

# MINUTES

## Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 15 April 2025



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

**Time:** 6:00 pm  
**Date:** Tuesday 15 April 2025  
**Location:** Council Chamber - Civic Centre  
10 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier

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

<b>OFFICERS IN</b>	Chief Executive Officer	- Mrs S Philpott
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	General Manager City Infrastructure	- Ms B Cernovskis
	General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services	- Mrs J Fetherstonhaugh
	General Manager People, Place and Liveability	- Mr C White
	Manager Governance and Property	- Ms B Shelton
	Manager Economy, Strategy and Engagement	- Mrs B Shearing
	Media and Communications Coordinator	- Ms S McLean
	Executive Administrator	- Ms S Wilson

## 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

### **RESOLUTION OCM 2025/77**

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner

Seconded: Cr Jason Virgo

That the apology from Cr Mark Lovett be received.

**CARRIED**

## **RESIGNATION - CR KATE AMOROSO**

In accordance with Section 54(6) of the Local Government Act 1999, Sarah Philpott, Chief Executive Officer, informed Councillors that written advice was received from Cr Kate Amoroso today at 3:10pm advising of her resignation, effective immediately.

Cr Kate Amoroso has been an Elected Member since 2018 and on behalf of the Mayor and Councillors, the Chief Executive Officer thanked Cr Amoroso for her service to the community.

## 3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil



## 4 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

### 4.1 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

#### **RESOLUTION OCM 2025/78**

Moved: Cr Sonya Meziniec

Seconded: Cr Max Bruins

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 March 2025 be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

**CARRIED**

## 5 MAYORAL REPORT

### 5.1 MAYORAL REPORT - APRIL 2025

- Photo at the Railway Lands – E-Scooter Expression of Interest media release
- LCLGA Mayors catch-up (virtual)
- Photo at the Mount Gambier Regional Airport with District Council of Grant Mayor – joint ALGA motion media release
- Fortnightly meetings with media and communications team
- 2025 Mount Gambier Gold Cup
- Introductory meeting with Peta Crewe – UniSA Regional Manager
- Weekly meetings with CEO
- LGA Webinar: Impact of drought on businesses and communities
- CEO Performance Review Committee
- Confidential Elected Member Briefing – Electricity
- Confidential Elected Member Briefing – Strategic Projects Update
- ABC Radio interview – eScooters Expression of Interest
- Regional SAROC Meeting – Whyalla (including tour of City of Whyalla region)
- Regional LGA Board Meeting – Whyalla
- Citizenship Ceremony
- Confidential Elected Member Briefing – Operational Update – Music SA
- Confidential Elected Member Briefing – Strategic Property Development
- Confidential (in part) Elected Member Briefing – Operational Update
- Catch up with Colin Byles, LCLGA Executive Officer
- Audit and Risk Committee Pre-Meeting Workshop – ESCOSA and Internal Financial Controls
- Audit and Risk Committee Meeting
- LCLGA Mayors catch-up (virtual)
- Confidential Meeting – unsolicited proposal, with CEO Sarah Philpott and General Manager People, Place and Liveability
- SA Planning Commission – Limestone Coast Regional Plan – Council and Elected Members Briefing Session
- Photo at Frew Park – SANFL Gather Round
- Opening Night of the Alliance Française French Film Festival – The Count of Monte Cristo
- LCLGA General Meeting
- Mount Gambier Greyhound Racing Club 2025 Mount Gambier Cup



- Luncheon with Her Excellency the Governor, the Honourable Frances Adamson AC (with CEO Sarah Philpott and District Council of Grant Mayor and CEO)
- Elected Member Briefing – Budget Workshop 3
- Meeting with Minister Emily Bourke, Jeff Swann, MFS Chief Officer and Dylan Faber, MFS Station Officer (with CEO Sarah Philpott)
- Riddoch Strategic Plan – Public Consultation Session
- SA Volunteer Fire Fighters Museum – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial Service (Naracoorte)
- UniSA Creating Adelaide University Lunch

**RESOLUTION OCM 2025/79**

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	Citizenship Ceremony, LCLHN Excellence Awards, French Film Festival Opening Night, Launch of the Australian HPV Super Series, Red Shield Appeal Concert, SummerSalt Festival, Fantasy Medieval Fair.
Cr Sonya Meziniec	2025 Adelaide University Australian HPV Super Series Launch, Race Start Mount Gambier 8 hour Pedal Prix, Limestone Coast Regional Plan - Council and Elected Members Briefing Session, Opening Night French Film Festival, Pioneers Quiz night.
Cr Frank Morello	Australian Citizenship Ceremony, Exhibition opening of the Woodcutter and Wood Work at the Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre, Limestone Coast Regional Plan online session.

