Extended use of temporary fencing will be kept to a minimum to reduce the risks associated with trespassers climbing structures that are not secured into the ground, as the likelihood of collapse and serious injury is not one that can be reasonably accepted.

The exact length of the art walls is yet to be confirmed based on supply and design requirements, but will cover approximately **120m along the boundary behind the main stage at the South-Eastern corner of the event arena.**

Fencing of the festival site is a major concern in regards to trespassing, preventing access to the Loddon River (Crown Land) and stopping patrons from leaving the festival site and roaming around the area.

Bolded and underlined 1.6 Permanent Fencing and 1.7 Art Walls contradicts 1.5 Temporary Fencing

All fencing will be established at a minimum height of 1.8m.

A very important document of any permit application is the Site Operation Map. Site Operation Map

(Version 1.4 Updated 03.07.17) **presented as part of the Trespassing Plan is inaccurate. Temporary Fencing**

(1.8m) legend in the reference section of the map has only - P9,O11 -as temporary fencing on the site.

No Art Wall has been referred to in the legend or marked on the Site Operation map. We therefore

question the reliability and accuracy of the information supplied in this very important document.

Part of 1.7 it states that a temporary fence is to be kept to a minimum to reduce the risks. A 120 metres long Art Wall would be of a far greater risk to patrons if no structural engineering has been undertaken.

Extending the planned music duration is not the answer to stop patrons from trespassing, as it was during daylight hours and music playing that patrons could be seen down by the river edge and roaming around the area including walking through neighbouring properties.

Security numbers appear low for the number of patrons that are expected to attend the festival, area to be patrolled and the issue of trespassing. Volunteer personnel should not replace or be used instead of suitably qualified security personnel.

4. NOXIOUS WEEDS

Noxious Weed Management Plan (Version 1.0 Updated on 15.05.17)

1.5 Obligations

The Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR), is responsible for administering the *Catchment and Land Protection Act (1994)*, which is the main article of legislation governing the management of invasive plants in Victoria.

Catchment and Land Protection Act (1994) - Section 20

General duties of land owners

- (1) In relation to his or her land a land owner must take all reasonable steps to -
- (a) avoid causing or contributing to land degradation which causes or may cause damage to land of another land owner; and
 - (b) conserve soil; and
 - (c) protect water resources; and
 - (d) eradicate regionally prohibited weeds; and
 - (e) **prevent the growth and spread of regionally controlled weeds;** and
 - (f) prevent the spread of, and as far as possible eradicate, established pest animals.

The issue of noxious weeds was present at Yemaya Festival 2016 and still is present on the proposed festival site. Department of Economic Development Jobs, Transport & Resources clearly stated there was an issue and objected in 2016 and March 2017 to the granting of the permit.

The Noxious Weed Management Plan has set out what action needs to be taken to minimise the spreading of the noxious weeds - September is the month when treatment of the noxious weeds is to start, but this is when the proposed festival is to take place. **Will chemicals be used leading up to and around the festival date?**

5. NOISE

Noise Management Plan (Version 1.0 updated on 15.05.17)

2.1 Location Factors

Point 2 – Few properties in the surrounding area, only seven (7) dwellings within 5km radius.

Map presented with Noise Management Plan (Version 1.0 updated 15.05.2017) is not the correct map for the proposed 2017 Music Festival site. The map submitted was for the 1st application when the festival was proposed to be held amongst the trees on the banks of the Loddon River

Google map, CFA map and local knowledge has 14 residences, 10 of which are occupied on a permanent basis. One residence which is only 1300m from the centre point of the primary event area has not been marked on Noise Management Plan.

A further 8 residences are within a further 2km radius (7km) from the centre point of the primary event area.

2.5 Planned Music Duration

Main Stage Runtime

Start: 6:00pm Thursday 28th September 2017
End: 2:00am Friday 29th September 2017
Resume: 10:00am Friday 29th September 2017
End: 6:00pm Sunday 1st October 2017

Ashaba Stage Runtime

Start: 6:00pm Thursday 28th September 2017
End: 2:00am Friday 29th September 2017
Resume: 11:00am Friday 29th September 2017
End: 8:00pm Sunday 1st October 2017 (Downtempo wind-down)

Music Durations appears to be in breach of EPA-State Environment Protection Policy – Outdoor Venue Noise.

No thought or consideration has been given to the residents of the community with music playing 10:00am Friday till 8:00pm Sunday night - **58 hours non-stop**

In 2016 Vic Police received noise complaints from as far away as McIntyre—approx. 70km from the festival Site. With music now planned for 58 hours non-stop it makes the situation even worse for the Fernihurst community that are not used too continual loud noise.

6. TOURISM

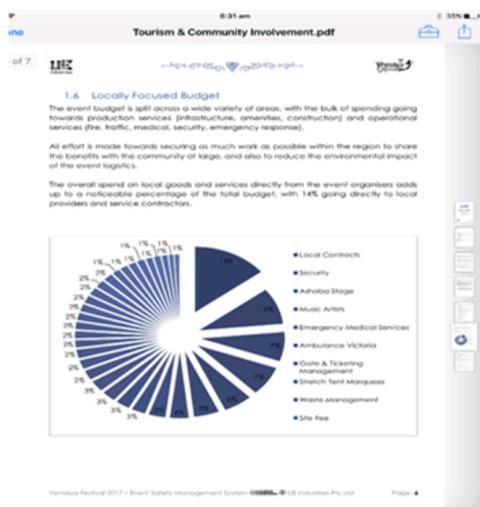
Tourism & Community Benefits Summary (Version 1.1 Updated 23.05.2017)

1.5 Community Involvement

No letters of support have been presented by the businesses/organisations that took part in 2016. If they were happy with the festival and the financial benefit of the festival, why haven't they sent in letters of support?

