

Council Meeting

Minutes

30 April 2025 at 6:30pm

**Council Chamber, Town Hall, Sturt Street,
Ballarat**



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1. OPENING DECLARATION

Councillors: *"We, the Councillors of the City of Ballarat, declare that we will carry out our duties in the best interests of the community, and through collective leadership will maintain the highest standards of good governance."*

Mayor: *"I respectfully acknowledge the Wadawurrung and Dja Dja Wurrung People, the traditional custodians of the land, and I would like to welcome members of the public in the gallery."*

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2.1 Present

Cr Tracey Hargreaves (Mayor)
Cr Ben Taylor
Cr Damon Saunders
Cr Des Hudson
Cr Jim Rinaldi
Cr Samantha McIntosh
Cr Ted Lapkin
Cr Tess Morgan

Mr Evan King - Chief Executive Officer
Ms Bridget Wetherall - Director Infrastructure and Environment
Mr Matthew Wilson - Director Community Wellbeing
Mr John Hausler - Director Corporate Services
Ms Natalie Robertson - Director Development and Growth
Mr Martin Darcy - Director Economy and Experience
Mr Cameron Montgomery - Executive Manager Governance and Risk
Ms Rosie Wright - Coordinator Risk, Governance and Compliance
Ms Tayla Niblett - Governance Officer
Mr Stephen Wright - Governance Support Officer

2.2 Apologies

Cr Jay Morrison

RESOLUTION:

That the apology be accepted.

Moved: Cr Des Hudson
Seconded: Cr Ted Lapkin

CARRIED
(R61/25)

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting on 26 March 2025 as circulated be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Des Hudson
Seconded: Cr Ted Lapkin

CARRIED
(R62/25)

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

QT35/25 - Dr Dora Pearce

Question

Has the Risk Analysis Workshop prescribed by Permit Conditions for PLP/2022/644 Item 13 been successfully conducted as required, prior to commencement of construction of TSF4 at Ballarat Gold Mine, to ensure the surrounding community is protected from “potential failure scenarios in relation to mitigation measures” and to underpin a Mitigation Measures Implementation and Risk Analysis Plan (MMIRAP) and an amended Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) to be approved by the Responsible Authority?

Answer

Natalie Robertson, Director Development and Growth, responded that as per previous advice in response to this question, the permit applicant continues to focus on the requirements of other permit conditions, in particular Condition 3 relating to the design detailing of the approved TSF4, or tailings dam. Consideration will need to be given to health risk matters ahead of the commencement of development on site in accordance with permit conditions in due course.

Question

According to representatives of Victory Minerals and the Earth Resources Regulator, the “Northern Dry Stack” at Ballarat Gold Mine has reached its maximum height. Gold ore processing inevitably produces tailings containing arsenic, heavy metals and respirable crystalline silica. What tailings management and dust mitigation measures will be implemented in the interim until TSF4 is constructed and operational?

Answer

Natalie Robertson, Director Development and Growth, responded that the Work Plan for the site is under the jurisdiction of the Earth Resource Regulation (ERR). The question appears to relate to operations prior to the commencement of works as outlined in the planning permit for the tailings dam so she is happy to refer the question to ERR who are the regulatory authority for the Work Plan in this case.

QT36/25 - Michael Phillips

Question

When will the municipality become in accord with the Department of Agriculture and provide fee free registration for assistance animals?

Answer

Natalie Robertson, Director Development and Growth, responded that the City of Ballarat introduced a fee exemption for assistance dogs in February 2024. Owners can apply for the fee exemption in person, writing or email and are required to complete two application forms for assessment of the requirements, which are the Assistance Animal Application form and the Dog Trainer and Health Professional Declaration form.

QT37/25 - Bernadette Cheesman

Question

Why do the major library branches, Ballarat and Wendouree, have only one public printer/copier?

Answer

Matthew Wilson, Director Community Wellbeing, responded that the copiers provided at the libraries are capable of dealing with multiple jobs at one time and can be networked to all public access computers and the free Wi-Fi system. In short, the overall use of the copiers by members of the public doesn't necessitate additional machines but, of course, we continue to monitor that.

Question

When this sole machine doesn't function/needs repair, why does it take so long (weeks and months) for repair to be affected?

