

AGENDA

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 21 January 2025

I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:

Time: 6:00 pm
Date: Tuesday 21 January 2025
Location: Council Chamber - Civic Centre
10 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier



Sarah Philpott
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
17 January 2025

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOANDIK PEOPLES AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND WHERE WE MEET TODAY. WE RESPECT THEIR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND AND RECOGNISE THE DEEP FEELINGS OF ATTACHMENT OUR FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THE LAND.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

4.1 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 December 2024 be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

5 MAYORAL REPORT

5.1 MAYORAL REPORT - JANUARY 2025

- Attendance at Salvation Army - Christmas Cheer charity hand out
- Morning Tea with Residents of Boandik
- Meeting with Jane, Manager Mount Gambier Central - acceptance of Mayor's Christmas Appeal donation and photo in "Santa's grotto"
- Mayor's Christmas Appeal - individual photos with major donors
- Mayor's Christmas Appeal - group photo with various donors
- Catch-up with Coby Dennert
- Volunteering at Sunset Community Kitchen
- LCLGA Mayors catch up (virtual)
- Meeting with Di Gould
- Attendance at ac.Care - Christmas Cheer charity hand out
- Attendance at Uniting Care - Christmas Cheer charity hand out
- Visit to Goodstart Berrin - acceptance of Mayors Christmas Appeal donation and photo
- Attendance at St Vincent de Paul - Christmas Cheer charity hand out
- Opening of the 2025 SA Country Swimming Championships (Wulanda)
- Meet and Greet with new General Manager People, Place and Liveability, Chris White
- Special Audit and Risk Committee Workshop - Borrowings and Refinancing
- Limestone Coast Local Health Network - Morning Tea with new medical Interns
- LGR&DS Advisory Committee Meeting
- LCLGA Mayors Catch Up (virtual)



RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayoral Report be received.

6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

6.1 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Cr Jason Virgo Afternoon Tea - Celebration of 15 years of the Mount Gambier Library

Cr Paul Jenner Sunset Community Kitchen Christmas Event - Frew Park, SA Country
Swimming Championships 2025 - Wulanda.

Cr Josh Lynagh New Years Eve Festival - Mount Gambier Showgrounds.

RECOMMENDATION

That the reports made by Councillors be received.

7 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Cr Paul Jenner gave notice of his intention to ask the following question:

7.1 QUESTION - CRATER LAKES ACTIVATION

Can Council please be advised if the Crater Lakes Activation will include any alternative management protocols in the event of extreme weather warnings, and what organisations or authorities are involved?

Answer:

To be provided at the meeting.

8 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

9 PETITIONS

Nil

10 DEPUTATIONS

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Deputation from Mr Wade Chant be noted.

The Mayor, Mrs Lynette Martin OAM, has granted a deputation request from Mr Wade Chant, who would like the opportunity to present to Council regarding trees on the Council Reserve at the corner of North Terrace and Kennedy Avenue, Mount Gambier.



11 NOTICE OF MOTION TO REVOKE OR AMEND

Nil

12 ELECTED MEMBERS INFORMATION BRIEFING SESSIONS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council Report titled Elected Member Information Briefing Sessions held since the previous Council Meeting be noted.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Information Briefing Session - Elected Members - Record of Proceedings - 09 01 2025 - Audit and Risk [12.1.1 - 1 page]



**AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE
INFORMATION / BRIEFING SESSION
4:00 PM, THURSDAY, 9 JANUARY 2025**

Ref: AF22/549

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
4:00 PM, THURSDAY, 9 JANUARY 2025
Virtual**

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The session described at Item 1 . above will not be open to the public as the matter to be discussed is of a confidential nature within the ambit of Section 90(3) of the Local Government Act 1999 being:

(b) information the disclosure of which—

(i) could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the council; and

(ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;

The basis being:

The information to be discussed in this item relates to indicative rates for refinancing. The disclosure of information in association with this item could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of Council or third parties and is considered on balance to be contrary to the public interest as it could prejudice the Councils position in obtaining best value on behalf of the community.

1. BORROWINGS AND REFINANCING

MEMBERS PRESENT:-

STAFF PRESENT:-

Mayor Lynette Martin
Cr Paul Jenner
Paul Duka
Belinda Johnson
Alexander Brown

Acting Chief Executive Officer
General Manager City Infrastructure
Manager Financial Services

MEMBERS APOLOGIES:-

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:-

Nil

Nil

DISCUSSION:

Discussion regarding borrowings and refinancing.

Discussion closed at 5:02 pm.

13 ELECTED MEMBERS TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Nil

14 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

Nil

15 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Nil

16 JUNIOR SPORTS ASSISTANCE FUND COMMITTEE

Nil

17 BUILDING FIRE SAFETY COMMITTEE

Nil

18 COUNCIL REPORTS

18.1 GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM 2024/2025 - PIONEERS BASKETBALL CLUB AND GENERATIONS IN JAZZ

Author: Biddie Shearing, Manager Economy, Strategy and Engagement

Authoriser: Barbara Cernovskis, General Manager City Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council report titled 'Grants and Sponsorship Program 2024/2025 - Pioneers Basketball Club and Generations in Jazz' as presented on Tuesday 21 January 2025 be noted.
2. That Council note the significant economic contribution of:
 - (a) Pioneers Basketball Club of \$994,424 and the creation of 12 full-time equivalent jobs per year.
 - (b) Generations in Jazz of over \$6m and the equivalent of 57 full-time positions per year.
3. That Council allocate \$50,000 in cash and up to \$15,000 in-kind support from the 2024/2025 Grants and Sponsorships Program to support the Pioneers Basketball Club.
4. That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to enter into multi-year partnership agreements with:
 - (a) Pioneers Basketball Club - \$50,000 in cash and up to \$15,000 in-kind (excluding Game Night In-kind considerations) plus CPI annually for 2025/2026, 2026/2027, 2026/2028 and 2028/2029.
 - (b) Generations in Jazz Inc. - \$35,000 and up to \$15,000 in-kind, plus CPI annually for 2025/2026, 2026/2027, 2026/2028, 2028/2029 and 2029/2030.



PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is recommending an allocation of funding via the Grants and Sponsorships Program to Pioneers Basketball Club and Generations in Jazz Inc.

BACKGROUND / OPTIONS

Council has received proposals from Pioneers Basketball Club and Generations in Jazz. Both proposals present Council with an opportunity to build on previous years sponsorships and evolve these long-term arrangements into formal partnerships that increase community benefit through community capacity building, sporting and cultural pathways while positioning Mount Gambier on a global platform.

Pioneers Basketball Club Proposal

The Pioneers Basketball Club presented a community partnership proposal at an Elected Member briefing on Tuesday 8 October 2024. A follow-up briefing was held on Tuesday 10 December 2024, to allow members to discuss the proposal further. At this briefing Council was presented with the holistic in-kind costs associated with Pioneers Basketball Game Nights including Waste, Storage and impact of other user groups. This amounted to \$63k in the 2024 season evident in the below table.

In addition to these briefings, ongoing meetings and discussions between the Pioneers Basketball Club and Council administration, where the substantial in-kind contributions were discussed and also exploring mitigation opportunities around these costs.

An updated five-year proposal was received on 8 January 2025 (**Attachment 1**).

- **Investment Background:**

City of Mount Gambier and Pioneers Basketball Club partnership since 2018. The table below outlines City of Mount Gambier's investment over the the past three years.

Year	City of Mount Gambier investment
2022/2023	\$25,000 cash
2023/2024	\$25,000 cash + additional \$8,000 (sound)
2024/2025	\$40,000 cash \$103,000 total investment including in-kind

- **The Community Partnership Request:**

The Pioneers Basketball Club's Community Partner Proposal seeks \$50,000 plus GST per year for five years concluding in Financial Year 2028/2029, including an annual review of the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Note that this investment request covers 11 home games per season, with finals and showcase events being additional. Noting the in-kind contribution includes ongoing support for sound arrangements at each game and exploration of sponsorship and marketing opportunities and other Game Night considerations.

- **Community Benefit and Return:**

The strong opportunity to position Mount Gambier within a national basketball competition, leveraging Victoria's reputation as the home of basketball in Australia. With NBL1 South licenses administered by Victoria Basketball.

Further opportunities exist to showcase Mount Gambier and the Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre as a destination for national events. The proposal also opens the door



to international exposure via streaming on platforms like KAYO, bringing increased visibility for the Pioneers and Mount Gambier as a destination. The NBL1 South Conference Game of the week is often the number 1 streamed feature on Kayo Sport Freebies Channel with over 11 million minutes of streaming. Pioneers Games attracts almost 1.4million streaming minutes.

Pioneers social Media platforms and their reach and connection to community locally and globally is growing with Facebook reach increasing by 118% in 2024, while Instagram reach at 180%. The content quality has broadened to provide space for community to connect and share in the Pioneers passion in a Mount Gambier setting.

The 2024 season saw an economic impact for Mount Gambier of \$994,424 and the creation of 12 full-time equivalent jobs. With a governance model honed over 35 years, the Pioneers have demonstrated significant sustainability and stability as an organisation while growing attendance, attracting online viewership, and social media engagement.

The Pioneers platform inspires younger generations to aspire to become "Pioneer Player," and offers global career pathway opportunities.

Pioneers' strong commitment to remain part of the NBL South Conference – the heartland of Basketball Australia while evident throughout the presentations to Council and in the partnership, proposal supports our work in positioning Mount Gambier nationally and globally as a destination to visit and invest in.

- **The Risks:**

A risk associated with entering a five-year partnership funding agreement with the Pioneers Basketball Club is the license in the NBL1 South Conference. License renewals are reviewed every two years by Basketball Victoria with evaluations based on factors such as historical ladder positions, venue presentation, compliance with league standards, and the overall game night experience. Any shortcomings in these areas could impact the Pioneers ability to retain their license and secure continued participation in the competition.

To mitigate risk outside of Councils control in relation to the NBL1 South Conference the partnership agreement to contain a clause that funding is contingent on the Pioneers retaining the NBL1 South Licence.

Generations in Jazz

The Council resolution on 25 September 2024 is as follows:

1. *That Council report titled 'Grants and Sponsorships Program Round One - Generations in Jazz' as presented on Wednesday 25 September 2024 be noted.*
2. *That \$35,000 cash plus \$3,700 in-kind be endorsed for distribution as part of Round One of the 2024/2025 Grants & Sponsorships program.*
3. *That Council looks forward to receiving a presentation from Generations in Jazz at an Elected Member Briefing on Tuesday, 3 December 2024, to provide a three to five year business plan and funding model."*

Generations in Jazz presented their 5-year proposal and plan to Elected Members on Tuesday 3 December 2024 with final documentation supporting their presentation received by Council administration from Generations in Jazz on Wednesday 11 December 2024 (**Attachment 2 and 3**).



- **Investment Background:**

City of Mount Gambier and Generation in Jazz have been in partnership since the event inception in 1987. The table below outlines City of Mount Gambier’s investment to Generations in Jazz over the past three years.

Year	City of Mount Gambier investment
2022/2023	\$35,000 cash and \$5,000 in-kind
2023/2024	\$35,000 cash and \$6,000 in-kind
2024/2025	\$35,000 cash and \$3,700 in-kind

- **The Community Partnership Request:**

Generations in Jazz Inc. seeks \$35,000 plus up to \$5,000 in-kind per year for five years commencing 2026, including an annual review of the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Additional support requested by Generations in Jazz:

1. Trade display during the event promoting Mt Gambier and things to do
2. Event Coordination support leading into the event – 2 days per week plus full-time week of the event until Monday after the event – 112 hrs @ \$35.00 = \$3,920
3. Support to the community groups that are providing accommodation to ensure/confirm that each have previously been assessed/upgraded/approved.

- **Community Benefit and Return:**

There is an opportunity to build on the positioning of Mount Gambier as a destination by continuing to support Generations in Jazz – the largest school-based band competition in the Southern Hemisphere.

The sheer volumes of students that participate each year and their associated support persons who visit Mount Gambier provides a reach and an immersive experience that is unachievable through traditional marketing or promotional methods.

A sustainable approach has been presented to Council in terms of growth of the event while being in-step with the broader community stakeholders like businesses and community groups.

The model of community capacity building is structured into the event delivery by engaging 42 sporting and community groups by offering fundraising opportunities which is deeply valued by the Mount Gambier community. In 2024 this amounted to \$120k.

IMPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER

Legal	Successful applicants are required to obtain all necessary land use, landholder and development approvals and complete works in accordance with relevant legislative and compliance standards. Applicants must sign an Acceptance of Grant Conditions agreement, with terms set out by Council, prior to commencing project/event.
Financial and Budget	The table below outlines the current amounts allocated and the recommended amounts for allocation associated with this report. The balance remaining takes into consideration previous allocations from 2024/2025 Grants and Sponsorships Round One and the ongoing streams of funding for Venue Sponsorship and Quick Response.



	Total Budget 2024/ 2025	Allocated to date	Recommende d Allocation - Pioneers Basketball Club	Remaining 2024/2025
Cash	\$509,427	\$359,389	\$50,000	\$100,038
In-kind	\$139,997	\$53,521	\$15,000	\$71,476

Note Council has already allocated funding for this financial year for Generations in Jazz.

This report also recommends five-year financial commitments for Pioneers Basketball and Generations In Jazz. This will require pre-allocations of Grants and Sponsorship Program funds for the Financial Years of 2025/2026, 2026/2027, 2026/2028, 2028/2029 and 2029/2030 and is outlined below as per the final proposal from each proponent. (Attachments 1,2 & 3).

Financial Year	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029	2029/2030
Pioneers Basketball	\$50,000 + CPI Up to \$15k In-Kind	\$50,000 + CPI Up to \$15k In-Kind	\$50,000 + CPI Up to \$15k In-Kind	\$50,000 + CPI Up to \$15k In-Kind	
Generations in Jazz	\$35,000 + CPI Up to \$15,000 In-kind	\$35,000 + CPI Up to \$15,000 In-kind	2026/2027 amount + CPI Up to \$15,000 In-kind	2027/2028 amount + CPI Up to \$15,000 In-kind	2028/2029 amount + CPI Up to \$15,000 In-kind
TOTAL	\$85,000 +CPI	\$85,000 +CPI	Circa \$85,000 +CPI	Circa \$85,000 +CPI	Circa \$35,000 + CPI

Additionally, while this funding proposal is being considered outside of the usual grants and sponsorship rounds, the allocation still falls within the grants and sponsorship program budget, which lessens the remaining program pool available.

It is noted that future funding arrangements from either party would need to occur prior to 31 December 2028 to inform budgeting process for the Financial Year of 2028/2029 for Council consideration as part of annual budgeting deliberations.

Council has also discussed at workshops whether allocations for the longer term partnerships as proposed by this report should be separated out in future budgets (i.e. still using the funding from the pool of funding, but with a separate line allocation given the different funding arrangements). This will be explored during the budget process for next financial year.

Community Consultation and Engagement	<p>Pioneers Basketball</p> <p>An Elected Member briefing was held on Tuesday 8 October 2024 which was open to the public to attend with a further briefing provided to Elected members on Tuesday 10 December 2024 which was also open to the public.</p>
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	<p>Generations in Jazz</p> <p>An Elected Member briefing was held on Tuesday 3 December 2024 which was open to the public to attend. Council administration has maintained frequent communication with event organisers. A final 5-year proposal was provided to Council on Wednesday 11 December 2024 followed by discussions to clarify content and the specific proposal request.</p>
<p>Other Resources</p>	<p>Pioneers Basketball</p> <p>In addition to the financial commitments through the Grants and Sponsorship Program, Pioneers Basketball Club receives in-kind support through the use of Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre, including a subsidised User Agreement, plus use of community rooms for board meetings, training and agreed access to the commercial kitchen on site. Added to this is the costs associated with waste management, storage of Pioneers items between games, labour for activations, cleaning and external activations like food trucks and car displays. These costs are absorbed by the council through the facility's operational expenses.</p> <p>In 2024/2025, council in-kind contribution was \$63k in addition to the cash contribution of \$40k.</p> <p>Generations in Jazz</p> <p>A request for in-kind support of \$5,000 is deemed for equipment. Which is line with previous years requests.</p> <p>With the 5 year proposal additional requests have been made by event organisers of -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trade display during the event - 112 hours of event administration support - Support for community groups to ensure compliance <p>The above has been calculated by the event organisers in their proposal of \$3,920. This figure substantially differs when calculated under City of Mount Gambier Administration Enterprise Agreement. Therefore, this has been calculated as a separate in-kind contribution at the following rate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trade Booth 3 x days of trade booth – total 15 hours x 2 employees @ Level 2, Step 4 @ \$49.38/hour (including all employment on-costs) = \$1,484 - Event Administration 112 hours @ Level 3, Step 4 @ \$54.57/hour (including all employment on-costs) = \$6,111 - Community Group Compliance 15 hours @ Level 3, Step 4 @ \$54.57/hour (including all employment on-costs) = \$819 <p>Sub-Total Additional Support (In-kind) = \$8,414</p>



	<p>Therefore, the TOTAL in-kind contribution sought from Council is \$5,000 (equipment) + \$8,414 (additional support) = \$13,414</p> <p>The recommendation from Council administration is to allocate up to \$15k per year in in-kind support to Generations in Jazz for the duration of the proposal period.</p>
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RISK ANALYSIS

The risk identification and categorisation relies on the City of Mount Gambier [Risk Management Policy](#).

Risk	Consequence Rating	Risk Likelihood Rating	Risk Rating	Mitigation
Finance - Council experiences financial loss as a result of inappropriate allocation of funds.	Minor (2)	Possible (3)	Moderate	Applicants must sign an Acceptance of Grant Conditions Agreement, with terms set out by Council, prior to commencing project/event.
Reputation - Council experience negative news profile, public agitation and loss of trust as a result of inadequate allocation of funds.	Moderate (3)	Possible (3)	Moderate	Applications assessed against predetermined criteria and considered by panel as part of Grants and Sponsorship Program.
Legal / Regulatory / Policy - Failing to adhere to Council's Grants and Sponsorship policy.	Minor (2)	Possible (3)	Moderate	Adherence to Council policies. Applications assessed against predetermined criteria and considered by panel as part of Grants and Sponsorship Program.
Service Delivery – Funded event/projects are not delivered in accordance with grant conditions. Precedence for allocating multi-year partnership agreements outside of Grants & Sponsorships	Minor (2)	Possible (3)	Moderate	Applicants must sign an Acceptance of Grant Conditions Agreement, with terms set out by Council, prior to commencing project/event. Explore criteria for multi-year approvals as part of the policy & procedure



People - Negative impact to community engagement and satisfaction as a result of the new Grants and Sponsorship process and administrative requirements.	Minor (2)	Unlikely (2)	Low	Ongoing and regular contact between applicants and key council personnel. Feedback collated to review process and refine.
Environmental - Environmental damage to community land caused by inadequate land use planning and management.	Moderate (3)	Possible (3)	Moderate	Applications, including event location, considered by panel as part of Grants and Sponsorship Program. Community Land Use Permit requirements. Ongoing and regular contact between applicants and key council personnel.

APPLICATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN

This report aligns to the following strategic objectives(s):

Priority 4: Economic and Business Growth

4.10 Enhance Mount Gambier’s appeal as a year-round destination through marketing, events and infrastructure.

Priority 5: A Vibrant Community

5.7 Support and foster a program of festivals, events and arts initiatives that celebrate and promote diversity, accessibility and inclusivity, ensuring that everyone can fully participate in the cultural and social life of the city.

5.11 Position Mount Gambier as a regional centre for live performance.

5.12 Recognise, encourage and support artists, emerging artists, writers and performers through promotion of the arts and supporting opportunities to exhibit and perform.

This report contributes to delivery of the following key strategic project(s):

N/A

RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICY

[Grants and Sponsorship](#)

IMPLEMENTATION AND NEXT STEPS

Pending the Council resolution on 21 January 2025, Council administration will follow the notification process to advise the proponents.



It is proposed Council administration continues to meet regularly with both Pioneers and Generations in Jazz to ensure all opportunities are explored, monitored and measured, with an annual report provided by the proponents to Elected Members by 31 December annually.

CONCLUSION

This report recommends endorsing an allocation of \$50,000 in cash and up to \$15,000 in-kind (excluding Game Night In-kind considerations) support from the 2024/2025 Grants and Sponsorships Program to support the Pioneers Basketball Club. This amount falls within the existing budget allocation for FY 2024.25.

Additionally, this report recommends endorsing a pre-allocation of funds from the Grants and Sponsorships Program to support the following:

- Pioneers Basketball Club - \$50,000 in cash and up to \$15,000 in-kind, plus CPI annually for 2025/2026, 2026/2027, 2026/2028 and 2028/2029.
- Generations in Jazz Inc. - \$35,000 and up to \$15,000 in-kind, plus CPI annually for 2025/2026, 2026/2027, 2026/2028, 2028/2029 and 2029/2030.

