

AGENDA

**SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
WARRNAMBOOL CITY COUNCIL
5:45 PM - MONDAY 7 AUGUST 2023**



VENUE:

**Reception Room
Warrnambool Civic Centre
25 Liebig Street
Warrnambool**

COUNCILLORS

Cr. Debbie Arnott (Mayor)
Cr. Otha Akoch
Cr. Ben Blain
Cr. Vicki Jellie AM
Cr. Angie Paspaliaris
Cr. Max Taylor
Cr. Richard Ziegeler

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1. OPENING PRAYER & ORIGINAL CUSTODIANS STATEMENT

Almighty God
Grant to this Council
Wisdom, understanding and Sincerity of purpose
For the Good Governance of this City
Amen.

ORIGINAL CUSTODIANS STATEMENT

I wish to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we stand and pay my respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

2. APOLOGIES

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Scheduled Meeting of Council held on 3 July 2023 and the Additional Council Meeting held on 24 July 2023, be confirmed.

4. DECLARATION BY COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Section 130 of the Local Government Act 2020 (Vic) (**the Act**) provides that a relevant person must disclose a conflict of interest in respect of a matter and exclude themselves from the decision making process in relation to that matter including any discussion or vote on the matter at any Council meeting or delegated committee meeting and any action in relation to that matter.

Section 126(2) of the Act sets out that a relevant person (Councillor, member of a delegated Committee or member of Council staff) has a conflict of interest if the relevant person has a **general conflict of interest** within the meaning of section 127 of the Act or a **material conflict of interest** within the meaning of section 128 of the Act.

A relevant person has a **general conflict of interest** in a matter if an impartial, fair minded person would consider that the person's private interests could result in that person acting in a manner that is contrary to their public duty.

A relevant person has a **material conflict of interest** in a matter if an affected person would gain a benefit or suffer a loss depending on the outcome of the matter.

A Councillor who has declared a conflict of interest, must leave the meeting and remain outside the room while the matter is being considered, or any vote is taken. Councillors are also encouraged to declare circumstances where there may be a perceived conflict of interest.

5. MAYORAL PRESENTATION

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

7. REPORTS

7.1. NEWS AND SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

DIRECTORATE: *Corporate Strategies*

PURPOSE:

This report is for Council to consider adoption of the revised News and Social Media Policy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has a News and Social Media Policy to provide a consistent, coordinated approach to interacting with news and social media, ensuring Council's communications are accurate and professional.

Online and traditional news services, along with social media, provide opportunities for Council to engage with and inform the community about Council activities, programs, events, services and initiatives. Collectively they play a critical role in facilitating transparency, accountability and public trust.

Councillors and staff of Warrnambool City Council are expected to demonstrate standards of conduct and behaviour that are consistent with relevant legislation, regulations and policies. The revised News and Social Media Policy provides guidance for Councillors, staff, contractors and volunteers on the use of news and social media for the purposes of informing and engaging with the community about Council activities, responding to media inquiries and the personal use of social media where Warrnambool City Council is a topic of online discussion.

At its 3 July meeting Council voted to release the draft News and Social Media Policy for public exhibition. No feedback on the draft policy was received.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the revised News and Social Media Policy.

BACKGROUND

In addition to the News and Social Media Policy, Warrnambool City Council's interactions with news media are influenced by the following key documents:

- the Local Government Act 2020;
- the Councillor Code of Conduct;
- the Staff Code of Conduct; and,
- the Community Engagement Policy.

The Council documents which address communication and media protocols are designed to reflect the intent of the Local Government Act.

The Act states that the role of the Mayor includes being "the principal spokesperson for the Council" and to "lead engagement with the municipal community on the development of the Council Plan and perform civic and ceremonial duties on behalf of the Council." Each of these responsibilities may include a need to interact with the news media or to be represented in social media.

The Councillor Code of Conduct states that the Mayor is the spokesperson for Council where Council has an official position on a matter and where the matter is of a political, controversial or sensitive nature.

The Code of Conduct also states that the Chief Executive Officer is the official spokesperson for all operational matters including staffing and the structure of the organisation and on corporate issues relating to Council services and the day-to-day business of Council.

Other Councillors are free to discuss matters with the media however, in accordance with the Code of Conduct, Councillors expressing independent views through the media must make it clear that any comment is their personal view and may not represent the position of Council.

The Staff Code of Conduct reinforces the roles of the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer and spokespeople for the Council while also providing guidance on using social media.

ISSUES

Since the adoption of the existing News and Social Media Policy, the Gender Equality Act and associated regulations have come into force. The council must now make a Gender Impact Assessment of many of its projects, policies and procedures. Given that the media content generated by Council can discuss or depict gender or gender issues, a Gender Impact Assessment was completed for this policy and procedures.

The Victorian Government also released its 11 Child Safe Standards that came into force on July 1, 2022. Council generates media content that features early childhood settings and has responsibilities to ensure that it meets the Child Safe Standards, which include “Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed.”

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No additional costs will be incurred because of the News and Social Media Policy.

LEGISLATION / POLICY / COUNCIL PLAN CONTEXT

5 An effective Council

5.2 Engaged and informed community: Council will ensure ongoing community engagement to identify changing needs and priorities when developing and delivering services and programs.

5.3 Customer-focused services: Council will continue to develop a program of Council services that are delivered to the community’s satisfaction.

5.7 Effective advocacy: Council will pursue effective advocacy by providing compelling materials for desired support and funding for community priorities through establishing strong relationships with other levels of government, strategic partners and key stakeholders

5.8 Regional role and relationships: Council will acknowledge Warrnambool’s capability as the regional centre of southwest Victoria through appropriate leadership, advocacy and partnerships that enable greater opportunity for the region.

TIMING

The adoption of the revised News and Social Media Policy and Procedures ensures that the document is up to date following the introduction of the Gender Equality Act and Child Safe Standards.

