



Minutes

Unscheduled Council Meeting

Tuesday 8 April 2025

to be held at 12:30 PM

Council Chambers

Swan Hill Town Hall

53 – 57 McCallum Street, Swan Hill. VIC 3585

Confirmed 15 April 2025

Chairperson.....

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Vision Statement

Built on strong foundations that embrace our rich History and natural environment, our region will be a place of progressions and possibility. We are a community that is happy, healthy and harmonious - we are empowered, we are respectful and we are proud.

Our Mission

We will lead, advocate, partner and provide efficient services and opportunities for growth and the wellbeing of our community, environment and economy.

Our Values

Council values our residents and community and will be responsive to their needs. In pursuing our objectives, we believe in, and are committed to, the following values:

Community engagement - We will ensure that our communities are consulted, listened to and informed.

Leadership - We will be at the centre of our community and by actively engaging our community we will form the collective view on strategic issues and will then express our views through strong advocacy and action.

Fairness - We will value and embrace the diversity of our community and ensure that all people are treated equally.

Accountability- We will be transparent and efficient in our activities and we will always value feedback.

Trust - We will act with integrity and earn the community's trust by being a reliable partner in delivering services, projects and providing facilities.

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1 Procedural Matters

1.1 Welcome

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Cr McPhee assumed the chair and declared the Unscheduled Council Meeting - 8 April 2025 open at 12:30 pm

1.2 Acknowledgement Of Country

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Cr McPhee read the Acknowledgement of Country.

"Swan Hill Rural City Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, and pays its respects to their elders, past and present."

1.3 Opening Declaration

Cr Rogers read the opening declaration.

"We, the Councillors of Swan Hill Rural City Council, declare that we will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor, in the best interests of our community, and faithfully, and impartially, carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in us, to the best of our skill and judgement."

1.4 Apologies / Leaves of Absence

CM 2025/31 Motion

Apologies Cr Peta Thorton, Cr Englefield and Cr Stuart King.

MOVED Cr Jennings

That the apologies be accepted.

SECONDED Cr Rogers

The Motion was put and CARRIED 4 / 0

1.5 Directors / Officers Present

Scott Barber, Chief Executive Officer
Michelle Grainger, Director Development and Planning
Bruce Myers, Director of Community and Cultural Services
Bhan Pratap, Director of Corporate Services
Leah Johnston, Director of Infrastructure

Jess Chislett, Procurement and Properties Coordinator
Peter Ross, Engineering and Strategic Projects Manager
Sharon Lindsay, Executive Assistant
Tamara Matthews, Executive Support

1.6 Disclosures of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

2 In-Camera Items

RECOMMENDATION

That, in accordance with sections 66(1) and 66(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the meeting be closed to members of the public for the consideration of the following confidential items:

Tender Evaluation and Recommendation Report - Construction of the Ten Steps and Reinstatement of Retaining Walls – Contract 24 504 13

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM This item is to be considered at an In Camera meeting in accordance with Section 3(1) (a) of the Local Government Act 2020, this item is to be considered in an incamera meeting on the grounds that the item concerns Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.

CM 2025/32 MOTION

MOVED Cr Jennings

That Council, resolve to close the meeting at 12:32 pm to members of the public to consider the following items.

SECONDED Cr Broad

The Motion was put and CARRIED 4 / 0

CM 2025/34 MOTION

MOVED Cr Jennings

That the meeting move out of closed session at 12.41 pm.

SECONDED Cr Rogers

The Motion was put and CARRIED 4 / 0

The following decision was made in-camera:

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CM 2025/33 Motion

MOVED Cr Rogers

That Council award the contract for the Construction of Ten Steps and Reinstatement of Retaining Walls – Contract 24 504 13 to Civil & Earth Australia Pty Ltd.

SECONDED Cr Broad

The Motion was put and CARRIED 4 / 0

3 Close of Meeting

There being no further business the Deputy Mayor, Cr McPhee closed the meeting at 12:42 pm