**RESOLUTION OCM 2025/80**

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner

Seconded: Cr Josh Lynagh

That the reports made by Councillors be received.

**CARRIED**

**7 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil



**8 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Nil resolved.

**9 PETITIONS**

Nil

**10 DEPUTATIONS**

Nil

**11 NOTICE OF MOTION TO REVOKE OR AMEND**

Nil

**12 ELECTED MEMBERS INFORMATION BRIEFING SESSIONS**

**RESOLUTION OCM 2025/81**

Moved: Cr Sonya Meziniec

Seconded: Cr Max Bruins

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 2 APRIL 2025**

**RESOLUTION OCM 2025/82**

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner

Seconded: Cr Frank Morello

Council receive and note the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 2 April 2025.

**CARRIED**





**15 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**15.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE HELD ON 25 MARCH 2025**

**RESOLUTION OCM 2025/83**

Moved: Cr Sonya Meziniec

Seconded: Cr Josh Lynagh

Council receive and note the minutes of the Chief Executive Officer Performance Review Committee meeting held on 25 March 2025.

**CARRIED**

**16 JUNIOR SPORTS ASSISTANCE FUND COMMITTEE**

**16.1 JUNIOR SPORTS ASSISTANCE FUND COMMITTEE HELD ON 3 APRIL 2025**

**RESOLUTION OCM 2025/84**

Moved: Cr Josh Lynagh

Seconded: Cr Paul Jenner

Council receive and note the minutes of the Junior Sports Assistance Fund Committee meeting held on 3 April 2025.

**CARRIED**

**17 BUILDING FIRE SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Nil



## 18 COUNCIL REPORTS

### 18.1 GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM 2024/2025 - ROUND 2

#### **RESOLUTION OCM 2025/85**

Moved: Cr Josh Lynagh

Seconded: Cr Sonya Meziniec

1. That Council report titled 'Grants and Sponsorship Program 2024/2025 - Round 2' as presented on Tuesday 15 April 2025 be noted.
2. That \$57,453 cash plus \$10,462 in kind be endorsed for distribution for Round Two of the 2024/2025 Grants and Sponsorship program.

**CARRIED**

### 18.2 COMMUNITY RENEWABLES PROGRAM

#### **RESOLUTION OCM 2025/86**

Moved: Cr Max Bruins

Seconded: Cr Frank Morello

1. That Council report titled 'Community Renewables Program' as presented on Tuesday 15 April 2025 be noted.
2. That Council approve participation in the Community Renewables Program provided by ShineHub for a period of three years.
3. That the CEO, or delegate, be authorised to negotiate and approve the Community Solar Program Agreement with ShineHub.

**CARRIED**

### 18.3 SUBMISSION - SELECT COMMITTEE ON SHORT STAY ACCOMMODATION SECTOR

#### **RESOLUTION OCM 2025/87**

Moved: Cr Sonya Meziniec

Seconded: Cr Jason Virgo

1. That Council report titled 'Submission - Select Committee on Short Stay Accommodation Sector' as presented on Tuesday 15 April 2025 be noted.

2. That Council authorise administration to provide the submission for the consideration of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council for the short stay accommodation sector by Friday 2 May 2025.
3. That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any small amendments that may arise that can strengthen the submission for Mount Gambier.

**CARRIED**

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

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

Nature of Interest:

*The motion leads to a letter to be written to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development who I work for.*

Intention to Participate:

*I intend to stay in the meeting and vote on the matter. I will not move or second the motion or engage in discussion or debate.*

Reason for Participating:

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

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

#### **18.4 PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE - SEWER AND WATER FOR DEVELOPMENTS**

##### **RESOLUTION OCM 2025/88**

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner

Seconded: Cr Max Bruins

1. That Council report titled 'Provision of Infrastructure - Sewer and Water for developments' as presented on Tuesday 15 April 2025 be noted.
2. Council write to the Premier of South Australia, Treasurer of South Australia, the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, the Minister for Housing Infrastructure, the Minister for Housing and Urban Development, the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the Minister for Local Government, the Minister for Planning, the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, the Minister Workforce and Population Strategy, the Member for Mount Gambier and



the Shadow Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Regional Roads and Government Accountability, with the following topics:

