

10 EXECUTIVE SERVICES

Nil Reports

11 NOTICES OF MOTION**11.1 NOTICE OF MOTION: NO. 962- WHITEHEADS CREEK MASTERPLAN**

Author: *Councillor Annie Goble*

File No: *GT/01/003-03*

Attachments: *Nil*

I hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 15 July 2019.

MOTION

THAT Council officers prepare a report for the September 2019 Council meeting of their understanding of what is required to develop a masterplan for the Whiteheads Creek environs and surrounds to guide future planning, management and development that complements and enhances this natural asset.

Signed: _____

Cr Annie Goble

Date: 27/06/2019

11.2 NOTICE OF MOTION: NO. 963 - OFF LEAD DOG PARK**Author:** Councillor Annie Goble**File No:** LL/06/186**Attachments:** Nil

I hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 15 July 2019.

MOTION

THAT Council officers investigate the possibility of the north west corner of the fenced area of the Kilmore Racetrack being designated as a formal off lead area for dogs and look at the supply of rubbish bins, installation of seats and beautification of the area.

Councillor Comment

I had a long chat and a beautiful walk around the outside of the Kilmore Racecourse with Mr. Danny Laws, who is the Chair of the Trustees of the Recreation Reserve on which the Racecourse is situated.

We started our walk at the north west corner of the track. He pointed out the fenced off area that is often used as an informal off-lead area for dogs and said he was a little surprised Council had never approached the trustees a park and possibility of formalising the arrangement.

The Board of Trustees are committed to the betterment of facilities for the Kilmore community and consider the area to be very suitable for a formalized off-lead park and are keen to work with Council to get it established.

Signed: _____

Cr Annie Goble

Date: 9/07/2019

12 DELEGATES REPORTS

12.1 DELEGATE REPORT - OVERVIEW AND UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES AND DELEGATE DELIBERATIONS

Author: Lidia Harding - Governance & Corporate Accountability Coordinator

File No: CL/04/001-03

Attachments: 1. Councillor Delegate Report

SUMMARY

This delegate's report provides an update on activities and deliberations of groups and associations for which Councillors are an appointed delegate for the period June 2019 and also other activities attended as a Council representative.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Delegate's Report on Overview and Update on Activities and Delegate Deliberation by Councillors for June 2019 be received and noted.

BACKGROUND

The 2016 Council Elections were held on 22 October 2016. New committee and organisation delegates were appointed on 26 November 2018. This report is presented in response to NOM 881 of the 21 November 2016 meeting which requested that each Councillor submits a Delegate Report for inclusion in the monthly Council Meeting agenda, commencing from the December 2016 meeting.

The Delegates Reports will include:

- a) Activities attended as a nominated Council Delegate; and
- b) Other activities attended as a Council representative.

The Report will not include:

- a) Assemblies of Councillors (as they are already reported in Council Agendas);
- b) Private meetings.

The Report should be verifiable by the Councillor from the Councillor's Council Diary.

DISCUSSION

Councillors have attended a number of meetings in this period as per their appointments as delegate and other activities as a Council representative as per Attachment 1.

DELEGATE REPORT - OVERVIEW AND UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES AND DELEGATE DELIBERATIONS
(CONT.)

MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL

Council Meeting Attachment

DELEGATES REPORTS

15 JULY 2019

12.1

**DELEGATE REPORT - OVERVIEW AND
UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES AND DELEGATE
DELIBERATIONS**

**Attachment No: 1
Councillor Delegate Report**

Councillor Delegate Report – May/June 2019

Cr David Atkinson

Cr Atkinson submitted the following Delegate report for this period:

Meetings and events attended as a delegate:

17-19 June 2019 - National General Assembly of Local Governments for 2019 with the Mayor, Cr Bill Chisholm and 880 delegates from local government across Australia at the National Convention Centre in Canberra. The following is a report on the conference:

The Mayor Cr Bill Chisholm and I joined 880 delegates from local government across Australia at the National Convention Centre in Canberra.