1.9 Locally Focused Budget

The event budget is split across a wide variety of areas, with the bulk of spending going towards production services (infrastructure, amenities, construction) and operational services (fire, traffic, medical, security, emergency response).



Comparing the pie graph that has the highest cost of 14% - local contracts and reading how the event budget in **Tourism & Community Benefits Summary 1.9** is split presents two very different scenarios.

It is hard to believe that local contracts make up 14% of the budget when there is only two named business with contracts and one of the businesses is stated as being an approximate contract!!!!!!

Council Meeting - March 22 2016 - Mr Apter provided the Mayor a letter advising that the Inglewood Lions Club had withdrawn from assisting with the event.

We ask the question - Why are the organisers of Yemaya Festival making a donation of \$5000 to the Inglewood Lions Club when Inglewood Lions Club withdrew their support in 2016?

CONCLUSION

The 2016 festival went ahead without complying with the conditions set out in Notice to Grant a Permit (15 page document). How can the community believe that what has been submitted in Managements Plans 2017, will actually be adhered to when Mr Apter indicated after Council Meeting March 2016 that - the organisation would be happy to comply with any conditions that the Council sees fit to include with the permit.

It was not a good look after the Festival in 2016, seeing the rubbish and toilet paper scattered around the Fernihurst area and along the Loddon River edge. Vehicles were parked on road edges near the festival site, old school site and as far away as Cemetery Rd, Mysia for days leading up to and during the festival. The Fernihurst district deserves better.

Press release published after Yemaya Festival 2016, spoke of the number of people charged with being in the possession of drugs and a young driver who crashed his vehicle near the festival site while under the influence of methamphetamine. In recent weeks, ABC News and Herald Sun have run stories how the Victorian Government and Vic police are concerned about the drug use and locations of bush doofs.

Herald Sun Jun 9, 2017 ran an article - Drug Hotspots. Loddon was named as one of the main area for concern in 2017 for Amphetamine. This is not a good look when the Loddon Shire is trying to encourage business and families to move to the area.

The financial benefit, to so few, needs to be weighed up against the cost, to not only the Loddon Shire and Government services but to the health and wellbeing of the community.

Barry Evans

Rosalie Evans

4/7/17

Thursday, 6 July 2017

R L Rollinson
"Concordia"
Mysia VIC 3518

The Chief Executive Officer
Loddon Shire
Wedderburn VIC 3518

Dear Sir,

I object to the proposed Yemaya Festival, for which an application has been lodged, to be held in Spring 2017 in the Fernihurst district, again adjacent or close to the Loddon River.

I refer to my previous correspondence to the Shire following the Festival held in 2016 in the same area, and to my letter of protest against the Festival application made in April 2017. My views remain the same.

I object to the holding of a large event in land which is designated an agricultural zone.

Since the application is again for a site adjacent to the Loddon River, opposite to our property, I anticipate the same problems and disturbance which occurred on our property in 2016. The Festival security and police would again be unable to prevent trespass by intruders and Festival patrons onto and through our property.

I object to the potential damage and disturbance to our livestock.

I remain concerned about our legal status, and public liability, should a physical injury or other accident happen to a Festival patron, or other person associated with this event, within our property boundaries.

Yours faithfully, *Robert L Rollinson*

Bob Rollinson

Killara Pastoral Co. P/L
599 Fyfes Rd,
Boort Vic. 3537

July 4, 2017

Loddon Shire Planning Permits
PO Box 21
Wedderburn Vic. 3518

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: planning permit 5289 Yemaya Festival

I wish to again object to the Planning Permit for Yemaya Festival.

As a neighbour, I am very concerned about the transportation and spread of noxious weeds, in particular Silverleaf Nightshade and Prairie Ground Cherry. None of the prescribed spraying or other controls were adhered to last year, I have grave doubts it will be this year. This affects my family and I as the weed is very costly and difficult to eradicate, as it states in Sec 2.9 of the Weed Management Plan.

In the Loddon Times article dated 27/6/17, the event organiser quotes "that is just not our crowd, we are a much cleaner crowd, we're the tree huggers." This is inconsistent with the request to have the event on at a farm which is one of the worst in north central Victoria in terms of its' effect of the environment. If you truly care about the environment and are indeed a "tree hugger," you would be looking at other cleaner properties to host an event.

Yours Faithfully,

Scott Anderson 0428 576 212

Hon. Peter Walsh MP

Member for Murray Plains | Leader of The Nationals

30th June 2017

Ms. Alexandra Jefferies
 Planning Officer
 Loddon Shire Council
 PO Box 21
 WEDDERBURN
 VIC 3518

File No:	269966 13600400
REC'D:	07 JUL 2017
Refer to:	A. Jefferies C. Stephenson
Council	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disposal	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent ___ Years

Dear Alexandra

Planning Application 5289 Yemaya Festival

I have been contacted by a number of constituents who are opposed to the Planning Permit being granted to run the Yemaya Festival on Crown allotment 5,6A and 9A Parish of Kipypanial, Majors Line Road, Fernihurst.