COMMUNITY IMPACT / CONSULTATION

Council colleagues have been consulted in relation to the News and Social Media Policy. The policy has, to a significant extent, parameters which are set by over-arching legislation and documents – such as the Local Government Act, the Councillor and staff codes of conduct and are therefore not negotiable.

The draft policy was released for community exhibition and comment. This was advertised in The Standard, on social media and the draft policy made available at www.yoursaywarrnambool.com.au

LEGAL RISK / IMPACT

N/A

OFFICERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil.

COLLABORATIVE PROCUREMENT

N/A

CONCLUSION

That Council adopt the revised News and Social Media Policy.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft News and Social Media Policy 2023 [7.1.1 - 14 pages]

7.2. COMMUNITY GROUP LOAN GUARANTEE POLICY

DIRECTORATE: *Corporate Strategies*

PURPOSE:

This report provides information on the Community Group Loan Guarantee Policy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Community Group Loan Guarantee Policy has been created to guide Council and officers when considering requests from community groups to act as a guarantor for a loan.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Community Group Loan Guarantee Policy dated July 2023.

BACKGROUND

Council has a history of supporting community groups by acting as a guarantor for loans for community projects, however Council did not have a policy to provide guidance to applicants, officers and councilors in respect to these types of requests. The Community Group Loan Guarantee Policy aims to provide guidance to enable sound and consistent decision making in the assessment of these types of community requests going forward.

ISSUES

The Community Group Loan Guarantee Policy sets the guidelines to be used to assist Council in considering requests to act as guarantor for loans to local community groups. These guidelines are being established to ensure that Council can support community groups whilst ensuring any risk exposure to Council is kept to a minimum.

The Policy sets out a reasonable level of governance and controls in the process of being appointed as a loan guarantor and institutes these safeguards to ensure that financial sustainability of Council is not compromised. The Community Group Loan Guarantee Policy has been drafted based on industry best practice and reviewed against other local government authorities, such as Bendigo City Council's policy, but tailored to the specific needs of Warrnambool City Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No community group that has been a beneficiary of a Council loan guarantee has defaulted in the past. The policy outlines what would happen in the case of a default on a guaranteed loan.

LEGISLATION / POLICY / COUNCIL PLAN CONTEXT

5 An effective Council

5.5 Organisational and financial sustainability: Council will ensure organisational and financial sustainability through the effective and efficient use of Council's resources and assets.

OFFICERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No officers involved in the creation of this policy have declared a conflict of interest.

CONCLUSION

The Community Group Loan Guarantee Policy provides guidelines to assist Council in considering requests to act as guarantor. Officers recommend that this policy be adopted by Council to ensure a consistent approach is used to assess any future community group applications.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Community Group Loan Guarantee Policy [7.2.1 - 8 pages]

7.3. WARRNAMBOOL ART GALLERY COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY 2023-2026

DIRECTORATE: *Community Development*

PURPOSE:

This report presents Council's updated Warrnambool Art Gallery Collection Development Policy 2023.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Warrnambool Art Gallery Collection Development Policy is due for review. Detailed within this report is the Collections' history, alongside a summary of the policy and its purpose.

The Collection Policy provides guidelines for the management and development of the Warrnambool Art Gallery collection. It identifies the focus of the collection and stipulates the process by which artworks are selected and acquired into the collection and deaccessioned.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Warrnambool Art Gallery Collection Development Policy 2023.

BACKGROUND

Established in 1886 with Joseph Archibald's inaugural donation of museum curios, which was then expanded to include significant early acquisitions of European art, The Gallery now offers a diverse collection, from elegant European paintings to the Avantgarde modernism of the Angry Penguins. Artworks range from the romanticised colonial landscapes of Eugene Von Guerard and Louis Buvelot, to contemporary Australian printmaking by Juan Davila, Barbara Hanrahan and Ray Arnold. Each step of the Collection mirrors a time of development and expansion.

The collection is a significant cultural asset owned by the Warrnambool City Council and held in trust for the people of Warrnambool and South West Victoria. At last valuation in 2018, the collection was valued over \$12 million. Artworks and original museum objects combined equates to over 5000 items.

The Collection Policy is central to Warrnambool Art Gallery's commitment to effectively develop, manage, and conserve the cultural material and works of art in its care, while providing engagement and access opportunities to the public on local, state and national platforms.

Importantly, the Gallery shares a mandatory obligation under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 and Aboriginal Heritage Amendment Act 2016 to register Victorian Aboriginal collection items in its possession with Aboriginal Victoria. For this reason, Warrnambool Art Gallery is a supported custodian of Aboriginal artefacts which it preserves and displays in appropriate conditions.

The Warrnambool Art Gallery Collection Policy was last updated in 2017.

ISSUES

The collection priorities outlined in the 2017 Policy reflect the previous the collection development direction set almost 40 years ago to align with the completion of the current facility. While this direction aided in building an eclectic and valuable collection, the policy is not only out of date, but also inadequate for best practice standards, lacking in detail and failing to anticipate future demands, trends, societal change, and interests.

The Collection Policy provides guidelines for the management and development of the Warrnambool Art Gallery collection. It identifies the focus of the collection and stipulates the process by which artworks are selected and acquired into the collection and deaccessioned.

Warrnambool Art Gallery is committed to developing its collection in-line with the highest ethical standards and legal requirements and all acquisitions are managed in ethical, honourable and responsible terms. Warrnambool Art Gallery operates with transparency in its dealings and is visible to public scrutiny, in order to maintain and build upon its reputation in the sector and the community.

Warrnambool Art Gallery recognises the UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property 1970 (the Convention) and acknowledges that Australia is a signatory to the Convention. Warrnambool Art Gallery also recognises and is bound by the terms of the Protection of Moveable Cultural Heritage Act 1986 and is guided by the International Council of Museums (ICOM) Code of Ethics, Museums Australia Code of Ethics and the Australian Best Practice Guide to Collecting Cultural Material and the National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries.