On Sunday we attended the Regional Cooperation and Development Forum where we heard keynote speakers on Technology in Regional Australia, Connecting Indigenous Communities and unlocking the potential of the 5G network. We heard from Mayor, Cr Ken Keith OAM, Parkes Shire Council on The Elvis Festival: Attracting Tourists to Parkes and how much a success this was to a council that had little tourism. This should be something Mitchell Shire Council needs to consider boosting our tourism. Then we heard from Mayor, Cr Tony Wellington, Noosa Shire Council from the other end of the spectrum being Taming Tourism in Noosa. i.e. too many tourists posing issues such as traffic congestion so locals have trouble getting to work, not being able to access beach etc. A nice problem to have, but interesting to see both ends of tourism and the importance of getting the balance right. Then we heard from Kate Fielding, Program Director regarding The Critical and Growing Role Local Government Plays in Public Investment in Culture and John McLinden, Chief Executive Officer, Swan Hill Rural City Council regarding Our Region, Our Rivers with a wrap up by Minister for Regional Services, Decentralisation and Local Government, The Honourable Mark Coulton MP.

On Monday the National General Assembly of Local Government for 2019 was officially opened and to open the ceremony, we had the Welcome to Country by Wally Bell and David O'Loughlin, ALGA President. Shortly following we had an address from the Acting Prime Minister, The Honourable Michael McCormick MP. Then we had a keynote address on the Federal Election and Local Government by Karen Middleton, Chief Political correspondent, The Saturday Paper. Discussion was had on the reliability of the polls etc.

This was followed by several keynote speakers:

Steve Sammartino, Australian Futurist, Author, Technologist and speaker on exploring a future where the way forward is about handing over the technology tools of design and production to those who populate our communities.

Eileen Deemal-Hall, Chief Executive Officer, Wujal Aboriginal Shore Council on Lifesaving Communications During Natural Disasters. Eileen spoke very well on handing over some technology tools of design to assist our communities in her Shire about floods. It was interesting to note that this Shire did not have any rates but relied on State and Federal funding.

Ben Artup, Executive Director, Strategic Projects and Economic Development, Bundaberg Regional Council spoke on Bundaberg Region's Intelligent Community.

Colin Fairweather, Chief Information Officer, Melbourne City Council and Daniela Mazzone, Principle Lead, IT Capability and Partnerships, Melbourne City Council about 21st Century Government.

Spyro Kalos, Manager Mobile Muster, AMTA gave out awards for best Council and State [WA] for recycling the most mobiles. Through their recycling process Mobile Muster transforms the components from mobile phone waste into valuable materials for reuse. It means that fewer raw materials need to be extracted and processed to make new products. By recycling your mobile phone today, you will be helping reduce the impact on the environment of tomorrow. The environmental benefit is gained from avoiding future greenhouse gas emissions [for each phone 386g CO₂ is reduced], saving energy, protecting the environment and conserving natural resources [for each phone 1.97kg mineral resources is saved]. Through recycling you're also preventing potentially hazardous materials from entering the environment such as 648mgC₂H₄ of summer smog and 1g of particulates for each phone. Refer mobile muster website for more information. I had a look and it was disappointing to see there is no drop off points in neither of the four major towns in our Shire on that site. However, I read in U3A newsletters that Eva Bower of U3A is collecting them and they support the zoo as well. This needs to be promoted within our Shire and we need to consider maybe putting in recycling stations at the library's as other Councils do.

We then heard from three Directors of First Languages Australia who spoke on unlocking the treasure of Australia's first languages.

Some of the motions up for debate were then voted on. Over the three days there were 121 motions, refer to separate booklet titled "business papers" and one late "urgent" motion. Mitchell Shire Council put up six motions (and all were carried) on the following:

- Roads funding (Motion 109 – processed as a block with Motions 107 to 121). The Mayor was concerned that motion 107 by Darebin may have been in opposition to our motion.
- National public health approach to Gambling harm (Motion 85) which Yarra City Council, VIC had one similar.
- Mental health services harm (Motion 67) which Leeton Shire Council, NSW had one similar.
- Comprehensive National Housing Strategy (Motion 116 – processed as a block with Motions 107 to 121).
- Early childhood services harm (Motion 61) which Maribyrnong City Council, VIC had two similar and Brimbank City Council, VIC had one similar.
- Waste reduction and improvements to resource recovery systems (Motion 27.1) which were joined by 12 other motions and grouped together, so this was a hot topic.

Some others were consolidated and put up with other Councils motions.