It is suggested that council enter into a multi-year partnership agreements with Pioneers Basketball Club and Generations in Jazz which specify details pertaining to each partnership.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Pioneers Basketball Club - Community Partner Proposal [**18.1.1** - 37 pages]
2. Generations in Jazz - Five Year Funding Proposal [**18.1.2** - 2 pages]
3. Generations in Jazz - Five Year Financial Plan [**18.1.3** - 1 page]



OUR CITY. OUR CLUB

2025 / 2026 / 2027 / 2028 / 2029

PIONEERS BASKETBALL

MOUNT GAMBIER

PIONEERS BASKETBALL CLUB | COMMUNITY PARTNER PROPOSAL

COMMUNITY
PARTNER PROPOSAL



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Mount Gambier

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PROUDLY **MOUNT GAMBIER**
YOUR **COMMUNITY CLUB**
WE **VALUE**
FORGING NEW TRAILS
WHO ARE THE **PIONEERS?**
MILESTONE MOMENTS
NBL1 **LICENSE**
NBL | NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE
SEASON **2024**
NBL1 SOUTH **AWARDS**
MEMBERSHIP
KEY DEMOGRAPHICS

2024 **ATTENDANCE**
NATIONWIDE **REACH**
NBL1 **VIEWERSHIP**
DIGITAL **REACH**
IN THE **COMMUNITY**
SHOWCASING LOCAL **BUSINESS**
CORPORATE HOSPITALITY +**NETWORKING**
NBL PRE-SEASON @ WULANDA
THE FUTURE | **2025**
APPENDIX - ECONOMIC STUDY 2024 PBC SEASON
APPENDIX 2 - 2024 ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY NBL PRE SEASON
APPENDIX 3 - 2025 ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY NBL PRE SEASON

PROUDLY @ HOME MOUNT GAMBIER

Established in 1988, The Pioneers Basketball Club is the only **regional South Australian team** to compete in a national competition representing the City of Mount Gambier.

Since day one, Pioneers home games have provided a professional and high-level sports entertainment product for our community in an accessible and safe environment.

The Pioneers are the inspiration for our region's next generation. We aim to inspire young girls and boys to fulfill their full potential both inside and outside of the sports arena.

The community asset of the Pioneers is a commercial product funded and supported generously by our local business economy and who we represent.

We focus on building relationships on 'our word' and trust that will return good outcomes for our products and sport.

Our club considers the fan first with a focus on innovation to drive engagement and experience.

On and off the court the members of our club recognise the great privilege and pride of being a 'Pioneer' and wearing the city of Mount Gambier's name on our chest.



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| 03

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOUR COMMUNITY CLUB

VISION

Building a **legacy of excellence** through **community, professionalism, leadership** and **passion!**

MISSION

Setting the standard in a **National Basketball competition**, with a commitment to outstanding performance, in everything we do.

HOW

- An **inclusive** family environment
- A **dynamic** entertainment experience
- **Leadership** within the community, promoting **participation, collaboration** and **education**
- Best practice in governance, risk management and **sustainability**
- Ongoing player **development** and **growth**
- Providing local **pathways** for development and growth for aspirational young basketball men and women

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WE VALUE

The Pioneers are unique to its competitors. Growth in expectations, resources and expenses challenge our board to continually strive for a sustainable and successful club. In this mission, we are encompassed by our values.



SUPPORT

Support filters throughout all successful organisations. In order for our sport to achieve great results we must support the ideas and plans that are set in place.

COMMUNITY

A community encompasses many families. It is important for us to be a focal point of professionalism and success in the community. While maintaining that focus we also must be accessible, well presented and visible to those who are not in our immediate family group. We must give back to the community, not just take. We don't want to be a team from the community, we want to be known as a team for the community.

LEADERSHIP

Leaders not only say, they do. Leadership is important for any collective group who have common goal. It is also vital for a leader to set a good example and be willing to display control, respect, dignity and professionalism, plus encourage others to demonstrate the same qualities.

COMMITMENT

Commitment to the common goal or purpose is what all clubs and teams need to succeed. Hard working, committed people don't want the recognition, they do it for the common goal. Putting your own wants and needs aside, giving up your time and your life to a cause, is commitment.

FORGING NEW TRAILS WITH ACTION BY



SHOW RESPECT

SHOW CARE
LISTEN + SEEK TO UNDERSTAND
VALUE OPINIONS

BE A TRAILBLAZER

THINK BIG!
LEARN + GROW
BE INNOVATIVE & COURAGEOUS
BE OPEN TO NEW IDEAS

BE ACCOUNTABLE

OWN IT!
ASK FOR HELP
THE SCOREBOARD MATTERS
ACT ETHICALLY & HONESTLY
KEEP OUR WORD

BE A FAN

ALWAYS CONSIDER THE FAN
HAVE FUN
REMEMBER WE ARE FANS, TOO
SHARE THE LOVE OF SPORT

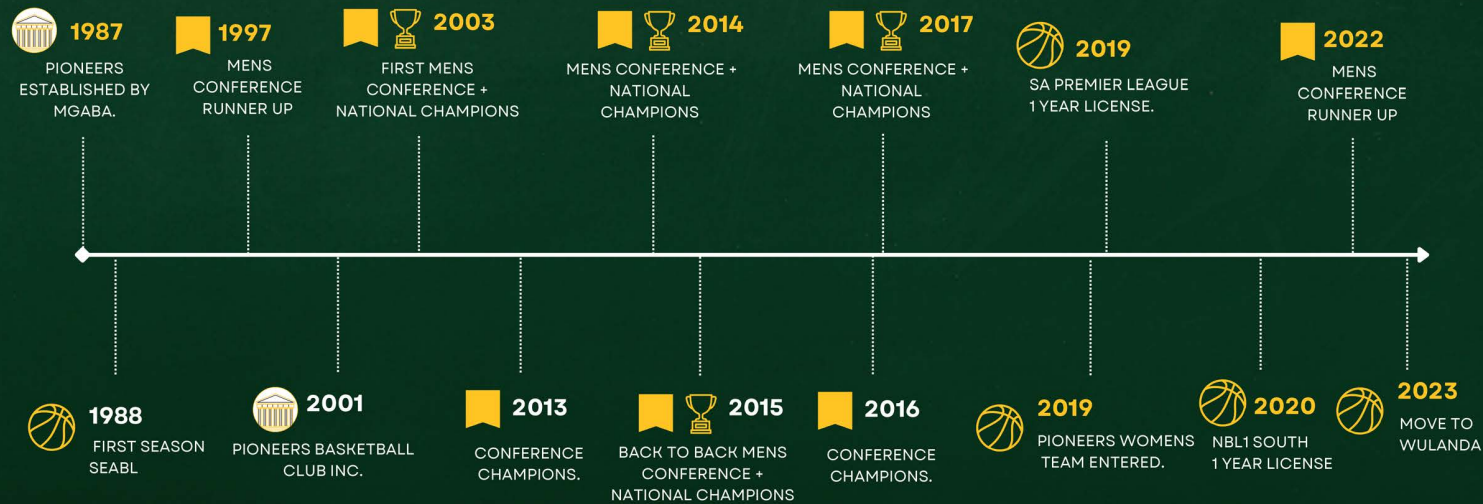
ONE COMMUNITY

CELEBRATE THE WINS!
COMMUNICATE
TRUST EACH OTHER
BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

MILESTONE MOMENTS



ESTABLISHED 1987
4 X NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
6 X CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS



WHO ARE THE PIONEERS?

The Pioneers Basketball Club hold one of 20 NBL1 South licenses governed by Basketball Victoria.

Since its establishment in 1987 the Pioneers purpose is to compete in a national competition that promotes the sport of basketball at the highest possible level within the City of Mount Gambier.

Pioneers Basketball Club is an Incorporated entity owned by its members.

OUR MEMBERS INCLUDE

Life Members	Corporate Members
Playing Members	General Members
Honorary Members	

The Pioneers affairs are managed and governed by one hundred percent volunteers and represented by twelve appointed members.

The appointed members are responsible for the promotion of sport and recreation and provide a safe and entertaining environment that is accessible for our members and community.

The board is supported by voluntary sub-committees who collectively strive to provide the most entertaining sports experience for our members and community through bold innovation and partnerships.

PIONEERS BASKETBALL CLUB BOARD

PRESIDENT

TOM KOSCH

VICE-PRESIDENT

JOHN WILLIAMSON

SECRETARY

JACINTA JONES

TREASURER

MICHAEL KOSCH

DARRYL STARICK

TRAVIS FATCHEN

MICHAEL ASCHBERGER

JULIE TIPENE

JAYNE BONNEY

IAN MCKAY

BEN JONES

GEORGIA QUICK

BIANCA TAYLOR

MOUNT GAMBIER LICENSE

NBL1.

The SEABL competition, managed by Basketball Australia, disbanded at the end of 2018.

As a result, Basketball Australia sanctioned state governed competition's under a federation model.

The NBL1 was the replacement league of SEABL from 2019, managed and run by Basketball Victoria.

In 2020, the NBL1 National framework was completed by expanding conferences in New South Wales (East), Queensland (North), Western Australia (West) and South Australia (Central).

WHY. NBL1 SOUTH?

Mount Gambier's inclusion as a border club in NBL1 South is unique.

Our future within Basketball Victoria's NBL1 conference continues to be the best fit for our club and one that maintains a point of difference to other South Australian clubs.

NBL1 South is the nation's premier winter competition, of which the Mount Gambier Pioneers have competed against like clubs since its inception.

Victoria and, in particular, suburban Melbourne is recognised as the Heartland of Basketball in Australia. Victoria is home to the largest associations and memberships in the country, all of who compete and are powerhouse clubs within NBL1 South.

MOUNT GAMBIER LICENSE

ENCUMBERANCES.

As a South Australian club, Mount Gambier's participation within the NBL1 South incurs the cost of Victorian based clubs travelling to Mount Gambier for regular season games whilst having to meet the expectations contained in the license renewal system.

It is expected that these costs and conditions of inclusion within NBL1 South will remain an expectation and one that disadvantages our basketball club to its competitors in excess of \$85,000 per annum.

LICENSE. RENEWAL + RELEGATION

License renewals are granted to NBL1 South clubs on two year term.

The license renewal system includes a point system defining the clubs success on and off court including historical ladder positions of women's and men's teams, venue presentation, compliance and game night experience.

In addition, at the conclusion of the 2025 NBL1 South season clubs are at risk of relegation to a less favourable competition if they are unable to meet this criteria.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE



THE NBL.

The NBL (National Basketball League) is the pinnacle of professional basketball in Australia. Launching in 1979 with the aim to improve the standard of Australian basketball players, and bring the chance to be competitive at international tournaments.

Today, the NBL consists of 10 teams based in capital cities across Australia and is played over the summer (October - February).

NBL1 NATIONAL CONFERENCE.

The NBL1 National Network is a semi professional league which comprises of 74 associations and clubs competing over 5 state-governed conferences, ran through the winter (March - August).

In 2024, each state and territory throughout Australia was represented with 154 women's and men's teams competing within their respective conferences for an opportunity to play off in a National Championship, an event funded and run by the NBL.

In 2024 the National Final was held on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland over a three day tournament. With NBL1 South Conference Waverley Falcons (women) & Knox Raiders (men) crowned as national champions.

The destination of the 2025 NBL1 National Final is shared amongst the states and is yet to be confirmed.

SEASON 2024

On the court, the **OneFortyOne & Castec Rural Pioneers** continued their success of achieving a top-four finish on both the women's and men's NBL1 South ladder in season 2024.

The top four finishes secured three home finals at home at Wulanda and the chance for the Pioneers women's and men's teams to continue to compete for the ultimate prize. Although for season 2024, we fell short, the overall historical success sees our Club among the few most successful Clubs in the NBL1 National competition.

14 WINS
8 LOSSES



4TH PLACE



17 WINS
5 LOSSES



1ST PLACE



LEAGUE AWARDS 2024

The Pioneers Basketball Club was recognised at the 2024 NBL1 South League Awards, taking home multiple accolades for its performance both on and off the court.

Nick Marshall was recognised as the 2025 league MVP. The second player in club history to achieve this individual success. Head Coach Richard Hill was awarded Coach of the Year (men) & Akech Aliir All star 5.

Following on from the Club's 2023 success as Club of the Year, off the court, Tom Kosch was recognised as Executive of the Year.



NICK MARSHALL

NBL1 SOUTH MVP[MEN]

NBL1 SOUTH TOP SCORER[MEN]

ALL STAR 5



RICHARD HILL

COACH OF THE YEAR [MEN]



TOM KOSCH

NBL1 SOUTH EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR[LEAGUE]

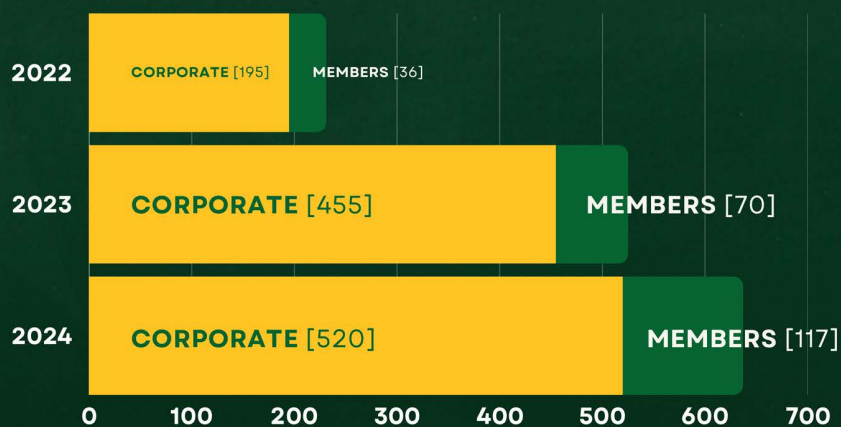


AKECH ALIIR

ALL STAR 5

MEMBERSHIP

The Pioneers fanbase and memberships are seeing **growth year on year**, especially with the move to our **new home** at Wulanda Recreation & Convention Centre.



PIONEERS BASKETBALL CLUB LIFE MEMBERS

- | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Beth Serle | Dallas Jeffree |
| Jason Joynes (dec.) | Kurt Russell |
| Sharon Venn | Matthew Sutton |
| David Bowden (dec.) | Neil Boase |
| Dianne Humphries | Erik Burdon |
| Maxine Bowden | Julie Gillies |
| Linda McRobert | Deb Bowman |
| Jason Sedlock | Michael Kosch |
| Lew Parsons | Tom Kosch |
| Mary Tuite | Richard Hill |
| Bev Klassens | Michael Aschberger |
| Bray Milstead | Travis Fatchen |
| Darryl Starick | |

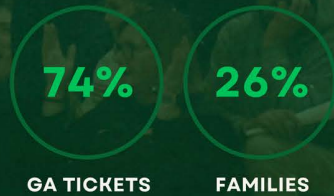
Life Membership is awarded to players achieving a 200 Game milestone, or members serving the club consecutively for 10 years.

KEY DEMOGRAPHICS

2024 MEMBERSHIP



2024 GENERAL ADMISSION



REGULAR SEASON GAMES
"FAMILIES" INCLUDES ALL FAMILY + CHILD TICKET CATEGORIES



2024 WULANDA ATTENDANCE



**2024
AVERAGE [11 GAMES]
REGULAR SEASON**

1,077
ATTENDEES

**2024 HIGHEST
REGULAR SEASON
ATTENDANCE**

1,298
ATTENDEES

RD 13 | PIONEERS V MELBOURNE TIGERS

Saturday night of the home Double Header weekend. The third highest for the 2024 regular season. **FRIDAY NIGHT ATTENDANCE: 1,194.**

**2024
NBL1 SOUTH
REGULAR SEASON**

11,853
ATTENDEES

**NBL1 SOUTH
MEN'S QUALIFYING FINAL**

V SANDRINGHAM - SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024

1,386
ATTENDEES

**NBL1 SOUTH
MEN'S SEMI FINAL**

V ELTHAM - SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024

1,327
ATTENDEES

**NBL1 SOUTH
WOMEN'S PRELIM FINAL**

V WAVERLEY - SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024

1,099
ATTENDEES

Refer to Appendix 1 (Page 34) for Event Economic Impact Study for the Pioneers Basketball Club 2024 season.

ATTENDANCE GROWTH

**RANKED
NUMBER 1 IN
NBL1 SOUTH IN
GAME NIGHT
ATTENDANCE
IN 2024.**

**RANKED
NUMBER 3 IN
NBL1 SOUTH IN
GAME NIGHT
ATTENDANCE
IN 2023.**

83.76%

**ATTENDANCE
GROWTH
OVER 3 YEARS**

**2022
ICE HOUSE**

**NBL1 SOUTH
REGULAR SEASON**

6,630
ATTENDEES

**NBL1 SOUTH
FINALS SERIES @ HOME**

3 GAMES

1,896
ATTENDEES

**2023
WULANDA**

**NBL1 SOUTH
REGULAR SEASON**

10,400
ATTENDEES

**NBL1 SOUTH
FINALS SERIES @ HOME**

3 GAMES

3,168
ATTENDEES

**2024
WULANDA**

**NBL1 SOUTH
REGULAR SEASON**

11,853
ATTENDEES

**NBL1 SOUTH
FINALS SERIES @ HOME**

3 GAMES

3,812
ATTENDEES

NATION WIDE REACH

NBL1 HQ WEBSITE

The NBL1 website showcases an impressive stage of content and live streaming access for all games, in all conferences nationwide. The 2024 stats were striking, and the continued growth across all platforms year on year continues to excite the Club.

CLUB WEBSITE

Hosted by the official NBL1 HQ site, lives the Pioneers Basketball Club website. Gaining consistent national traffic during the season as the home of all regular live stream games, player stats and club information with quick access to sponsor information too. We're proud to showcase this asset and direct traffic from our social channels as a home base for all things Pioneers Basketball Club and to support our social media strategy.



NBL1 VIEWERSHIP

The big picture numbers across the 2024 season see huge increases on season 2023. The Mount Gambier Pioneers took a fair share of the viewing minutes in the NBL1 South conference and nationally and earned **Game of the Week** feature streaming on Kayo Sports Freebies four times. The NBL1 South conference secured the number 1 ranking for streaming across Australia.

NBL1 SOUTH CONFERENCE

NBL1 RANKED #1

2024 TOTAL MINUTES STREAMED **11,045,963**

MOUNT GAMBIER PIONEERS

NBL1 SOUTH RANKED #3
NBL1 NATIONALLY RANKED #14

2024 TOTAL MINUTES STREAMED **1,377,962**

NBL1 2024

END OF SEASON STATS



STREAMING

MINUTES WATCHED - 45.9M
AVE MINUTES PER EVENT - 55K
28% INCREASE PER EVENT

COTW ON KAYO FREEBIES

INC. INTERNATIONAL & VOD
58% INCREASE
GAME VIEWS - 2M
AVE VIEWS PER EVENT - 2.4K
15% INCREASE PER EVENT

EVENT MEANS WOMEN'S & MEN'S REGULAR SEASON GAMES COMBINED, OR A STAND ALONE FINAL

NBL1 2024 SEASON OVERVIEW

GAMES 1543
TEAMS 145
CLUBS 74
PLAYERS 2,300+

WEBSITE

WEBSITE PAGEVIEWS - 12.9M
12% INCREASE
WEBSITE VISITS - 2.2M
12% INCREASE

APP

APP DOWNLOADS - 85K
102% INCREASE
APP PAGE VIEWS - 15.7M
22% INCREASE



NBL1 2024

END OF SEASON STATS



SOCIAL

SOCIAL REACH - 50M
49% INCREASE
FOLLOWERS GAINED - 114K
24% INCREASE

EMAIL DATABASE

NBL1 FANS - 167K

NBL+

GROWTH THROUGH NBL1 SEASON - +54K



DIGITAL REACH

CLUB SOCIAL MEDIA.

The Pioneers Basketball Club are consistently growing an energetic social media presence with a focus on Facebook and Instagram. In 2022, we saw a massive **154.7%** [Facebook] & **237.9%** [Instagram] of growth and upped our reach on both platforms by 300.9% [Facebook 118.9% & Instagram 182%].

Player and community focused content is a priority, with sponsor shout outs and spotlights also a part of the strategy. Over the last 3 seasons, we've implemented new types of content, which contributed to higher engagement from our audience. Providing a space for our community to connect and share our passion for the great game will continue to be an important part of the digital strategy.

NBL1 SOCIAL MEDIA.

The NBL1 social channels share and promote club level news on a national platform and allow us to gain even greater reach. The 2024 season insights are exciting and show a demand for news on all things NBL1 and basketball in Australia.



FOLLOWERS +154.7%
REACH +118.9%



FOLLOWERS +237.9%
REACH +182%

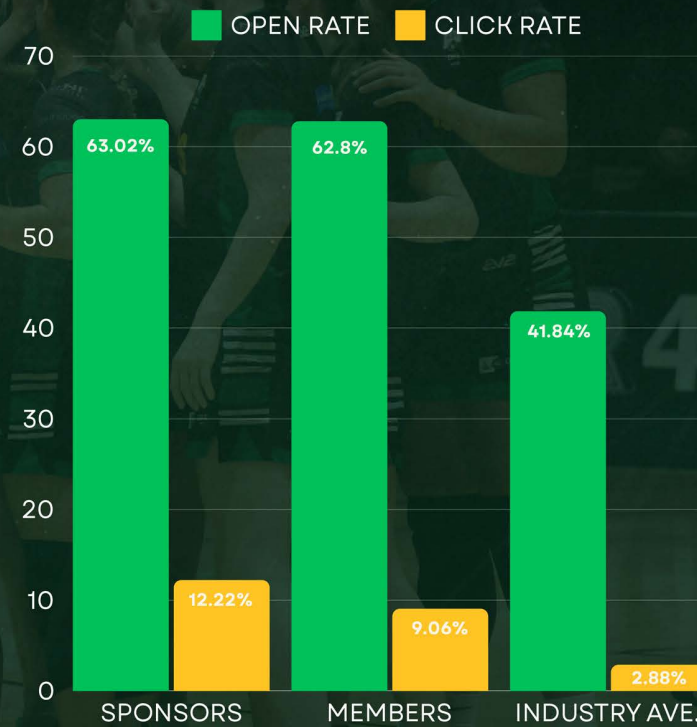


DIGITAL REACH

EXCLUSIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Pioneers sponsors and members receive exclusive communications the distribution of weekly home round previews, club news and exclusive content. For the second year, club email communications to sponsors and members increased their open rates again; a great result which also shows our engaged audiences.