The Collection Policy outlines the selection criteria in relation to:

- Relevance
- Significance and rarity
- Provenance
- Condition
- Interpretive Potential
- Display and Storage practicalities
- Collection Priorities

And includes a policy position on procurement, collection management and deaccessioning and disposal.

The Gender Equality Act 2020 requires that Councils “must consider and promote gender equality; and take necessary and proportionate action towards achieving gender equality.” Accordingly the Policy acknowledges that historically acquisitions have favoured the collection of male artists and highlights a continued commitment to equity through building a collection that is more equally reflective of Australia’s diverse population.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Gallery acquires works of art and cultural material via an annual acquisition fund provided by the Warrnambool City Council (\$15,000). The Gallery is also supported by the Warrnambool Art Gallery Foundation, which was formed in 2008 by the Gwen & Edna Jones Foundation. The key role of the Foundation is to raise funds and encourage donations to assist the Gallery in acquiring works of art.

LEGISLATION / POLICY / COUNCIL PLAN CONTEXT

1 A healthy community

1.5 Recreation, arts, culture and heritage: Council will support opportunities to participate in a wide range of recreational, arts and cultural programs that promote activity, wellbeing, diversity heritage and which increase community connectedness.

5 An effective Council

5.1 Leadership and governance: Council will be a high-functioning team committed to respectful relationships, collaboration and ongoing engagement. It will provide strong, effective leadership, sound governance and informed decision-making

TIMING

For adoption at the August Council meeting.

COMMUNITY IMPACT / CONSULTATION

N/A

LEGAL RISK / IMPACT

N/A

OFFICERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST

N/A

CONCLUSION

The updated Collection Policy (2023-2026) builds on the established legacy of Gallery and its collection, but also seeks to renew the gallery's approach to its collection with a contemporary and future focused vision. It provides guidelines for managing present day limitations, such as storage, while demonstrating an increased focus on under-represented artists including, but not limited to, women, First Nations artists, culturally diverse artists and other marginalised groups. Currently, marginalised artists represent less than 25% of artwork held within the Collection.

The Policy outlines the strategic approach to developing the collection in a measured way that responds to current storage demands, financial limitations, existing strengths and gaps within the collection while taking into consideration future audiences and current trends in contemporary practice.

The policy will also inform procedures to acquire, accession and deaccession works of art to ensure consistent decision making and processes.

By updating this policy Warrnambool Art Gallery is not only keeping pace with best practice standards, as outlined and recommended by peak national bodies, but also refreshing its approach to acquiring works of art that reflect not only contemporary concerns but will continue to build a legacy of vitality and relevance on a state and national level well into the future.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Warrnambool Art Gallery Collection Development Policy August 2023 (1) [7.3.1 - 13 pages]

7.4. TENDER 2022012 - DESIGN CONSULTANCY SERVICES

DIRECTORATE: *City Infrastructure*

PURPOSE:

This report is to provide information on Tender 2022012 Provision of Professional Consultancy Services (Panel Contract) and the Tender Evaluation Panel's recommendation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In collaboration with Moyne Shire Council, Warrnambool City Council undertook a tender for design consultancy services. This tender aimed to provide a panel contract that can be used to more efficiently undertake works for individual projects.

The services within the contract include;

- Registered Building Architects
- Engineers
 - Civil,
 - Structural
 - Environmental
 - Other
- Surveyors
- Geotechnical
- Town Planning
 - Open space
 - Heritage Advisors

The companies that have been shortlisted and offered a contract through the tender assessment process are detailed in **Attachment A**.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Accept the tender submission/s for Tender 2022012 - Design Consultancy Services, ending 30 June 2025.**
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal the deed(s) of standing offer and any contract documents.**

BACKGROUND

The tender recommendation aims to appoint a panel of preferred contractors to replace the lapsed consultancy services panel contract for Warrnambool City Council.

This panel and the services offered are available Council wide.

ISSUES

The tender evaluation has been undertaken in line with Council's Procurement Policy. As there is no tender price associated with this panel contract, Council's financial delegations do not directly apply to this award process. This contract provides officers with an approved list of preferred suppliers with a defined schedule of rates (\$) by which they can directly appoint suppliers to undertake related works.

Post the tender evaluations being supported, the following steps are to be undertaken:

1. *That a panel contract be setup containing the shortlisted tenderers nominated in Attachment A*
2. *That a letter of acceptance be forwarded to the successful tenderer.*
3. *That a letter of thanks be sent to unsuccessful tenderers.*
4. *That a Deed of Standing Offer for Design Consultancy Services be issued to shortlisted tenderers for execution.*

Once the panel contract has been awarded and deeds have been executed, financial delegations are applicable for the approval of Purchase Orders and Consultancy Agreements for individual appointments under this panel contract in line with Council's Financial Delegations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no budget for this Panel Contract as this contract does not award a supplier to undertake works. This Contract approves successful tenderers to be eligible for being awarded work without having to go through a Request for Quote or Tender process. Where a supplier is appointed under this Panel Contract to complete individual projects, standard financial delegations shall apply for approving Purchase Orders and Consultancy Agreements.

LEGISLATION / POLICY / COUNCIL PLAN CONTEXT

This panel is aimed to enable Council to engage and undertake work in an effective and timely manner, while maintaining best value for money and maintaining effective working relationships with contactors.

TIMING

Preparation of documentation commenced in December 2022 and public invitations were released in early February 2023.

Tenders closed on the 14 February 2023 and in a meeting between Moyne Shire Council and Warrnambool City Council on the 7 March 2023 it was decided that each Council would take the tender submissions and do their own evaluation and issue separate contracts.

The contract term is from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2025.

COMMUNITY IMPACT / CONSULTATION

NA

LEGAL RISK / IMPACT

The tender assessment and panel's recommendations are consistent with the guidance provided through Warrnambool City Councils Procurement Policy and Manual.

OFFICERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Each member of the evaluation panel was required to declare any conflicts, and none were identified.

COLLABORATIVE PROCUREMENT

Moyne Shire Council and Warrnambool City Council implemented a joint approach to the design consultancy services. This allowed companies to make one submission and be considered for two separate panels.