- (a) Council welcomes the development and release by the State Government of the draft Limestone Coast Regional Plan, amongst the suite of regional plans for South Australia. In particular, Council acknowledges the projected areas of expected population, housing and employment growth.
- (b) Council also highlights and supports the recognition of the need to evaluate the most effective and fit for purpose infrastructure mechanism for projects.
- (c) The draft Limestone Coast Regional Plan identifies opportunities for growth and the number of additional houses required to accommodate the projected population increase.
- (d) Throughout the development of the draft Limestone Coast Regional Plan, Council has identified:
  - (i) Opportunities for medium to higher density infill development.
  - (ii) Opportunities for greenfield development.
  - (iii) Concerns the existing water and sewer networks are not able to accommodate current developments.
  - (iv) Concerns regarding the capacity of the existing water and sewer networks to accommodate for future growth.
  - (v) The need for SA Water to actively engage in the regional planning process.
  - (vi) Concerns regarding inadequate protections in place for the Blue Lake Catchment Zone.
- (e) Council is aware there has been an analysis of the water and sewer network for the City of Mount Gambier. Council has not been provided with access to this information and is unable to consider this when identifying future growth opportunities for the City.
- (f) Council wishes to provide meaningful comments and input into the Limestone Coast Regional Plan, including the identification of future greenfield growth developments and opportunities for medium to high density infill developments, to provide a level of certainty for developers.
- (g) Council is seeking clarification of the following:
  - (i) The input and participation of infrastructure providers in the Regional Planning process.
  - (ii) The status of the existing water and sewer infrastructure with the City of Mount Gambier and the potential areas of concerns so appropriate consideration can be given to the identification of future growth opportunities within the Regional Plan.
  - (iii) Whether the State Government has an asset management plan which identifies the cost of maintaining the existing water and sewer system, and the investment required to facilitate the projected growth.
  - (iv) If there are alternative infrastructure schemes proposed to accommodate the projects growth scenarios for the region as well as the City of Mount Gambier as proposed in the Regional Plan.

**CARRIED**

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

## **18.5 COMMUNITY LAND REVOCATION AND SALE OF LAND - JUBILEE HIGHWAY WEST, SUTTONTOWN**

### **RESOLUTION OCM 2025/89**

Moved: Cr Max Bruins

Seconded: Cr Jason Virgo

1. That Council report titled 'Community Land Revocation and Sale of Land - Jubilee Highway West, Suttontown' as presented on Tuesday 15 April 2025 be noted.
2. Hereby revokes the community land status over the land parcel described as Allotment 212, Deposited Plan 125742, Jubilee Highway West, Suttontown contained in Certificate of Title Volume 6250 Folio 283 (the subject land) in accordance with section 194(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 1999.
3. Hereby determines to dispense with the requirement to obtain an independent valuation of the subject land, noting market value is likely to be an inappropriate indication of the value of land, given its unique nature.
4. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer or their delegate to negotiate and enter into a formal agreement with Steeline Mount Gambier (the purchaser) for the transfer of land described as Allotment 212, Deposited Plan 125742, Jubilee Highway West, Suttontown contained in Certificate of Title Volume 6250 Folio 283 (the subject land), subject to the following conditions:
  - (a) The purchaser pay consideration in the sum of \$1,235.40 for the subject land.
  - (b) The purchaser to be responsible for all associated costs, in accordance with Council's Disposal of Land and Assets Policy.
  - (c) That the purchaser be required to retain the landscaping and vegetation screening, or other suitable alternative landscaping and vegetation screening, to ensure an audio and visual buffer for road users of Jubilee highway West is maintained.
  - (d) That the purchaser be required to amalgamate the subject land into the existing Certificates of Title for the adjoining land.
  - (e) That where necessary, Easements for relevant infrastructure be included in the transfer.

**CARRIED**

## 18.6 BY-LAW REVIEW

### RESOLUTION OCM 2025/90

Moved: Cr Sonya Meziniec

Seconded: Cr Frank Morello

1. That Council report titled 'By-Law Review' as presented on Tuesday 15 April 2025 be noted.
2. That having due regard to the requirements under Chapter 12, Part 1 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act), the Council hereby endorse the proposed By-Laws for community consultation in accordance with the Community Consultation and Engagement Policy - P195 and section 249 of the Act:
  - (a) By-Law No. 1 Permits and Penalties;
  - (b) By-Law No 2. Local Government Land;
  - (c) By-Law No 3. Roads;
  - (d) By-Law No. 4 Moveable Signs;
  - (e) By-Law No. 5 Dogs;
  - (f) By-Law No. 6 Cats.