A priority for the club is to provide our community of sponsors and members with the inside scoop before everyone else, and why shouldn't those that directly support our teams hear it first?



Averages from emails sent from March 5, 2024 - August 20, 2024
Industry Average Source: <https://mailchimp.com/resources/email-marketing-benchmarks/>

IN THE COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT MODEL

Whether it's coaching basketball, helping kid's with special needs or teaching our youth the importance of a good education, living a healthy lifestyle and treating people with Respect, the Mount Gambier Pioneers have a strong message and continue to work internally and along side a number of organisations to give back positively to our community.



SHOWCASING LOCAL BUSINESS

Sponsors are the life blood of the Pioneers Basketball Club, and since the move to Wulanda, we've elevated the inclusions to ensure we're showcasing the local businesses that support our Club.

The investment in 3 x LED signs for the season, including finals, means that our sponsors are visible on game nights as well as on the livestream, in addition to the signage included for their premium corporate seating.

The opportunities for dynamic imagery vs. static allow us to get creative and engage our fans by displaying headshots of our players and their sponsor when points are scored, we can also highlight themed rounds, milestone moments and bring a professionalism to game nights that is envied by other Clubs.

CORPORATE HOSPITALITY + NETWORKING

Watching the game is one thing, but hearing directly from the coaching staff and players on game night whilst enjoying the exclusive Championship Lounge access takes our sponsor's game night experience to a whole new level.

Whether it be our Premium Courtside Seats or Elevated Corporate Seating, you'll not only view the game from a prime location; you will enjoy pre and mid game refreshments and have access to meet and greet players and coaches at each home game at Wulanda.

Since moving to Wulanda in 2023, the Pioneers Basketball Club have continued to elevate the game night experience and increase sponsorship by engaging and showcasing local businesses.

The opportunities to experience a professional event, network, and entertain clients or reward employees have become a worthwhile sponsorship activity for engaged businesses within our community.

NBL PRE-SEASON @ WULANDA

With the move to Wulanda in 2023, the Pioneers committed to continuing to grow basketball within our region and to give back to our community. For the second year, the Pioneers presented the exciting opportunity for host a NBL pre-season game.

Inviting the talent of the highest level to Wulanda allows us to spotlight Mount Gambier, engage our community, and provide big stage promotion for our partners and sponsors.



PRESENTED BY PIONEERS BASKETBALL

2023 NBL PRE-SEASON ATTENDANCE

SOLD OUT

*Game played on Friday, September 1, 2023

1,574

ATTENDEES



2024 NBL PRE-SEASON ATTENDANCE

*Game played on Wednesday, September 4, 2024

1,294

ATTENDEES



Refer to Appendix 2 (Page 35) for Event Economic Impact Study for the Pioneers Basketball Club 2024 season and Appendix 3 (Page 36) for proposed 2025 event.

THE FUTURE 2025

Preparation for season 2025 is well underway, with the exciting re-signings of our 2024 head coaches Matt Sutton & Richard Hill.

Announcements of 2025 player signings, along with coaching and support staff of our teams, will all be announced soon!

The club's membership and sponsorship campaign is also underway, and some key dates have been set as the club prepares to continue to grow and engage with our community.

The Pioneers Basketball Club board are ready to bring the **#PioneerPassion** to Wulanda again in 2025.

LET'S GO, PIONEERS!

PBC AGM

DEC, 2024

4 TEAM CHALLENGE

MARCH, 2025

PORTLAND PRE-SEASON

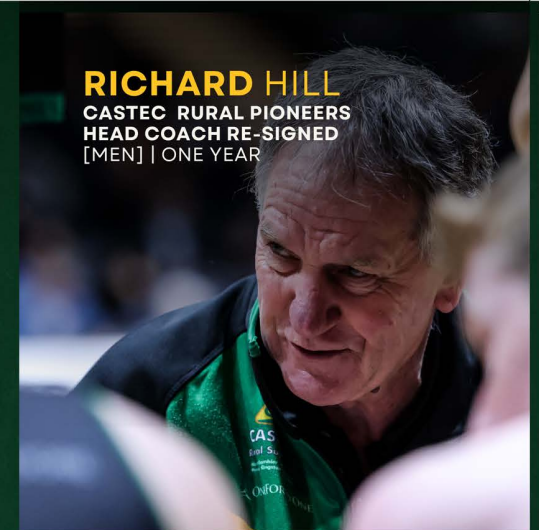
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NBL1 PRE- SEASON BLITZ

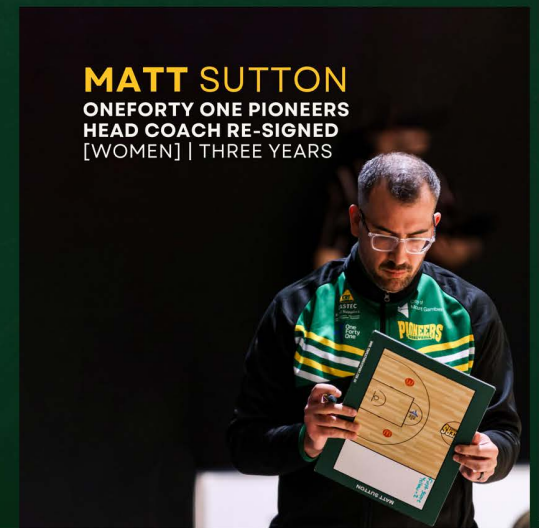
MARCH 14 - 15, 2025

2025 SEASON COMMENCES

MARCH 28, 2025



RICHARD HILL
CASTEC RURAL PIONEERS
HEAD COACH RE-SIGNED
[MEN] | ONE YEAR



MATT SUTTON
ONEFORTY ONE PIONEERS
HEAD COACH RE-SIGNED
[WOMEN] | THREE YEARS

COMMUNITY PARTNER PROPOSAL

TWENTY25



PIONEERS BASKETBALL CLUB | CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER

PROPOSAL | TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024

COMMUNITY PARTNER

The Pioneers recognize the City of Mount Gambier's contribution and support of our basketball club since 2018.

In partnership, the Pioneers and council share the success of our club's performance on and off the court and showcase the city's state-of-the-art venue, Wuanda Recreation & Convention Centre.

In 2023 we made Wulanda our new home, moving from the Ice House which has been a tremendous success elevating the Pioneers product and showcasing the City's investment with interstate and national events.

We continue to invest significantly in activating Wulanda to offer the best product for our members and the wider community whilst delivering on court performance by our teams.

COMMUNITY PARTNER PROPOSAL



OUR CITY. OUR CLUB.

The City of Mount Gambier's consideration of a five year commitment as the Club's Community Partner will help us to continue to deliver excellent results both on and off the court.

Maintaining our position and performance within the NBL1 South Conference is integral to the sustainability of our basketball club and the community asset that is the Pioneers.

Through partnership we look forward to working strategically with council to provide positive outcomes for our city and community.



PIONEERS BASKETBALL CLUB | CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER

COMMUNITY PARTNER PROPOSAL | 27

COMMUNITY PARTNER 5 YEAR PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL

COMMUNITY PARTNER PACKAGE

\$50,000 + GST PER YEAR

- (1) CPI reviewed annually.
- (2) As a separate item the Pioneers wish to discuss the ongoing reimbursement of audio charges incurred for all events.
- (3) As a separate item the Pioneers wish to discuss the opportunity for court decals for season 2025, with in-kind opportunities provided to the City of Mount Gambier.

5 YEAR PARTNERSHIP

PAYMENT TERMS

- (1) Payment terms are subject to agreement containing to both parties
- (2) Invoices will be issued by the Pioneers Basketball Club

2025 Payment | On Acceptance
2026 Payment | October 2025
2027 Payment | October 2026
2028 Payment | October 2028
2029 Payment | October 2029



COMMUNITY
PARTNER PROPOSAL



City of
Mount Gambier

PIONEERS BASKETBALL CLUB | CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER

2025 PROPOSAL | 29

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

SOCIAL & ECONOMIC BENEFIT

- 11 x NBL1 South Regular season events held at Wulanda Recreation & Convention Centre.
- Potential NBL1 South home finals at Wulanda.
- 1 x Adelaide 36ers NBL Preseason Home Game Confirmed for 2025 on a weekend date to enhance tourism benefit to our city.

The Pioneers board is working to generate further sports and recreation related events at Wulanda including but not limited to:

- Adelaide Lightning WNBL 2025 Regular Season game/s.
- NBL1 National Final tournament.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT MODEL

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COMMUNITY
PARTNER PROPOSAL

TWENTY25



PIONEERS BASKETBALL CLUB | CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER

2025 PROPOSAL | 30

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

GAME NIGHT EXPERIENCE.

Watching the game is one thing, but hearing from the coaching staff prior to Tip-Off whilst enjoying refreshments in the Pioneers Championship Lounge will take game night experience to a whole new level. Whether it be our Premium Courtside Seats or Elevated Corporate Boxes, you'll not only view the game from a Premium Courtside Location, you will enjoy mid game refreshments and have access to meet and greet players and coaches at our after-match function.

INCLUSIONS.

- 8 Elevated Corporate Seats for all Pioneers women's & men's regular season and home finals games.
- Exclusive access to Championship Lounge one hour before tip off time.
- Refreshments in the exclusive Championship Lounge at half time of both games.
- 4 x Adult Tickets for official club functions, including
 - Season Launch.
 - Serle-Scott Medal.

COMMUNITY
PARTNER PROPOSAL



PIONEERS BASKETBALL CLUB | CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER

2025 PROPOSAL | 31

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

STADIUM SIGNAGE, UNIFORMS, CLOTHING & ADVERTISING.

- City of Mount Gambier logo displayed in the Championship Lounge during all interviews at home games.
- City of Mount Gambier logo displayed on dynamic courtside LED signage during all Pioneers home games.
- Recognition at all Pioneers Basketball Club official functions including in the Championship Lounge on home game nights.
- Signage in front of premium elevated corporate seats.
- Showcourt signage located below the viewing deck area.
- City of Mount Gambier logo on both women's & men's playing uniforms.
- Link and acknowledgment on the NBL1 hosted official Pioneers website.
- 1 x community promotional activity [to be approved by the Pioneers Basketball Club]
- Mentions throughout home game live-streaming commentary
- Game livestream presence throughout home game live stream on the NBL1 App and www.nbl1.com.au
- Game livestream presence on Kayo Sports Freebies [Game of the Week]
- Logo included in all print media advertising
- Logo included in all electronic exclusive communications to sponsors and members database
- Logo included in all social media tiles shared via the Pioneers Basketball Club social media channels
- @wulanda_rec_centre and @WulnadaRecreationConventionCentre tags used in all game night Instagram & Facebook social media posts



COMMUNITY
PARTNER PROPOSAL



PIONEERS BASKETBALL CLUB | CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER
2025 PROPOSAL | 05

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

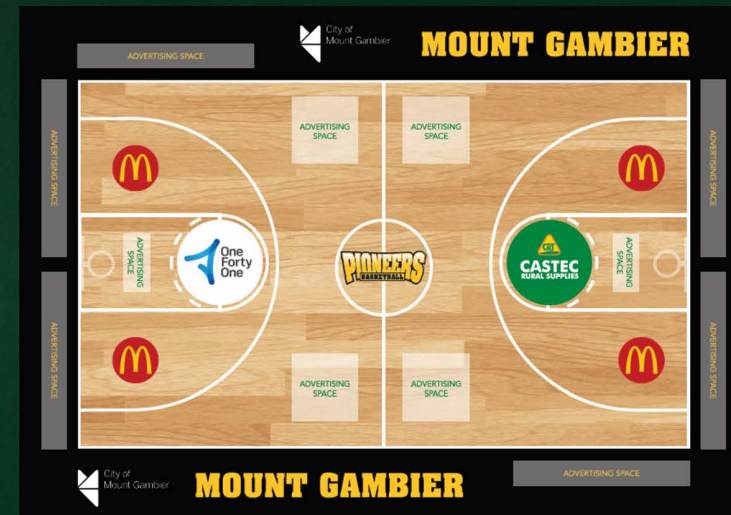
COURT DECAL IN KIND SIGNAGE

The Pioneers Basketball Club see court decal partnership as the opportunity to further enhance the game day experience for our fan's and further engage corporate partnerships with our brand.'

Our attendance and streaming numbers are amongst the strongest throughout the nation and the presentation of our venue through the streaming of our games is crucial to providing a quality product for those who attend in person and via video stream.

Displaying the city's name as part of the show court of our state-of-the-art Wulanda Recreation & Convention Centre will showcase the facility and our town to a national and international audience.

An example of the court decal's is provided to the right.



COMMUNITY
PARTNER PROPOSAL



PIONEERS BASKETBALL CLUB | CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER
COMMUNITY PARTNER PROPOSAL | 05



APPENDIX 1

2024 PIONEERS BASKETBALL CLUB SEASON

Current area:
Limestone Coast region

Event name (optional): Pioneers Season Attendance
Event Type: Sports and Recreation Activities
Event Range: Local

Event start date: 04/06/2024

Event duration (days): 1
Attendance per day: 15665
Average daily spend (\$): 63.48
Event total spend (\$): \$994,414

The proposed Pioneers Season Attendances event is planned to start on April 6th, 2024 and to run for 1 day. It is an event of Local significance and is estimated to attract 15665 visitors during the day, with an average spend per person per day of \$63. This equals a total visitor spend of \$994,414 attributed to this event. Assuming the event will be held in the Limestone Coast region, it is calculated to have the following potential impact:

Event Impact Summary

Limestone Coast region - Modelling the effect of \$994,414 from a Sports and Recreation Activities event with Local significance

	Output (\$)	Value-added (\$)	Local Jobs (annual jobs)
Direct impact	904,718	401,322	8.9
Industrial impact	330,128	139,635	1.5
Consumption impact	197,762	98,675	1.1
Total impact on Limestone Coast region economy	1,432,608	639,633	12

Source: National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR) 02/024. Compiled and presented in economy id by: id (informed decisions).

ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

- 2024 Pioneers Basketball Club Season (11 Regular Season Home Games + 3 Home Finals).
- Total Attendees 15,665 (Average attendance 1,118 per game).
- Total Economic Investment \$994,414 over the season (Average of \$63.48 per person and a total of \$71,029 per game)
- 12 full time equivalent local Jobs created.



APPENDIX 2

2024 NBL PRE SEASON GAME

Current area:
Limestone Coast region

Event name (optional): NBL Game 2024
Event Type: Sports and Recreation Activities
Event Range: Local

Event start date: 09/04/2024

Event duration (days): 1
Attendance per day: 1294
Average daily spend (\$): 63.17
Event total spend (\$): \$81,742

The proposed NBL Game 2024 event is planned to start on September 4th, 2024 and to run for 1 day. It is an event of Local significance and is estimated to attract 1294 visitors during the day, with an average spend per person per day of \$63. This equals a total visitor spend of \$81,742 attributed to this event. Assuming the event will be held in the Limestone Coast region, it is calculated to have the following potential impact.

Event Impact Summary

Limestone Coast region - Modelling the effect of \$81,742 from a Sports and Recreation Activities event with Local significance

	Output (\$)	Value-added (\$)	Local Jobs (annual jobs)
Direct impact	74,369	32,989	0.7
Industrial impact	27,137	11,478	0.1
Consumption impact	16,256	8,111	0.1
Total impact on Limestone Coast region economy	117,762	52,579	1

Source: National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR) ©2024. Compiled and presented in economy id by id (informed decisions)

ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

- Adelaide 36ers V Brisbane Bullets
- Wednesday 4th of September 2024
- Venue: Wulanda Recreation & Convention Centre
- Total Attendees 1,294 (\$63.17 per attendee)
- Total Economic Investment \$81,742.
- 1 full time equivalent local Jobs created.



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ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

- Adelaide 36ers V Melbourne Based Club (Melbourne United/SE Melbourne) In
- Proposed Date: Late August/Early September (Weekend Date to enhance tourism activity to the area.
- Venue: Wulanda Recreation & Convention Centre
- Expected Attendees 1,574 (\$63.60 per attendee)
- Total Economic Investment \$100,106.
- 1 full time equivalent local Jobs created.





Proposal to the City of Mount Gambier

Summary:

Generations in Jazz seeks the City of Mt Gambier's continued support and sponsorship for the next three years to further enhance our festival and the National Stage Band Awards. Our goal is to celebrate jazz, educate young musicians, and foster a vibrant community. We would like to secure \$35,000 plus up to \$5,000 in-kind + CPI annually for the next five years, commencing from 2026.

(Ex GST)

2026	\$35,000
2027	\$35,000 + CPI
2028	2027 amount + CPI
2029	2028 amount + CPI
2030	2029 amount + CPI

Additional support

1. Trade display during the event promoting Mt Gambier and things to do
2. Event Coordination support leading into the event – 2 days per week plus full-time week of the event until Monday after the event – 112 hrs @ \$35.00 = \$3,920
3. Support to the community groups that are providing accommodation to ensure/confirm that each have previously been assessed/upgraded/approved

Background:

Generations in Jazz is an internationally renowned festival that brings together young musicians, educators, and jazz enthusiasts from across Australia. Since its inception, the festival has grown significantly, attracting over 5,000 participants and becoming a key cultural event in Mount Gambier. The National Stage Band Awards, a highlight of the festival, provides young musicians with invaluable performance and learning opportunities.

Objectives:

- Enhance Educational Programs
- Expand Community Engagement
- Improve Event Infrastructure
- Promote Mount Gambier

Benefits to the City of Mt Gambier:

- *Economic Impact:* Increased tourism leading to higher revenue for local businesses.
- *Cultural Enrichment:* Elevate the city's profile as a cultural and artistic destination.
- *Community Development:* Strengthen community ties and enhance civic pride.
- *Educational Opportunities:* Provide young musicians with world-class learning experiences.



Conclusion:

Generations in Jazz is dedicated to nurturing the next generation of jazz musicians and contributing to the cultural vibrancy of Mount Gambier. With the City of Mt Gambier's sponsorship, we can continue to grow and enhance our festival, benefiting our local community and beyond.

We sincerely hope that the City of Mt Gambier will consider our proposal and continue to support this important cultural event.

Thank you for your time and consideration



5-Year Budget

	BUDGET 2026	BUDGET 2027	BUDGET 2028	BUDGET 2029	BUDGET 2030
ex GST	\$ Amount	\$ Amount	\$ Amount	\$ Amount	\$ Amount
INCOME					
Sponsorships	\$90,500.00	\$90,500.00	\$90,500.00	\$90,500.00	\$90,500.00
Scholarship Donations	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
SBA Rego Entry Fees	\$80,000.00	\$85,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$100,000.00
VEA Rego Entry Fees	\$42,000.00	\$44,000.00	\$46,000.00	\$48,000.00	\$50,000.00
Ticket Sales	\$120,000.00	\$140,000.00	\$145,000.00	\$145,000.00	\$145,000.00
Trade Spaces/Food Sites	\$4,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Set Piece Sales	\$35,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$55,000.00
Merchandise Sales	\$16,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$20,000.00
Interest Received	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Dividends	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
School Payments	\$2,190,000.00	\$2,400,000.00	\$2,600,000.00	\$2,820,000.00	\$3,040,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,590,500.00	\$2,834,000.00	\$3,052,000.00	\$3,285,000.00	\$3,518,000.00
EXPENSES					
Event Administration Cost	\$167,713.26	\$184,484.59	\$202,933.04	\$223,226.35	\$245,548.98
Interstate Promotion & Incentives	\$30,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
GIJ Travel	\$3,859.00	\$4,050.00	\$5,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$9,000.00
Accommodation	\$620,000.00	\$680,000.00	\$712,500.00	\$745,000.00	\$777,500.00
Meals	\$397,000.00	\$452,000.00	\$492,000.00	\$532,000.00	\$572,000.00
Event Venues/Operations	\$650,920.00	\$680,920.00	\$730,000.00	\$760,000.00	\$810,000.00
Total Travel	\$37,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$43,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$55,000.00
Production Expenses	\$145,000.00	\$155,000.00	\$170,000.00	\$175,000.00	\$190,000.00
SBA & VEA Competition	\$99,750.00	\$106,500.00	\$115,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$135,000.00
SBA Prize Money	\$37,000.00	\$38,000.00	\$39,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$41,000.00
VEA Prize Money	\$16,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$20,000.00
Scholarships	\$40,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$47,000.00	\$49,000.00
Guest Artists	\$180,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$210,000.00	\$215,000.00	\$220,000.00
Wages & Salaries	\$150,000.00	\$170,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$190,000.00	\$200,000.00
Total Expenses	\$2,574,242.26	\$2,819,954.59	\$3,012,433.04	\$3,178,226.35	\$3,374,048.98
Net Profit/(Loss)	\$16,257.74	\$14,045.41	\$39,566.96	\$106,773.65	\$143,951.02

18.2 MOUNT GAMBIER AND DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION

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RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council report titled 'Mount Gambier and District Tennis Association' as presented on Tuesday 21 January 2025 be noted.
2. That Council defer consideration of the Corriedale Park proposal presented by the Mount Gambier and District Tennis Association (MGDTA) until the Olympic Park Master Plan is completed 2025/2026.
3. That the MGDTA have an independent party undertake a condition audit of the Olympic Park Tennis Courts to determine possible remedial works to ensure safe play until 2026/2027.
4. That a further report be presented to Council outlining the independent audit findings once provided by the MGDTA.
5. That if the MGDTA intends to seek re-location to Corriedale Park, that they undertake a Feasibility Study to enable an informed decision to be made regarding the most viable location for Tennis in the City.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek in-principle direction from Council regarding the location and development of tennis infrastructure in Mount Gambier, following proposals submitted by the Mount Gambier and District Tennis Association.