CONCLUSION

This report is provided to Council for information in relation to process, evaluation and award of Tender 202212 Provision of Professional Consultancy Services, which is a panel contract establishing a list of preferred suppliers and their schedule of rates. This panel contract aims to support staff and consultants with effective and timely delivery of supplier services.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Shortlisted Tenderers - 2022012 Provision of Professional Consultancy Services [7.4.1 - 2 pages]

7.5. DRAFT WARRNAMBOOL PEST PLANT AND ANIMAL FRAMEWORK

DIRECTORATE: *City Infrastructure*

PURPOSE:

This report outlines the draft Warrnambool Pest Plant & Animal Framework and recommends that it is released for community consultation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The draft Warrnambool Pest Plant & Animal Framework outlines Council's responsibilities to manage pest plant and animals and considers their management under four categories; Prevention & Preparedness, Eradication, Containment and Asset Protection.
- The draft plan has been developed in collaboration with Council staff, Parks Victoria, Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation, Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority, Birdlife Australia, local Landcare groups, key stakeholders and other community groups and is ready to be released for community consultation.
- The community, interested parties and adjoining land holders will have the opportunity to provide comment on the draft plan, this feedback will inform the final Warrnambool Pest Plant & Animal Framework.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the release of the draft Warrnambool Pest Plant & Animal Framework for community consultation.

BACKGROUND

Warrnambool City comprises of urban, rural and coastal areas. Since European settlement vegetation has been significantly modified and many introduced animals have become naturalised. According to the Warrnambool Coast Vegetation Management Plan (2012) the coastal reserve contains 98 indigenous and 105 introduced plant species.

The city is flanked by the Hopkins and Merri Rivers and large sections of the coast contain estuarine wetlands. Open space areas such as Albert Part, Victoria Park, Brierly Reserve, Jubilee Park (both Woodford and Allansford), Russells Creek and the coastal reserve including Lake Pertobe contain a mixture of native and introduced vegetation and provide habitat for both native and introduced animals.

Warrnambool's Open Space areas, in particular the coastal reserve, Hopkins River and Merri River contain rare flora and fauna, sites of international migratory importance and unique waterways and wetlands, all of which have significant natural, cultural, economic, educational and recreational values.

In 2018 Warrnambool City Council endorsed Green Warrnambool, a plan that outlines a number of goals to help Warrnambool achieve the vision of being the most environmentally sustainable regional city in Australia. Naturally Warrnambool is a goal that aims to enhance and protect our natural environment and biodiversity. With the goal that Warrnambool's rivers, tributaries and estuaries will be healthy and thriving natural ecosystems. Warrnambool's landscape, flora and fauna will adapt to a changing climate. Strategic and coordinated approach to pest plant and animal control.

Warrnambool 2040 is a community plan for Warrnambool and was developed through extensive community engagement. The plan captures the community's aspirations for the future of Warrnambool and informed the development of the Green Warrnambool plan. The 2040 goal is as follows; Warrnambool will restore, maintain and enhance its natural environment, drawing on the best scientific and Traditional Owner knowledge. We will build our knowledge, skills and involvement in protecting biodiversity, waterways and the coast for the benefit of current and future generations of people, flora and fauna. We will reduce the impacts of pest plant and animals and decrease damaging land uses and practices.

In 2010 the Victorian Government released the Invasive Plants and Animals Policy Framework which updated the Victorian Pest Management – A Framework for Action 2002. This document guided the formation of councils Pest Plant and Animal Framework.

ISSUES

This Framework was developed through a collaborative process involving key stakeholders across the Warrnambool City Council area.

The draft framework is in five parts: Introduction, Assessment Approach, Collaboration, Monitoring and Limitations.

The draft framework considers invasive plants and animals that are, or can be, declared under the *Catchment and Land Protection Act (CaLP Act 1994)*, and that meet the definition of invasive species under the Victorian Invasive Plant and Animal Policy Framework.

The definition of an invasive species is:

'Mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds and both terrestrial and freshwater plants, that are not indigenous to Victoria.'

The draft framework deals with Pest Plants (weeds) and Animals (PP&A). Other invasive pests such as marine plants, marine algae, marine invertebrates, marine fish, freshwater fish, freshwater invertebrates, and terrestrial invertebrates are outside the scope of this framework and are commonly dealt with at a state government level.

Over-abundant native species are managed under the *Wildlife Act 1975* and invasive fish species are dealt with under the *Fisheries Act 1995*. Both are beyond the scope of the framework.

Refer to Attachment 7.3.1 Draft Warrnambool Pest Plant & Animal Framework.

The list of priority actions outlined in the framework were produced using Multi-Criteria Analysis and developed through consultation with stakeholders and a workshop. The timing for delivery of these priority actions will be dependent on Council priorities and budget allocations and availability of funding programs and grant opportunities. Several actions can be undertaken by community groups and facilitated by Council.

The priority actions include:

- Selective removal of marram grass to improve hooded plover beach nesting sites
- Prevent the introduction of feral pigs from entering the municipality
- Stop the establishment of cape beach daisy along the coastline
- Prevent the introduction of restricted pest animals not yet established in Victoria
- Targeted fox control at beach nesting bird sites at the critical (nesting) time of year

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The preparation of the Warrnambool Pest Plant & Animal Framework has been funded within the Natural Environment & Sustainability budget.

Implementation of the Framework will be accommodated within Council's budget and will be used to inform strategic priorities for the delivery of pest plant and animal control.

The Framework will support future grant and funding applications associated with improving pest plant and animal management. Partnerships with State Government Agencies and Community Groups will be integral in providing funding opportunities and advocacy of crown land management.

LEGISLATION / POLICY / COUNCIL PLAN CONTEXT

2 A Sustainable environment

2.1 Natural environment: Council will enhance open spaces and infrastructure that support a healthy community, wildlife, flora, fauna and biodiversity.