Answer

Matthew Wilson, Director Community Wellbeing, responded that when servicing is required, there can be delays depending on technician availability or the complexity of the issue, sometimes the need for replacement parts, etc. Network-related faults may also take additional time to resolve. Officers understand the frustration that this does cause for patrons and always work to have repairs completed as quickly as possible. In the meantime, staff endeavour to provide alternate solutions to assist users where feasible.

QT38/25 - David Curtis**Question**

Hello Mayor and Councillors, thank you for the opportunity to ask some questions tonight. My name is David Curtis and I am a member of the Ballarat Residents & Ratepayers Assoc. At the last meeting I asked some questions in relation to a Ballarat Motorsport and Driver education Park that was proposed in 2016. On 23.6.16 a Ballarat Courier article indicated Council's support at the time for a motor industry and events hub. This question was asked on the BRRRA Facebook page and attracted an enormous response. Amongst some of the feedback from that post was some additional information from another 16.1.17 Ballarat Courier article which included; "The Council's Director Community Development Neville Ivey said the Council had completed a feasibility plan and established a working group and who have identified a number of potential sites around Ballarat." and "Ballarat Councillors Des Hudson, Ben Taylor and Grant Tillett, have taken over the reins of the project this Council term from former Councillors Vicki Colman, John Philips and Glen Crompton who were on the motor sports committee." I believe that early driver education is important at secondary school level and the park could also be utilised for car club activities, swap meet or other motorsports that would generate tourism into the Ballarat region. My first question is; What was the outcome of that feasibility plan?

Answer

Matthew Wilson, Director Community Wellbeing, responded that the initial feasibility study referred to by Mr Curtis undertaken by Council identified some sites for further investigation, but unfortunately that further analysis determined that none of those sites were either available or suitable for use for this purpose. Subsequent to that, Council then contributed to a feasibility study undertaken by Motorsport Australia that examined the potential development of a site in Fiskville, but unfortunately, again, it was deemed to be not a preferred site by Motorsport Australia for that level of development.

Question

My second question is: Would the Council reconsider supporting this proposal?

Answer

Matthew Wilson, Director Community Wellbeing, responded that unfortunately given that no suitable site has been able to be identified within the City of Ballarat municipal district, it is not currently within Council's 15-year recreation infrastructure plan.

QT39/25 - Paddy Kirby**Question**

A number of sites for this motorsport, Driver education Hub were identified, was a final site ever selected and if so, is it still available?

Answer

Matthew Wilson, Director Community Wellbeing, responded that a suitable site was unable to be identified, so there is not one still available.

Question

With the economic benefits in motorsport events and the urgent need for better driver education for our secondary school future road users a Motorsports/Driver Education Hub would be a very important facility for not only Ballarat & District but for Central Victoria as well, will or can the Council lift the priority of this proposal to a higher level of urgency?

Answer

Matthew Wilson, Director Community Wellbeing, responded that the economic benefits of a national motor sport facility are acknowledged and were confirmed within the initial feasibility study. Unfortunately, given that the City of Ballarat was not able to identify a suitable location when that feasibility study was done in 2015, it means that a driver facility can't be delivered. Whilst a driver education facility as an adjunct of a national motor sport facility has merit, the unavailability of the site means that it is undeliverable.

QT40/25 - Stuart Postlethwaite**Question**

In relation to the Prince of Wales Park (POWP) Master Plan. I understand that POWP was the fourth preference for a site to build much needed additional hockey facilities. A site at Delacombe Town Centre (DTC) was the third preference. Why and by whom was the DTC site rejected?

Answer

Matthew Wilson, Director Community Wellbeing, responded that during planning for the provision of hockey facilities to meet the demands of the sports' growth several sites, including land at DTC was considered. After investigation and review, it was determined by Council that the preferred site for the future of hockey was Prince of Wales Park due to the existence of the current pitch and facility and value for money in locating the second pitch within the reserve. It was determined this also supports the preferred operating model for hockey as a sport.

Question

In relation to POWP Master Plan. In a recent "National Cities Performance Framework" report commissioned and published by the Australian Government; the City of Ballarat was found to have the second worst measure of all Australian cities for residents' access to green space. The POWP master plan further reduces the availability of green space to Lake Gardens and Insignia residents. How does Council justify destroying a green space jewel that is there for all residents when Ballarat is already second worst in Australia for green space access?