The Mayor, Cr Bill Chisholm, the Director Governance & Corporate Performance, Laurie Ellis and I attended (by invite) The National Growth Areas Alliance luncheon on Monday 17 June 2019. This organisation represents 21 Councils on the outskirts of Australia's capital cities, where population growth rates are double the national average. i.e. More than 2% or 1000 people per annum. They outlined their approach to advocacy, research and policy development in light of the 18 May 2019 Federal election. We met some current Members and discussed costs of membership and how it may benefit our Council. They discussed how their Alliance has made a significant difference to the consideration of growth issues in the Federal political and policy landscape over the last decade. They have grown from a

group of Councils who were united by the challenges of rapid population growth, to a highly regarded authority on what is needed from Governments to build liveable, productive and resilient communities in growth areas across Australia. An award was given to one of their long members who was held of high esteem.

They have a new research strategy, launched last month, to showcase the best practice and innovation from growth area Councils nationally and highlight the role their Alliance plays in bringing local government's experiences of growth to national research partnerships. They said common sense recommendations (which I think are logical and agree with) were as follows:

1. Get 5M people to work, study or home on time;
2. Build the facilities to build communities;
3. Create jobs where the workforce lives.

I enquired about the cost of joining the NGAA and it was ~\$12K for a population of <50k or ~\$17k for a population of 50-100K. Their membership consists of 21 councils over four states with a population of ~5M.

The following day we heard from several keynote speakers regarding Australia's future Infrastructure Challenges, the 2019 Australian Infrastructure Audit and What it Means for Local Government, the Role of Local Government in Housing Australians in the 21st Century and the why and how of local government and the private sector should work together to increase affordable housing.

The Mayor, Bill Chisholm, the Director Governance & Corporate Performance, Laurie Ellis and I attended a meeting with the honourable Jason Clair, Member for Blaxland, Shadow Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government. Shadow Minister for Housing and Homelessness and his assistant Ben Grainger. We thanked him for the pre-election promises via our local Rob Mitchell MP, i.e. for the \$23M promise for the Watson St, interchange and \$3M for mental health. He appreciated that. We discussed other local issues and he recommended we speak to his equivalent, Catherine King MP Federal Member for Ballarat. The MAV Councillor Development Weekend later in July is in Ballarat so this may be an opportune time to meet.

There were keynote speakers talking about the Impact of AirBnB on Housing Markets and how Councils Can Assist with Affordable Housing, Challenges and Ideas.

Peter Brisbane, Government Partnership Manager – APCO and Ryan Collins, Head of Sustainable Resource Programs, Planet Ark spoke about how The Australasian Recycling Label Will Assist Local Government in reducing recycling contamination rates. They pointed out this was based on a Europe system, but Australia is now looking at bettering it and being the international leaders. Rose Read, Chief Executive Officer, National Waste recycling Industry Association spoke about developing Australia's Circular Economy and Tony Farrell, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Lake Macquarie City Council spoke about promoting regional circular economy through use of Glass Sand and Recycled Organic Compost in Council Projects. Our Northern Territory counterparts spoke about how only 4% of PV solar panels are non-recyclable and the rest is. They also talked about how Northern Territory councils lead to the implementation of the C.D.S. by collecting 17M containers and paid 5c each for them and delivered the message to the Northern Territory government to implement the CDS scheme. Victoria is now the only state/territory that has not got a plan for a CDS scheme.

David Wilson, Managing Director, Green Frog Systems talked about having smart cities totally off the grid and the closure of this day was by the Honourable Jason Clair who mentioned similar things we discussed earlier in the day, but one point he mentioned that we should take particular note of was that Local Government's should team up and come to Canberra as one voice. He said, "It would be hard to say no to a group on one issue."

The last day was about engaging with your community into the future by Kylie Cochrane, Community Engagement Specialist, Aurecon and then keynote speakers spoke on dealing with disaster. Andrew Howe, Emergency Management Advisor, Civic Defence and Emergency Management, Canterbury did most of the speaking about how Canterbury has been through so many natural disasters. One after the other. It was interesting to note that one development was in a so called natural "quicksand" type area and once the disaster happened you could lean on the spouting/roof as the houses had all sunk over a metre. The developer had well and truly gone leaving the burden to council. Lesson to be learned is to make sure the council ensures developers do a proper job in developments. It made me think of Beveridge and how it needs proper drainage before estates are built, as I remember it as a swamp a couple of decades ago when we had some wet years.

The final inspirational speech by Kurt Fearnely, Olympic Gold Medal Paralympian on Overcoming the Odds (my words are that people need to learn "resilience") was amazing and earned a standing ovation. What a way to close the conference. The message I got from him was "Just do it".