BACKGROUND / OPTIONS

On Tuesday 1 October 2024, Mount Gambier and District Tennis Association (MGDTA) briefed Elected Members on their future aspirations for sustainable growth and associated infrastructure requirements for tennis across the district.

MGDTA presented two proposals developed by Tennis SA/Tennis Australia:

Proposal	Inclusions	Cost	Provision
Remain at Olympic Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full upgrade of courts including additional 2 courts • New pavilion with accessible toilet and viewing 	\$3.6m	Additional 2 courts Leading to over supply of 12
Relocation to Corriedale Park <i>(relinquishing Olympic Park)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct 16 new courts • Upgrade clubrooms and facilities 	\$4.3m	Additional 7 courts (loss of 9 courts at Olympic) leading to oversupply of 17 courts

The recommendation from the MGDTA is that proposal two be implemented and build a tennis hub at Corriedale Park.

The Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy (SROSS)

At the time the SROSS was endorsed there were 33 tennis courts (not including private courts) across the City, which is an oversupply of 18 courts for the population of 27,433.



Since then eight courts at Reidy Park have been deemed non-compliant equating to a current supply of 25 courts and an oversupply of 10 courts.

However, for a catchment population of 70,000 it is recommended to have 37 courts. The SROSS does not recommend developing any additional sports spaces, rather make the current spaces fit for purpose and flexible in their use.

The SROSS strategic priority number four states our facilities will be non-exclusive, fit for purpose and shared resources to reduce the burden on volunteers. Implementing a strategic response to the oversupply of tennis courts was also highlighted as a key recommendation.

Olympic Park

Olympic Park is large precinct incorporating many sporting and recreation activities including netball, tennis and the location of Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre. There are also significant community and commercial facilities including Meals on Wheels, Reidy Park Centre, Ex-Naval Cadets building, Old Mount Gambier Gaol, Scouts, Reidy Park Oval and the Old Gaol Community Garden.

Master Planning

SROSS identified Olympic Park as a high priority site to develop a master plan in partnership with site users that incorporates the whole precinct such as the school and old goal site, community garden and the connections to the new Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre. At the April 2024 Council Meeting, Council determined the schedule of master plans with Olympic Park Master Plan scheduled in 2025/26.

Facility Condition

A facility audit completed in 2021 by Inside Edge, as part of the SROSS development, stated that all 9 tennis courts were in moderate condition with surface cracking but compliant.

In August 2022 the MGDTA provided Council with the following recommendations following a facility audit:

- Courts 1 and 2 both have significant areas of concrete lifting behind the baseline area, which is a major trip hazard - Immediate action required.
- Courts 11, 12 and 13 all have grass surrounds that range from 1 – 1.75 inches above the court surface. Whilst it is a minor trip hazard, it is only a recommendation to lower this a little more.

The most recent facility audit results outlined in the MGDTA Strategic Plan 2024 states that:

- Large cracks appearing with surface lifting and uneven areas leading to water pooling
- Trip hazards and paint peeling on most courts
- Fencing in average condition.

Tennis Australia provided the MGDTA with a quote, attached to the report for your information, on 19 December 2024 which outlined a cost of \$240,000 for 7000m² of courts:

- Remove loose material
- Pressure clean courts
- Apply a 3-coat approved acrylic system and line mark.



To date there has been no independent comprehensive court audit to determine the actual condition of the courts and options for works to ensure play in the short-medium long term. It is recommended that this be undertaken to determine the actual condition, options, and costings for the existing courts at Olympic Park so that tennis can be played safely until the Olympic Park Master Plan is completed.

Corriedale Park

Corriedale Park is a large (104,578 m²) Council owned parcel of land located in the north of the city. It is currently tenanted by the MGDTA for the four tennis courts, clubroom and public toilets. The park is used for archery and casual use from dog walkers.

Master Planning

The SROSS highly recommended that a master plan be developed for the site in partnership with site users, that will provide a coordinated and strategic planning approach to the provision and development of sport and recreation infrastructure ensuring it is fit for purpose and meets the needs of the community. Investigate a district level play space to increase open space catchment in the area.

At this stage Corriedale Park has not been prioritised for a master plan by Council, however it is flagged to be presented in the next round of prioritisation.

Facility Condition

In August 2022 the MGDTA undertook a facility audit at Corriedale Park and recommended that the court surfaces be painted in the next couple of years.

The most recent facility audit results outlined in the MGDTA Strategic Plan 2024 states that:

- The court surfaces are pitted and require painting
- The surface falls and guttering are non-compliant
- The clubroom is in poor condition with damaged asbestos eaves
- Fencing in fair condition
- No designated parking
- Toilet facilities are poor and unsanitary

Funding Implications

Given the significant investment required for Proposal Two, the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing (ORSR) Grants Scheme is the only possible funding option which is confirmed in the MGDTA report. There would need to be a 50% co-contribution to access these grants meaning that between tennis and Council there would need to be \$1.8- \$2.15 million in allocated funds.

The other significant factor to consider is the ORSR conditions stipulate funding for multi-use facilities. The current proposal only provides a tennis facility. This would not be an attractive project from a funding attraction perspective. This along with the significantly declining participation in tennis would further disadvantage the likelihood of a successful funding application for this project.



Given that the MGDTA covers tennis facilities in the District Council of Grant there may be opportunities to deliver the project in partnership and share the financial allocations across both local government areas.

Depending on the outcome of the independent court audit at Olympic Park, a further report will be presented to Council to provide the findings and seek funds if required.

Next Steps

The next steps should consider the following:

- MGDTA to:
 - Commission an independent audit of the Olympic Park Tennis Courts
 - Provide the Audit report to Council Officers, where a further report will be presented to Council for consideration
 - Undertake a Feasibility Study to determine if Proposal Two to build a tennis hub at Corriedale Park is the best option.

IMPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER

Legal	<p>Council must consider its legal obligations under the Local Government Act 1999 and Crown Land Management Act 2009 with respect to management of community land owned by or under the care and control of Council.</p> <p>It should also be noted that any changes to uses or aspirations for the reserves may require review of the relevant Community Land Management Plans.</p> <p>MGDTA currently holds a Lease over Olympic Park Courts and a licence for the Clubrooms.</p> <p>MGDTA currently holds a license for the courts at Corriedale Park and a lease over the clubrooms.</p>
Financial and Budget	<p>Either proposal from the MGDTA would require significant financial investment from both Council and the MGDTA. Budget considerations would need to be made regarding a Council co-contribution to future funding applications.</p>
Community Consultation and Engagement	<p>MGDTA will be consulted through the development of the Olympic Park Master Plan to ensure the needs of Tennis both currently and into the future are represented in the Master Plan.</p>
Other Resources	<p>Depending on what is proposed from the Olympic Park Master Plan and whether MGDTA proposal one or two is determined most feasible Council may be required to support project delivery including funding application support, approvals and project delivery.</p> <p>The existing resource of Strategic Development and Recreation Coordinator is the central point of contact within Council.</p>

RISK ANALYSIS

The risk identification and categorisation relies on the City of Mount Gambier [Risk Management Policy](#).

Risk	Consequence Rating	Risk Likelihood Rating	Risk Rating	Mitigation
Finance - Request for Council funds	Moderate (3)	Possible (3)	Moderate	Regular review of Annual Business Plans and Budget



				and Long Term Financial Plan.
Reputation - Impact of Council decisions on provision of Tennis	Minor (2)	Possible (3)	Low	Ongoing and regular contact between applicants and key council personnel.
Legal / Regulatory / Policy - NA	Insignificant (1)	Rare (1)	Low	Risk not outside of tolerance – no further mitigation required.
Service Delivery - NA	Insignificant (1)	Rare (1)	Low	NA
People - NA	Insignificant (1)	Rare (1)	Low	NA
Infrastructure - Depending on audit outcomes	Moderate (3)	Likely (4)	Moderate	Ongoing and regular contact between applicants and key council personnel.
Environmental - NA	Insignificant (1)	Rare (1)	Low	NA

APPLICATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN

This report aligns to the following strategic objectives(s):

Priority 3: Infrastructure and Services

3.5 Support the maintenance, development and operation of bold and interesting community, cultural and civic places and infrastructure, including the Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre.

3.12 Effectively and efficiently manage Council owned and controlled land holdings to meet the needs of the community and advance our strategic objectives.

This report contributes to delivery of the following key strategic project(s):

Priority 3: Infrastructure and Services

Continued implementation of the goals and priorities outlined in our Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy.

RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICY

[Community Land \(Reserves\) Lease/License/Rental Arrangements - R200 Grants and Sponsorship](#)

IMPLEMENTATION AND NEXT STEPS

Pending the Council resolution on 21 January 2025, Council administration will notify Mount Gambier and District Tennis Association of the decision and next steps.

CONCLUSION

Given the scheduled master planning for Olympic Park in 2025/2026, it is recommended that Council defer consideration of the proposals presented by the Mount Gambier and District Tennis Association until the master planning process is complete. The approach will ensure



that any developments align with the broader vision for the park and its role within the community.

To determine the actual condition of the Olympic Park Courts, MGDTA to commission an independent facility audit to determine, condition, remedial options and costings. A further report will be presented to Council once the Audit Report is provided to Council Officers.

Should the MGDTA intend to pursue Proposal Two, to re-locate Tennis to Corriedale Park, that they undertake a Feasibility Study to determine that option is the most suitable in line with the findings from the Olympic Park Master Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

1. MGDTA Olympic Park Resurfacing Budget Estimate [**18.2.1** - 1 page]





Mount Gambier & Districts Tennis Association Olympic Park Resurfacing Budget Estimate

Overview

MGDTA presides over courts and facilities that fall within three Councils, Mount Gambier City Council, District Council of Grant and Wattle Range Council.

Most facilities require some level of upgrade to the courts, and / or clubhouse and amenities, to varying degrees.

Facility audits and strategies have been conducted by Tennis SA (TSA) over the last 8 plus years, upgrade options presented to the MGDTA and with their endorsement, presentations to the City Council and the District Council of Grant, at executive level and to the elected members.

The status is that of the 67 courts in the MGDTA area, 44 are utilised and of these, 23 have been deemed to be unusable for safe community play.

Background and Status

The Olympic Pk facility is home to the MGDTA and several clubs.

It comprises of 9 acrylic coated courts supported by a functioning multisport / multiuse clubhouse with amenities and parking adjacent.

The Olympic Park Tennis Complex is leased by MGDTA and with poor condition of courts, limited revenue, ongoing maintenance costs, short to mid-term sustainability and viability is in question.

Regardless of targeted ongoing maintenance by the MGDTA, the courts have deteriorated due to a combination of age and ground movement, and urgent action is needed to restore the playing surface to safe standards to meet community, regular and competition tennis playing expectations.

The City of Mount Gambier have requested an estimate for resurfacing of Olympic Pk to a standard that will enable safe play for the short to medium term.

Proposed Scope of Work (Approx 7000m²)

- Remove loose material and make good holes or depressions to best efforts
- Pressure Clean courts
- Apply a 3 coat approved acrylic system and line mark

The budget estimate for this work including travel, accommodation and ancillaries is **\$240,000** excluding GST

Note: The underlying platform has been repaired and resurfaced a number of times over the last few decades. The integrity of the court fundamentals is such that the normal lifecycle associated with the acrylic coated system would be reduced.

Consequently, a safe, playable but reduced lifecycle of 3 to 6 years may be expected however contractors would be reluctant to provide the usual length of warranties associated with a resurfacing program.

Recommendation

Tennis SA with the support of Tennis Australia would regard any such resurfacing as and interim measure while a broader relocation plan and proposal involving Corriedale Pk or another suitable site is pursued.

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19 December 2024

18.3 COMMUNITY LAND REVOCATION PROPOSAL - JUBILEE HIGHWAY WEST, SUTTONTOWN

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Authoriser: Jane Fetherstonhaugh, General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council report titled 'Community Land Revocation Proposal - Jubilee Highway West, Suttontown' as presented on Tuesday 21 January 2025 be noted.
2. That Council proceed with the revocation of community land status process over the parcel of land described as Allotment 212, Deposited Plan 125742, Jubilee Highway West, Suttontown contained in Certificate of Title Volume 6250 Folio 283 and authorise the CEO or delegate to make the necessary application to the Minister for Local Government, including provision of all community consultations responses, in accordance with section 194 of the Local Government Act 1999.

PURPOSE

To seek Council's endorsement to proceed with the Community Land revocation proposal outlined in the attached reports, following relevant public consultation and requirements in accordance with section 194 of the Local Government Act 1999.

BACKGROUND / OPTIONS

Council received the **attached** request from Frank Brennan Consulting Services on behalf of Steeline Mount Gambier to revoke the community land classification over a parcel located at Allotment 212, Deposited Plan 125742, Jubilee Highway West, Suttontown in accordance with section 194 of the LG Act.

Steeline are the owners of the adjoining parcels located at Lots 209-211 Fraser Court, Suttontown. The community land (screening reserve) was originally put in place to prevent access to these parcels directly onto Jubilee Highway West, on the recommendation of the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT).

Since that time, Steeline has sought approval from DIT for an exit-only driveway, requiring a right of access over the subject land, as part of a Development Application (DA 24020843). DIT have provided the **attached** 'in-principle' support for the proposal. In order to facilitate such development, the community land classification over the adjoining screening reserve would need to be revoked.

Due to the nature of the block (unusual shape and location) it is not a site which is utilised by the community (as is typically the case for community land) and therefore the impact to the community of revoking such classification is considered to be negligible. The **attached** Community Land Revocation Proposal Report detailing the proposal, was previously presented for Council's consideration. It is noted that this report deals with the community land revocation proposal only, and does not deal with matters relating to planning, business operations of Steeline at the site, or traffic impact of the development.

Community Land

Community Land as a concept was introduced with the LG Act "to create a system which protects the interests of the community in the land, for which the Councils are custodians, for

current and future generations and builds community consensus about the future management and use of such land". Community land is land to be "retained and managed for the benefit of the community".

Council Land and Crown Land

Councils own land and are also the custodians of land. Councils as the owners and custodians of land may use that land consistently with the rights that attach to owning or being a custodian of land. The LG Act and the Crown Land Management Act 2009 (CLM Act) then place parameters or restrictions on those rights. Pursuant to section 193 of the LG Act any land which is owned by a Council or under a Council's care, control and management is taken to be classified as Community Land unless the Council resolved to exclude it within three (3) years after the commencement date of the Act.

The Community Land Revocation Proposal Report outlines the relevant considerations, process and any impediments to revoking the Community Land status of the identified parcel. The process is highly prescriptive and set out under section 194 of the LG Act, refer extract below.

194—Revocation of classification of land as community land

2. Before a council revokes the classification of land as community land—

a. the council must prepare and make publicly available a report on the proposal containing—

i. a summary of the reasons for the proposal; and

ii. a statement of any dedication, reservation or trust to which the land is subject;

and

iii. a statement of whether revocation of the classification is proposed with a view to sale or disposal of the land and, if so, details of any Government assistance given to acquire the land and a statement of how the council proposes to use the proceeds; and

iv. an assessment of how implementation of the proposal would affect the area and the local community; and

v. if the council is not the owner of the land—a statement of any requirements made by the owner of the land as a condition of approving the proposed revocation of the classification; and

b. the council must follow the relevant steps set out in its public consultation policy.

3. After complying with the requirements of subsection (2), the council—

a. must submit the proposal with a report on all submissions made on it as part of the public consultation process to the Minister; and

b. if the Minister approves the proposal—

may make a resolution revoking the classification of the land as community land.

Expression of Interest (EOI) to Purchase

Council has previously considered this item at the ordinary meeting of 19 November 2024 and determined to seek whether the Applicant was interested in submitting an EOI to purchase the parcel as part of the within process, given its unusual shape, size and nature, in an effort to minimise administrative and maintenance burden of retaining the parcel, and in circumstances where the parcel is of no strategic benefit to Council.

The administration put this to the Applicant and received the **attached** expression of interest to purchase the parcel, for the consideration amount of \$1,235.40 with the Applicant to bear all ancillary costs of transfer.

Council's [Disposal of Land and Assets Policy](#) sets out the requirements and process for disposal of property in accordance with section 49 of the LG Act. Council may dispose of land by negotiation with owners of land adjoining the land or others with a pre-existing interest



in the land, or where the land is to be used by a purchaser whose purpose for the land is consistent with the Council's strategic objectives for the land, which may include:

- land that because of its small size, dimensions or irregular shape would not readily support a self contained development outcome;
- land that has no legal access; or
- land to be developed by another sphere of government.

There are several factors which must be considered when disposing of Council owned / controlled land (where applicable):

- the usefulness of the land or asset;
- the current market value of the land or asset;
- the annual cost of maintenance;
- any alternative future use of the land or asset;
- any duplication of the land or asset or the service provided by the land or asset;
- any impact the disposal of the land or asset may have on the community;
- any cultural or historical significance of the land or asset;
- the positive and negative impacts the disposal of the land or asset may have on the operations of the Council;
- the long term plans and strategic direction of the Council;
- the remaining useful life, particularly of an asset;
- a benefit and risk analysis of the proposed disposal;
- the results of any community consultation process;
- any restrictions on the proposed disposal;
- the content of any community land management plan; and
- any other relevant policies of the Council.

In this instance, the following disposal conditions apply.

An independent valuation will not be required for a disposal where the current valuation as per Council's asset register is less than \$25,000. Due to the unique size and shape of the parcel, the value falls under the \$25,000 threshold required to obtain an independent valuation.

If the disposal is not to be on the open market, the disposal amount should have due regard to the value of the land (independent or estimation) and the recovery of associated costs necessary to achieve the transaction. Based on the area of the parcel (12 square meters), and the Valuer-General capital value of the two adjoining parcels owned by the Applicant, the below calculation provides some indication as to estimated value.

13-17 Fraser Court = CV \$650,000 / 5,877 sqm = \$110.60 per sqm
19-23 Fraser Court = CV \$590,000 / 6,186 sqm = \$95.30 per sqm
Community Land parcel (blended value) = \$102.95 x 12 sqm = \$1,235.40

The purchaser would be required to bear the costs of transfer, and given the unique shape of the parcel, Council determined it would include a condition requiring the parcel to be amalgamated into the existing titles.

The Council will seek to dispose of land by whichever method is likely to provide the Council with a maximum return at or near current market valuation, unless there are reasons for the Council to accept a lesser return which is consistent with the Council's overall strategic direction. These reasons must be documented in writing. In this instance, due to the unique



nature of the block and negligible strategic value, it is unlikely there would be a potential purchasers interested outside of the Applicant (adjoining landowner), and taking into account the cost of an open market sale, direct negotiation is considered the most appropriate disposal approach. The valuation method utilised is based on an independent valuation process (Valuer-General) and is a reasonable approximation of market value.

Where land is classified as community land, the Council must:

- undertake public consultation in accordance with the Act and the Council’s public consultation policy; and
- ensure that the process for the revocation of the classification of land as community land has been concluded prior to its disposal; and
- comply with all other requirements under the Act in respect of the disposal of community land.

These steps / requirements are already contemplated as part of the within process.

IMPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER

Legal	ss 193 – 207 of the Local Government Act 1999 (the Act) deal with the establishment, management and revocation of Community Land. Due to the nature of the interest Councils held in community land (somewhat fiduciary in nature, being held specifically for the benefit of the community) there are stringent requirements around how councils must manage such interests. The process to revoke a community land classification is prescriptive and robust, reflecting the nature of Council’s responsibility.
Financial and Budget	N/A
Community Consultation and Engagement	<p>The Community Land Revocation Proposal Report formed the basis for the community consultation. The below consultation strategy was utilised, which meets both legislated and policy requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information & receipt of submissions on website – public notice and feedback via YourSay • Notice in local paper – Media Release • Documents available at Principal Office (Civic Centre) • Minimum 21 days’ notice to receive submissions – consultation will be open from 18 December 2024 - 8 January 2025. <p>Following consideration of submissions, the Council can either discontinue the revocation process or proceed to make an application to the Minister for Local Government for approval to revoke the community land classification applying to the land. If the Council elects to proceed with the revocation, all public submissions received by Council will be forwarded to the Minister for consideration as part of the formal application.</p>
Other Resources	The ad-hoc revocation of community land to facilitate / accommodate unsolicited proposal from the community does have a minor impact to regular resourcing, including the need for additional staff time and community consultation, however such ‘peaks’ in resource demand are unavoidable to deal with such issues in a timely manner.

RISK ANALYSIS

The risk identification and categorisation relies on the City of Mount Gambier [Risk Management Policy](#).



