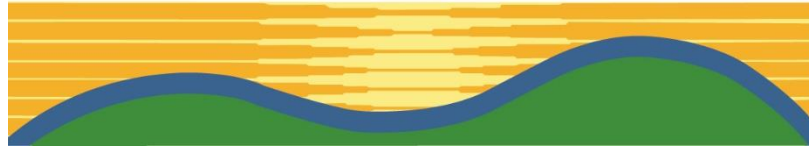


**MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL**



**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**MONDAY 01 APRIL 2019**



---

# TABLE OF CONTENTS

---

ITEM	SUBJECT	PAGE NO
1	WELCOME AND GOVERNANCE DECLARATION.....	1
2	APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE .....	1
3	ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES.....	3
3.1	Membership of Goulburn River Valley Tourism.....	3
4	CLOSE OF MEETING .....	6



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE  
MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT MITCHELL CIVIC  
CENTRE, 113 HIGH STREET BROADFORD ON  
1 APRIL 2019**

**THE MEETING OPENED:** 5.03pm

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Cr Annie Goble	Central Ward
Cr David Atkinson	Central Ward
Cr Bob Humm	Central Ward
Cr Bill Chisholm	North Ward (Chairperson)
Cr Rhonda Sanderson	North Ward
Cr David Lowe	South Ward
Cr Bob Cornish	South Ward

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

Mr David Turnbull	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Laurie Ellis	Director Governance and Corporate Performance
Ms Mary Agostino	Director Advocacy and Community Services
Mr Mike McIntosh	Director Development and Infrastructure
Ms Lidia Harding	Governance and Corporate Accountability Coordinator

---

---

**1 WELCOME AND GOVERNANCE DECLARATION**

The Mayor formally opens the meeting with an acknowledgement of country and welcomes all present.

*The Mayor acknowledges the traditional owners of the Taungurung Nation and pay his respect to their Elders past and present, and its emerging and future leaders.*

The declaration was read by Cr A. Goble.

**2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**MOVED:** CR. B. CORNISH

**SECONDED:** CR. R. SANDERSON

**THAT** the apology for this meeting received from Cr F. Stevens and Cr R. Eldridge be accepted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

*In accordance with Section 79 of the Local Government Act 1989.*

Nil.

### 3 ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### 3.1 MEMBERSHIP OF GOULBURN RIVER VALLEY TOURISM

**Author:** Chris Cheal - Economic Development Coordinator

**File No:** EC/05/027

**Attachments:** 1. Final GRVT MOU signed

---

#### SUMMARY

This report provides an overview of the key issues and options identified for the future delivery of a regional tourism presence that will serve the Mitchell Shire tourism and visitor economy and that of our partner businesses and organisations.

The report sets out the current situation regarding Mitchell Shire Council's membership of Goulburn River Valley Tourism (GRVT) and recommends a way forward considering recent decisions taken by Greater Shepparton City Council and Murrindindi Shire Council to exit that organisation.

This report also reaffirms Mitchell Shire's commitment to its local tourism and visitor economy businesses to support their industry and to help to build an even stronger tourism and visitor economy. This is further affirmed by Council's investment in a new Tourism and Visitor Economy Plan that is currently under development and which is expected to be consulted on and adopted in the current calendar year.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**MOVED:** CR. R. SANDERSON

**SECONDED:** CR. A. GOBLE

**THAT** Council:

1. For the reasons outlined in the report decide not to extend the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and discontinue its membership of the Goulburn River Valley Tourism (GRVT) at the end of the current financial year.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to notify GRVT and other member Councils of this decision and to commence the process of exiting the GRVT.
3. Request the Chief Executive Officer to continue to work with the Shires of Strathbogie and Murrindindi to ensure continuity of existing projects; explore and identify further opportunities for collaboration with other Councils.
4. Request the Chief Executive Officer to continue advocacy with the State Government for appropriate coverage of the Shire by a funded Regional Tourism Board.
5. Resolve to seek the assistance of the State to directly invest in funding a role across the remaining Councils to manage a coordinated effort for the benefit of the visitor economy and its constituents.
6. Reaffirm its commitment, as set out within the Mitchell Shire Council Plan

2017-2021, to supporting the promotion, development and enhancement of tourism and the visitor economy in our region and towns and note that a new Tourism and Visitor Economy Plan will be presented to Council for consideration of placing on public exhibition shortly.

7. Thank all the past and present GRVT Board Members and staff for their valuable contribution to our region.

The vote resulted in as follows:

**For:**

CR. B. CHISHOLM  
CR. B. CORNISH  
CR. A. GOBLE  
CR. R. SANDERSON

**Against:**

CR. D. ATKINSON  
CR. B. HUMM  
CR. D. LOWE

**Abstained:**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**MOVED:** CR. D. LOWE

**SECONDED:** CR. B. CORNISH

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was adjourned at 5.24pm

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**MOVED:** CR. B. CORNISH

**SECONDED:** CR. B. HUMM

**THAT** the meeting resume.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting resumed at 5.58pm

**AMENDMENT**

**MOVED:** CR. D. ATKINSON

**SECONDED:** CR. D. LOWE

**THAT**

1. That under the terms of MOU point 35 and 36 that negotiations to renew the extension have lapsed, that the CEO seek legal advice on the closure of the co ltd by guarantee
2. Request the Chief Executive Officer to continue to work with the Shires of Strathbogie and Murrindindi to ensure continuity of existing projects; explore and identify further opportunities for collaboration with other Councils.
3. Request the Chief Executive Officer to continue advocacy with the State Government for appropriate coverage of the Shire by a funded Regional



Tourism Board.

4. Resolve to seek the assistance of the State to directly invest in funding a role across the remaining Councils to manage a coordinated effort for the benefit of the visitor economy and its constituents.
5. Reaffirm its commitment, as set out within the Mitchell Shire Council Plan 2017-2021, to supporting the promotion, development and enhancement of tourism and the visitor economy in our region and towns and note that a new Tourism and Visitor Economy Plan will be presented to Council for consideration of placing on public exhibition shortly.
6. Thank all the past and present GRVT Board Members and staff for their valuable contribution to our region.
7. That under the terms of MOU point 35 and 36 that negotiations to renew the extension have lapsed, that the CEO seek legal advice on the closure of the co ltd by guarantee.
8. Request the Chief Executive Officer to continue to work with the Shires of Strathbogie and Murrindindi to ensure continuity of existing projects; explore and identify further opportunities for collaboration with other Councils.
9. Request the Chief Executive Officer to continue advocacy with the State Government for appropriate coverage of the Shire by a funded Regional Tourism Board.
10. Resolve to seek the assistance of the State to directly invest in funding a role across the remaining Councils to manage a coordinated effort for the benefit of the visitor economy and its constituents.
11. Reaffirm its commitment, as set out within the Mitchell Shire Council Plan 2017-2021, to supporting the promotion, development and enhancement of tourism and the visitor economy in our region and towns and note that a new Tourism and Visitor Economy Plan will be presented to Council for consideration of placing on public exhibition shortly.
12. Thank all the past and present GRVT Board Members and staff for their valuable contribution to our region.

**LOST**

The vote resulted in as follows:

**For:**

CR. D. ATKINSON  
CR. B. HUMM  
CR. D. LOWE

**Against:**

CR. B. CHISHOLM  
CR. B. CORNISH  
CR. A. GOBLE  
CR. R. SANDERSON

**Abstained:**

**THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION WAS CARRIED**

**4 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting was declared closed at 6.19pm

Confirmed this Monday, 15 April 2019

.....  
**Chairperson**  
**Mayor, Cr Bill Chisholm**