I consider the objections raised by my constituents for this event are valid and I would urge the Planning Department of Shire of Loddon to not approve this Planning Application.

Yours sincerely



PETER WALSH MP
 Member for Murray Plains



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8.2 LODDON PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C39 - ADOPTION

File Number: 13/01/003
Author: Carolyn Stephenson, Statutory / Strategic Planner
Authoriser: Glenn Harvey, Manager Development and Compliance
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt Amendment C39 to the Loddon Planning Scheme as exhibited and submit the amendment to the Minister for Planning for approval.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There is no conflict of interest for any Council staff member involved in the preparation of this report, or involved in the subject matter of the report.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Council has previously resolved to prepare and exhibit the amendment.

BACKGROUND

Amendment C39 affects 36 properties and sites across the Loddon Shire.

The amendment makes changes to 18 maps in the Loddon Planning Scheme to correct a number of zoning and overlay errors. These errors were a result of the poor quality of, and lack of detail in the early planning scheme mapping. The majority of changes relate to the incorrect application of the Public Conservation and Resource Zone (PCRZ) to freehold land and recreational facilities. Other errors to be corrected include application of the Heritage Overlay in accordance with the schedule, and application of Road Zone 1 and the Public Use Zone. In relation to the rezoning of freehold land currently subject to the PCRZ, where this land is cleared rural land it is proposed to apply the Farming Zone. Where this land has native vegetation values, it is proposed to apply the Rural Conservation Zone, consistent with other land in the vicinity.

ISSUES/DISCUSSION

As indicated by the submissions below, there have been no significant concerns associated with or objections to this amendment.

COST/BENEFITS

The amendment has cost Council in terms of staff time however the correct application of zones and overlays will benefit Council and the community in terms of the facilitation of appropriate land use and development.

RISK ANALYSIS

A transparent process has been applied to ensure that all affected parties have the opportunity to comment. The correction of errors in the planning scheme is important to ensure that Council's land use planning objectives can be achieved.

CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

This amendment was placed on exhibition from 25th May until 26th June 2017.

Notice of the amendment, and relevant documents, were sent to all affected land owners, as well as Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning, Goulburn Murray Water, VicRoads, North Central CMA, Country Fire Authority, Native Title Services Victoria, Dja Dja Wurrung, Minister for Education, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Water and Minister for Resources.

Notice of the amendment was placed in the Victorian Government Gazette on 25 May 2017.

At the close of the exhibition period three submissions were received.

Submitter	Summary of submission	Response
Goulburn Murray Water	No objection	N/a
Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning	Supports the amendment	N/a
Gary O'Toole	Does not support the rezoning of his land to Rural Conservation Zone as the vegetation values are not significant and it may affect the use of the land for bee keeping. It is requested that the land be rezoned to Farming Zone.	Following an inspection of the site and discussions with the land owner, this submission has been withdrawn. An inspection of the site confirmed that the RCZ is the appropriate zone as the land is largely uncleared and surrounded by State Forest. The rezoning will not affect the use of the land for bee keeping as a planning permit is not required for bee keeping, subject to compliance with the Apiary Code of Practice, in the Rural Conservation Zone.

8.3 REVIEW OF BOORT BYPASS STUDY PROJECT BRIEF

File Number: 14/01/029
Author: Indivar Dhakal, Manager Technical Services
Authoriser: Steven Phillips, A/Director Operations
Attachments: 1. Boort By-pass Study Project Brief

RECOMMENDATION

That Council consider the attached project brief for a suitably qualified traffic consultant to undertake a study for a by-pass route for heavy vehicles in Boort.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There is no conflict of interest for any Council staff member involved in the preparation of this report, or involved in the subject matter of the report.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

At the ordinary Council meeting held in April 2017, Council resolved in principle to undertake a study for a by-pass route for heavy vehicles in Boort. Council also requested that a project brief be prepared for a suitably qualified traffic consultant to undertake the study and the brief be submitted for Council consideration. A report was submitted to the ordinary Council meeting held in June 2017 to provide information on progress of the project brief.

BACKGROUND

For an extended period of time, heavy vehicles have been using Lakeview Street in Boort to access the grain silos located on Silo Woolshed Road. The region witnessed a very high harvest during 2016 - 2017, which resulted in significant increase in the number of heavy vehicles transporting grains to the silo. It is estimated that approximately 400 trucks per day used Lakeview Street to access the silo during harvest.

The high volumes of heavy vehicles started deteriorating the recently renewed sealed surface and subsequently damaged the pavement in some sections of Lakeview Street. Acting under the Road Management Plan, Council temporarily closed the street only allowing local traffic. The temporary closure of Lake View Street forced the heavy vehicles onto the arterial road network (Godfrey St), passing through the main business precinct.

ISSUES/DISCUSSION

The project brief, attachment 1 has been prepared for Council consideration.

Lakeview Street is classified as a Town Sealed Access (TSA) road according to Council's road hierarchy. The purpose of a TSA is to provide sealed access to residential and/or businesses within townships. In addition to that, Lakeview Street also provides access for tourist to Little Lake Boort and the features around the lake.