2.2 Water and coastal management: Council will protect and enhance the health of Warrnambool's coastline and inland waterways to protect and improve biodiversity

2.3 Environmental impact and a changing climate: Council will encourage innovation and initiatives that minimise Warrnambool's environmental impact.

2.4 Water resource management: Council will promote and encourage awareness of sustainable practices in our work and in the community, including water resource management.

2.6 Awareness and celebration: Council will foster community awareness and recognition of the benefits of positive outcomes for Warrnambool's environment

4 A connected, inclusive place

4.1 Effective planning: Council will ensure its planning acknowledges the unique character and attributes of local places and that that supports social connection, equitable access, appropriate housing and sustainable population growth.

4.4 Sustainable practices: Council will promote and encourage the implementation of sustainable design across the municipality including the attractiveness, safety, accessibility and functionality of our built environment.

5 An effective Council

5.1 Leadership and governance: Council will be a high-functioning team committed to respectful relationships, collaboration and ongoing engagement. It will provide strong, effective leadership, sound governance and informed decision-making

5.2 Engaged and informed community: Council will ensure ongoing community engagement to identify changing needs and priorities when developing and delivering services and programs.

5.3 Customer-focused services: Council will continue to develop a program of Council services that are delivered to the community's satisfaction.

5.5 Organisational and financial sustainability: Council will ensure organisational and financial sustainability through the effective and efficient use of Council's resources and assets.

5.6 Risk mitigation: Council will mitigate and manage organisational risks through sound management systems and processes.

5.7 Effective advocacy: Council will pursue effective advocacy by providing compelling materials for desired support and funding for community priorities through establishing strong relationships with other levels of government, strategic partners and key stakeholders

TIMING

It is anticipated that the draft Warrnambool Pest Plant & Animal Framework will be released for public comment in August 2023.

Following the period for public comment, submissions in response to the draft Warrnambool Pest Plant & Animal Framework will be assessed and any necessary amendments will be made to the plan.

The final Warrnambool Pest Plant & Animal Framework will be presented to a future council meeting.

COMMUNITY IMPACT / CONSULTATION

Community consultation for the development of the Warrnambool Pest Plant & Animal Framework has been undertaken through a two staged approach.

The first stage comprised of the consultant liaising with key stakeholders and discussing the threats and impacts of pest plants and animals. The information collected was then worked through item by item at a workshop with key stakeholders to further discuss the range of parameters such as asset effected, likelihood, and impact and mitigation actions.

The release of the draft Warrnambool Pest Plant & Animal Framework for community consultation is the second stage in the consultation process. The plan will be released on Councils Your Say website and notification will be included in the newspaper and social media. Key stakeholder groups will be notified of the release of the draft plan.

LEGAL RISK / IMPACT

As manager of crown land, Warrnambool City Council is responsible for managing noxious weeds and established pest animals under the Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994 and Regulations 2012. Under the Local Government Act 1989 Council can develop local laws relating to noxious weed and pest animal management.

The Framework provides a strategic approach to inform priorities for the control of noxious weeds and pest animals and to assist with the allocation of resources to provide some effective control management.

OFFICERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil.

CONCLUSION

The draft Warrnambool Pest Plant & Animal Framework provides priority actions that are intended to provide guidance for Warrnambool's pest plant and animal management, over a 10-year timeframe.

The framework will help inform Council's on ground works, how to work with community groups and will be used to support future grant and funding applications associated with improving pest plant and animal management.

It is proposed that the draft Warrnambool Pest Plant & Animal Framework document be released for public comment to provide the opportunity for the community and interested parties to make submissions and provide feedback on the framework.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Warrnambool Pest Plant and Animal Framework [7.5.1 - 54 pages]

7.6. DRAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2023-2028 - PUBLIC CONSULTATION

DIRECTORATE: *City Growth*

PURPOSE:

This report is to provide an overview of the draft Economic Development Strategy 2023-2028 to Council and seeks endorsement for the draft to be released for public consultation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Warrnambool City Council Economic Development Strategy 2015-2020 transitioned to the COVID business support plan for the 2021 and 2022. Officers have been working on a new Economic Development Strategy since early 2023 to cover out to 2028. The draft strategy produced has identified four key themes:

Theme and Description

Theme 1: Planning for Sustainable Regional City Growth

Achieve growth through strategic investments and land use planning that enhances Warrnambool's role as the regional hub for business activity, employment and tourism.

Theme 2: A Collaborative, Productive and Diverse Industry

Develop a resilient and sustainable business community that supports growth in existing industry specialisations and encourages diversity in business investment

Theme 3: Workforce Attraction and Skills Development

Attract a skilled and engaged workforce that contributes to service provision, business activity and a productive economy.

Theme 4: A Successful and High-Value Visitor Economy

Drive visitor growth through destination awareness and support a high-yielding visitor base through high-quality products and experiences.

RECOMMENDATION

The Council resolves to release the draft Economic Development Strategy 2023-2028 for public consultation for a period of two weeks. The CEO may choose to extend the consultation period depending on the feedback received at the completion of the two-week period.

BACKGROUND

The strategy replaces the Economic Development Strategy covering 2015-2020 which was then supported by the COVID Business Support Plan over the next two years. The Economic Development team has worked with Consultant Urban Edge to produce the attached DRAFT strategy. Extensive consultation was undertaken with stakeholders across the Warrnambool Economy

From initial consultation held with internal and external stakeholders in June 2023 the draft plan includes robust actions to reflect social equity and arts and culture, through the following items:

- Additional arts and culture projects in Theme 4 relating to the Warrnambool Art Gallery and Arts & Culture Strategy;
- Additional detail in the Local Product Development Plan project;
- Additional project for Council to support Indigenous businesses in Theme 2
- Amended EDS objectives to reflect social equity and sustainability.
- A focus on nighttime economy to activate locals and the visitor economy
- Increased focus on Branding and Marketing of the city

ISSUES

No issues are currently identified. Consultation with each directorate on the draft and the areas which relate to them have been conducted.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No financial impact. Strategy was covered within budget.