**CARRIED**

## 18.7 PRIVATE PARKING AREAS POLICY

### RESOLUTION OCM 2025/91

Moved: Cr Max Bruins

Seconded: Cr Josh Lynagh

1. That Council report titled 'Private Parking Areas Policy' as presented on Tuesday 15 April 2025 be noted.
2. That Council hereby endorse and adopt the Private Parking Areas Policy as presented in accordance with section the Private Parking Areas Act 1986.

**CARRIED**

## **18.8 ASSET ACCOUNTING POLICY**

### **RESOLUTION OCM 2025/92**

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner

Seconded: Cr Jason Virgo

1. That the Council report titled 'Asset Accounting Policy' as presented on Tuesday 15 April 2025 be noted.
2. That Council do not amend Asset Accounting Policy at this time, and instead hold a brief workshop to explore the implications of using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as a basis for incremental asset revaluations.
3. That the Chief Executive Officer or Delegate be authorised to make any necessary updates to the draft policy arising from the outcomes of the workshop, including typographical corrections, amendments to position or organisation titles, and formatting, provided such changes do not materially alter the intent or substance of the document.

**CARRIED**

## **18.9 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**

### **RESOLUTION OCM 2025/93**

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner

Seconded: Cr Sonya Meziniec

1. That the Council report titled 'Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Report' as presented on Tuesday 15 April 2025 be noted.
2. That the Council notes the report provided by the Audit and Risk Committee, summarising the work of the Committee in the lead up to its meeting, held on April 2, 2025.
3. That the Council notes that a report will be provided at the conclusion of each Audit and Risk Committee meeting summarising any work of the Committee since the last meeting, including the outcomes and discussion from workshops and the meetings themselves.

**CARRIED**

## **18.10 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE - REVIEW OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER SITTING FEES**

### **RESOLUTION OCM 2025/94**

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner

Seconded: Cr Jason Virgo

1. That Council report titled 'Audit and Risk Committee - Review of Independent Member Sitting Fees' as presented on Tuesday 15 April 2025 be noted.
2. The Council recognises the important role of the Audit and Risk Committee and that Independent sitting fees be amended as follows:
  - (a) The sitting fees for the ordinary meetings inclusive of any workshop immediately adjacent the ordinary meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee be increased to:

(i) Independent Presiding Member	\$550.00
(ii) Other Independent Members	\$400.00
  - (a) The sitting fees for any special meeting inclusive of any workshop immediately adjacent the special meeting or for any special workshop not associated with a meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee be increased to:

(iii) Independent Presiding Member	\$300.00
(iv) Other Independent Members	\$200.00
  - (a) The sitting fees noted at items 2(a)(b) of this recommendation are exclusive of any superannuation contributions required under the Superannuation Guarantee Administration Act.
3. That the remuneration of independent members be reviewed annually.

**CARRIED**

## **19 MOTIONS WITH NOTICE**

### **19.1 MOTION WITH NOTICE - CODE OF PRACTICE FOR MEETING PROCEDURES**

The Motion associated with Item 19.1 was withdrawn by Cr Paul Jenner.

## **20 URGENT MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Nil

## 21 NEW CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

### 21.1 STRATEGIC PROJECTS UPDATE

#### **RESOLUTION OCM 2025/95**

Moved: Cr Sonya Meziniec

Seconded: Cr Max Bruins

#### **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 S Philpott, B Cernovskis, J Fetherstonhaugh, C White, B Shelton, B Shearing, S McLean and S Wilson be excluded from attendance at the meeting for the receipt and consideration in confidence of Strategic Projects 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:

- (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.
- (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 contained within the report and attachments presents matters relating to commercial contractual matters, including tenders for service, the disclosure of which 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 outcomes on behalf of the community.

**CARRIED**

#### **RESOLUTION OCM 2025/100**

Moved: Cr Sonya Meziniec

Seconded: Cr Josh Lynagh

#### **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 Strategic Projects Update 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.
  - (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 a further order of Council to release.
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**

## **21.2 MUSIC SA - UPDATE**

### **RESOLUTION OCM 2025/96**

Moved: Cr Josh Lynagh

Seconded: Cr Jason Virgo

### **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 S Philpott, B Cernovskis, J Fetherstonhaugh, C White, B Shelton, B Shearing, S McLean and S Wilson be excluded from attendance at the meeting for the receipt and consideration in confidence of Music SA - 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.