In May 2017 a proposal was put forward for public comment to introduce load limits on Lakeview Street and detour the heavy vehicles onto the arterial road network, namely Godfrey Street and numerous objections were received by Council. The objections were primarily based on the safety of the public in the main business precinct predominantly due to the crest and angled street parking.

This project brief will provide an opportunity to explore all possible options for Council to be able to efficiently allow movement of heavy vehicles that support the agricultural industry and at the same time manage the risks associated with the safety of public and protect the amenity of township.

COST/BENEFITS

The cost of the study is yet to be determined; however it is expected to be approximately \$45,000. No funds have been committed to the study in Council's 2017 – 2018 Budget.

There are no commitments from Council or any other body to fund any recommendations from the study.

RISK ANALYSIS

The risk associated with the project is included in the project brief attachment 1.

CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

During the ordinary Council meeting held in February 2017, Council resolved to seek public comments to introduce permanent load restriction on Lakeview Street. Council received numerous objections, feedback and recommendations regarding the issue. These recommendations have been included in the project brief.

In addition, discussions were held with the Technical Service and Operations Departments of Loddon Shire Council to discuss potential alternate solutions. These alternative solutions have also been outlined in the project brief for investigation.



PRELIMINARY PROJECT PROPOSAL BOORT HEAVY VEHICLE BY-PASS ROUTE STUDY

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

DOCUMENT TYPE: Preliminary project proposal

DOCUMENT STATUS: Draft

PROPOSED CLIENT MANAGER: Manager Technical Services

COUNCIL PLAN REFERENCE: Core business 5: Providing quality infrastructure

APPROVED BY: Management Executive Group

DATE APPROVED: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

EVIDENCE OF APPROVAL:

Signed by Chief Executive Officer

FILE LOCATION: Document1

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<p>Project description</p>	<p>This project is to engage a suitably qualified consultant to undertake the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a traffic study of heavy vehicle movements through Boort to access the silos located on Silo Woolshed Road • recommend potential options including feasibility study • alignment design solutions for such options • cost of execution for Council to manage the heavy vehicle traffic.
<p>Background and context</p>	<p>For an extended period of time, heavy vehicles have been using Lakeview Street in Boort to access the grain silos located on Silo Woolshed Road. The region witnessed a very high harvest during 2016 - 2017 which resulted in a significant increase in the number of heavy vehicles transporting grains to the silos. At its peak it was estimated that there was approximately 400 trucks movements per day along Lakeview Street to access the silos.</p> <p>Lakeview Street is classified as Town Sealed Access (TSA) road within Council's road hierarchy. The purpose of a TSA is to provide sealed access to residential and/or businesses within townships. In addition to that, Lakeview Street also provides access for Tourists to access Little Lake Boort and the features around the lake.</p> <p>High volumes of heavy vehicles started deteriorating the recently renewed sealed surface of Lake View Street; Council acting under the Road Management Plan temporarily closed the street only allowing local traffic. This closure forced the heavy vehicles onto the arterial road network primarily Godfrey Street, passing through the main market precinct of Boort.</p>
<p>Objectives</p>	<p>The objective of the project is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to assess the requirement for a heavy vehicle by-pass route • to identify a preferred option for heavy vehicle movement between the intersection of Godfrey Street and McMillans Road in Boort and the grain silos located at Silo Woolshed Road. <p>An associated alignment design, estimate and cost of different alternate solutions shall be presented by the consultant to Council along with a recommended solution.</p> <p>This project plays an important part in contributing towards achieving Council's strategic objective of "Support development of a prosperous and diverse economy" and "Develop attractive, vibrant and well-serviced communities".</p>

Scope	<p>The scope of the project is as follows:</p> <p>Investigate heavy vehicle movement in Boort and identify potential options for their safe and efficient movement through Boort.</p> <p>Potential options that should be investigated are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain the status quo and allow heavy vehicles to continue to use Lake View Street. 2. Widening and upgrade of pavement and bridge on Ring Road between Godfrey Street and Barclay St. Concept plan to be developed including identification of vegetation removal. The pavement design and bridge design shall be carried out once preferred option is finalised (not included in this project cost). An estimated total cost of upgrade shall be identified. 3. Upgrade of Potters Road between Boort-Kerang Road and Boort Quambatook Road to detour heavy vehicles from Lakeview Street and market precinct. Pavement design shall be undertaken once preferred option is finalised (not included in this project cost). An estimated total cost of upgrade shall be identified. 4. Construction of a new road between Boort Kerang Road and Tip Road by creating new road reserve through industrial land (Council's freehold land) and Boort Tip. Consideration shall be given to selecting the alignment of the road which will have minimum use of industrial land, minimum native vegetation removal and no disruption to the tip services. Alignment design along with vegetation removal details should be included. 5. Time based restriction of heavy vehicles on Lakeview Street. 6. Parking alignment changes and/or traffic calming measures on Godfrey Street to address the safety issue raised by the community due to existing crest. <p>The above options consist of all the recommendations and suggestions put forward by Council staff and the local community. Any other alternatives identified can also be included.</p>
Sponsor/ proponent	<p>There has been no commitment made by any sponsor to fund this project.</p> <p>Potential funding sources are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council • Local Roads to Market program, applications should open in September 2017. If successful, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Region will fund 2/3 and Council will be required to contribute 1/3 of the total project cost.
Reasons for Council involvement	<p>Council is a major stakeholder in managing and monitoring the heavy vehicular movement within the municipal boundary. Council's Road Asset Management Plan (RAMP) outlines the principle of efficient movement of heavy vehicles from local road network onto the arterial road network.</p> <p>The Council Plan 2017-2021 states "Its mission is to enhance the sustainability and liveability of Loddon Shire". The region is predominantly an agricultural area and efficient access to grain silos is the backbone of the industry.</p>