Answer

Matthew Wilson, Director Community Wellbeing, responded that the POWP Master Plan includes enhanced elements for passive recreation uses including walking and running paths, and maintains the linear path network through the park. Additionally, the grassed baseball playing fields can be used for passive recreation uses outside of competition and

training times. As a result, it is considered that there is no loss of green space through the planned works in the reserve. In addition, there are significant green space provisions in the nearby Lake Wendouree and Victoria Park areas.

QT41/25 - Joyce Robinson**Question**

The resurfacing of the hockey field in Prince of Wales Park, situated on Gillies Street North, was tendered initially for \$900,000 and was expected to be completed within six months. However, the final contract amount increased to \$2.4 million, and the project ultimately took 12 months to finish.

What led to such a significant discrepancy in the final cost and the project's duration?

Answer

Matthew Wilson, Director Community Wellbeing, responded that the increased cost and delays to the re-surfacing of the Prince of Wales Hockey pitch was a result of latent conditions identified during the construction program that were determined after the old synthetic surface was removed. The latent conditions required further stabilisation treatment to achieve a compliant and guaranteed playing surface.

Question

Director Wilson stated "Reserve users were consulted during 2024 before the Draft Plan for the Prince of Wales Park was designed, but no residents were invited or consulted to join this group, as there was nothing to show them."

Were the Patrons of the Ballarat Aquatic Centre included in these information sessions?

Answer

Matthew Wilson, Director Community Wellbeing, responded that the communications and engagement plan included initial consultation with the sporting clubs and associations using the reserve to inform the development of the draft plan for the reserve to ensure that all respective uses could be accommodated. Consultation with residents and informal users of the reserve, including patrons of Ballarat Aquatic Centre, was planned to be undertaken once the draft was developed and endorsed by Council for broader consultation.

QT42/25 - Judith Bailey**Question**

The Ballarat Municipal Observatory and Museum is coming up to its 150th Anniversary in 2036, not far away given it would be a wonderful gift to the Observatory and the Community to add a new building which could house 21st century technology including a 360 degree dome/planetarium for the plethora of movies and technology now available in this format and the potential exhibitions space which could house leading edge science exhibitions.

Could a MySay process be implemented to gain community aspirations and ideas for the future of the Observatory to celebrate its 150th Anniversary?

Answer

Matthew Wilson, Director Community Wellbeing, responded that the Observatory is located on Crown land and is managed by Council as Committee of Management. Council leases that onward to the Observatory committee for its use. If the committee wants to speak with Council officers in relation to any matters to do with the Observatory or ideas there forth, then they would be happy to meet with representatives of the committee.

Question

Could a potential Ballarat Municipal Observatory and Museum Association be accepted by Council to formulate a professional approach to the programs, events, capital works and

serious fundraising required as with commensurate facilities throughout Australia and Internationally and expand on Local, National and International partnerships?

Answer

John Hausler, Director Corporate Services, responded that as this site is Crown land and Council as a committee of management leases the observatory building to the Ballarat Municipal Observatory and Museum Association, it is therefore the community group that is responsible for the management of the site and developing programs and events. As Director Wilson has pointed out, officers would welcome any further conversations in that regard.

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7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

7.1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Division: Executive Unit
Director: Evan King
Author/Position: Evan King – Chief Executive Officer

PURPOSE

1. The CEO's Operational Report highlights issues and outcomes affecting the organisation's performance as it delivers services and implements the Council's strategies and policy decisions.

RESOLUTION:

19. That Council:

19.1 Receive and note the CEO's Operational Report.

Moved: Cr Samantha McIntosh
Seconded: Cr Des Hudson

CARRIED
(R63/25)

8. PETITIONS

8.1. CITY PARTNERSHIPS

Division: Corporate Services
Director: John Hausler
Author/Position: Rosie Wright – Coordinator Risk, Governance and Compliance

Public representation was made by Joe Boin.

PURPOSE

1. To receive a written petition containing 268 signatories regarding funding for Ballarat Renewable Energy and Zero Emissions (BREAZE).

RESOLUTION:

4. That Council:
 - 4.1 Note the petition be received; and
 - 4.2 Refer the petition to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration and response.

Moved: Cr Ted Lapkin
Seconded: Cr Samantha McIntosh

CARRIED
(R64/25)

9. OFFICER REPORTS

9.1. TENDER 2024/25-340 DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT OF FRANK BOURKE PAVILION AND CHANGEROOM

Division: Community Wellbeing
Director: Matthew Wilson
Author/Position: Mark Patterson – Executive Manager Recreation Services

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to recommend award of contract 2024/25-340 for a new Modular Pavilion and Changeroom at Frank Bourke Oval.