LEGISLATION / POLICY / COUNCIL PLAN CONTEXT

2 A Sustainable environment

2.5 Waste minimisation: Council will pursue programs to minimise waste throughout the community, industry and promote the benefits of reduction, re-use and recycling of materials.

3 A strong economy

3.1 Build on competitive strengths: Council will support initiatives that foster ongoing development and investment in the industries which underpin Warrnambool's economic strengths and comparative advantages

3.2 Emerging industries: Council will encourage emerging industry sectors that contribute to Warrnambool's economic growth and diversity.

3.3 Visitor growth: Council will facilitate Warrnambool's visitor growth and year-round visitation through industry development, effective destination management and promotion of attractions, experiences and by leveraging key events.

3.4 Workforce capability: Council will foster the development of a workforce capable of supporting the needs of the local and regional economy

5 An effective Council

5.8 Regional role and relationships: Council will acknowledge Warrnambool's capability as the regional centre of southwest Victoria through appropriate leadership, advocacy and partnerships that enable greater opportunity for the region

TIMING

Once the public comment period has closed, comments and feedback will be collated and proposed changes incorporated into a final document for Council review and adoption at a future Council meeting.

COMMUNITY IMPACT / CONSULTATION

Numerous workshops with internal and external stakeholders were conducted at the beginning for the project that have significantly informed the draft document.

LEGAL RISK / IMPACT

N/A

OFFICERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST

N/A

COLLABORATIVE PROCUREMENT

N/A

CONCLUSION

The draft Economic Development Strategy 2023 – 2028 has been produced in conjunction with stakeholders and is ready for public display and feedback.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Warrnambool Economic Development Strategy 2023-2028 [7.6.1 - 42 pages]

7.7. PLANNING PERMIT APPLICATION - PP2023-0061 - 19 PRESTON STREET

DIRECTORATE: *City Growth*

PURPOSE:

This report summarises the planning assessment and provides a recommendation for the application to develop the site known as 19 Preston Street, Dennington with two single storey dwellings, and recommends that Council issue a Notice of Decision to grant a permit subject to conditions.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Council has received an application to develop the land known as 19 Preston Street, Dennington with two single storey dwellings.
- The application triggers a planning permit under the zone for the construction of two or more dwellings on a lot. It is noted that the use of a dwelling does not require a permit.
- The application was subject to internal referrals, and was subject to public notice.
- As a result of notification, eight objections were received, where grounds were primarily in regard to parking/traffic/access, neighbourhood character, and waste collection.
- The application and concerns raised by objectors have been considered against all of the relevant provisions of the Warrnambool Planning Scheme and it has been deemed that on balance the application warrants supports, where the Officer's recommendation is approval subject to conditions.
- If the application is supported, a Notice of Decision would be required as the eight objections have been sustained.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council, having caused notice of Planning Application No. PP2023-0061 to be given under Section 52 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and or the planning scheme and having considered all the matters required under Section 60 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* determine to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit for application PP2023-0061 under the provisions of the Warrnambool Planning Scheme in respect of the land known and described as ALLOT Lot 1 TP 961744Y PSH WAN TSH DENN, 19 Preston St DENNINGTON VIC 3280, for the Construction of two (2) new dwellings in accordance with the endorsed plans, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Before the development starts, amended plans to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. When approved, the plans will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. The plans must be drawn to scale with dimensions and must be generally in accordance with the plans submitted with the application (received by Council on 22 March 2023) but modified to show:**
 - a) A double width driveway/crossover for each dwelling allowing the provision of two uncovered vehicle parking spaces for each dwelling.**
 - b) A landscaping plan as per the requirements of condition 6.**
- 2. The development as shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered without the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority.**

- 3. Following the construction of the new crossovers and before the issuing of an occupancy permit for either dwelling a request is to be lodged with Council Infrastructure Department and any associated fees be paid to have a yellow line (or similar) painted on the street between the two crossovers.**
- 4. Before the commencement of construction a detailed Stormwater Management Plan is to be submitted to and endorsed by the Responsible Authority. The stormwater works must be designed in accordance with the current Responsible Authority's Design Guidelines, the endorsed application plans and must include:**
 - a) Identification of any existing drainage on the site.**
 - b) Details of how the works on the land are to be drained and/or retarded.**
 - c) Computations in support of the proposed drainage.**
 - d) A proposed Legal Point of Discharge for each lot.**
 - e) An underground drainage system to convey minor flows (as defined by the IDM) to the Legal Point of Discharge or retention system for the development;**
 - f) Details of how the storm water discharge from the development will be limited such that post development flows up to the 20% AEP do not exceed pre-development flows;**
 - g) Evidence that storm water runoff resulting from a 1% AEP storm event is able to pass through the development via reserves and/or easements, or be retained within lots without causing damage or nuisance to adjoining property.**
 - h) Details and measures to enhance stormwater discharge quality from the site and protect downstream waterways in accordance with Clause 56.07-4 of the Warrnambool Planning Scheme.**
- 5. The endorsed Stormwater Management Plan is to be implemented to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority prior to the occupation of the new dwelling.**
- 6. Before the development starts, a landscape plan to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. When approved, the plan will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. The plan must be drawn to scale with dimensions and must include:**
 - a) a survey (including botanical names) of all existing vegetation to be retained and/or removed;**
 - b) buildings and trees (including botanical names) on neighbouring properties within at least three metres of the boundary, or where impacted;**
 - c) details of surface finishes of hardstand areas such as pathways and driveways;**
 - d) a planting schedule of all proposed trees, shrubs and ground covers, including botanical names, common names, pot sizes, sizes at maturity, and quantities of each plant;**
 - e) landscaping and planting within all open areas of the site;**
 - f) Four canopy trees (minimum two metres tall when planted) in the following areas:**
 - One within the front setback of each dwelling.**
 - One within the rear secluded private open space (SPOS) area of each dwelling.**