<p>Preliminary risk identification</p>	<p>Council reference: <i>Risk Management Policy</i></p> <p>The following risks have been identified:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Financial risk: The project estimate has not been carried out in detail. The associated cost included in this report is based on past experience and verbal communications with consultants in Bendigo. This risk has been assessed as Medium. Detailed estimates supported by quotes will be required before submitting grant applications. 2. Funding the recommendation of the study: The funding source to execute the recommended solution has not been identified. Council may need to identify potential grant programs through State and Federal government from which to seek funding. 3. Community disapproval: The solutions provided by the consultant may not be acceptable to the community. This risk has been assessed as high. To address the risk, Council will seek public comment on the preferred solution.
<p>Costs and timeframe</p>	<p>The estimated cost of the project is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$45,000 <p>The project will be carried out within the professional services contract framework of Council. This will require Council staff to manage the project. This cost will be a part of Technical Services salaries.</p> <p>Council will also undertake the traffic count process required for the project. Council's Operations Department will assist Technical Services for placing the traffic counters.</p> <p>The estimated timeframe for completion of this project is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 2018.

8.4 LODDON SHIRE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 2017-18

File Number: 16/02/001
Author: Wendy Gladman, Director Community Wellbeing
Authoriser: Phil Pinyon, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: 1. Community Grants Scheme 2017-18 funding recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

That Council allocate \$197,499 in grants under the 2017/18 Loddon Shire Council Community Grants Scheme as outlined in the attachment provided with this report.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Director Community Wellbeing, Wendy Gladman has a direct conflict of interest as the Treasurer of the Serpentine Bowling Club.

The following actions were undertaken to mitigate the conflict:

- exclusion of conflicted party during initial assessment of applications
- exclusion of conflicted party during any discussions involving preparation of funding recommendations.

This report has been prepared by Allan Stobaus and Tony Bellenger.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

There has been no previous Council discussion in relation to the 2017/18 Community Grant allocations.

BACKGROUND

The Loddon Shire Community Grants Scheme commenced in 2000/2001.

Council initiated the scheme to assist recreation, sporting and service organisations to deliver projects that improve the quality of life for residents. Since the scheme was initiated, Council has invested approximately \$2,000,000, supporting almost seven hundred community-based projects worth over \$5,000,000.

Council's 2017/18 budget includes an allocation of \$200,000 for the Community Grants Scheme.

Applications for the 2017/18 Community Grants Scheme opened 1 March and closed on 1 May 2017.

Applications have been assessed against the following criteria:

- demonstrated community need
- improved existing facilities and/or increased participation
- multi-use and broad community benefit
- self-help i.e. in-kind and/or cash commitment
- effective and efficient use of resources
- consideration of access issues.

Where applicable, projects have also been assessed in consideration of:

- the efficient use of resources, for example energy efficiency components of the project or sharing of resources with the wider community
- the ability to provide access for all; for example does the project consider the needs of people with a disability or older people
- projects that pose inherent risk in terms of public safety have been assessed in terms of the severity of the risk prior to being considered for funding.

As per the guidelines, the following types of projects are ineligible for funding:

- Projects that are considered the sole responsibility of another authority (for example water authorities or health and welfare agencies).
- Retrospective projects or projects that have already commenced.
- Administrative costs (such as wages, rent or insurance), utility charges (such as a power bill) or projects of an ongoing maintenance nature (such as mowing lawns).
- Projects designed to promote political or religious ideals.
- Applicants who have outstanding acquittals from previous funding rounds.
- Projects which are not ready and will not be completed within a twelve month period from the date of receiving the funding.

ISSUES/DISCUSSION

In total forty seven applications requesting financial assistance to the value of \$294,451 were received. Of these, twenty six have been recommended for full funding.

Partial funding:

In order to comply with budgetary requirements and to ensure as many eligible projects as possible are provided with funding, the opportunity to support projects with a lesser allocation is assessed. This process is achieved by reviewing project budgets in consultation with the applicants. In total ten applications have been recommended to receive a slightly lower allocation than requested.

These are as follows:

- Wedderburn Community House – community newsletter
- Boort Newsletter – community newsletter
- Inglewood Community Neighbourhood House – community newsletter
- Wedderburn Historical Engine and Machinery Society - storage shed construction
- Wedderburn Public Cemetery - internal road upgrades
- Wedderburn Hockey Club - floodlighting of playing field
- Boort Bowls Club - push mowers
- Boort-Yando Cricket Club - cricket pitch repairs
- Mitiamo Recreation Reserve - pump and irrigation system upgrade
- Serpentine Recreation Reserve – kitchen appliances

Not recommended for funding

Eight applications have not been recommended to receive funding. A summary of these applications and the reasons why funding has not been recommended, is as follows:

The Past Revisited

This application was submitted by an individual with no formal body or group auspicing the initiative. The application lacked detail and requested assistance to establish a private business with the aim of reducing the cost of services to seniors.