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 considered is confidential information of a third party to which Council owes a duty of confidence until such time as a public announcement has been made.

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION OCM 2025/101**

Moved: Cr Max Bruins

Seconded: Cr Josh Lynagh

**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 Music SA - 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.

be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until the latter of a public notification being made by Music SA or 31 July 2025.
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**

### **21.3 ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CONTRACT - LARGE AND UNMETERED SUPPLY**

#### **RESOLUTION OCM 2025/97**

Moved: Cr Sonya Meziniec

Seconded: Cr Frank Morello

#### **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 S Philpott, B Cernovskis, J Fetherstonhaugh, C White, B Shelton, B Shearing, S McLean and S Wilson be excluded from attendance at the meeting for the receipt and consideration in confidence of Electricity Supply Contract - Large and Unmetered Supply.

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.

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 a supplier for the supply of electricity. The disclosure of information in association with this item could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of Council or confer advantage on 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 2025/102**

Moved: Cr Sonya Meziniec

Seconded: Cr Jason Virgo

#### **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 Supply Contract - Large and Unmetered Supply 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.

be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until two years after a contract has been executed for the relevant supply, and Council has been released from its duty of confidence, with the name of the supplier and value of the contract 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**

#### **21.4 WULANDA RECREATION AND CONVENTION CENTRE - CONTRACTUAL MATTERS**

##### **RESOLUTION OCM 2025/98**

Moved: Cr Sonya Meziniec

Seconded: Cr Paul Jenner

##### **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 S Philpott, B Cernovskis, J Fetherstonhaugh, C White, B Shelton, B Shearing, S McLean and S Wilson be excluded from attendance at the meeting for the receipt and consideration in confidence of Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre - Contractual Matters.

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.



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 commercial contractual matters associated with the management 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 Councils position in obtaining best value outcomes on behalf of the community.

**CARRIED**

### **RESOLUTION OCM 2025/103**

Moved: Cr Max Bruins

Seconded: Cr Josh Lynagh

### **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 - Contractual Matters 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.

be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until a further order of Council to release.
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**



## 21.5 WULANDA RECREATION AND CONVENTION CENTRE - PROJECT UPDATE

### RESOLUTION OCM 2025/99

Moved: Cr Sonya Meziniec

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 (Council Officers) 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 commercially sensitive contracts 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 Councils ability to obtain best value on behalf of the community.

**CARRIED**



**RESOLUTION OCM 2025/104**

Moved: Cr Frank Morello

Seconded: Cr Jason Virgo

**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**

**22 MEETING CLOSE**

The meeting closed at 7:12 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 May 2025.

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**MAYOR**



**18      TABLED DOCUMENTS**

**ITEM 18.1:   EVALUATION MATRIX - GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM 204/2025  
                    (ROUND 2)**



## Corporate Sponsorship

### Summary

*Note: Applicant Name, Weighted Score and Rank and automatically filled from Evaluation spreadsheet*

Applicant Name	Conflict of Interest	Weighted Score	Rank	2024/25 Estimates										Outcome
				Requested Cash	Requested In Kind	Allocated Cash	Allocated In Kind	Allocated Cash and In-Kind	Economic Benefit	Participation	Overnight Stays - per night	Days of Event	No. of Local Jobs	Successful/ Unsuccessful
Mount Gambier Chamber of Commerce - AR25/16476	Nil	145.00	2	\$15,000.00				\$0.00	\$27,694.00	145	7	1	0.2	Unsuccessful
Adelaide Guitar Festival - AR25/16575 - 09-12 October 2025	Nil	425.00	1	\$25,000.00	\$7,052.00	\$25,000.00	\$7,052.00	\$32,052.00	\$739,600.00	1000	300	4	2.7	Successful
				\$40,000.00	\$7,052.00	\$25,000.00	\$7,052.00	\$32,052.00						

## Major Events Grant

### Summary

*Note: Applicant Name, Weighted Score and Rank and automatically filled from Evaluation spreadsheet*