All species selected must be to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. The landscape plan must also indicate where irrigation/supply system will be provided.
- 7. Before occupation of the development or by such later date as is approved by the Responsible Authority in writing, the landscaping works shown on the endorsed plans must be carried out and completed to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.**
- 8. The landscaping shown on the endorsed plans must be maintained to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority, including that any dead, diseased or damaged plants are to be replaced.**

- 9. To safeguard the amenity, reduce noise nuisance and to prevent environmental pollution during the construction period:**
- a) Stockpiles of top soil, sand, aggregate, spoil or other material shall be stored clear of any drainage path or easement, natural watercourse, footpath, kerb or road surface and shall have measures in place to prevent the movement of such material off site.**
 - b) Building operations such as brick cutting, washing tools, concreting and bricklaying shall be undertaken on the building block. The pollutants from these building operations shall be contained on site.**
 - c) Builders waste must not be burnt or buried on site. All waste must be contained and removed to a Waste Disposal Depot.**

NOTES

- **Before the commencement of any works within the road reserve, a Road Reserve Works Permit must be obtained from Council. All conditions on the Permit must be complied with.**
- **Before the commencement of any physical works to the site, an Asset Protection Permit must be obtained from Council. This purpose of this permit is to protect Council assets from damage which can result from the works and from the movement of heavy equipment and materials on and off the site. All conditions on the Permit must be complied with.**
- **Polluted drainage must be treated and/or absorbed on the lot from which it emanates to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. Polluted drainage must not be discharged beyond the boundaries of the lot from which it emanates or into a watercourse or easement drain.
Refer to Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) guidelines.**
- **This permit will expire if one of the following circumstances applies:**
 - a) The development is not started within two (2) years of the date of this permit.**
 - b) The development is not completed within four (4) years of the date of this permit.**
- **The responsible authority may extend the periods referred to if a request is made in writing before the permit expires, or:**
 - a) Within six (6) months afterwards for commencement, or**
 - b) Within twelve (12) months afterwards for completion.**

BACKGROUND

The proposal seeks to construct two single storey dwellings on the site. Details of the proposal are as follows:

- Construction of two single storey dwellings in a side by side configuration with a central common wall.
- The development has the following minimum setbacks to external property boundaries:
 - 5.6 metres – front boundary. 4.1 metres to the porch.
 - On boundary construction – northern (side) boundary.
 - 2.8 metres – southern (side) boundary.
 - 6 metre – western (rear) boundary.
- The development will have a maximum height of 5.32 metres.
- The development will have a site coverage of 53.9 percent.
- 31.3 percent of the site will be permeable.
- 38.2 percent Garden Area will be provided.
- Both dwellings have in excess of 60 square metres of secluded private open space.
- Materials include face brick, render and roof tiles. Colours are various shades of grey.

- Dwelling 1 is provided with a single car garage and a second tandem space within the driveway while Dwelling 2 is provided with a double car garage with a third space available within the driveway.
- The dwellings are all traditional in style with pitched tiled roofs and a combination of brick and render walls.

Councillors may recall previously considering an application on the site which was refused at the Council Meeting held on 13 December 2022. It is noted that the previous application considered/refused was for a three dwelling development on the site where this proposal seeks to develop the site with two dwellings.

ISSUES

As a result of public notification, Council received eight submissions objecting to the development with the key areas of concern being:

- Traffic flow within Preston Street will be impacted.
- Car parking both on site and within the street.
- The development will restrict access to neighbouring properties.
- Emergency and utility vehicles will have difficulty entering the street.
- Rubbish collections may not happen if cars are parked in the street as the garbage truck already reverses up the street.

Councillors have previously been provided with copies of the objections.

A planning assessment has been carried out which assessed the proposal against all of the relevant provisions/policies within the Warrnambool Planning Scheme as well as the grounds raised by objectors where it has been concluded that the application should be supported.

A copy of the delegate report has been included as an attachment (Attachment A) to this report, however, the following summary/discussion is provided in relation to what was considered the key issues:

- The site is located within an established residential area where single storey dwellings are the dominant built form.
- Preston Street is a relatively narrow no through street with access being from the south.
- The road reserve is relatively narrow with minimal verge on the western side of the road pavement and a footpath and grass strip located on the eastern side.
- There are no parking restrictions on either side of the street however on street parking is challenging due to the narrow width of the overall road reserve.
- The main issue raised by objectors was in relation to the narrowness of Preston Street and the implications additional traffic and parking would have on existing residents with the following points made in relation to this issue:
 - Preston Street is a narrow street which presents challenges for vehicles accessing properties and also significantly inhibits on street parking.
 - The proposed dwellings are all provided with two onsite parking spaces which meets the statutory requirements specified within Clause 52.06 of the planning scheme.
 - As there are only two dwellings there is no requirement for the development to provide onsite visitor parking.
 - On street parking where available can be used by any road user, it is not reserved or restricted to use by only the resident or visitors to the abutting dwelling. Any visitors to the site would be required to park legally within the street as per any other street.
- Following the Hearing of Submissions and a final assessment of the proposal, Council Planning Officers had a further discussion Council's Development Engineers to seek advice in relation to potential plan amendments aimed at improving traffic movements in the street and increasing onsite parking for the development. These discussions resulted in recommended condition 1a and 3 which will result in the following:

- Increase the amount of onsite parking provided (now exceeding the statutory requirement of two spaces per dwelling).
- Restrict on street parking in front of the site thereby not impeding vehicle access to properties located on the eastern side of Preston Street. It is noted that Council's Development Engineers stated that a yellow line could be installed now if requested as the issue of on street parking impacting access to properties already exists/would not be created by the proposed development.
- Council's Development Engineers have raised no concerns with the proposal at any time throughout the processing of the application.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The costs associated with the assessment of the application and any subsequent reviews have been allowed for in the City Strategy and Development budget.