Inglewood Cars and Bikes Club

This application was reliant on matching funding being allocated by Department of Social Services (DSS) Volunteers Grants. Since receiving this application we have been informed that the DSS funding submission has been unsuccessful. The club is unable to provide the matching funding required to progress the application.

Tarnagulla Urban Fire Brigade

This application requested assistance towards the purchase of electronic communications and equipment. This is considered to be the responsibility of the CFA.

Inglewood Fire Brigade

This application requested assistance towards the purchase of a ride on mower to be used at the new CFA location in Inglewood. As with the application from the Tarnagulla CFA, this is considered to be the responsibility of the CFA.

In addition the new station is still in the design phase and it is not confirmed when the building will be completed. The guidelines for the grants stipulate that the project is to be completed in the financial year that the grant is allocated in.

Laanecoorie Water Ski Club

The Laanecoorie Water Ski Club has requested funding to repair the BBQ at the foreshore. The maintenance and replacement of barbecues has historically been the responsibility of Goulburn Murray Water.

Boort Stadium

This application requested funding to assist with the installation of lighting in the stadium. Although this application is deemed to be a worthwhile project, the application was received eight days after the closing date and is ineligible to be considered by Council officers for funding.

Inglewood Community Neighbourhood House

This application had three components including the Korong Newsletter (recommended for funding as per above). The two components not recommended for funding include the purchase of a vacuum cleaner; this is retrospective and not eligible under the guidelines. The application also requested assistance to construct a deck in the atrium area of the building. This requires a significant design and approvals process; this is not likely to proceed within the next twelve months.

Loddon L2P Program

This application requested financial assistance to purchase a vehicle to use for learner drivers. This proposal requires further investigation. Council officers will liaise with this group to further evaluate the options available to support this initiative.

Other funding

Three of the applications received have been assessed as more aligned with the community plan program and have been transferred for consideration within this program. These are as follows:

- Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall – power project
- Inglewood Football Netball Club – power upgrade
- Boort Development Committee – sculptures by the lake

The Laanecoorie River Reserve requested funding to install a canoe launch ramp on the Loddon River. This can be included in the canoe trails project which has funds available to complete this project.

COST/BENEFITS

The Community Grants Scheme offers significant benefit to the local community through provision of funding for specific projects which may otherwise struggle to secure funding through Council's other infrastructure programs or initiatives.

As demonstrated in the value of projects delivered since the inception of the scheme, Council's investment towards these grants yields far greater community benefit both in terms of financial investment and social wellbeing.

As per Council's previous commitment; administration of the scheme has continued on the basis of \$200,000 being available annually to contribute towards proposed community projects and programs.

RISK ANALYSIS

The primary risks associated with the Community Grants Scheme have been identified as follows:

Adherence to scheme guidelines: detailed scheme guidelines identify which projects and programs are considered eligible for community grants. All applications are assessed against these guidelines for eligibility to ensure that funding made available through this scheme is distributed in a transparent and equitable manner and provides greatest benefit to the overall Loddon community.

Failure to adhere to these guidelines could comprise the integrity of the grant scheme and the ability for Council to adequately fund appropriate community projects.

Failure to deliver projects: All successful applicants are required to adhere to a formal funding agreement which clearly identifies the purpose of the grant, delivery timeframes and reporting requirements. This is to ensure that expenditure of public money is appropriate and able to withstand scrutiny.

CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

The Loddon Shire Community Grants Scheme is conducted on an annual basis and applications are open for a period of eight weeks. During this period, community groups or individuals interested in applying for the scheme are encouraged to contact the relevant staff to discuss their proposal.

Funding guidelines are also made available to prospective applicants via Council's website as well as via direct email issued to community groups upon opening of the scheme.

Where a lesser allocation than that requested has been recommended, applicants have been consulted to ensure that the projects can still be achieved.

All unsuccessful applicants will be provided feedback in regard to their applications after recommendations are finalised and endorsed by Council.

Attachment: Loddon Shire Council Community Grants scheme 2017/18 funding recommendations