RESOLUTION:

10. That Council:

10.1 Resolve to enter into Contract Number 2024/25-340 for the provision of construction of new modular pavilion and changeroom with Modular by Shape (VIC) Pty Ltd for the total tendered price \$4,432,433.00 (ex GST).

10.2 Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to:

- a. Finalise the terms of Contract number 2024/25-340 with Modular by Shape (VIC) Pty Ltd provided that those contract terms are consistent with this resolution; and
- b. Execute Contract Number 2024/25 on behalf of Council.

Moved: Cr Des Hudson
Seconded: Cr Ben Taylor

CARRIED
(R65/25)

9.2. ART GALLERY OF BALLARAT YEAR IN REVIEW 2023/24

Division: Economy and Experience
Director: Martin Darcy
Author/Position: Louise Tegart – Director Art Gallery of Ballarat

PURPOSE

1. In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between City of Ballarat and the Art Gallery of Ballarat, the Art Gallery of Ballarat Board is required to provide Council with an annual report on the activities of the previous year covering:
 - Reporting on the number of visitors to the Art Gallery.
 - Engagement including public programs and education visitation.
 - Acquisition and lending of the Artworks.
2. The Art Gallery of Ballarat Year in Review 2023-2024 reports on the activities of that year and responds to the key priorities identified in the Art Gallery of Ballarat Strategic Plan 2023-2028.

RESOLUTION:**13. That Council:****13.1 Note the Art Gallery of Ballarat Year in Review 2023-2024.**

Moved: Cr Des Hudson
Seconded: Cr Ted Lapkin

CARRIED
(R66/25)

9.3. INTERCULTURAL STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

Division: Community Wellbeing
Director: Matthew Wilson
Author/Position: Suzannah Burton – Coordinator Reconciliation and Social Inclusion

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the progress made against actions in the second year of the implementation of the Intercultural Plan 2022-26 from January to December 2024.

RESOLUTION:

11. That Council:

11.1 Note the implementation of Year 2 of the Intercultural Strategic Plan 2022-2026.

Moved: Cr Samantha McIntosh
Seconded: Cr Tess Morgan

CARRIED
(R67/25)

9.4. FINANCIAL RESERVES POLICY

Division: Corporate Services
Director: John Hausler
Author/Position: Jason Clissold – Executive Manager Financial Services

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to present the Financial Reserves Policy to Council for consideration and adoption.

RESOLUTION:

9. That Council:

9.1 Adopt the Financial Reserves Policy as attached.

Moved: Cr Ben Taylor
Seconded: Cr Ted Lapkin

CARRIED
(R68/25)

9.5. LEASE AND LICENCE POLICY

Division: Infrastructure and Environment
Director: Bridget Wetherall
Author/Position: Nick Venville – Property Coordinator

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to present the Lease and Licence Policy (the Policy) to Council for consideration and adoption.

RESOLUTION:

15. That Council:

- 15.1 Adopt the attached revised Lease and Licence Policy, which supersedes the Leasing and Licensing Policy adopted by Council on 22 November 2017 (R428/17).**

Moved: Cr Samantha McIntosh
Seconded: Cr Ted Lapkin

CARRIED
(R69/25)

9.6. PARTNERSHIPS AND GRANTS POLICY

Division: Community Wellbeing
Director: Matthew Wilson
Author/Position: Pete Appleton – Executive Manager Engaged Communities

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of a revised Partnerships and Grants Policy.

RESOLUTION:

12. That Council:

- 12.1 Adopt the attached Partnerships and Grants Policy, which supersedes the Partnerships and Grants Policy adopted by Council on 24 August 2022 (R123/22).

Moved: Cr Des Hudson
Seconded: Cr Jim Rinaldi

CARRIED
(R70/25)

9.7. AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE BIENNIAL REPORT

Division: Corporate Services
Director: John Hausler
Author/Position: John Thomas – Senior Risk Officer

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to present the Audit and Risk Committee Biennial Report for the period 1 July 2024 – 31 December 2024, in accordance with section 54(5) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act).

RESOLUTION:

7. That Council:
 - 7.1 Receive and note the Audit and Risk Committee Biennial report for the period 1 July 2024 – 31 December 2024.