LEGISLATION / POLICY / COUNCIL PLAN CONTEXT

4 A connected, inclusive place

4.1 Effective planning: Council will ensure its planning acknowledges the unique character and attributes of local places and that that supports social connection, equitable access, appropriate housing and sustainable population growth.

5 An effective Council

5.1 Leadership and governance: Council will be a high-functioning team committed to respectful relationships, collaboration and ongoing engagement. It will provide strong, effective leadership, sound governance and informed decision-making

TIMING

The application timeframes are already outside of statutory requirements.

COMMUNITY IMPACT / CONSULTATION

The application was notified in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Environment Act.

In line with Council's delegation policy, as a result of having more than 6 objections, a Hearing of Submissions meeting was held with Councillors on 27 June 2023.

The application was also referred to Council's Infrastructure Department who raised no objections to the proposal however a number of permit conditions have been recommended in relation to site and stormwater management.

LEGAL RISK / IMPACT

The proposal has been assessed against all relevant requirements of the Warrnambool Planning Scheme and the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

OFFICERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No conflict of interest has been declared.

COLLABORATIVE PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

CONCLUSION

Having given consideration to the planning application documentation, referral advice and concerns raised by objectors, and following an assessment of the proposal against all of the relevant provisions of the Warrnambool Planning Scheme as discussed within this report and the delegate report, it is considered that on balance the application warrants support and is recommended for approval.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment A - Delegate Planning Assessment Report PP2023 [7.7.1 - 31 pages]
2. Attachment B - Application Documents - P P 2023-0061 [7.7.2 - 39 pages]

7.8. ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

DIRECTORATE: *Executive Services*

PURPOSE

This report contains the record of three Advisory Committee meetings.

REPORT

- Cycling Reference Group Minutes – 10 May 2023
 - Economic Development & Tourism Advisory Committee – 16 June 2023.
 - Planning Advisory Committee Minutes – 21 June 2023
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DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Cycling Reference Group meeting held on 10 May 2023, the Economic Development & Tourism Advisory Committee meeting held on 16 June 2023 and the Planning Advisory Committee held on 21 June 2023 be received.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Cycling Reference Group Minutes – 10 May 2023 [7.8.1 - 5 pages]
2. Economic Development & Tourism Advisory Committee Minutes - 16 June 2023 [7.8.2 - 12 pages]
3. Planning Advisory Committee Minutes - 21 June 2023 [7.8.3 - 4 pages]

7.9. INFORMAL MEETINGS OF COUNCIL REPORTS

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with copies of Informal Meetings of Council (previously known as “Assembly of Councillor Records”) as previously required under section 80A(2) of the Local Government Act 1989.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Section 80A(2) of the Local Government Act 1989 required the record of an Assembly of Councillors to be reported at an ordinary Council meeting.

Assembly of Councillor Records are no longer a requirement in the Local Government Act 2020 as of 24 October 2020. However, under Council’s Governance Rules, a summary of the matters discussed at the meeting are required to be tabled at the next convenient Council meeting and recorded in the minutes of that Council meeting.

REPORT

The record of the following Informal Meetings of Council are enclosed:

- Monday 10 July 2023.
- Monday 17 July 2023.
- Monday 24 July 2023.
- Monday 31 July 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That the record of the Informal Meetings of Council held on 10, 17, 24 and 31 July 2023 be received.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Assembly of Councillors Record 10 July 2023 [7.9.1 - 2 pages]
2. Assembly of Councillors Record 17 July 2023 [7.9.2 - 2 pages]
3. Assembly of Councillors Record 24 July 2023 [7.9.3 - 2 pages]
4. Assembly of Councillors Record 31 July 2023 [7.9.4 - 2 pages]

7.10. MAYORAL & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER COUNCIL ACTIVITIES - SUMMARY REPORT

PURPOSE

This report summarises Mayoral and Chief Executive Officer Council activities since the last Ordinary Meeting which particularly relate to key social, economic and environmental issues of direct relevance to the Warrnambool community.

REPORT

Date	Location	Function
3 July 2023	Warrnambool	Mayor - Gunditjmara NAIDOC Awards and All-Welcome Event. Mayor - Warrnambool Neighbourhood Community Centre Re-Opening.
4 July 2023	Warrnambool	Mayor - Regional Cities Victoria Mayors Meeting. Mayor - Childcare Round Table with Shadow Minister for Early Childhood Education, Angie Bell MP.
5 July 2023	Warrnambool	CEO - Joint State-Local Government CEO Forum.
15 July 2023	Warrnambool	Mayor - Celebration of First Nations People & Launch of Old Collegians Football Club Indigenous Jumpers.
18 July 2023	Warrnambool	Mayor – Regional Council’s Commonwealth Games Briefing. Mayor - Anglicare Warrnambool Annual General Meeting.
19 July 2023	Warrnambool	CEO - Recycling Victoria Local Government CEO Forum.
20 July 2023	Warrnambool	CEO – Regional Cities Victoria. Mayor - Moyne NextGen! Youth Parliament Meeting.
27 July 2023	Warrnambool	Deputy Mayor - Alexander Farncombe Gallery Official Opening, Flagstaff Hill Maritime Museum.
28 July 2023	Warrnambool	Mayor – Association of Independent Retirees - Warrnambool Branch, Annual General Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayoral & Chief Executive Officer Council Activities – Summary Report be received.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION

NOTICE OF MOTION

NO. 2158

CR. ANGIE PASPALIARIS

Notice is given that at the Scheduled Meeting of Council to be held on Monday 7 August 2023, I propose to move that:

“Warrnambool City Council

1. *Opposes the use of seismic testing for gas exploration in the Otway Basin.*
2. *Warrnambool City Council writes to the Minister for Resources and puts forward a submission to the NOPSEMA consultation on TGS Schlumberger 3D Multi-Client Seismic Survey Otway Basin Environment Plan, opposing the use of Seismic Testing by August 11th 2023.*
3. *Opposes the use of seismic testing, where appropriate, in future environmental policy creation and reviews.*

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

10. URGENT BUSINESS

11. CLOSE OF MEETING