WEDDERBURN WARD		TOTAL COST	GRANT REQUESTED	ALLOCATION
Wedderburn Public Cemetery	Internal road and entry repairs	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Wedderburn Lion's Club	Cemetery landscaping - Wedderburn Community House landscaping training	\$ 42,700.00	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 5,600.00
Wedderburn Community House	Scoop & Scuttlebutt- newsletter production	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,000.00
Wedderburn Community Centre	Repainting and upgrading external outbuildings	\$ 9,320.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Wedderburn Development Association	Installation of 2 shelters at Hard Hill Tourist Reserve	\$ 22,663.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Wedderburn Men's Shed	Purchase of woodwork machinery	\$ 5,860.00	\$ 3,907.00	\$ 3,907.00
Wedderburn Historical Engine and Machinery Society	Construction of storage shed for historical mechanical items at Market Square	\$ 20,800.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Wedderburn Hockey Club	Installation of new floodlighting on hockey fields	\$ 9,690.00	\$ 8,690.00	\$ 5,793.33
Wedderburn Golf Club	Social room bar refurbishment and upgrade	\$ 9,400.00	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 6,200.00
				\$ 55,500.33
BOORT WARD				
Boort Lakeside Croquet Club Inc.	Covered in area, new shelters	\$ 13,080.00	\$ 8,720.00	\$ 8,720.00
Boort Newsletter	"About Boort" newsletter	\$ 5,185.00	\$ 3,440.00	\$ 3,000.00
Boort Golf Club	Course maintenance mower	\$ 21,245.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Boort Bowls Club	Equipment upgrade - push mower	\$ 2,498.00	\$ 1,666.00	\$ 833.00
Boort Historical Society	Replacement display cabinets	\$ 6,211.00	\$ 4,141.00	\$ 4,141.00
Boort Yando Cricket Club	Cricket pitch repairs located at the school oval	\$ 9,253.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,691.67
				\$ 31,385.67
TERRICKS WARD				
Serpentine Bowling Club	Green renovation - lasering and levelling of the green	\$ 3,530.00	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 2,350.00
Dingee Bowling Club	Boiling water unit for kitchen	\$ 2,653.00	\$ 1,769.00	\$ 1,769.00
Pyramid Hill & District Historical Society	Restoration and preservation of 100 year old "Daguerreotype & Glass Slide" onto data base	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Mitiamo Recreation Reserve CoM	New pump for football irrigation system	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Pyramid Hill Netball Club	Netball court lights at Mitchell Park Reserve	\$ 18,621.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Mitiamo Football/Netball Club	Installation of seating at netball court	\$ 3,852.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Serpentine Recreation Reserve	Purchase of new oven for kitchen and glass washer for bar	\$ 18,865.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Bears Lagoon Serpentine Netball Club	Installation of two shelter sheds for netball courts	\$ 13,115.00	\$ 8,076.00	\$ 8,076.00
Serpentine Exercise Group	Purchase of exercise equipment	\$ 8,587.00	\$ 5,350.00	\$ 5,350.00
				\$ 50,045.00
INGLEWOOD WARD				
Eucy Distillery Museum	Heritage Dray storage container and carpark surface	\$ 5,140.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400.00
Inglewood Community Neighbourhood House	ICNH Needs You - atrium, newsletter, vacuum cleaner	\$ 24,927.00	\$ 6,287.00	\$ 3,000.00
Bridgewater Recreation Reserve	Football goal net replacement - Calder Highway	\$ 7,678.00	\$ 5,118.00	\$ 5,118.00
Powlett Plains & District Community Centre	New street appeal for Powlett - installation of boundary fence	\$ 5,664.00	\$ 3,664.00	\$ 3,664.00
Loddon Pony Club	Loddon Pony Club - agility objects, ball, bridge and box	\$ 1,760.00	\$ 1,173.00	\$ 1,173.00
Inglewood Riding Club	Construction of riding area and day yards	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Inglewood Community Sports Centre	Window replacement (stage 2) - safety issue	\$ 13,880.00	\$ 9,253.00	\$ 9,253.00
Inglewood Kindergarten	Playground reinvigoration including adventure play area	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Bridgewater on Loddon Development Committee	"Bridgewater Bulletin" newsletter	\$ 3,980.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Campbell's Forest & District Community Group	Community newsletter 2017-2018	\$ 2,470.00	\$ 1,446.00	\$ 1,446.00
				\$ 48,054.00
TARNAGULLA WARD				
Dunolly and District Field and Game Club	Purchase of Bowman clay target thrower for mini clays	\$ 3,930.00	\$ 2,514.00	\$ 2,514.00
Newbridge Football Netball Club	Electronic scoreboard	\$ 47,760.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
				\$ 12,514.00
				TOTAL
				\$ 197,499.00
FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES				
COMMUNITY PLANNING PROJECTS				
Inglewood Football Netball Club	Power upgrade Inglewood Community Sports Centre	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
Pyramid Hall Memorial Hall	Memorial Hall power project	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	
Boort Development Committee	"Giant Mushrooms" sculpture by the lake	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 5,000.00	
FUNDED FROM OTHER COUNCIL BUDGETS				
Laanecoorie River Reserve CoM	Canoe launch ramp and static decking	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
PROJECTS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING				
Loddon L2P program	Loddon L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program	\$ 11,850.20	\$ 8,500.00	
Laanecoorie Water Ski Club	Repairs to BBQs at Brownbills Reserve Laanecoorie	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 7,400.00	
Tarnagulla Urban Fire Brigade	Upgrade of brigade electronic communications and equipment	\$ 2,025.00	\$ 1,350.00	
Inglewood Cars and Bikes Inc.	Car transport trailer	\$ 9,431.00	\$ 4,731.00	
Inglewood Fire Brigade	Ride on mower	\$ 9,951.00	\$ 6,554.00	
No Applicant	The past revisited	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 2,500.00	
Boort Stadium	Boort Stadium - lighting	\$ 9,829.00	\$ 6,552.00	

9 INFORMATION REPORTS**9.1 ASSESSMENT AND RATING RESULTS INGLEWOOD KINDERGARTEN**

File Number: 12/09/003
Author: Paula Yorston, Manager Community Services
Authoriser: Wendy Gladman, Director Community Wellbeing
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report detailing the outcomes of the National Quality Framework Assessment conducted at the Inglewood Kindergarten.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There is no conflict of interest for any Council staff member involved in the preparation of this report, or involved in the subject matter of the report.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A report was presented to Council in 2014 following the previous assessment and rating visit for Inglewood Kindergarten in August 2013. The report detailed the rating achieved by the service as: Meeting National Quality Standard.