Risk	Consequence Rating	Risk Likelihood Rating	Risk Rating	Mitigation
<p>Finance - Council experiences financial loss as a result of inappropriate disposal of community land</p>	<p>Insignificant (1)</p>	<p>Rare (1)</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Strategic Property Management Project will consider Council's land holdings wholistically, to maximise resource efficiency / deal with surplus land, budget allocation for this process to account for external consultants / engagement requirements.</p>
<p>Reputation - Council experience negative news profile, public agitation and loss of trust as a result of inadequate community consultation</p>	<p>Moderate (3)</p>	<p>Unlikely (2)</p>	<p>Moderate</p>	<p>Robust and considered community engagement strategy, with key stakeholders, broader community and internally. Input from key subject-matter experts as required.</p>
<p>Legal / Regulatory / Policy - Council is subject to legal intervention as a result of statutory non-compliance</p>	<p>Major (4)</p>	<p>Unlikely (2)</p>	<p>Moderate</p>	<p>Strategic Property Management Project Plan with oversight from project team / lead, engagement of subject matter experts as right (e.g. legal, Crown land, SANTS etc). Allocation of appropriate amount of internal resourcing to reflect complexity of project / interconnected workstreams.</p>
<p>Service Delivery - Council experiences delay or interruption in service delivery as a result of resourcing demands of community land review project</p>	<p>Insignificant (1)</p>	<p>Rare (1)</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Robust and considered community engagement strategy, with key stakeholders, broader community and</p>



				internally. Allocation of appropriate amount of internal resourcing to reflect complexity of project / interconnected workstreams.
People - Negative impact to staff morale, engagement and satisfaction as a result of overloading of major projects cumulative impact with business as usual functions	Insignificant (1)	Unlikely (2)	Low	Allocation of appropriate amount of internal resourcing to reflect complexity of project / interconnected workstreams, engagement of subject matter experts as right (e.g. legal, Crown land, SANTS etc).
Infrastructure – Financial loss caused by dilapidated assets as a result of inadequate asset planning / oversupply of community land	Insignificant (1)	Rare (1)	Low	Allocation of appropriate amount of internal resourcing to reflect complexity of project / interconnected workstreams, engagement of subject matter experts as right (e.g. legal, Crown land, SANTS etc), budget allocation for this process to account for external consultants / engagement requirements.
Environmental - Environmental damage to key sites caused by inconsistent or inadequate management of community land	Minor (2)	Rare (1)	Low	Engagement of subject matter experts as right (e.g. legal, Crown land, SANTS etc), strategic / master planning to inform desired objectives / targets for community land.

APPLICATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN

This report aligns to the following strategic objectives(s):

Priority 6: Excellence in Leadership and Governance



- 6.2 Ensure compliance with legislative obligations and apply best-practice governance to strengthen risk management, accountability and transparency, fostering trust within the community.

This report contributes to delivery of the following key strategic project(s):

Priority 1: Environment and Liveability
Review and update Community Land Management Plans.

RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICY

N/A

IMPLEMENTATION AND NEXT STEPS

Consultation Outcomes

“Consult - Two-way communications designed to obtain public feedback about ideas on rationale, alternatives and proposals to inform decision making – Council will listen and acknowledge concerns and aspirations and provide feedback.”

The revocation proposal reports formed the basis for the community consultation. The following consultation strategy was undertaken between 18 December 2024 – 8 January 2025, which met both legislated and policy requirements under Council’s Community Consultation and Engagement Policy P195:

- Information & receipt of submissions on website – Public Notice and Your Say Poll
- Notice in local paper – Media Release
- Documents available at Principal Office
- Minimum 21 days notice to receive submissions

The survey template and summary YourSay engagement report are **attached** for information. A total of one (1) submission was received, via the online Your Say survey (**attached**). This response indicated they were in favour of the proposal. The response includes some commentary regarding the inclusion of a condition requiring the Applicant to retain the vegetation screening along the Jubilee Highway roadside, to provide a visual and audio buffer for road users. Whilst not all feedback may be able to be directly incorporated into the proposal, all feedback should be considered, and where possible included into the recommendation. Following consideration of the above feedback, Council can either discontinue the revocation process or proceed to make an application to the Minister for Local Government for approval to revoke the community land classification applying to the land. If the Council elects to proceed with the revocation, all public submissions received by Council will be forwarded to the Minister for consideration as part of the formal application.

Application to Minister

Following the Ministers consideration of the matter, if approved, Council must the formally resolve to revoke the classification prior to commencing the sale of land process, which will then be undertaken in accordance with the Disposal of Land and Assets Policy and section 49 of the LG Act.

CONCLUSION

Council is now presented with a Community Land Revocation Proposal Report and outcomes (submissions) of the requisite community consultation. The Council is now required to



consider any feedback received and determine whether to proceed with making application to the Minister for Local Government, or abandon the revocation process.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Completed proposed revocation of community land - submission form Redacted [18.3.1 - 1 page]
2. Proposed revocation of community land - submission form _ Have Your Say Mount Gambier [18.3.2 - 2 pages]
3. Summary Report Have Your Say Mount Gambier 09 Dec 2024 To 07 Jan 2025 On 08 Jan 2025 [18.3.3 - 6 pages]



From: [Have Your Say Mount Gambier](#)
To: [Brittany Shelton](#)
Subject: [REDACTED] completed Proposed revocation of community land - submission form
Date: Monday, 23 December 2024 11:09:39 PM

****CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of this Organisation. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe**.

[REDACTED] just submitted the survey Proposed revocation of community land - submission form with the responses below.

Your name:

[REDACTED]

Your contact number:

[REDACTED]

Your e-mail:

[REDACTED]

Do you support the proposed revocation of community land at Jubilee Hwy West?

Yes

Why do you support the proposal?

Empty lots, little value in retaining the sliver of land for community purposes - however... (see Q6)

Is there anything further that you'd like to add?

Please require the purchaser to retain the trees along those fencelines, especially the native vegetation.



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Proposed revocation of community land - submission form

You will be submitting this survey as **Brittany Shelton**, to change this [logout](#)

All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required

1. Your name: *

Maximum 255 characters

0/255

2. Your contact number: *

Maximum 255 characters

0/255

3. Your e-mail: *

Maximum 255 characters

0/255

4. Do you support the proposed revocation of community land at Jubilee Hwy West? *

Yes

No

5. Is there anything further that you'd like to add?

Submit

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Summary Report

09 December 2024 - 07 January 2025

Have Your Say Mount Gambier

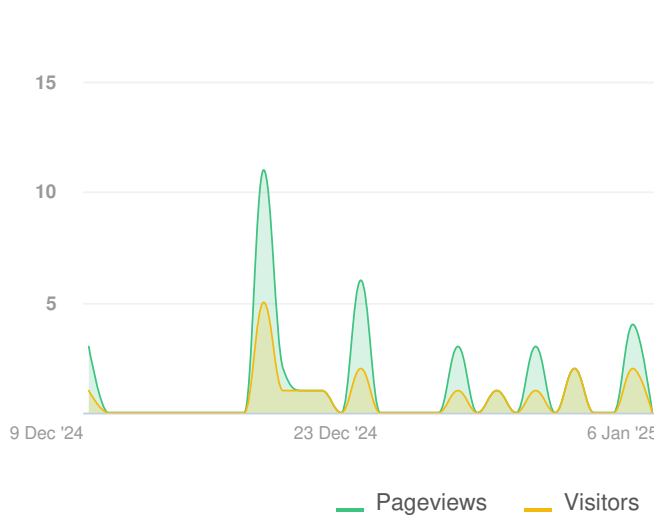
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Proposal for the revocation of community land (Jubilee Hwy West)

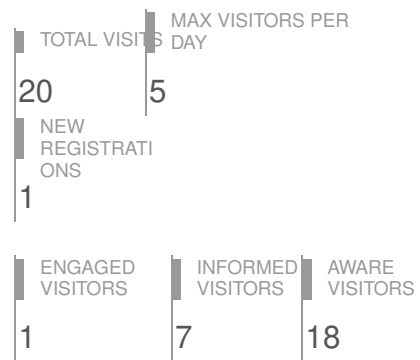
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Visitors Summary



Highlights

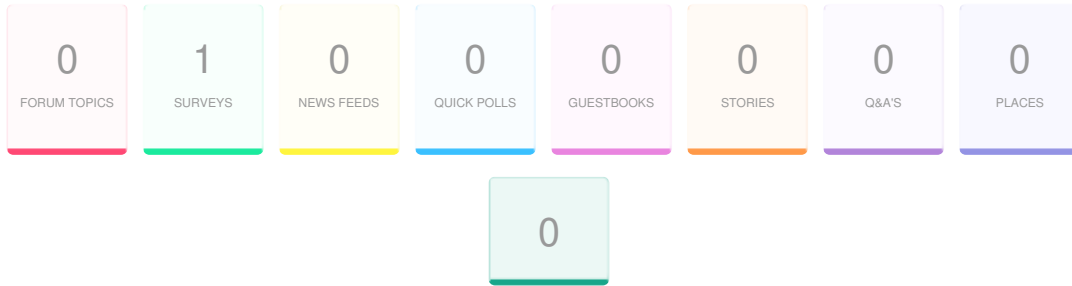


PARTICIPANT SUMMARY

ENGAGED	1 ENGAGED PARTICIPANTS			(%)
INFORMED	Registered	Unverified	Anonymous	Proposal for the revocation ... 1 (5.6%)
AWARE	Contributed on Forums	0	0	0
	Participated in Surveys	1	0	0
	Contributed to Newsfeeds	0	0	0
	Participated in Quick Polls	0	0	0
	Posted on Guestbooks	0	0	0
	Contributed to Stories	0	0	0
	Asked Questions	0	0	0
	Placed Pins on Places	0	0	0
	Contributed to Ideas	0	0	0
<i>* A single engaged participant can perform multiple actions</i>			<i>* Calculated as a percentage of total visits to the Project</i>	
ENGAGED	7 INFORMED PARTICIPANTS			(%)
INFORMED	Participants			Proposal for the revocation ... 7 (38.9%)
	Viewed a video	0		
	Viewed a photo	0		
	Downloaded a document	6		
	Visited the Key Dates page	0		
	Visited an FAQ list Page	0		
	Visited Instagram Page	0		
	Visited Multiple Project Pages	5		
	Contributed to a tool (engaged)	1		
<i>* A single informed participant can perform multiple actions</i>			<i>* Calculated as a percentage of total visits to the Project</i>	
ENGAGED	18 AWARE PARTICIPANTS			
INFORMED	Participants			Proposal for the revocation ... 18
	Visited at least one Page	18		
AWARE	<i>* Aware user could have also performed an Informed or Engaged Action</i>			<i>* Total list of unique visitors to the project</i>

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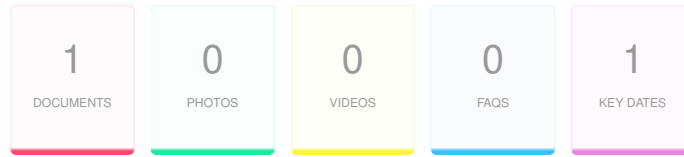
ENGAGEMENT TOOLS SUMMARY



SURVEYS SUMMARY	
1	Surveys
1	Contributors
1	Submissions

TOP 3 SURVEYS BASED ON CONTRIBUTORS
<p>1</p> <p>Contributors to</p> <p>Proposed revocation of community land - submission form</p>

INFORMATION WIDGET SUMMARY



DOCUMENTS	
1	Documents
6	Visitors
7	Downloads

TOP 3 DOCUMENTS BASED ON DOWNLOADS
7 Downloads
Community Land Revocation Proposal Report - Jubilee Hwy W, Suttontown.pdf

KEY DATES	
1	Key Dates
0	Visitors
0	Views

TOP 3 KEY DATES BASED ON VIEWS
0 Views
Proposal for the revocation of community land (Jubilee Hwy West)

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TRAFFIC SOURCES OVERVIEW

REFERRER URL	Visits
www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au	5
www.google.com	2
statics.teams.cdn.office.net	1
www.bing.com	1

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SELECTED PROJECTS - FULL LIST

PROJECT TITLE	AWARE	INFORMED	ENGAGED
Proposal for the revocation of community land (Jubilee Hwy West)	18	7	1

18.4 COUNCIL'S DEBT STRUCTURING

Author: Kahli Rolton, Manager Financial Services

Authoriser: Jane Fetherstonhaugh, General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council report titled 'Council's Debt Structuring' as presented on Tuesday 21 January 2025 be noted.
2. That Council agrees to enter into either variable or fixed financing agreements with the LGFA as the Chief Executive Officer considers appropriate subject to and including:
 - (a) No increase in total value of loan facilities currently held.
 - (b) Ensuring that the requirements of the Long Term Financial Plan and Treasury Management Policy are met and maintained.
 - (c) A workshop being held with the Audit and Risk Committee to review any proposed changes to financing arrangements that may be considered in the future, and noting that a workshop was held on Thursday 9 January 2025 regarding the proposal in this report.
 - (d) That Council be notified following any changes made to financing arrangements including reference to interest rates and loan terms.
 - (e) Negotiating new financing arrangements as current loan agreements reach maturity; and/or
 - (f) implementing short-term (1-2 year) financing arrangements from variable to fixed whilst maintaining spread between each category of loan and a range of maturity dates.
3. That the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign and affix the common seal to execute the required loan documentation as reference in point 2 above.

PURPOSE

This report provides an update to Council on the approach to debt structuring and proposes that Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate:

- New financing agreements for credit foncier loans maturing where required to maintain Council operations and service levels.
- Transitioning a portion of variable, cash advance debenture (CAD) loans to short-term fixed agreements.

Further, this report steps through a number of options considered when reviewing Council's debt structure with the purpose of:

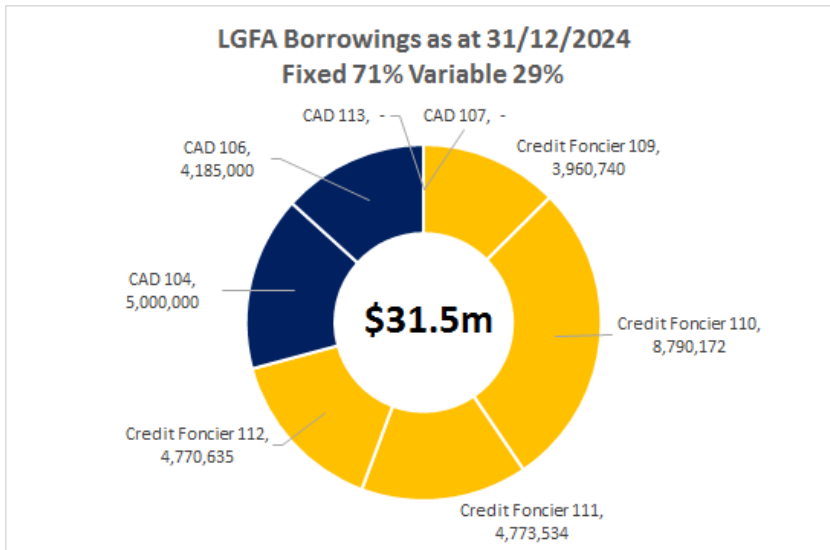
- Reducing or minimalising interest expense where reasonably practicable
- Ensuring adequate cashflow for Council's working capital cycle
- Not increasing overall borrowing facilities from Council's current debt position
- Maintaining the requirements of the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) and Treasury Management Policy.



BACKGROUND / OPTIONS

Current Debt Structure

Council Borrowings as at 31 December 2024 were \$31.5m out of a total available facility of \$43.8m or 72% drawn down.



Two Credit Foncier Loans (Loans 111 & 112) were taken out in FY2023 both with balloon options at their expiry. The purpose of this was to secure loan repayments equivalent to a longer period of time, e.g. 20 years and enable review of interest rates periodically. Credit Foncier Loan 111 is maturing 15 March 2025 with a significant balloon payment required of \$4.89m (including interest).

Loans highlighted red in Table 1 below require consideration for refinance this financial year and loans highlighted orange require consideration for the 2025/2026 financial year due to nearing their maturity dates.

Table 1: Detailed Borrowings as at December 2024

Facility	Expiry Date	Interest Rate	Facility Limit \$	Drawn Down \$	Available\$
Fixed Loans					
Credit Foncier 109	16/05/2032	4.75%	3,960,740	3,960,740	-
Credit Foncier 110	16/05/2037	4.85%	8,790,172	8,790,172	-
Credit Foncier 111	15/03/2025	5.07%	4,773,534	4,773,534	-
Credit Foncier 112	15/05/2026	4.95%	4,770,635	4,770,635	-
Total Fixed Loans			22,295,081	22,295,081	-
Variable Loans					
Cash Advance Debenture 104	17/06/2028	6.15%	5,000,000	5,000,000	-
Cash Advance Debenture 106	15/04/2026	6.15%	5,000,000	4,185,000	815,000
Cash Advance Debenture 107	16/08/2026	6.15%	10,000,000	-	10,000,000
Cash Advance Debenture 113	15/06/2025	6.15%	1,500,000	-	1,500,000
Total Variable Loans			21,500,000	9,185,000	12,315,000



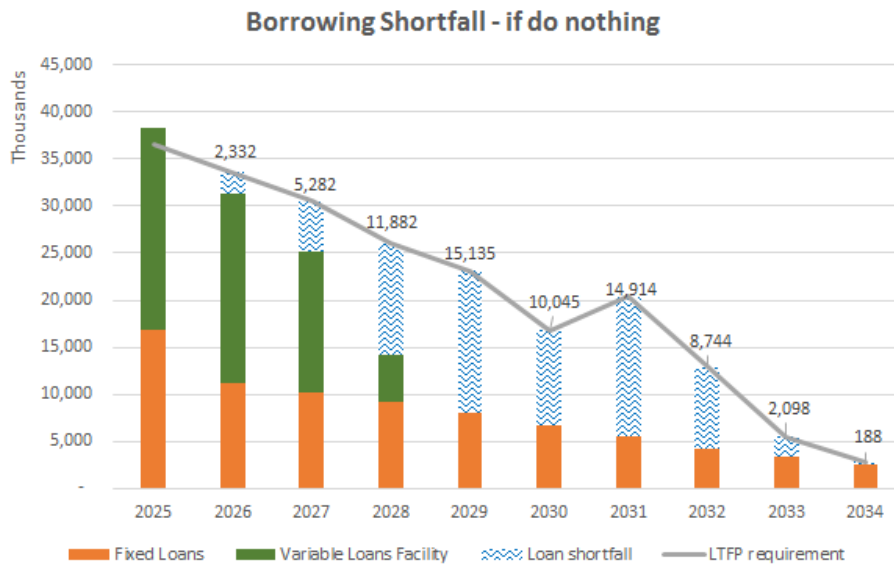
TOTAL LOANS			43,795,081	31,480,081	12,315,000
% Fixed Loans			51%	71%	
% Variable Loans			49%	29%	

REFINANCING OPTIONS

1. Do Nothing

This is not a viable option and would create a shortfall against Council’s forecast long term financial plan debt requirements. Table 2 provides an estimate of the shortfall impact should Council not refinance loans at their maturity date. The amounts called out on Table 2 relate to the anticipated shortfalls only and increase over time as more loans reach maturity.

Table 2: Anticipated borrowing shortfall if do nothing.



Risk: Extreme

Benefits: None. Noting that CAD’s do not cost Council unless they are drawn down.

Recommendation: Not recommended to proceed, with the exception of CAD 113. CAD 113 is a \$1.5m facility, has not been required and is not forecast to be required as part of Council’s long term financial plan. It is recommended to let CAD 113 lapse at maturity, decreasing Council’s total available debt facilities.

2. Replace CF111 like for like

Credit Foncier loan 111 is currently a fixed amortising loan. Over the life of the loan, principal and interest are paid and therefore the fixed loan decreases and subsequently the interest too, due to the reducing loan balance. The current loan has been structured with shorter fixed terms, but with repayments equivalent to a loan taken over a longer period of time and subsequently a large balloon payment at the end.

Risk: Low. Open to interest rate risk in 2 years should interest rates increase and also open to risk should interest rates decrease once loan term fixed. Requires increased monitoring to ensure facilities are available when loan repayments due.

Benefits: This option provides minimal savings to interest

Recommendation: Due to the large balloon payment and higher interest rates on CAD facilities which would inevitably fund the balloon payment, refinancing should be



prioritised, however, this option is not the preferred option and therefore not recommended to proceed.

3. Replace CF111 with short term fixed interest

Council does not have available surplus cash funds, nor is it forecast to have surplus cash for the life of the current long term financial plan. This means that when principal is reduced as part of an amortising fixed loan, it is currently being funded from Cash Advance Debenture (CAD) facility draw downs. CAD's are variable loans and at present have a higher interest rate than fixed loans (depending on the loan term, sometimes more than 1% greater). When comparing the cost of an amortising loan versus a fixed interest loan, consideration needs to be given to the extra interest costs from increasing CAD facilities to cover the principal reduction in amortising loans.

Risk: Low. Open to interest rate risk in 2 years should interest rates increase and also open to risk should interest rates decrease once loan term fixed. Consideration at conclusion of the fixed term to reduce the refinance amount based on Council's requirements at the time. This working similar to an amortising loan.

Benefits: Should interest rates reduce over coming 1-2 years able to refinance at a lower rate at that time. Enables decreased drawdown on CAD facilities which incur higher interest rates. Replacing an amortising fixed loan with an alternative fixed interest loan, still meets the requirement of the Treasury Management Policy to have a variety of maturity dates in order to spread exposure to interest rate movements. Interest savings of c\$6k p.a. have been estimated based on information known at the time of analysis and modelling.

Recommendation: Proceed

4. Transfer portion of CAD to short term fixed interest

Council has the opportunity to fix a portion of it's current CAD loans to a short term fixed interest loan to gain the benefit of the current lower interest rate. As mentioned in Option 3 above, CAD interest rates are higher than fixed term loans.

Risk: Low. Open to interest rate risk in 2 years should interest rates increase and also open to risk should interest rates decrease once loan term fixed.

Benefits: The current differential between a 2 year fixed term loan and variable interest rates is more than 1% p.a. Even if interest rates begin to reduce, historically the RBA decreases rates incrementally, generally 25 basis points at a time. It could take 1-2 years before the CAD interest rate reduces to the level of the current fixed interest loan. On a \$3m loan, interest savings of c\$30k p.a based on current interest rates could be achieved.