Other meetings and events attended as a Council representative include:

13 June 2019 - Attended with Cr Sanderson, Cr Lowe, Chief Executive Officer, Directors and Officers the official Ministerial Opening by Jaclyn Symes MP of the Broadford Men's Shed

21 June 2019 - Attended with Cr Stevens and offices and members of the RSL Broadford sub-branch regarding Fromelles wall to be placed in Broadford

22 June 2019 - Rotary Changeover Dinner at Kilmore Golf Club and saw the new President, Kit Holland, Secretary, Elizabeth McCormick and Rose King as Treasurer be sworn in for 2019-2020 year. Many presentations of donations were made, and it was great to hear some supportive feedback of council from Judy Clarke from Tiny Housing

24 June 2019 - OKR-FM with Cr Humm

25 June 2019 - Reception at Government House to celebrate the Community of the North of Melbourne with Mayor, Cr Chisholm, Cr Cornish and several officers of Mitchell Shire Council. The Honourable Linda Dessau AC Governor of Victoria was also re-elected for a further term of three years on this day

26 June 2019 - Family Violence Round table forum at Beveridge Community Centre with Cr's Chisholm, Cornish, Sanderson, Stevens and Lowe. The staff did an excellent job bringing many services together in one room. It was highlighted to me that Mitchell Shore Council needs to play a role in the "backbone" function of the collective impact framework

27 June 2019 - Seymour-FM with Cr Rhonda Sanderson and staff members

27 June 2019 - Attended The Honourable, Gayle Tierney, MLC Minister for Training and Skills announcement for \$2.5M for a new building at GOTAFE Seymour. This is part of a \$33M masterplan for GOTAFE Seymour

27 June 2019 - BP award of Claire Gallagher at Kilmore Kookaburra Guides with MP Rob Mitchell, member for McEwen and Mayor, Cr Chisholm, Mandy Fitzgerald, Assistant State Commissioner Girl Guides Victoria and Sylvia Tyers, Assistant Manager, Hume Region Girl Guides Victoria

27 June 2019 - Popular Arms Sprint Memorial night at Trackside, Kilmore with Central Ward Councillors

28 June 2019 - Youth Council Montville Lane Sessions – pop up recording studio at Old Kilmore Gaol with the Mayor, and Crs Goble and Sanderson. This was a youth committee showcase night. This was a fantastic display of some musical skills the youth in our Shire presented

Cr Bill Chisholm

Cr Chisholm submitted the following Delegate report for this period:

Meetings and events attended as a delegate:

17-19 June 2019 - National General Assembly of Local Governments for 2019 with the Cr David Atkinson and 880 delegates from local government across Australia at the National Convention Centre in Canberra. The following is a report on the conference:

Regional Forum on the Sunday focused on the more regional issues, roads, the current drought in much of Australia, population distribution, telecommunications, the supply of services on a more equal basis.

Main feature of the National General Assembly commenced on the Monday. Approximately 800 Delegates in attendance from all over Australia, mainly comprising Mayors. Councillors and Chief Executive Officer's.

Very informative and enlightening with the diversity of issues discussed. Some really great guest speakers. Mayor's there from as far away as Norfolk and Xmas Islands Darwin etc.

Mitchell Shire Council had 6 motions up for discussion from roads funding to harm minimisation from gambling. All our motions got up and were passed by the assembly.

Presented the current Deputy Prime Minister with an invitation to visit Mitchell Shire to discuss roads funding issues, especially the Watson Street Southern Ramps. Also, the Mitchell delegates met with the Shadow Minister for Local Government MP, Jason Clare at Parliament House to discuss some of the particular problems facing our Shire.

Other meetings and events attended as a Council representative include:

Cr Bob Cornish

Cr Cornish submitted the following Delegate report for this period:

Meetings and events attended as a delegate:

Other meetings and events attended as a Council representative include:

Cr Rob Eldridge

Cr Eldridge submitted the following Delegate report for this period:

Meetings and events attended as a delegate:

Other meetings and events attended as a Council representative include:

Cr Annie Goble

Cr Goble submitted the following Delegate report for this period:

Meetings and events attended as a delegate:

Other meetings and events attended as a Council representative include:

Cr Bob Humm

Cr Humm submitted the following Delegate report for this period:

Meetings and events attended as a delegate:

14 June 2019 – Goulburn Valley Waste Management Meeting Echuca

19 June 2019 - Municipal Fire Meeting, Wallan

Other meetings and events attended as a Council representative include:

