



Meander Valley Council

W O R K I N G T O G E T H E R

# **MINUTES**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015**

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Minutes of the general meeting of the Meander Valley Council held at the Council Chambers Meeting Room, 26 Lyall Street, Westbury, on Tuesday 21 April 2015 at 1.33pm.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Craig Perkins, Deputy-Mayor Michael Kelly, Councillors Andrew Connor, Tanya King, Ian Mackenzie, Bob Richardson, Rodney Synfield, Deborah White and Rodney Youd.

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Greg Preece, General Manager  
Merrilyn Young, Personal Assistant  
Malcolm Salter, Director Corporate Services  
Martin Gill, Director Development Services  
David Pyke, Director Governance & Community Services  
Rick Dunn, Director Economic Development & Sustainability  
Dino De Paoli, Director Infrastructure Services  
Matthew Millwood, Director Works  
Jo Oliver, Senior Town Planner  
Leanne Rabjohns, Town Planner  
Justin Simons, Town Planner  
Craig Plaisted, Project Officer  
Jonathon Harmey, Senior Accountant  
Tasha Szczyglowska, Technical Officer

## **270/2015 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Councillor Richardson moved and Councillor King seconded, *“that the minutes of the Ordinary and Closed meeting of Council held on 10 March, 2015, be received and confirmed.”*

*The motion was declared **CARRIED** with Councillors Connor, Kelly, King, Mackenzie, Perkins, Richardson, Synfield, White and Youd voting for the motion.*

## 271/2015 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING:

Date :	Items discussed:
24 March 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Weeds Officer Request</li><li>• Roadside Shoulder Spraying – Rural Roads</li><li>• New Policy - Open Space</li><li>• Policy Review – Policy No. 37 – Tree Management</li><li>• Asset Management</li><li>• Meander – “Futures Plan”</li><li>• 2016 State Rotary Conference</li></ul>
8 April 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hadspen Growth Area Amendment</li><li>• Deloraine Rotary Tree Planting Proposal</li><li>• Fire Protection Plans – Fire Management Area Committees</li></ul>

## 272/2015 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Nil

## 273/2015 TABLING OF PETITIONS:

Nil

## 274/2015 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

### 1. QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE – MARCH 2015

Nil

### 2. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – APRIL 2015

Nil

## 275/2015 COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

### 1. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE – MARCH 2015

#### 1.1 Cr Bob Richardson

##### a) Re: Autumn Events & Touring Guide

Why does Westbury’s Irish Festival not appear in Tourism Northern Tasmania’s “Backstage Pass” brochure?

*Response by Rick Dunn, Director Economic Development & Sustainability*

*The 'Backstage Pass' publication is produced by Tourism Northern Tasmania. Council officers have no input into the publication's content. It is my understanding that event organisers and accommodation providers pay a fee to be included in the publication and the offer to participate is made via an advertising prospectus produced by Tourism Northern Tasmania.*

b) When is Road Safety Week to be held in 2015?

*Response by David Pyke, Director Governance & Community Development*

*National Road Safety Week will be held in Tasmania from Sunday 3 May to Saturday 9 May.*

## **2. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – APRIL 2015**

### **2.1 Cr Bob Richardson**

1. It is understood that Council is about to commence a road shoulder spraying program across the Municipality's rural roads and town streets. Further it is also believed that some 350km will be sprayed.

- (a) Will Council advise when their area is likely to be sprayed/contaminated?
- (b) Can Council confirm that some 350km of roadside edge will be sprayed?
- (c) Can Council confirm that the herbicides/poisons to be used are Roundup (glyphosate) and Brush-off?
- (d) What is the active ingredient (s) of Brush-off?

*Response by Matthew Millwood, Director Works*

- (a) *Not specifically for any given road or property – the spraying program commencement date and anticipated duration has been advertised*
- (b) *Approximately 370 kilometres of road shoulder across the rural road network is identified to be sprayed*
- (c) *Yes, these are the herbicides that will be used for the shoulder spraying program*
- (d) *Metsulfuron-Methyl*

2. If glyphosate is one of the poisons/herbicides to be used, is Council aware that the United Nation's International Agency for Research on Cancer has determined that Roundup (glyphosate) is probably, not possibly, but probably, carcinogenic?

*Response by Matthew Millwood, Director Works*

*Council is aware of the IARC's classification that glyphosate is 'probably' carcinogenic.*

That advice was contained in an article in the Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2015, edition of The Examiner (article attached with correspondence).

ie, it is (highly) likely that Roundup (glyphosate) causes cancer.