Recommendation: Proceed with either a 1 or 2 year fixed term loan depending on interest rates available at the time of entering the refinancing agreement and for the principal amount of \$3m. Noting there is no urgency to implement this option immediately, however would be advantageous administratively. Depending on the principal amount transferred to fixed interest, CAD facilities to be reduced to ensure that overall loan facilities do not increase.

Financial modelling of recommended financing options (listed above) shows that by transitioning a portion of debt to fixed interest, a reasonable spread of debt between fixed and variable categories remains. It also shows that a reasonable CAD loan buffer has been incorporated to assist with events outside of Council's control or should opportunity arise which requires use.

Table 3 calls out the loan buffer amounts on the graph and is based on transferring \$3m of CAD to fixed interest under option 4 presented above. Furthermore, table 4 details modelling for the variable loan component only which incorporates coverage for meeting Council's working capital cashflow requirements. For noting, Council's working capital requirements



are cyclical and influenced by rates, the largest source of revenue which typically peaks quarterly as rates instalments become due and payable.

Table 3: modelling of recommended refinancing options

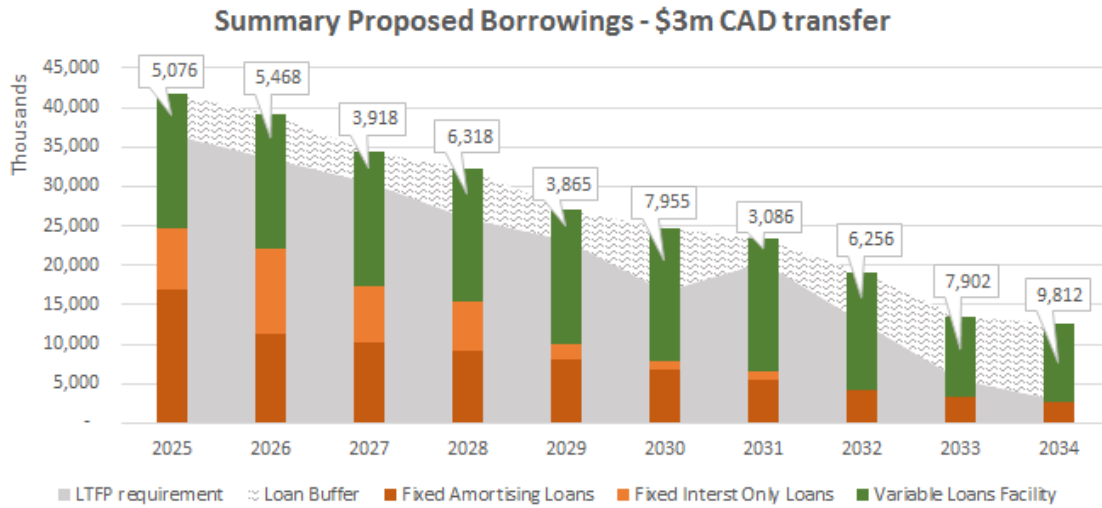


Table 4: modelling of recommended refinancing options – variable loans only

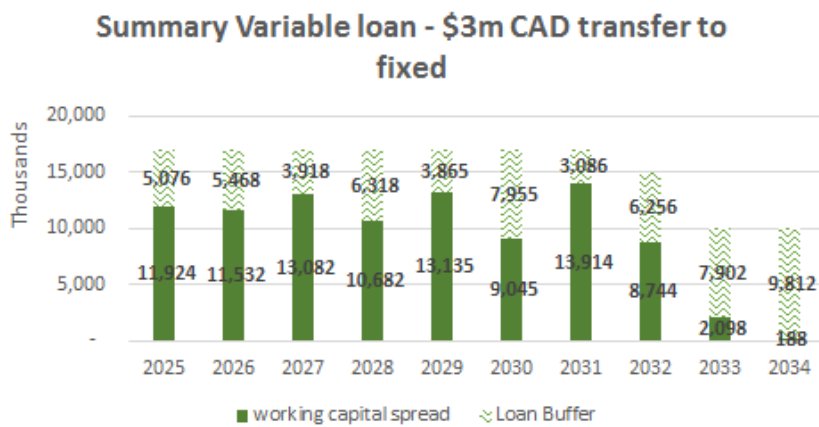


Table 5: modelling of recommended refinancing options – breakdown of fixed v's variable

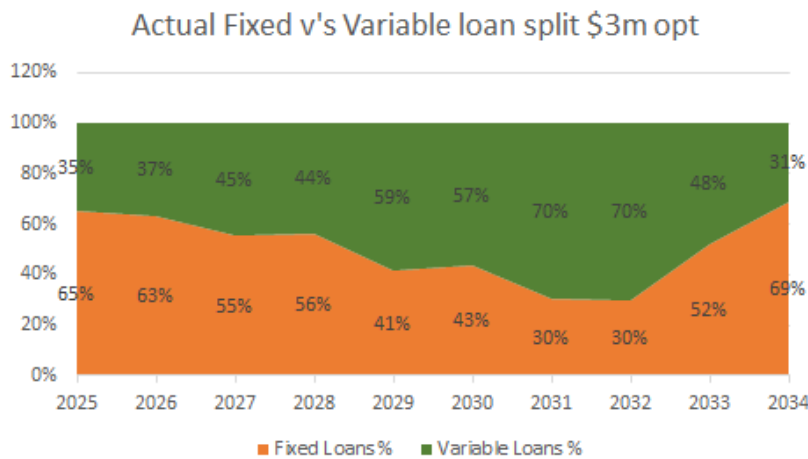


Table 6: Proposed changes to detailed borrowings

Facility	Expiry Date	Interest Rate	Current Facility Limit \$	Changes	Comments
Fixed Loans					
Credit Foncier 109	16/05/2032	4.75%	3,960,740	no change	
Credit Foncier 110	16/05/2037	4.85%	8,790,172	no change	
Credit Foncier 111	15/03/2025	5.07%	4,773,534	4,800,000	Convert to fixed interest loan 2-year term at maturity
Credit Foncier 112	15/05/2026	4.95%	4,770,635	c3,000,000	Review and consider converting to a short term fixed interest loan term at maturity, amount to be confirmed closer to date
Total Fixed Loans			22,295,081		
Variable Loans					
Cash Advance Debenture 104	17/06/2028	6.15%	5,000,000	no change	
Cash Advance Debenture 106	15/04/2026	6.15%	5,000,000	3,000,000 2,000,000	Convert to fixed interest loan 2-year term Reduce CAD by amount converted
Cash Advance Debenture 107	16/08/2026	6.15%	10,000,000	no change	
Cash Advance Debenture 113	15/06/2025	6.15%	1,500,000	remove	Let lapse at maturity date
Total Variable Loans			21,500,000		
TOTAL LOANS			43,795,081		

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), annual CPI inflation was 2.8% in September 2024 quarter, significantly down from 3.8% in the June quarter, the major reason for this due to a fall in prices for electricity and automotive fuel.

Interest Rates

Interest rates on variable loans (CADs) increased from 6.05% during 2022/2023 to 6.15% during 2023/2024.

The current economic outlook suggests that interest rates could decrease as early as February 2025, but most likely May 2025.

- Reserve Bank Australia (RBA) current cash rate 4.35%
- Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) 30 day interbank cash rate future implied yield 30 June 2026, 3.6%.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL REPORTS

For completeness, below refers to a series of reports that have been resolved regarding securing initial financing arrangements for Wulanda and subsequent restructuring of finance arrangements.

Council Report Annual Review Investments and Borrowings was presented in November 2024 and summarised Council’s borrowing position as at 30 June 2024 with a comparison to the prior financial year. It also foreshadowed that refinancing would be required for a credit foncier loan facility maturing 15 March 2025 with a large balloon repayment of \$4.89m.

Council Report AR22/31137 titled Council’s Debt Structuring was presented in May 2022. This report provided an update on current and future debt structuring at the time it was presented and amended a previous Council decision to ensure that Council Administration has the flexibility required to structure the remaining debt.

Council Report AR21/50825 titled Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre Loan Structures was presented in August 2021 in confidence (since released). This report provided an update on debt structuring at the time it was presented, with the approach to engage shorter term debt CADs during construction phase and convert to longer term loans on completion of construction.

Council Report AR20/73196 titled Funding of Mount Gambier Community and Recreation Hub Project was presented November 2020 in confidence (since released). This purpose of this report was to enter into loans to a maximum amount specified.

Note also that Council has adopted it’s Long Term Financial Plan which outlines borrowings over the longer term.

IMPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER

Legal	No legal implications
Financial and Budget	<p>Cash Advance Debenture (CAD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current interest rate 6.15%, fully variable. • Offers flexibility to repay and draw down when needed, which is required for the cashflow working cycle of Council. • No principal repayments required for cashflow consideration. • Exposed to market interest rate risk/benefit on a daily basis. <p>Fixed Interest Loan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest rate is less than the current variable rate loan (CAD) • Council has a variable CAD loan of \$5m which it does not anticipate will make repayments on over the next 2 years. Where a fixed interest loan for 1-2 years equates to less interest than a CAD facility, this option would offer some interest relief. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Estimated savings \$30k p.a for \$3m CAD converted to fixed interest loan at c5% (based on interest rate of 2 year loan term) ○ Estimated savings \$50k p.a. for \$5m CAD converted to fixed interest loan at c5% (based on interest rate of 2 year loan term) • Need to leave adequate variable loans to cover working capital cash flows required over the financial year.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic outlook indicates that an interest rate cut could be as early as February 2025, higher likelihood for May 2025 according to RBA. History indicates that rates generally reduce 25 basis points at a time, suggesting that if rate cuts were to be imposed it could be 1-2 years before the CAD rate reached the same % as fixed interest. <p>Credit Foncier (amortising) Loan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interest rate is less than the current variable rate loan (CAD), but higher than a fixed interest loan. Need to leave adequate variable loans to cover working capital cash flows required over the financial year. Balloon terms may be negotiated to secure longer payment terms and only expose to shorter term interest rate risk. Council does not have funds readily available outside of loan facilities. Where there is a principal repayment on a credit foncier loan, this is currently being funded from cash advance facilities, which incur a higher interest rate.
Community Consultation and Engagement	Changes made to borrowings will form part of the LTFP and future annual business plans and budgets. Public consultation will form part of this process.
Other Resources	Existing resources have been used to prepare this report. Any forecast interest savings have not been offset by increased expenditure at this stage.

RISK ANALYSIS

The risk identification and categorisation relies on the City of Mount Gambier [Risk Management Policy](#).

Risk	Consequence Rating	Risk Likelihood Rating	Risk Rating	Mitigation
Finance – inadequate cash flow available to continue operations	Major (4)	Unlikely (2)	Moderate	Regular review and reporting of debt structures to Audit and Risk Committee and Council.
Reputation – negative news profile and/or loss of trust due to changes to debt structuring	Moderate (3)	Possible (3)	Moderate	Consider alternate media mediums to help explain changes to community for their understanding
Service Delivery – delays or interruptions caused by inadequate cash resources	Moderate (3)	Unlikely (2)	Moderate	Open and transparent weekly treasury management report to Executive Members



APPLICATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN

This report aligns to the following strategic objectives(s):

Priority 6: Excellence in Leadership and Governance

- 6.2 Ensure compliance with legislative obligations and apply best-practice governance to strengthen risk management, accountability and transparency, fostering trust within the community.
- 6.4 Review and continually update the Long -Term Financial Plan to ensure ongoing financial sustainability to community expectations and legislative requirements.
- 6.5 Achieve value-for-money procurement and contract management that consistently aligns with Council's policies and delivers economic, social and environmental outcomes.

This report contributes to delivery of the following key strategic project(s):

N/A

RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICY

[Treasury Management - T150](#)

IMPLEMENTATION AND NEXT STEPS

Following Council endorsement:

1. Meet with LGFA to discuss Council outcome, modelling and intentions (noting a pre-meeting has already been held LGFA in November 2024)
2. Progress refinancing paperwork including affixing common seal and signatures
3. Notify Council of the interest rate and loan terms agreed with LGFA.
4. Review in c12 months as further loans reach maturity date.

CONCLUSION

Council is now presented with 5 options for consideration in relation to proposed changes to its current debt structure due to some loans reaching maturity. The preferred refinancing options include:

- transitioning an amortising loan, expiring 15 March 2025 to a fixed interest short term loan
- transitioning \$3m of cash advance debenture (CAD) loans to short term fixed interest loans of either 1 or 2 year terms depending on interest at the time of conversion.
- Letting \$1.5m of CAD facility, not drawn down on, nor required for working capital to lapse.

Analysis and modelling work completed in December 2024 forecast savings of up to \$36k p.a. based on the indicative interest rates available at the time, noting that interest rates are subject to further change until agreements are executed. The report recommends that the CEO be authorised to determine and enter into the appropriate agreements as required, with the oversight of the Audit and Risk Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil



18.5 S41 COMMITTEE DELEGATIONS

Author: Brittany Shelton, Manager Governance and Property

Authoriser: Jane Fetherstonhaugh, General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council report titled 'S41 Committee Delegations' as presented on Tuesday 21 January 2025 be noted.
2. That Council grants the delegation of powers and functions of the Council as provided for in the tables at **Attachment 1**, to the identified section 41 Committees of the Council pursuant to section 44(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.
3. The delegations granted in resolution 2 above are subject to the following conditions and limitations:
 - (a) If two or more delegates are nominated in respect of a power or function, then each nominated person or position is granted a delegation and may exercise the power or function independently of any other delegate.
 - (b) the delegate must exercise a delegated function or power in accordance with and due regard to:
 - (i) applicable legislative and other legal requirements; and
 - (ii) relevant policies and guidelines adopted by the Council.
 - (c) Each delegation of a power or function is granted independent of, and severable from, every other delegation granted under this or any other resolution or instrument.
 - (d) A delegation of a power or function determined to be invalid or unlawful will be deemed to be severed from the delegations granted under this or any other resolution or instrument and remaining delegations will continue to operate according to their terms.
 - (e) These delegations will come into operation on Wednesday 22 January 2025 and remain in force until varied or revoked by resolution of the Council.

PURPOSE

To delegate operational powers to relevant Committees of the Council in accordance with sections 41 and 44 of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

BACKGROUND / OPTIONS

Delegations are the way in which Council enables other people/bodies to undertake the many functions required for the day-to-day administrative activities of Council.

Section 44 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act) provides that the Council may delegate a power or function vested or conferred under this or another Act to a Council committee, a subsidiary, an employee, an employee occupying a particular office or position, or an authorised person. Other Acts also contain specific powers of delegation.

A delegation is subject to such conditions and limitations determined by the council or specified by the regulations, is revocable at will and does not prevent the council from acting in a matter.

Section 41 Committees

Another way in which Council streamlines its efficiency is via establishing committees. Section 41 of the Act provides that a council may establish committees to assist the council in the performance of its functions, for example:

- To carry out a project on behalf of the council.
- To manage or administer property, facilities or activities on behalf of the council.
- To oversee works on behalf of the council.

Council's formal decision-making structure currently consists of the following statutory and discretionary committees:

- CEO Performance Review Committee
- Audit and Risk Committee
- Building Fire Safety
- Junior Sports Assistance Fund

The nature of committees is that they lapse at the conclusion of each Council term and must be reestablished if the intention is for them to continue. At the Statutory meeting (first Council meeting following a periodic election) on 29 November 2022, Council resolved to re-establish the following statutory and discretionary committees, which had lapsed at the conclusion of the previous Council term.

"24. COUNCIL DECISION MAKING STRUCTURE AND REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLUTION 2022/206

Moved: Cr Mark Lovett

Seconded: Cr Max Bruins

- 1. That Council Report No. AR22/72311 titled 'Council Decision Making Structure and representatives' as presented on 29 November 2022 be noted.*
- 2. That Council's decision-making structure, from 29 November 2022, shall comprise:*
 - CEO Performance Review Committee*
 - Audit and Risk Committee*
 - Junior Sports Assistance Fund*
 - Building Fire Safety Committee*
- 3. That the Terms of Reference and (independent/ex-officio) membership of the Committee structure in resolution (2) remain unchanged, subject to the operation of the Terms of Reference and any conditions of appointment, until further resolved by Council.*
- 4. That the following Council Members be appointed to committee and external representative positions: CEO Performance Review Committee (in addition to Mayor and Deputy Mayor) Cr Sonya Meziniec Cr Paul Jenner Audit and Risk Committee Cr Sonya Meziniec Junior Sports Assistance Fund Cr Mark Lovett as Presiding Member Riddoch Arts and Cultural Trust Cr Sonya Meziniec Queen Elizabeth Park Trust Cr Max Bruins (or such other appointments as determined).*



5. *That the appointments in resolution (3) be for an interim period of 3 months or until Council has resolved alternate arrangements.*
6. *That pursuant to Section 72(1) of the Local Government Act, Division 2 - Register of Interests provisions will extend to independent members of Council's Audit and Risk Committee.*

CARRIED

In order for a committee to perform its functions or duties, it may be required to discharge delegated powers of the council. City of Mount Gambier currently has two (2) committees established in accordance with section 41 of the Act, with reference to delegated powers in their respective Terms of Reference (refer relevant extracts below):

1. Junior Sports Assistance Fund
2. CEO Performance Review Committee

Junior Sports Assistance Fund

"The Council has delegated to the Committee the power to carry out the Objectives for which the Fund was established including the power to receive, expend and grant monies."

CEO Performance Review Committee

"6.1 The Committee is an advisory committee and, with the exception of procurement for the purposes of 4.3 and 5.2 in accordance with 6.2, has no power or authority to make delegated decisions on Council's behalf. 6.2 The engagement of independent person(s) and/or specialist consultancy services under 4.3 and 5.2 shall be under administrative (sub)delegation in conjunction with the Presiding Member of the Committee and in accordance with Council's Procurement & Disposal of Land and Assets Policy P420."

"4.3 To obtain and consider the advice of a Qualified Independent Person in accordance with s102A of the Act and independent human resource management specialist support as determined appropriate by the Presiding Member of the Committee to support the effective conduct of the reviews in 4.1 and 4.2."

"5.2 In support of the Committee's role, the Council will appoint independent human resource management specialist support (including a Qualified Independent Person) to assist with undertaking performance reviews and to provide advice as required by s102A of the Act."

Delegations to Committees

The intention to empower the above committees to expend funds which have been budgeted to support the relevant activities (i.e. awarding grant funding to community groups or procuring expert human resourcing advice) is clearly articulated in the relevant Terms of Reference. For the sake of completeness, the council is now requested to delegate specific legislative powers to enable these committees to make such decisions in their own right, without requiring further endorsement of council.

Whilst the administration may have the necessary sub-delegations to enable them to conduct such activities on the committee's behalf, the committee itself is relevant decision-maker in both instances. For this reason, it is recommended that each committee receives the below delegated powers, as detailed in the schedule at **Attachment 1**.



Local Government Act 1999	section 37(b)	Authorise an officer, employee or agent to enter into a contract on behalf of the council
Local Government Act 1999	section 137	Expend funds in the performance or discharge of the council's powers, functions or duties under the Local Government Act or other Acts

It is important to note that a contract need not be in writing to enliven these provisions, and it is commonly utilised for the expenditure of funds / procurement. It is recommended that conditions / limitations be placed on the delegation to limit such expenditure to the specific budget allocation for the relevant activity. Each relevant activity currently has a specific budget line, which makes monitoring / enforcing such a condition practical and not overly onerous.

In the 2024/2025 budget, the following allocations are provided:

- CEO Performance Review (6013.0037.0032) = \$6,500
- Junior Sports Assistance Fund (6560.0714.0070) = \$22,000 (including City of Mount Gambier contribution of \$12,000)

IMPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER

Legal	<p>As the authority under which the delegates are empowered to make decisions on behalf of Council, it is imperative that valid delegations are made in accordance with relevant legislation.</p> <p>Council uses the template delegations and processes as provided and updated by the Local Government Association, as amended to suit the specific circumstances applicable to the City of Mount Gambier, to ensure appropriate delegations are in place to support the activities of Council in a compliant manner.</p>
Financial and Budget	<p>An absence of appropriate delegations would not enable the Council to direct decision making to an appropriate delegate to enable efficient and effective administration of the many, varied and routine functions of Council.</p>
Community Consultation and Engagement	<p>There is no legislative requirement to actively engage the community on the making of delegations. A person is however entitled to inspect the record of delegations and in support of this a full extract of the delegation register is published on the Council website here.</p>
Other Resources	<p>The making of delegations enables the Council to give effect to the strategic and policy objectives of Council through the many and diverse transactions and activities undertaken by the various delegates on a daily basis.</p> <p>An absence of appropriate delegations would necessitate presentation to a formal meeting of Council for decision, which would be a resource intensive, inefficient and untimely decision-making process for routine administrative matters.</p>



RISK ANALYSIS

The risk identification and categorisation relies on the City of Mount Gambier [Risk Management Policy](#).