BACKGROUND

The National Quality Framework aims to raise quality and drive continuous improvement in education and care services. All services approved under the Education and Care Services National Law are assessed and rated by their state or territory regulatory authority.

The National Quality Standard (NQS) is a key aspect of the National Quality Framework and sets a national benchmark for early childhood education. The NQS brings together seven quality areas (containing eighteen standards, with fifty eight supporting elements) that are important to outcomes for children. Assessment against these quality areas forms the basis of an overall rating.

The ratings are:

- Exceeding National Quality Standard
- Meeting National Quality Standard
- Working towards National Quality Standard
- Significant Improvement Required

ISSUES/DISCUSSION

Correspondence received from the Department Education and Training (DET) has advised that from a recent assessment and rating visit the Inglewood Kindergarten has been assessed as: Working towards NQS.

		2013	2017
Quality Area 1	Educational program and practice	Meeting NQS	Meeting NQS
Quality Area 2	Children's health and	Meeting NQS	Working Towards NQS

	safety		
Quality Area 3	Physical environment	Meeting NQS	Meeting NQS
Quality Area 4	Staffing arrangements	Meeting NQS	Meeting NQS
Quality Area 5	Relationships with children	Meeting NQS	Meeting NQS
Quality Area 6	Collaborative partnerships with families and communities	Meeting NQS	Meeting NQS
Quality Area 7	Leadership and service management	Meeting NQS	Meeting NQS
This service is rated overall at:		Meeting NQS	Working towards NQS

Although the individual ratings for six of the seven quality areas achieved Meeting NQS, a single 'not met' in one of the fifty eight elements resulted in Quality Area 2 being rated as Working towards NQS. The rating structure determines the overall standard as that of the lowest rated quality area, resulting in an overall rating of Working towards NQS for the Inglewood Kindergarten.

The not met element occurred in:

Quality Area 2: Children's health and safety

Standard 2.3: Each child is protected

Element 2.3.2 Every reasonable precaution is taken to protect children from harm and any hazard likely to cause injury.

Evidenced by: The authorisations kept for a child did not include a signed authorisation for a venue included in a local excursion that the child attended.

Under the National Law and Regulations, regulatory authorities may at any time reassess a service or any aspect or element of a service. With the exception of extraordinary circumstances it is considered likely that Inglewood Kindergarten will undergo the next assessment and rating process in a period of twelve to eighteen months. The review timeframe is shortened due to the overall rating.

COST/BENEFITS

The work undertaken to satisfy the needs of the assessment and rating visit were undertaken within the existing budget.

The Inglewood Kindergarten and the Early Years Team now have the opportunity to reflect on the outcomes and findings from the assessment and rating cycle to drive continuous improvement at the service. The report, in the main, indicated that children attending the Inglewood Kindergarten access a quality program.

RISK ANALYSIS

There are no risks associated with this report.

Should a service receive a rating of Significant Improvement Required in one or more of the seven quality areas, it is expected that the Regulatory Authority would take compliance action and commence working with the service to immediately address the issues which are posing an unacceptable risk to the safety, health or wellbeing of children being educated by the service.

CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

The Notice of Rating is displayed at the kindergarten and is published on the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) and My Child websites.

10 COMPLIANCE REPORTS**10.1 DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNING AND SEALING**

File Number: 02/01/001
Author: Lynne Habner, A/Manager Executive and Commercial Services
Authoriser: Phil Pinyon, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receive and note the 'Documents for Signing and Sealing' report
2. endorse the use of the seal on the documents listed.

REPORT

This report provides Council with those documents signed and sealed during the month as follows:

- Transfer of Land Volume 4935 Folio 937 from Loddon Shire Council to Nawaffe El Hage – Butt St, Korong Vale
- Transfer of Land Volume 6645 Folio 827 from Loddon Shire Council to Creative Property Ideas Pty Ltd – Gibson St, Korong Vale
- Transfer of Land Volume 11877 Folio 738 from Loddon Shire Council to Laurel Bluebell Wade and Stephen Mark Kennedy – Lytton St, Tarnagulla
- Transfer of Land Volume 8712 Folio 905 from Loddon Shire Council to Eric Kenneth Karlake – Richmond Plains Rd, Wedderburn
- Transfer of Land Volume 6023 Folio 452 from Loddon Shire Council to Creative Property Ideas Pty Ltd – Mincha North Road, Mincha
- Transfer of Land Volume 8542 Folio 357 from Loddon Shire Council to Creative Property Ideas Pty Ltd – Wedderburn Boort Rd, Borung

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Closing of Meeting to the Public

RECOMMENDATION

That the meeting be closed to the public.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989:

12.1 Review of confidential actions

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 89(2) - (h) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with Any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person.

12.2 Sale of Properties for Rate Recovery Under Section 181 of the Local Government Act 1989

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 89(2) - (b) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer.

12.3 Contract 381 Serpentine underground stormwater drainage

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 89(2) - (d) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with contractual matters.

12.4 Finalisation of Sale of Properties for Rate Recovery Under Section 181 of the Local Government Act 1989

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 89(2) - (b) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer.

12.5 Wedderburn Streetscape Project - Contractual Update

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 89(2) - (d) and (f) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with contractual matters and legal advice.

12.6 Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review 2016-2017

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 89(2) - (a) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personnel matters.

NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on 22 August 2017 at Serpentine.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at [enter time](#).

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