3. Is Council aware of this?

*Response by Matthew Millwood, Director Works*

*Council is aware of the IARC's classification that glyphosate is 'probably' carcinogenic.*

4. If so, how does this sit with sections of the (Tasmanian) Local Government Act which requires Council in effect, to promote the health and welfare of its residents?

*Response by Matthew Millwood, Director Works*

*The Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1995, Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Orders 2001, Code of Practice for Ground Spraying and Code of Practice for Spraying in Public Places specify, regulate and/or provide guidance for chemicals usage. Providing Council undertakes chemical use in accordance with the abovementioned, Council would not be in breach of the (Tasmanian) Local Government Act, be considered negligent in its actions or be placing the health and welfare of any resident at risk.*

5. What alternatives to carcinogenic herbicides are there for Council to control/manage roadside verges?

*Response by Matthew Millwood, Director Works*

*There are alternatives to the herbicides currently being used but these are considered unviable. For example, acetic acids could be used as an alternative to Roundup but it has the following deficiencies - suited for smaller plants (broadleaf) rather than perennial grasses, will only burn the foliage and therefore not systemic (won't kill the plant root) and can have associated health risks. Fatty acids and essential oils are also alternatives but have similar inferior performance characteristics.*

It is understood that addressing road verges by mechanical means, rather than by spraying, adds some \$60,000 to the annual cost.

6. Can this be confirmed?

*Response by Matthew Millwood, Director Works*

*The shoulder spraying program has assisted to reduce this year's roadside slashing costs by approximately this dollar amount. These savings should not be associated with the costs to mechanically remove vegetation from the road shoulder area.*

7. Given that there are some 10,000 rateable properties in the Meander Valley, is it not the case that to abandon use of sprays would increase rates by at 11.5 cents per week per property?

*Response by Matthew Millwood, Director Works*

*This calculation is based on this year's projected roadside slashing savings and does not reflect or forecast the annual operational cost variances associated with abandonment of herbicide use.*

8. Knowing the likelihood that glyphosate is cancer-causing, would it not be culpable of Council to continue using glyphosate-based sprays?

*Response by Matthew Millwood, Director Works  
Refer to response to question 4.*

**Addendum:** The Concise Oxford Dictionary defines:-  
"probably: That may be expected to happen or prove true, likely;  
"culpable: criminal, blameworthy."

### 3. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – APRIL 2015

#### 3.1 Cr Bob Richardson

##### Sporting Success: Westbury and Surrounds

Since the last Council meeting the sporting fraternity of Westbury and surrounds has chalked up some impressive performances.

#### 1. Cricket

- (i) - The Westbury Shamrocks recorded an impressive season's results:-  
The first-grade team won the NTCA premiership, making 3 out of the past four. Captain Dane Anderson led Jono Chapman, Daniel Murfet, Richard Howe, Josh Adams, Sean Stevenson, Shaun Leatherbarrow, Michael Lucic, Nathan Parkin, Joe Cullen, Dave Rogers and Justin Curbishley to an innings win over South Launceston.

Club President Michael Claxton also reported that the 2nds were third, the thirds premiers and the fourths runners-up. Mr Claxton said that the Club hosted to Milo Cricket skills development centres; next year the Shamrocks are exploring the establishment of two additional underage teams and a women's team.

All players and coaches/administrators are volunteers.

- (ii) Kingborough won the Tasmanian (Southern League) cricket premiership, spearheaded by former Westbury team member, Jason Shelton (of Bracknell).

#### 2. Lawn Bowls

Westbury Bowls Club fielded teams in 5 Division this season.

- After being promoted this year from Division 2, the Division 1 side missed the grand final by just one shot in the preliminary final;
- the Division 4 side won its Grand Final. It then contested the Division 4 State Final – and won. It was the only Northern Division side to win a State Final; and

- Division 7 won its grand final.

The two mid-week sides also performed well;

- the Division 2 side missed the Grand Final, but got to the preliminary final; and

- Division 4 won the Grand Final.

Club President and Secretary Rod Plunkett and John McNab indicated the Club's successful year was a reflection on the camaraderie of the approximately 70 members. The Club fully owns and maintains its facilities and all work is done voluntarily.

3 Northern pennants and 1 State Flag !

### 3. The Thoroughbred Industry

Whitemore thoroughbred breeder and trainer, Graeme McCulloch, bred Group 1 winner, Mongolian Kahn. Mongolian Khan won both the New Zealand Derby and the \$2m AJC Sydney Derby.

This is the first time a horse has won this double since 1986, when Bonecrusher was successful.

These sporting feats are a credit to the men, women and young people of the District.