Risk	Consequence Rating:	Risk Likelihood Rating:	Risk Rating	Mitigation
<p>Finance - that Council is fined or suffers financial loss as the result of statutory breach arising due to inappropriate or no appropriate delegations being in place.</p>	<p>Minor (2)</p>	<p>Unlikely (2)</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Use of the LGA template delegations and resources, which are created for the use of SA Council's with the support of Norman Waterhouse Lawyers. Administration and recording of delegations via subject-specific software, RelianSys. Staff induction and training on the importance of understanding powers, conditions/limitations and duties under relevant legislation. Tiered limits of financial delegation in accordance with industry-accepted practice.</p>
<p>Reputation - that Council suffers reputation damage and loss of trust from community as the result of statutory breach arising due to inappropriate or no appropriate delegations being in place.</p>	<p>Moderate (3)</p>	<p>Unlikely (2)</p>	<p>Moderate</p>	<p>Use of the LGA template delegations and resources, which are created for the use of SA Council's with the support of Norman Waterhouse Lawyers. Administration and recording of delegations via subject-specific software, RelianSys. Staff induction and training on</p>



				<p>the importance of understanding powers, conditions/limitations and duties under relevant legislation. Tiered limits of financial delegation in accordance with industry-accepted practice. Publication of delegations register on Council's website.</p>
<p>Legal / Regulatory / Policy - that Council is engaged in legal disciplinary action as the result of statutory breach arising due to inappropriate or no appropriate delegations being in place.</p>	Major (4)	Rare (1)	Moderate	<p>Use of the LGA template delegations and resources, which are created for the use of SA Council's with the support of Norman Waterhouse Lawyers. Administration and recording of delegations via subject-specific software, RelianSys. Staff induction and training on the importance of understanding powers, conditions/limitations and duties under relevant legislation. Tiered limits of financial delegation in accordance with industry-accepted practice.</p>
<p>Service Delivery - that Council administration are not empowered to under the operational functions of Council as the result of statutory breach</p>	Major (4)	Rare (1)	Moderate	<p>Use of the LGA template delegations and resources, which are created for the use of SA Council's with the support of Norman</p>



<p>arising due to inappropriate or no appropriate delegations being in place.</p>				<p>Waterhouse Lawyers. Administration and recording of delegations via subject-specific software, RelianSys. Staff induction and training on the importance of understanding powers, conditions/limitations and duties under relevant legislation. Tiered limits of financial delegation in accordance with industry-accepted practice.</p>
<p>People - that Council administration are experience operation constraints, or are exposed to legal consequences as the result of statutory breach arising due to inappropriate or no appropriate delegations being in place.</p>	<p>Minor (2)</p>	<p>Unlikely (2)</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Use of the LGA template delegations and resources, which are created for the use of SA Council's with the support of Norman Waterhouse Lawyers. Administration and recording of delegations via subject-specific software, RelianSys. Staff induction and training on the importance of understanding powers, conditions/limitations and duties under relevant legislation. Tiered limits of financial delegation in accordance with industry-accepted practice.</p>



Infrastructure - N/A	Insignificant (1)	Rare (1)	Low	There are limited implications for infrastructure and therefore is N/A
Environmental - N/A	Insignificant (1)	Rare (1)	Low	There are limited implications for environmental impacts and therefore is N/A

APPLICATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN

This report aligns to the following strategic objectives(s):

Priority 6: Excellence in Leadership and Governance

- 6.2 Ensure compliance with legislative obligations and apply best-practice governance to strengthen risk management, accountability and transparency, fostering trust within the community.

This report contributes to delivery of the following key strategic project(s):

Priority 6: Excellence in Leadership and Governance

Deliver business systems and infrastructure improvements that support us to deliver our services more efficiently and effectively to the community.

RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICY

N/A

IMPLEMENTATION AND NEXT STEPS

If the Council resolves to grant the delegations, then the updated delegations will come into operation on the day following the Council meeting. The implementation of updated delegations is proposed to follow the existing process as utilised for recent reviews and updates using a delegations software, RelianSys.

Once delegations are made by Council and recorded in the delegation (software) register, and electronic records management system, the requisite register shall be published on the Council website and notified to affected delegates.

CONCLUSION

This report recommends that Council endorse updated delegations to the identified section 41 committees for the legislation listed in the report background as contained in the table attached to this report.

The recommendations contain conditions associated with the grant of delegations associated with the relevant instruments.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Attachment 1 - Local Government Act 1999 [18.5.1 - 3 pages]



INSTRUMENT OF DELEGATION

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1999

Delegation Sources

- Local Government Act 1999

Positions

Abbreviation	Delegate
JSAF	Junior Sports Assistance Fund
CEOPR	CEO Performance Review Committee

Instrument of Delegation under the Local Government Act 1999

Local Government Act 1999				
Provision	Power and Functions Delegated	Delegate	Conditions and Limitations	Capacity of Council
section 37(b)	Authorise an officer, employee or agent to enter into a contract on behalf of the council	JSAF, CEOPR	Delegate may only expend funds allocated to the operation and functions of the relevant Committee in accordance with the annual budget - JSAF, CEOPR	council
section 137	Expend funds in the performance or discharge of the council's powers, functions or duties under the Local Government Act or other Acts	JSAF, CEOPR	Delegate may only expend funds allocated to the operation and functions of the relevant Committee in accordance with the annual budget - JSAF, CEOPR	council

18.6 ALGA JUNE 2025 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY - CALL FOR MOTIONS

Author: Kate Gilmore, CEO and Mayoral Executive Support

Authoriser: Sarah Philpott, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council report titled 'ALGA June 2025 National General Assembly - Call for Motions' as presented on Tuesday 21 January 2025 be noted.
2. That draft motions for the June 2025 ALGA National General Assembly be prepared and presented to Council in February or March 2025 on the following issues relevant to the work of local government nationally:
 - (a) Sustainability of regional airports and the importance of accessible and affordable regional air travel for medical, education, freight, work and leisure travel.
 - (b)

PURPOSE

To identify any motions to be drafted for presentation back to Council for the June 2025 ALGA National General Assembly.

BACKGROUND / OPTIONS

Each year the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) holds a National General Assembly (NGA) in Canberra where councils from around our nation discuss current and emerging challenges and opportunities and advocate to the Federal Government on critical issues facing the sector.

This year's NGA will be held in Canberra on 25-27 June.

The theme for the event is *National Priorities Need Local Solutions*, highlighting "the unique role Australia's 537 councils can play delivering local, place-based solutions that meet the needs of their communities, while addressing broader national priorities".

The attached letter outlines the call for motions, and the [Discussion Paper](#) addresses the process and criteria for motions and priority area. Motions to be considered at the NGA must be in line with this year's theme.

Motions to be considered at the NGA must be received by **31 March 2025**. The NGA will focus on opportunities for councils to work with the next Federal Government to deliver local solutions that will help them deliver on their vision for the nation. Motions should consider:

- Any new practical programs or policy changes that can strengthen the system of local government nationally to provide the services and infrastructure required to support and strengthen our communities; and/or
- New program ideas that would help the local government sector to deliver place-based solutions to national priorities.

To be eligible for inclusion, motions must meet the following criteria:

1. Be relevant to the work of local government nationally.



2. Not be focused on a specific jurisdiction, location or region – unless the project or issue has national implications.
3. Be consistent with the themes of the NGA.
4. Complement or build on the policy objectives of ALGA and your state or territory local government association.
5. Be submitted by a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association.
6. Propose a clear action and outcome, i.e. call on the Australian Government to act on something.
7. Not be advanced on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members, or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.
8. Address issues that will directly improve the capacity of local government to deliver services and infrastructure for the benefit of all Australian communities.
9. Not seek to advance an outcome that would result in a benefit to one group of councils to the detriment of another.
10. Be supported by sufficient evidence and demonstrate the relevance and significance of the matter to local government nationally.

Motions must commence with:

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to...

The ALGA 2025 NGA call for motions focuses on twelve (12) priority areas, being:

- Intergovernmental relations;
- Financial sustainability;
- Roads and infrastructure;
- Emergency management;
- Housing and homelessness;
- Jobs and skills;
- Community services;
- Closing the Gap and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reconciliation;
- Data, digital technology and cyber security;
- Climate change and renewable energy;
- Environment;
- Circular economy.

Recommended topic for a motion

We have reviewed the criteria against Council's Partnership Priorities and Advocacy document. It is recommended that a draft motion be prepared about the importance of access and affordability of regional air transport and the sustainability of regional airports. Preliminary discussions have occurred with the District Council of Grant to see if a joint motion might be possible, or if not, that they are fully informed about any motion so as not to "cut across" their role as the owner and operator of the Mount Gambier Airport. The District Council of Grant agree that these are critical issues and have indicated that they will be pleased to work with us on the development of either a joint or separate motion, recognising the importance of these matters to our collective community.

Other topics for motions

Council may determine other topics of interest, bearing in mind the criteria, and, if it so resolves, the Administration will prepare draft motions to bring back to Council in either February or March, in order to meet ALGA's deadline.



CONCLUSION

Council may seek for draft motions to be prepared in relation to relevant priority areas for presentation to the February / March 2025 Council meetings for consideration and endorsement for submission to ALGA for the 2025 NGA. Consideration should be given to the preparation of draft motions for 2025 ALGA NGA, in line with the theme of *National Priorities Need Local Solutions* and also Council's Partnership Priorities and Advocacy document.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter from ALGA - 2025 NGA Call for Motions [**18.6.1** - 1 page]





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19 December 2024

Mayor Lynette Martin OAM
City of Mount Gambier
PO Box 56
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Dear Mayor Martin OAM,

2025 National General Assembly Call for Motions

ALGA is now calling for councils to submit motions for the 2025 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA), which will be held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra from 24-27 June.

The theme for the 2025 NGA will be "National Priorities Need Local Solutions". We are seeking motions that align with this theme and identify opportunities for councils to deliver local, place-based solutions that will help address national priorities.

The attached discussion paper will help you prepare your council's motions, which can be submitted online at www.alga.com.au until Monday 31 March.

Further information about the 2025 NGA – including registration details – will be provided to your council in the New Year.

We look forward to receiving your 2025 NGA motions and welcoming you to Canberra next June.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Burnett', written in a cursive style.

Mayor Matt Burnett
President

19 MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

20 URGENT MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

21 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS OF COMMITTEES

Nil

22 NEW CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

22.1 LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (LCLGA) BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

CONSIDERATION FOR EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that all members of the public, except the Mayor, Councillors and (Council Officers) be excluded from attendance at the meeting for the receipt and consideration in confidence of Limestone Coast Local Government Association (LCLGA) Board Recommendations.

The Council is satisfied that, pursuant to section 90(3) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to the Agenda Item is:

- (a) information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).
- (j) information the disclosure of which -
- (i) would divulge information provided on a confidential basis by or to a Minister of the Crown, or another public authority or official (not being an employee of the council, or a person engaged by the council); and
- (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the subject matter includes information concerning personal affairs of people associated with the Limestone Coast Local Government Association, as well as confidential information of the Limestone Coast Local Government Association.

CONSIDERATION FOR KEEPING ITEMS CONFIDENTIAL

1. In accordance with Sections 91(7) and 91(9) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that the report Limestone Coast Local Government Association (LCLGA) Board Recommendations and its attachments, resolution/s and minutes arising from the report, having been considered by the Council in confidence under:

- (a) information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).
- (j) information the disclosure of which -
- (i) would divulge information provided on a confidential basis by or to a Minister of the Crown, or another public authority or official (not being an employee of the council, or a person engaged by the council); and
- (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.



be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until the Limestone Coast Local Government Association or their agent has expressly released Council from its obligation to keep this matter confidential.

2. Further that Council delegates the power to review, revoke, but not extend the confidential order to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the provisions of Section 91(9)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999.



22.2 UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL - PROPERTY THIRD PARTY

CONSIDERATION FOR EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that all members of the public, except the Mayor, Councillors and (Council Officers) be excluded from attendance at the meeting for the receipt and consideration in confidence of Unsolicited Proposal - Property Third Party.

The Council is satisfied that, pursuant to section 90(3) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to the Agenda Item is:

- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which -
 - (i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and
 - (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the information to be received and discussed includes the sensitive commercial information of the unsolicited proposal applicant, including their financial position, and the disclosure of Council's deliberations on the proposal may unreasonably contradict relevant privacy principles, as well as prejudice the Council receiving similar unsolicited proposals in future, enabling robust strategic decision making for asset management in the best interest of the community.

CONSIDERATION FOR KEEPING ITEMS CONFIDENTIAL

1. In accordance with Sections 91(7) and 91(9) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that the report Unsolicited Proposal - Property Third Party and its attachments, resolution/s and minutes arising from the report, having been considered by the Council in confidence under:

- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which -
 - (i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and
 - (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until further order of Council after the proposal contained in the report has been settled or abandoned with the exception of any information that is prohibited from being withheld under s91(8) being disclosed being released upon the matter being settled, or any part of the information determined by the Chief Executive Officer to be released under delegation.

2. Further that Council delegates the power to review, revoke, but not extend the confidential order to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the provisions of Section 91(9)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999.



22.3 SALE OF LAND FOR NON PAYMENT OF RATES

CONSIDERATION FOR EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that all members of the public, except the Mayor, Councillors and (Council Officers) be excluded from attendance at the meeting for the receipt and consideration in confidence of Sale of Land for Non Payment of Rates.

The Council is satisfied that, pursuant to section 90(3) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to the Agenda Item is:

- (a) information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).

The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the information relates to the financial situation of a person (living or dead), the disclosure of which is deemed unreasonable.

CONSIDERATION FOR KEEPING ITEMS CONFIDENTIAL

1. In accordance with Sections 91(7) and 91(9) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that the report Sale of Land for Non Payment of Rates and its attachments, resolution/s and minutes arising from the report, having been considered by the Council in confidence under:

- (a) information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).

be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until the latter of: 12 months after outstanding rates having been paid in full or 12 months after the matter being settled to Council's satisfaction and that this order be reviewed every 12 months.

2. Further that Council delegates the power to review, revoke, but not extend the confidential order to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the provisions of Section 91(9)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999.



- 23 MEETING CLOSE**
- 24 ATTACHMENT - PREVIOUS COUNCIL MINUTES**





MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 17 December 2024



Minutes of City of Mount Gambier Ordinary Council Meeting held at:

Time: 6:00 pm
Date: Tuesday 17 December 2024
Location: Council Chamber - Civic Centre
10 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier

City of Mount Gambier
Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes

17 December 2024

PRESENT: Mayor Lynette Martin (OAM)
Cr Max Bruins
Cr Paul Jenner
Cr Josh Lynagh
Cr Sonya Meziniec
Cr Frank Morello
Cr Jason Virgo

OFFICERS	IN Chief Executive Officer	- Mrs S Philpott
ATTENDANCE:	General Manager City Infrastructure	- Ms B Cernovskis
	General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services	- Mrs J Fetherstonhaugh
	Manager Governance and Property	- Ms B Shelton
	Manager Engineering, Design and Assets	- Mr A Mahmud
	Media and Communications Coordinator	- Ms S McLean
	Councillor Support Officer	- Mrs M Telford

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOANDIK PEOPLES AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND WHERE WE MEET TODAY. WE RESPECT THEIR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND AND RECOGNISE THE DEEP FEELINGS OF ATTACHMENT OUR FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THE LAND.

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/221

Moved: Cr Frank Morello
Seconded: Cr Sonya Meziniec

That the apologies from Cr Mark Lovett and Cr Kate Amoroso be received.

CARRIED

3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

4.1 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/222

Moved: Cr Max Bruins
Seconded: Cr Sonya Meziniec

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 November 2024 be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

CARRIED

5 MAYORAL REPORT

5.1 MAYORAL REPORT - DECEMBER 2024

- Triple M radio interview – Beacon Art Project
- Elected Member Mandatory Training Catch-Up Session with Cr Amoroso – Team Building
- LGA Mayor's Forum (Adelaide)
- Meeting with Minister Clare Scriven MLC – impact of drought on agricultural and rural communities (Adelaide)
- LGA AGM, including welcome reception / SAROC Meeting (Adelaide)
- Blue Lake Fun Run – Welcome
- Radio interview with Llew Jones – 5GTRFM
- Mount Gambier Christmas Parade Presentations
- Photo with District Council of Grant Mayor, Kylie Boston, and Acting CEO, Gary Button, Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre Director, Ashleigh Whatling and Curator, Chris Clements at Mount Gambier Regional Airport – *Flight Mode* exhibition launch
- Meeting with Fringe Committee Members, Louise Adams and Gavin Clarke, and Monica Hart and Maree Adams
- Elected Member Briefing – Presentation of Mount Gambier Regional Airport Masterplan
- Confidential Elected Member Briefing – Wulanda Update
- LGA Board / SAROC / GAROC Induction Workshop (Adelaide)
- Triple M radio interview – Mayor's Christmas Appeal and Lighting of the Old Town Hall windows
- Meeting with Colin Byles – EO, LCLGA
- History Council of SA: Regional Lecture
- Unveiling Ceremony of Mount Gambier Prison Memorial
- ABC Regional Drive Program – Narelle Graham
- Mount Gambier Family Truck Show – judging
- Carols in Nine Languages
- Citizenship Ceremony
- Meeting with CEO, Sarah Philpott, and Chamber of Commerce President, Candice Fennell
- In-Home Hospice Care AGM
- Elected Member Briefing – Generations in Jazz
- Elected Member Briefing – CBD Activation and Masterplan
- SATC Regional Forum: 2030 Visitor Economy Sector Plan refresh
- SAROC Meeting and LGA Board Meeting (Adelaide)
- Volunteer Christmas Morning Tea
- Elected Member photo at Englebrecht Cave
- Tenison Woods College Middle School Awards Ceremony
- Radiotherapy Working Group Christmas Lunch
- Meeting with Allen Woodham, Mount Gambier City Band
- Meeting with Tony Pasin MP, with CEO, Sarah Philpott and Manager Economy, Strategy and Engagement, Biddie Shearing – Housing Infrastructure Program
- Elected Member Briefing – Briefing with the Hon. Minister Clare Scriven MLC - Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries
- Elected Member Briefing – General Update from SAPOL
- Elected Member Briefing – Briefing with Mr Troy Bell MP, Member for Mount Gambier
- Elected Member Briefing – Sponsorship for Pioneers
- Elected Member Briefing – Rating Review
- Citizen of the Year Selection Panel Meeting

- Mayor's Christmas Appeal – donation photos
- LCLGA General Meeting (Kingston)
- Riddoch Exhibition Program 2025 Launch
- Blue Lake Carols
- Mayor's Christmas Appeal – photo with Sensitive Santa
- Afternoon Tea – Celebration of 15 Years of the Mount Gambier Library

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/223

Moved: Mayor Lynette Martin
Seconded: Cr Jason Virgo

That the Mayoral Report be received.

CARRIED

6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

6.1 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

- Cr Josh Lynagh Limestone Coast Local Health Network Annual Public Meeting, Tenison Woods College Year 12 Graduation, Citizenship Ceremony, Boandik Lodge "Food Forum", Blue Lake Fun Run, "Lose and Hope" Karenni Fundraiser Film Screening, Yahl Primary School Spring Fair, Mount Gambier Family Truck Show, Thugi Summer Markets
- Cr Jason Virgo North Terrace Property to view tree concerns; Blue Lake Fun Run Sponsors Dinner
- Cr Sonya Meziniec Book Launch of 'John Riddoch - Founder of Coonawarra' by Peter Rymill, Book in Homes Presentation at Library, Mount Gambier High School Presentation Night, 2025 Program Launch - Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre, Post Christmas Parade Meeting, Afternoon Tea Celebration of 15 years of the Mount Gambier Library
- Cr Frank Morello Christmas Parade Presentation
- Cr Paul Jenner Rainbow Club at Country Health Connect, Mount Gambier Truck Show, Citizenship Ceremony, Australian Red Cross Women's Legal Service SA - Community Information Session, Limestone Coast Energy Park - Pacific Green, Christmas Twilight Market, Thungi Summer Market, Group Training Employment Board Meeting, Afternoon Tea Celebration of 15 years of the Mount Gambier Library

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OCM 2024/224

Moved: Cr Frank Morello
Seconded: Cr Paul Jenner

That the reports made by Councillors be received.

CARRIED



7 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Cr Paul Jenner gave notice of his intention to ask the following questions:

7.1 BLUE LAKE WELCOME CENTRE - OPENING HOURS

Can Council please be updated on what will be the staffing times for the Blue Lake Welcome Centre opening hours for spring, summer and autumn?

Answer:

The endorsed Visitor Servicing Model is underway and involves Council strategically scaling from 1 to 4 operational sites within 12 months.

The priority for Council when endorsing the new model was to align private operator's retirements with transition of the site operations into Councils visitor servicing team in progressive steps. Engelbrecht Cave transitioned to Council operations in July followed by Umpherston/Balumbul in October.

With 4 sites within 6 months now included in Council operations the sites will be open as follows:

- Blue Lake Welcome Centre open daily 10am – 3pm over the peak Christmas/New Year period 26 Dec – 05 Jan and weekends and public holidays thereafter
- Engelbrecht Cave open daily from 10am – 3pm
- Umpherston/Balumbul open daily from 10am – 3pm
- The Lady Nelson Visitor Information Centre open daily 9am – 5pm M-F, 10am – 4pm weekends and public holidays

After the peak Christmas/New Year period the visitation insights from all sites will be reviewed to inform sustainable, best practice resourcing and operational requirements for each site.

Cr Frank Morello gave notice of his intention to ask the following questions:

7.2 SPRING CLEAN WEEKEND

Can the administration please provide an update on the success of the Spring Clean Weekend sponsored by OneFortyOne last month? The initiative allowed residents to drop-off tyres, beds and sofas at the Waste Transfer Station for free in an effort to promote responsible waste management practices.

Answer:

The Spring Clean initiative was a tremendous success, benefiting community members who took part in this incredible effort by the dedicated Waste Transfer Station Team & One Forty-One Team, together working tirelessly to ensure everything ran smoothly.