Moved: Cr Ted Lapkin
Seconded: Cr Samantha McIntosh

CARRIED
(R71/25)

9.8. CONTRACTS APPROVAL DELEGATED COMMITTEE MINUTES

Division: Corporate Services
Director: John Hausler
Author/Position: Lorraine Sendall – Executive Assistant Director Corporate Services

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Council with minutes of Council's Contracts Approval Delegated Committee in accordance with the adopted Terms of Reference. This report provides minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2025 and provides a summary of information in relation to these minutes.

RESOLUTION:

6. That Council:
 - 6.1 Note, in accordance with section 66 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, that the material contained in the Contracts Approval Delegated Committee agendas has been designated confidential.
 - 6.2 Receive the Contracts Approval Delegated Committee minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2025.

Moved: Cr Ben Taylor
Seconded: Cr Tess Morgan

CARRIED
(R72/25)

9.9. S6 INSTRUMENT OF DELEGATION - MEMBERS OF STAFF

Division: Corporate Services
Director: John Hausler
Author/Position: Stephanie Hosking – Statutory Governance Officer

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the S6 Instrument of Delegation – Members of Staff for Council’s consideration.

RESOLUTION:

9. That Council, in the exercise of the powers conferred by the legislation referred to in the attached instrument of delegation, resolves that:
 - 9.1 There be delegated to the members of Ballarat City Council (Council) staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the offices or positions referred to in the attached *Instrument of Delegation to members of Council staff*, the powers, duties and functions set out in that instrument, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument.
 - 9.2 The instrument comes into force effective upon being signed by the Council’s Chief Executive Officer.
 - 9.3 On the coming into force of the instrument, all previous delegations to members of Council staff (other than to the Chief Executive Officer) are revoked.
 - 9.4 The duties and functions set out in the instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the instruments must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.

Moved: Cr Des Hudson
Seconded: Cr Samantha McIntosh

CARRIED
(R73/25)

9.10. OUTSTANDING QUESTION TIME ITEMS

Division: Corporate Services
Director: John Hausler
Author/Position: Stephen Wright – Governance Support Officer

PURPOSE

1. This report provides Council with an update of responses to questions taken on notice and outstanding unanswered questions from public question time.

RESOLUTION:

5. That Council:

5.1 Endorse the Outstanding Question Time Report.

Moved: Cr Des Hudson
Seconded: Cr Jim Rinaldi

CARRIED
(R74/25)

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/COUNCILLORS

11.1. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Division: Corporate Services
Director: John Hausler
Author/Position: Sophie Brown – Governance Project Officer

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with records of meetings held under the auspices of Council for noting from Council advisory committee and stakeholder reference group meetings that took place during March 2025.

RESOLUTION:

6. That Council:
 - 6.1 Note the records of meetings held under the auspices of Council for noting for Council advisory committee and stakeholder reference group meetings that took place during March 2025, attached to this report.

Moved: Cr Ben Taylor
Seconded: Cr Des Hudson

CARRIED
(R75/25)

11.2. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

GB10/25 Cr Ben Taylor

Cr Ben Taylor attended the Buninyong Town Hall where a presentation was held by Regional Roads Vic and the state member in relation to traffic options within the CBD of Buninyong. He noted that funds were provided three years ago to address linkages and pedestrian support in light of truck accidents. He highlighted the outcome of that was as follows:

- Line markings will be put on Midland Highway;
- Speed decreases from 50 to 40 km per hour on Warrenheip Street; and,
- If there is budget opportunity in the future, wombat crossings on the roundabout.

Cr Taylor then noted that concerns from the community are coming through focusing on the following:

- Removal of an overtaking lane on a hill;
- Question why the change of speed could not be implemented three years ago; and
- What the impact will be on the safety of those that use the CBD of Buninyong.

He asked what further engagement will be done by the State Government to inform the community of these changes. He requested a briefing report be provided detailing the feedback from the consultation process, the outcomes that were set and whether there would be any negative impacts on the traffic movements in Buninyong.

GB11/25 Cr Ben Taylor

Cr Taylor attended the Buninyong Community District Association, and concern was raised about the De Soza Park Master Plan that is now 10 years old. He asked what nature of the document is, what has changed in this time, is there an opportunity for a small-scale review of this with the community to determine whether it still aligns, and if there is room for adjustments. Natalie Robertson, Director Development and Growth, responded that they will look at opportunities for this and possible options.