24 June 2019 - OKR-FM with Cr Atkinson

27 June 2019 - Popular Alm Memorial at Kilmore Racing

Cr David Lowe

Cr Lowe submitted the following Delegate report for the period May and June:

Meetings and events attended as a delegate:

9 May 2019 – Audit Committee meeting

16 May 2019 - LB Davern Committee of Management meeting

22 May 2019 – Goulburn Valley Waste and Resource Recovery Group (GVWRRG) Special Board meeting, Shepparton

22 May 2019 - Wandong Hall Committee of Management meeting

20 June 2019 - LB Davern Committee of Management meeting

21 June 2019 - GVWRRG Board Meeting

26 June 2019 - Wandong Hall Committee of Management meeting

Other meetings and events attended as a Council representative include:

1 May 2019 - Budget Drop in Session, Mandalay

3 May 2019 - Budget Drop in Session, Wallan

14 May 2019 - Wallan Chamber of Commerce Meeting

27 May 2019 – OKR Radio Kilmore

30 May 2019 – Radio Kings Park Seymour

31 May 2019 – Meeting to discuss formation of a Men’s Shed

4 June 2019 – VLGA Board Candidates Forum Melbourne

6 June 2019 - HVaWD Men’s Shed meeting

7 June 2019 - HVaWD Men’s Shed meeting with Council Staff, Kilmore Library

13 June 2019 - Ministerial Opening of Broadford Men’s’ Shed

14 June 2019 - Annual meeting Councillor/Acting Chief Executive Officer

18 June 2019 - Wallan Chamber of Commerce Meeting

21 June 2019 - Men’s Shed Meeting Wallan with South Ward Councillors and Acting Chief Executive Officer

26 June 2019 - Family Violence Round Table Beveridge

27 June 2019 - HVaWD Men’s Shed meeting New Committee, Registration and Structure

Cr Rhonda Sanderson

Cr Sanderson submitted the following Delegate report for this period:

Meetings and events attended as a delegate:

19 June 2019 - Australian Light Horse Memorial Park Committee of Management meeting, Ken Hall Pavilion, Kings Park, Seymour. Some topics under discussion included: the QR coding of sites, pamphlets, a new memorial and a new master plan

21 June 2019 - Goulburn River Valley Tourism board event, Fowles Wine Cellar Door Cafe, Lambing Gully Road, Avenel. This was the final GRVT gathering before the organisation wound up on 30 June

Other meetings and events attended as a Council representative include:

12 June 2019 - Women's Shed 3rd Birthday celebration, Presbyterian Church Hall, Guild Street, Seymour. A fun celebration!

13 June 2019 - State Ministerial Opening of Broadford Men's Shed, High Street, Broadford. The new Broadford Men's Shed was opened by the State Minister for Regional Development Jaclyn Symes

26 June 2019 - Mitchell Shire Council Family Violence Roundtable, Greater Beveridge Community Centre, Lithgow Street, Beveridge. This fantastic event was very well attended by representatives from a wide range of organisations

27 June 2019 - 103.9 Seymour FM 'Talking about Mitchell' radio show, Seymour FM studios, Kings Park, Lesley Street, Seymour

28 June 2019 - Mitchell Shire Youth Council and Volume Committee, Old Kilmore Gaol, Sutherland Street, Kilmore. This event showcased young local performers who recorded their songs and music in a Pop-Up Recording Studio funded by Mitchell Shire Council, Central Ranges Local Learning and Employment Network and The Bridge Youth Services over the summer break. We have some amazing local talent!

30 June 2019 - Seymour and District Historical Society meeting, Pioneer Library, Tallarook Street, Seymour. The guest speaker was Bill Shelton of Avenel

Cr Fiona Stevens

Cr Stevens submitted the following Delegate report for this period:

Meetings and events attended as a delegate:

Other meetings and events attended as a Council representative include:

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

In accordance with Clause 30 of the Meeting Procedure Local Law.

14 URGENT BUSINESS

In accordance with Clause 31 of the Meeting Procedure Local Law.

15 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT in accordance with Section 89(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council resolves to close the meeting to members of the public to consider the following items which relate to matters specified under Section 89(2), as specified below.

15.1 Confirmation of Minutes of previous Confidential Meeting**15.2 Re-opening of Meeting to members of the public****16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Monday 19 August 2019 at the Mitchell Council Chambers, 113 High Street Broadford, commencing at 7.00pm.

17 CLOSE OF MEETING