

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1 NOTICE OF MOTION: NO. 1007 - OLD GOULBURN RIVER BRIDGE SEYMOUR - INCLUSION ON MITCHELL SHIRE MAJOR BUILD ADVOCACY LIST

Author: *Councillor Fiona Stevens*

File No: *EN/07/052*

Attachments: *Nil*

I hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 28 June 2021.

MOTION

THAT Council resolve to have the Old Goulburn River Bridge included on the Mitchell Shire Major Project Build Advocacy List.

1. Councillor Comment

- 1.1 Mitchell Shire has a Major Project Advocacy List. The reinstatement of the Old Goulburn River Bridge is a major project currently not on this list. I believe this to be an oversight. This significant project is one both Council and the Community have previously demonstrated significant commitment to progress. Approximately \$1 Million dollars has already been invested on this since 2006 on research; permits; structural works; condition reports; consultant reports; staff reports; engineering designs, and community consultation. This has been funded by some early grants and ongoing Council funds. This bridge has been called "The Wooden Wonder" by some locals and holds National Heritage; State Heritage; and Local Heritage significance. It is officially registered accordingly. Council has a very clear legislated obligation to this heritage structure. The new *Local Government Act 2020* strengthens this responsibility.
- 1.2 In August 2021, a report with engineering drawings for the agreed final design will come to Council along with indicative costs. If Council resolves to continue its commitment to this project, all possible funding opportunities will then need to be explored. The 2022-2023 Budget (Year 2) includes \$2.5M for the GRB with \$2.3M from grants and \$200K Council Cash. The 2024-2025 (Year 4) allocation is for \$2.0M all funded from Government Grants. This transparently demonstrates commitment to the community, who haven't waived since 2004 in their support for this project. To also include this on the Mitchell Shire Advocacy List will further demonstrate how Council is valuing the bridge and importantly, it will strengthen our position to advocate to Governments, Heritage Victoria and others for support and funding assistance. It would be indefensible to be

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asking for support and funding from others without clearly demonstrating our own commitment. For all the reasons outlined, I ask Councillors to resolve to add this major build project to the Mitchell Shire Advocacy List and correct this oversight.

2. Officer Comment

- 2.1 Mitchell Shire Council's **Big Build** is a high level advocacy document targeted at this current period covering four budgets and two elections. The set of projects identified in the document have been selected to both represent a range of key priorities, but also to respond to potential avenues for advocacy to the Federal and State Governments during this specific time period.
- 2.2 The **Big Build**, however, is not intended to limit the scope of projects which Council advocates for. Advocacy around all of Council's priority projects and issues under the *Advocacy Policy* will continue. This includes advocacy around the Old Goulburn River Bridge, which is an important project for community and Council. Council continues to advocate strongly on Old Goulburn Bridge and seek support and funding for its construction. It was not included in the **Big Build** document due to the nature of the advocacy required for this project. However, can be accommodated in the document.

Signed: _____

Cr Fiona Stevens

Date: 03 June 2021

12.2 NOTICE OF MOTION: NO. 1008 - TALLAROOK STREET, SEYMOUR - TREES

Author: *Councillor Rhonda Sanderson*

File No: *ST/08/016*

Attachments: *Nil*

I hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 28 June 2021.

MOTION

THAT Council prepare a brief report regarding the options of:

- a) Bundling of specific powerline spans to improve visual amenity.
- b) Re-Routing the high voltage powerlines away from Tallarook Street, Seymour.

1. Councillor Comment

- 1.1 This Notice of Motion is a follow up to the previous Notice of Motion on this topic (NOM 998 17 Aug 2020). It requests a further exploration of this issue including a residents suggestion to re-route the powerlines.

2. Officer Comment

- 2.1 Further investigations into options, estimated costs and likely impacts on existing tree health can be undertaken as well as the costs to re-route the powerlines.
- 2.2 It is understood from previous discussions with utility providers that all options would likely be at Council's expense however this can also be investigated as part of future report back to Council.

Signed: _____

Cr Rhonda Sanderson

Date: 07 June 2021

12.3 NOTICE OF MOTION: NO. 1006 - EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Author: *Councillor Bill Chisholm*

File No: *CR/01/096*

Attachments: *Nil*

I hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 28 June 2021.

MOTION

THAT Council increases its advocacy efforts with all relevant bodies including emergency responding agencies, relevant telecommunications authorities and at all levels of Government across Australia to actually come together and put in place a proper system of backup telecommunications that can function in the event of an emergency or natural disaster situation.

1. Councillor Comment

- 1.1 After the recent significant weather event across Victoria it is blindingly obvious that there is no significant telecommunications infrastructure in existence to cope with large scale emergencies and electric power outages. This issue has been around for a long time and was highlighted during the response to the Black Saturday Bushfires in 2009, and the more recent Black Summer Fires across south east Australia. In any emergency event it is critical that communities have access to a functioning and reliable communications network. I call upon all levels of Government and other responsible agencies and authorities to come together and try to address this issue. It is a long time since 2009, and this problem needs to be addressed in a meaningful way before the next natural disaster or emergency strikes.

2. Officer Comment

- 2.1 Mitchell Shire Council continues to advocate for funds to resolve mobile blackspots across the Shire and to ensure adequate telecommunications are available at all times during the summer fire season and other natural disaster events. This includes ensuring the telecommunications infrastructure has reliable and backup power supplies to maintain connectivity and access to emergency alerting systems. Council is a member of Goulburn Regional Partnerships and the Goulburn Regional Digital Plan which focuses on the supply of and demand for digital services in the Goulburn region, including making the digital network sustainable and robust.

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Signed: _____

Cr Bill Chisholm

Date: 16 June 2021