What We Collected

433 Mattresses
147 Couches



240 Armchairs
In Excess of 2000 Tyres

The Waste Transfer Station Team played a pivotal role in managing and organising traffic management and the waste material, working closely with the One Forty-One field staff, who brought their expertise supporting the event with on-the-ground services. Together, they made the disposal process efficient, organised, and accessible for all evident in their ability to serve 550 cars.

8 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

9 PETITIONS

9.1 PETITION - STOP THE BLUE BLOB

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/225

Moved: Cr Sonya Meziniec

Seconded: Cr Max Bruins

1. That Council report titled 'Petition - Stop the Blue Blob' as presented on Tuesday 17 December 2024 be noted.
2. The petition be received and noted.
3. Council notes that the Administration has enacted Council's resolution to proceed with the Beacon Art project following Council's consideration of a rescission motion (which was lost), and that a commissioning agreement (contract) has been therefore been entered into.
4. That the Administration write to the Petition Administrator offering to facilitate a meeting with the CEO and Mayor to present the current status of the Beacon Art Project, including the background of the project, the commissioning process, budget implications, and contractual obligations.

CARRIED

10 DEPUTATIONS

Nil



11 NOTICE OF MOTION TO REVOKE OR AMEND

11.1 NOTICE OF MOTION TO REVOKE OR AMEND - ADOPTION OF SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES 2024/2025

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/226

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner

Seconded: Cr Frank Morello

1. That the motion from Cr Paul Jenner as presented on Tuesday 17 December 2024 be noted.
2. That having further considered Item 19.5 Adoption of Schedule of Fees and Charges 2024/2025 tabled at the ordinary meeting of 21 May 2024, the Council hereby revoke part 8 of the Resolution 2024/104 as follows:
 8. That a further workshop be held on the Schedule of Fees and Charges before the end of this Calendar Year.

CARRIED

12 ELECTED MEMBERS INFORMATION BRIEFING SESSIONS

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/227

Moved: Cr Sonya Mezinec

Seconded: Cr Josh Lynagh

That Council Report titled Elected Member Information Briefing Sessions held since the previous Council Meeting be noted.

CARRIED

13 ELECTED MEMBERS TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Nil



14 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

14.1 MINUTES OF AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE HELD ON 25 NOVEMBER 2025

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/228

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner
Seconded: Cr Jason Virgo

That the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 25 November 2024 be noted.

CARRIED

14.2 ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/229

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner
Seconded: Cr Frank Morello

1. That Council report titled 'Annual Work Plan and Meeting Schedule' as presented on Monday 25 November 2024 be noted.
2. That the Audit and Risk Committee holds at minimum 6 meetings throughout 2025, noting that meeting dates are subject to change, including additional special meetings where required.

CARRIED

14.3 INTERNAL AUDIT: AMENDED PLAN, QUARTERLY UPDATE AND PROJECT SCOPE

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/230

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner
Seconded: Cr Max Bruins

1. That Council report titled 'Internal Audit: Amended Plan, Quarterly Update and Project Scope' as presented on Monday 25 November 2024 be noted.
2. That the Internal Audit Plan 2023/2024 - 2026/2027 (as amended), having been reviewed by the Audit and Risk Committee be adopted.



3. That it be noted that progress achieved on the actions resulting from the internal audit already completed will be reported in future quarterly updates.
4. That having reviewed the scope of works for the internal audit project for procurement and contract management, the Audit and Risk Committee are satisfied it is sufficient, and is amended to include
 - reference to a minimum sample size
 - training
 - delegations
5. That the next iteration of the Internal Audit Plan:
 - Incorporates a risk based approach, informed by the strategic risk register and internal financial controls review
 - Removes Item 2, penetration testing
 - Shifts item 13, Council Policies to the 2027/2028 financial year.

CARRIED

14.4 ANNUAL REVIEW BORROWINGS AND INVESTMENTS

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/231

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner
Seconded: Cr Josh Lynagh

1. That Council report titled 'Annual Review Borrowings and Investments' as presented on Monday 25 November 2024 be noted.

CARRIED

14.5 POLICY UPDATE

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/232

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner
Seconded: Cr Max Bruins

1. That Council report titled 'Policy Update' as presented on Monday 25 November 2024 be noted.

CARRIED



14.6 POLICIES FOR REVIEW

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/233

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner

Seconded: Cr Sonya Meziniec

1. That Council report titled 'Policies for Review' as presented on Monday 25 November 2024 be noted.
2. That having been reviewed by the Audit and Risk Committee on 25 November 2024, the following reviewed and amended policies be endorsed:
 - (a) Emergency Management Policy
 - (b) Treasury Management Policy - T150
3. That having been reviewed by the Audit and Risk Committee on 25 November 2024, the content of the following reviewed and amended policies / procedures be endorsed:
 - (a) Request for Service and Complaint Procedure - C200
 - (b) Internal Review of Council's Decision - C290and that the administration determine prior to presentation to Council the relationship between the two (2) policies and whether they are more appropriately policies or procedures.
4. That the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) be authorised to make minor administrative changes to the policies / procedures as required.

CARRIED

14.7 LEASE AND LICENCE UPDATE

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/234

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner

Seconded: Cr Sonya Meziniec

1. That Council report titled 'Lease and Licence Update' as presented on Monday 25 November 2024 be noted.

CARRIED



14.8 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/235

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner
Seconded: Cr Jason Virgo

1. That Council report titled 'Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Report' as presented on Monday 25 November 2024 be noted.

CARRIED

15 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Nil

16 JUNIOR SPORTS ASSISTANCE FUND COMMITTEE

16.1 JUNIOR SPORTS ASSISTANCE FUND COMMITTEE AGM HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2024

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/236

Moved: Cr Josh Lynagh
Seconded: Cr Frank Morello

- That the minutes of the Junior Sports Assistance Fund Committee AGM held on 4 December 2024 be noted.

CARRIED

16.2 STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE - YEAR ENDED 30/06/2024

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/237

Moved: Cr Josh Lynagh
Seconded: Cr Max Bruins

1. That Council report titled 'Statement of Revenue and Expenditure - Year Ended 30/06/2024' as presented on Wednesday 4 December 2024 be noted.



2. The Statement of Income and Expenditure for period ended 30 June 2024 detailing payments to and from the Fund, with a 30 June 2024 cash balance of \$135,187.76 be received.

CARRIED

16.3 MEMBER ORGANISATION CONTRIBUTIONS

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/238

Moved: Cr Josh Lynagh
Seconded: Cr Sonya Meziniec

1. That the Junior Sports Assistance Fund Report titled 'Member Organisation Contributions' as presented on Wednesday 4 December 2024 be noted.
2. Member Organisations be advised that the Junior Sports Assistance Fund has the financial capacity to assist its members for the 2024/2025 financial year noting the cost of living crisis and as such member contributions to the Junior Sports Assistance Fund for the 2024/2025 financial year be waived.

CARRIED

16.4 PAYMENTS TO MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/239

Moved: Cr Josh Lynagh
Seconded: Cr Frank Morello

1. That the Junior Sports Assistance Fund report titled 'Payments to Member Organisations' as presented on Wednesday 4 December 2024 be noted.
2. Payments to Member Organisations be calculated based on 10% of the total cost of the principle event and capped at \$300 minimum and \$500 maximum.
3. That in the event of extenuating circumstances the determination will be at the discretion of the Committee.

CARRIED



16.5 GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS OF THE FUND FROM 01/07/2023 TO 30/06/2024

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/240

Moved: Cr Josh Lynagh
Seconded: Cr Paul Jenner

1. That the Junior Sports Assistance Fund report titled 'General Developments of the Fund from 01/07/2023 to 30/06/2024' as presented on Wednesday 4 December 2024 be noted.

CARRIED

16.6 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/241

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner
Seconded: Cr Jason Virgo

1. That the Junior Sports Assistance Fund report titled 'Committee Appointments' as presented on Wednesday 4 December 2024 be noted.
2. The committee appointments to approve applications to the Junior Sports Fund Assistance Fund as referenced in Report titled 'Committee Appointments' be adopted.

CARRIED

16.7 REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/242

Moved: Cr Josh Lynagh
Seconded: Cr Sonya Meziniec

1. That Council report titled 'Review of Terms of Reference' as presented on Wednesday 4 December 2024 be noted.
2. That the proposed amended Junior Sports Assistance Fund Terms of Reference to be presented for adoption at the next meeting of Council be noted.

CARRIED



16.8 JUNIOR SPORTS ASSISTANCE FUND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2024

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/243

Moved: Cr Josh Lynagh
Seconded: Cr Sonya Meziniec

That the minutes of the Junior Sports Assistance Fund Committee meeting held on 4 December 2024 be noted.

CARRIED

16.9 ROTARY CLUB OF MOUNT GAMBIER LAKES - YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SPORTS PROGRAM - SECOND CALL

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/244

Moved: Cr Josh Lynagh
Seconded: Cr Sonya Meziniec

1. That Council report titled 'Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes - Youth Empowerment Sports Program - Second Call' as presented on Wednesday 4 December 2024 be noted.
2. The funding be made available to the Member Organisations named below to assist the identified juniors to achieve their fullest participation with the specific purpose donation from the Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes – Youth Empowerment Sports Program initiative, to be used in accordance with their respective confidential application:

(a) Mount Gambier and District Pony Club	\$600
(b) Basketball Mount Gambier	\$600
3. A social media post be prepared following the cheque handover presentation at the Blue Lake Fun Run with Mayor Lynette Martin, Cr Josh Lynagh and Members of the Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes to show the Funds appreciation for their ongoing support to the Youth Empowerment Sports Program.

CARRIED

17 BUILDING FIRE SAFETY COMMITTEE

Nil



18 COUNCIL REPORTS

18.1 CBD ACTIVATION AND MASTER PLAN

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/245

Moved: Cr Frank Morello

Seconded: Cr Max Bruins

1. That Council report titled 'CBD Activation and Master Plan' as presented on Tuesday 17 December 2024 be noted.
2. That administration utilises remaining 2024/2025 operational CBD Activation budget allocation for the pursuit of test and trial place-activation initiatives that directly align to the feedback and priorities highlighted through recent studies.
3. That Council endorse the allocation of funds for the delivery of a CBD Master Plan, as follows:
 - (i) An initial allocation of \$75,000 from 2024/2025 operating budget provision for "Strategic Work Plan Delivery" to be adjusted at budget review 2
 - (ii) The commitment of a further allocation of \$75,000 within the 2025/2026 annual budget from the operating budget capacity provision for "Strategic Work Plan Delivery".
4. That administration progress with the development of a project scope for the engagement of suitably positioned industry experts to deliver the CBD Master Plan.

CARRIED

18.2 SUBMISSION - SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT STRATEGY - PUBLIC CONSULTATION

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/246

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner

Seconded: Cr Sonya Mezinec

1. That Council report titled 'Submission - South Australian Government Transport Strategy - Public Consultation' as presented on Tuesday 17 December 2024 be noted.
2. That the attached submission to the South Australian Government Transport Strategy be approved.
3. That the Chief Executive Officer or Delegate be authorised to make any necessary changes to the 'Submission - South Australian Government Transport Strategy - Public Consultation' arising from this meeting, together with any typographical corrections, amendments from Elected Members, amendments to position or organisation titles, and finalisation of the document's formatting that do not materially alter the integrity of the document.

CARRIED



**18.3 SUBMISSION - LIMESTONE COAST REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY 2024-2029
- PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/247

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner

Seconded: Cr Sonya Meziniec

1. That Council report titled 'Submission - Limestone Coast Regional Growth Strategy 2024-2029 - Public Consultation' as presented on Tuesday 17 December 2024 be noted.
2. That the attached submission to the draft Limestone Coast Regional Growth Strategy be approved.
3. That one dynamic image/photo from each Council area be included in the final document.
4. That the Chief Executive Officer or Delegate be authorised to make any necessary changes to the 'Submission - Limestone Coast Regional Growth Strategy 2024-2029 - Public Consultation' arising from this meeting, together with any typographical corrections, amendments from Elected Members, amendments to position or organisation titles, and finalisation of the document's formatting that do not materially alter the integrity of the document.

CARRIED

Pursuant to Section 74 of the Local Government Act 1999, Cr Frank Morello disclosed a general conflict of interest in Item 18.4.

In accordance with Section 75B Cr Morello informed the meeting:

Nature of Interest:

I am employed by Country Arts SA, which administers the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre.

Intention to Participate:

I intend to stay in the meeting and vote on the matter. I will not move or second the motion, nor will I be engaging in discussion or debate on the matter.

Reason for Participating:

The action I am taking is sufficient to address and deal with my conflict adequately by not moving or seconding the motion or speaking to the motion. I intend to vote and represent the community with my vote as I feel that is important.

In accordance with Section 75B of the Local Government Act 1999 Cr Frank Morello remained in the meeting for Item 18.4.



18.4 SUBMISSION - SELECT COMMITTEE ON LIVE AND CREATIVE VENUES

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/248

Moved: Cr Sonya Meziniec

Seconded: Cr Jason Virgo

1. That Council report titled 'Submission - Select Committee on Live and Creative Venues' as presented on Tuesday 17 December 2024 be noted.
2. That Council authorise administration to provide the submission for the consideration of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council for local and live creative venues.
3. That the Chief Executive Officer or Delegate be authorised to make any necessary changes to the 'Submission - Select Committee on Live and Creative Venues' arising from this meeting, together with any typographical corrections, amendments from Elected Members, amendments to position or organisation titles, and finalisation of the document's formatting that do not materially alter the integrity of the document.

CARRIED

Having participated in the meeting for Item 18.4 Cr Morello voted in favour of the motion.

18.5 VALLEY LAKES TOILET BLOCK ACCESSIBLE PARKING

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/249

Moved: Cr Jason Virgo

Seconded: Cr Sonya Meziniec

1. That Council report titled 'Valley Lakes Toilet Block Accessible Parking' as presented on Tuesday 17 December 2024 be noted.
2. (a) That Council endorse Traffic Impact Assessment and proposed area shown on the aerial map as attached to this report.

(b) That Council, in accordance with the power delegated by the Minister under Section 17(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Act (Instrument of Delegation dated 22 August 2013), resolves the following:

Prohibited Area Disabled Permit Parking Only

Ref No. 2.3.108

Valley Lakes Toilet Block Accessible Parking adjacent to the Northern Accessible Ramp.

To apply at all times."

CARRIED

18.6 COMMUNITY LAND REVOCATION PROPOSAL - JUBILEE HIGHWAY WEST, SUTTONTOWN

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/250

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner
Seconded: Cr Jason Virgo

1. That Council report titled 'Community Land Revocation Proposal - Jubilee Highway West, Suttontown' as presented on Tuesday 17 December 2024 be noted.
2. That Council hereby endorses community consultation on the Community Land Revocation Proposal Report for the parcel of land identified as Allotment 212 in Deposited Plan 125742, Jubilee Highway West, Suttontown in accordance with section 194 of the Local Government Act 1999.
3. That the transfer of the subject land be on the condition that at the applicants cost is amalgamated into the adjoining parcel existing titles.

CARRIED

18.7 CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER JUNIOR SPORTS ASSISTANCE FUND - REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/251

Moved: Cr Josh Lynagh
Seconded: Cr Sonya Meziniec

1. That Council report titled 'City of Mount Gambier Junior Sports Assistance Fund - Review of Terms of Reference' as presented on Tuesday 17 December 2024 be noted.
2. That the amended Junior Sports Assistance Fund Terms of Reference be adopted.

CARRIED

18.8 POLICY REVIEWS

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/252

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner
Seconded: Cr Jason Virgo

1. That the CEO or delegate be authorised to make the following additional amendments to the Request for Service and Complaint Policy and Procedure C200 (the Policy):



- a. That a standardised Complaint Form be created in a similar structure to the Customer Request Form, and the methods of submitting a complaint under item 5 of the Policy be updated accordingly.
- b. That the 'related policies, procedures and documents' schedule of the Policy be amended to further remove:
 - i. Behavioural Standards for Council Members
2. That the CEO or delegate be authorised to make the following additional amendments to the Internal Review of Council's Decisions C290 (the Policy):
 - a. That the 'related policies, procedures and documents' schedule of the Policy be amended to further include:
 - i. Related Policies:
 1. Request for Service and Complaint Policy and Procedure C200
 2. Fraud, Corruption, Misconduct and Maladministration Prevention Policy F225
 3. Records Management R180
 4. Public Interest Disclosure Policy P900
 - ii. Related Procedures:
 1. Unreasonable Complainant Conduct
 2. Records Management Procedures
 - iii. Related Documents:
 1. Managing Unreasonable Complainant Conduct - Practice Manual
 2. Behavioural Standards Code of Conduct for Council Members

CARRIED

19 MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

20 URGENT MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

21 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS OF COMMITTEES

Nil



22 NEW CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

22.1 ELECTRICITY CONTRACT

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/253

Moved: Cr Max Bruins
Seconded: Cr Josh Lynagh

CONSIDERATION FOR EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that all members of the public, except the Mayor, Councillors and S Philpott, B Cernovskis, J Fetherstonhaugh, B Shelton, A Mahmud, S McLean and M Telford be excluded from attendance at the meeting for the receipt and consideration in confidence of Electricity Contract.

The Council is satisfied that, pursuant to section 90(3) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to the Agenda Item is:

- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which -
 - (i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and
 - (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the information to be discussed in this item relates to future contracts between Council and suppliers associated with the supply of energy for city services. The disclosure of information in association with this item could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of Council or the third parties and is considered on balance to be contrary to the public interest as it could prejudice the Councils position in obtaining best value on behalf of the community.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/255

Moved: Cr Frank Morello
Seconded: Cr Sonya Mezinac

CONSIDERATION FOR KEEPING ITEMS CONFIDENTIAL

1. In accordance with Sections 91(7) and 91(9) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that the report Electricity Contract and its attachments, resolution/s and minutes arising from the report, having been considered by the Council in confidence under:



- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which -
- (i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and
- (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.
- be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until 12 months after a contract has been executed for the relevant supply.
2. Further that Council delegates the power to review, revoke, but not extend the confidential order to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the provisions of Section 91(9)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999.

CARRIED

22.2 ROADS RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT - RAMSAY AVENUE, SHEPHERDSON ROAD AND ANTHONY STREET

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/256

Moved: Cr Frank Morello

Seconded: Cr Sonya Meziniec

CONSIDERATION FOR EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that all members of the public, except the Mayor, Councillors and (Council Officers) be excluded from attendance at the meeting for the receipt and consideration in confidence of Roads Reconstruction Project - Ramsay Avenue, Shepherdson Road and Anthony Street.

The Council is satisfied that, pursuant to section 90(3) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to the Agenda Item is:

- (k) tenders for the supply of goods, the provision of services or the carrying out of works

The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the information to be discussed in this item relates to a contract between Council and the successful tenderer.

CARRIED



RESOLUTION OCM 2024/258

Moved: Cr Josh Lynagh
Seconded: Cr Sonya Meziniec

CONSIDERATION FOR KEEPING ITEMS CONFIDENTIAL

1. In accordance with Sections 91(7) and 91(9) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that the report Roads Reconstruction Project - Ramsay Avenue, Shepherdson Road and Anthony Street and its attachments, resolution/s and minutes arising from the report, having been considered by the Council in confidence under:
(k) tenders for the supply of goods, the provision of services or the carrying out of works

be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until 12 months after the execution of the contract, with the name of the successful tenderer to be disclosed upon execution.
2. Further that Council delegates the power to review, revoke, but not extend the confidential order to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the provisions of Section 91(9)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999.

CARRIED

22.3 WULANDA RECREATION AND CONVENTION CENTRE - PROJECT UPDATE

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/259

Moved: Cr Jason Virgo
Seconded: Cr Josh Lynagh

CONSIDERATION FOR EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that all members of the public, except the Mayor, Councillors and S Philpott, B Cernovskis, J Fetherstonhaugh, B Shelton, A Mahmud, S McLean and M Telford be excluded from attendance at the meeting for the receipt and consideration in confidence of Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre - Project Update.

The Council is satisfied that, pursuant to section 90(3) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to the Agenda Item is:

- (b) information the disclosure of which -
 - (i) could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the council; and
 - (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.
- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which -
 - (i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and

- (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.
- (g) matters that must be considered in confidence in order to ensure that the council does not breach any law, order or direction of a court or tribunal constituted by law, any duty of confidence, or other legal obligation or duty.
- (h) legal advice.

The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the information contained within the report and attachments presents matters relating to contracts between Council and contractors associated with the construction and operation of the Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre. The disclosure of information contained in this report and attachments could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of Council or the third parties and is considered on balance to be contrary to the public interest as it could prejudice the Council's position in obtaining best value project delivery on behalf of the community.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION OCM 2024/261

Moved: Cr Max Bruins

Seconded: Cr Sonya Meziniec

CONSIDERATION FOR KEEPING ITEMS CONFIDENTIAL

1. In accordance with Sections 91(7) and 91(9) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that the report Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre - Project Update and its attachments, resolution/s and minutes arising from the report, having been considered by the Council in confidence under:
 - (b) information the disclosure of which -
 - (i) could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the council; and
 - (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.
 - (d) commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which -
 - (i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and
 - (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.
 - (g) matters that must be considered in confidence in order to ensure that the council does not breach any law, order or direction of a court or tribunal constituted by law, any duty of confidence, or other legal obligation or duty.
 - (h) legal advice.

be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until the latter of two years after the satisfactory resolution of any outstanding commercial contractual dispute, or two years after the conclusion of any legal proceedings, and Council has been released from its duty of confidence.

2. Further that Council delegates the power to review, revoke, but not extend the confidential order to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the provisions of Section 91(9)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999.

CARRIED

23 MEETING CLOSE: 7:31 p.m.