GB12/25 Cr Ben Taylor

Cr Taylor highlighted the great work by Council Officers addressing blackberry and gorse weeds along roadsides, and the success of Snap Send Solve in this as well.

GB13/25 Cr Ted Lapkin

Cr Ted Lapkin raised that there is considerable dissatisfaction with the decision to close the Brown Hill Pool and build a water park. He noted that this was supposed to be completed in March but that there were issues with the contractor, and asked for a current update on the status and timeline. Matthew Wilson, Director Community Wellbeing, responded that the criticism from the community is valid, and that the delay is substantively related to the redesign works that were required due to the inground conditions. He stated they are hoping to receive the completed redesign drawings imminently. He noted the builder is ready to go, and the delay is due to the redesign works.

GB14/25 Cr Samantha McIntosh

Cr Samantha McIntosh recognised the success and significant benefit that the community was able to gain from the Ballarat Marathon that occurred over the past weekend. She noted

the organisers deserve to be complimented, and that the large growth needs to be considered for future planning.

GB15/25 Cr Samantha McIntosh

Cr McIntosh referred back to the questions submitted by Paddy Kirby in Public Question Time regarding motorsport sites. She asked if just a driver education site was considered. Evan King, CEO, responded that no further work has been completed on this since the original feasibility was done by City of Ballarat and the subsequent study done by Australian Motorsport. Cr McIntosh then asked if this item could be discussed in an assembly meeting to gauge interest from Council.

GB16/25 Cr Samantha McIntosh

Cr McIntosh referred back to the Lease and Licence Policy and asked if further conversation could be had in assembly around how to best maintain assets. She noted that there is a great strategy in place that orders and prioritises certain facilities, but that there are some that could be highlighted due to the danger they pose in their current form.

GB17/25 Cr Damon Saunders

Cr Damon Saunders reported on some recent and upcoming events. He noted he was invited to Lake Gardens to speak to residents, and highlighted they had concerns over the plans of the hockey fields and the anticipated noise and loss of green space. He was able to provide them with information and take on board their concerns.

On ANZAC day, he attended multiple ceremonies along with other Councillors, and reported that they were all very well attended.

He noted he has been invited by the Ballarat Malayalee Association to attend their Easter Vishu Eid celebration, which he is looking forward to.

GB18/25 Cr Des Hudson

Cr Des Hudson commended Parks and Gardens staff who assisted in the preparation of the places of remembrance prior to ANZAC day ceremonies and the events teams who support the various RSLs in delivering a great job across Ballarat.

12. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

13. SECTION 66 (IN CAMERA)

RESOLUTION:

That Council resolve, pursuant to section 66 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, that the meeting be closed to members of the public at 8:16pm whilst the Council is dealing with the following matters:

Moved: Cr Samantha McIntosh

CARRIED

Seconded: Cr Des Hudson

(R76/25)

9.1 TENDER 2024/25-340 DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT OF FRANK BOURKE PAVILION AND CHANGEROOM

Division: Community Wellbeing
Director: Matthew Wilson
Author/Position: Pinak Nirmal – Project Officer

(Confidential attachments)

Pursuant to sub rule 3.13.2 of the Governance Rules, the information contained within this document is designated as confidential information for the purposes of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act). That is “confidential information” that in accordance with section 3 of the Act, is:

- (g) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that—
 - (i) relates to trade secrets; or
 - (ii) if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

9.8 CONTRACTS APPROVAL DELEGATED COMMITTEE MINUTES

Division: Corporate Services
Director: John Hausler
Author/Position: Lorraine Sendall – Executive Assistant, Director Corporate Services

(Confidential attachments)

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13.1 PROCUREMENT EXEMPTION

Division: Infrastructure and Environment
Director: Bridget Wetherall
Author/Position: Justin Horne – Executive Manager Waste and Environment

(Confidential report)

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13.2 CONTRACTUAL MATTER

Division: Corporate Services
Director: John Hausler
Author/Position: Cameron Montgomery – Executive Manager Governance and Risk

(Confidential report)

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(Confidential report)

(f) personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.

That Council move out of closed Council at 9:50 pm and adopt the resolutions made therein.

CARRIED
(R80/25)

14. CLOSE

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9:50 pm.

Confirmed this _____ day of _____ 2025.

Mayor