Applicant Name	Conflict of Interest	Weighted Score	Rank	2024/25 Estimates										Outcome	
				Requested Cash	Requested In Kind	Allocated Cash	Allocated In Kind	Allocated Cash and In-Kind	Economic Benefit	Participation	Overnight Stays - per night	Days of Event	No. of Local Jobs	Successful/ Unsuccessful	
Mount Gambier & District Pony Club - AR25/14095	Nil	375.00	2	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00		<b>\$5,000.00</b>	\$242,620.00	350	280	2	2.5	Successful	
South Eastern National Dancing Association - AR25/16533	Nil	315.00	3	\$3,000.00		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	\$53,174.00	100	41	2	0.5	Successful	
Tower Trail Run - AR25/16615	Nil	390.00	1	\$7,500.00	\$200.00	\$7,500.00	\$200.00	<b>\$7,700.00</b>	\$209,500.00	500	200	1	1.9	Successful	
Two Lines Fertility and Women's Health at Hawkins - AR25/16432	Nil	270.00	4	\$10,070.00		\$4,000.00	\$1,120.00	<b>\$5,120.00</b>	\$81,075.00	100	45	1	0.7	Successful	
				<b>\$25,570.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$18,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,820.00</b>	<b>\$20,820.00</b>							

## Minor Events Grant

### Summary

*Note: Applicant Name, Weighted Score and Rank and automatically filled from Evaluation spreadsheet*

Applicant Name	Conflict of Interest	Weighted Score	Rank	2024/25 Estimates										Outcome
				Requested Cash	Requested In Kind	Allocated Cash	Allocated In Kind	Allocated Cash and In-Kind	Economic Benefit	Participation	Overnight Stays - per night	Days of Event	No. of Local Jobs	Successful/ Unsuccessful
South East Radio Group Inc - AR25/11412	Nil	412.50	3	\$500.00		\$500.00		<b>\$500.00</b>	\$105,400.00	125	75	2	0.2	Successful
Mount Gambier RSL & District Bowling Club -AR25/6121	Nil	355.00	7	\$500.00		\$500.00		<b>\$500.00</b>	\$52,674.00	130	7	2	0.5	Successful
Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes - AR25/15872	Nil	370.00	6	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00		<b>\$2,000.00</b>	\$44,013.00	210	29	1	0.4	Successful
Thumb Print Workshop Inc -	Nil	382.50	5	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00		<b>\$1,000.00</b>	\$5,172.00	12	2	2	0	Successful
South East Street Machines -	Nil	425.00	1	\$500.00	\$278.00	\$500.00	\$278.00	<b>\$778.00</b>	\$189,675.00	900	45	1	1.7	Successful
Australian Garden History Society - AR25/15825 - 29 October 2025	Nil	325.00	8	\$2,000		\$2,000		<b>\$2,000.00</b>	\$345,784.00	200	176	1	3.4	Successful
Mount Gambier Community RSL - 11 November 2025	Nil	310.00	9	\$1,265.00		\$1,265.00		<b>\$1,265.00</b>	\$333,252.00	1800	36	1	3.3	Successful
Limestone Coast Symphony Orchestra - AR25/14093	Cr Frank Morello	417.50	2	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00		<b>\$2,000.00</b>	\$48,100.00	200	20	1	0.5	Successful
Mount Gambier 8ball Association Inc - AR25/16212	Nil	402.50	4	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00		<b>\$2,000.00</b>	\$280,000.00	250	225	4	2.6	Successful
Gravity Enduro SA - AR25/16519	Nil	300.00	10	\$1,688.00	\$312.00	\$1,688.00	\$312.00	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	\$274,700.00	200	170	2	2.5	Successful
				<b>\$13,453.00</b>	<b>\$590.00</b>	<b>\$13,453.00</b>	<b>\$590.00</b>	<b>\$14,043.00</b>						

## Minor/Major Community Strengthening Grants

### Summary

*Note: Applicant Name, Weighted Score and Rank and automatically filled from Evaluation spreadsheet*

Applicant Name	Weighted Score	Rank	2024/25 Estimates					Outcome
			Requested Cash	Requested In Kind	Allocated Cash	Allocated In Kind	Allocated Cash and In-Kind	Successful/Unsuccessful
South East Arts Society - AR25/16611	245.00	1	\$1,500.00		\$1,000.00		<b>\$1,000.00</b>	Successful
Youth Opportunities Australia Limited - AR25/16609	220.00	2	\$10,000.00		\$0.00		<b>\$0.00</b>	Unsuccessful
Whacky Mac Entertainment - AR25/16576	95.00	3	\$1,500.00		\$0.00		<b>\$0.00</b>	Unsuccessful
			<b>\$13,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	