Will Council acknowledge those successes?

***Response by Greg Preece, General Manager  
Council can acknowledge the successes of these teams.***

Further to the report published in the agenda papers, since last week further achievements have been recorded, of which Council may be unaware:-

- Former Meander Valley Sportsperson of the year, Michael Claxton, was awarded Life Membership of the NTCA;
- Lord's Taverner's Association of Tasmania named Westbury Cricket Club the winner of the "Spirit of Cricket Award" for being the best northern Club;
- Former Westbury cricketer, Kristen Beams, has been named a contracted player with the Australian women's Test Team, and is and is likely to tour England next season with the Australian Women's Test Team;
- Caitlin Webster of Westbury was named as a member of the combined Northern women's team; and
- four of the Cricket North Team of the year, including the captain and coach, were from the Westbury Shamrocks.

Are Councillors interested in this?

***Response by Craig Perkins, Mayor  
Yes we are***



### 3.2 Cr Andrew Connor

- a) Council recently replaced the bridge over Four Springs Creek on Selbourne Road. I've been informed that little or no notice about the road closure was provided to regular users of the road by way signage in the days/weeks before the works, or before reaching the worksite while works were underway. This meant that road users had to back track some distance when a shorter detour could have been made with earlier notice.

Is council aware of this issue, did it resolve the issue during this job and will it better advise the public in future of road closures with the use of variable message boards?

*Response by Dino De Paoli, Director Infrastructure Services*

*The road closure was advertised as per our standard requirements. We can review our notification processes for future bridge works to minimise any inconvenience to the public.*

- b) When will the Council room audio/visual installation be complete?  
Previous completion dates seem to have passed.  
Does council believe that it is good practice to install speaker wire in the picture rail groove in the wall around part of the room?

*Response by Dino De Paoli, Director Infrastructure Services*

*All equipment has been delivered and all cabling installed. There were delays associated with space available in wall cavities. Preliminary commissioning is anticipated the week commencing 4 May. A painted picture rail moulding will be installed over the existing picture rail recess.*

### 3.3 Cr Ian Mackenzie

I believe that there was an energy efficiency (CEEP) funding forum organised recently at Bracknell with no advertising at the Bracknell Roadhouse, Bracknell Hotel the venue prior to the event or Bracknell School newsletter and with the Meander Valley Gazette not distributed at Bracknell.

- a) How many community members attended?
- b) How was it advertised? and
- c) Will Council organise another event/forum for Bracknell community with appropriate advertising.

*Question taken on notice*

### 3.4 Cr Bob Richardson

- a) **Footpaths/Disability Access**

At the Townscape, Reserves and Parks Special Committee of Council Meeting last Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, the meeting was addressed by Ms Kelly Ashman.

Ms Ashman, who depends upon a wheelchair for mobility addressed the issue of Council infrastructure in terms of assisting her access to community facilities. Her insight into design of such things as footpaths, road/street crossings and such-like presented a fair and reasonable account of the challenges faced by people with disabilities and how Councils may assist. Some of Ms Ashman's suggestions included:-

- The camber of some footpaths is too great; they need to be "flatter" with less cross-slope;
- The preferred surface/construction material is concrete, with gravel and uneven or soft surfaces least desirable;
- Footpaths need to be sufficiently wide to allow people to pass; the footpaths connecting Prospect to Prospect Vale Park are ideal – about 2 to 2m wide, concrete, with little cross slope;
- Electricity poles should not obstruct footpaths;
- There should not be ditches at the edges of footpaths.

As she addressed the meeting I could not help recall Westbury's footpaths, or discussions which have been held surrounding the Blackstone/Prospect pedestrian/bicycle/wheelchair/mobility scooter plans.

When will Council treat these issues seriously, particularly in Westbury and Blackstone, but not confined to these areas?

*Response by Dino De Paoli, Infrastructure Services*  
*The draft Capital Works program allows for footpath works in Westbury and Blackstone Heights next financial year. Discussion at future workshops can address priority areas for footpath works in relation to accessibility.*

#### **b) LGAT former CEO's comments to the Legislative Council**

The Examiner (Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2015) quoted former LGAT CEO (incorrectly referred to as LGAT "President") as saying:-

He was unsure the deputy mayor's role was needed.

Upon what basis might he make that comment, and has the issue been formally discussed by the Association?

Mr Garcia did raise other issues which had been of concern/interest by many Councillors of many years, including:

- Compulsory voting,
- The general managers electoral roll, and
- Combatting relatively high numbers of informal votes.

He suggested these issues be explored before next Council elections.

Will Council initiate Councillor and community views (soon) to be prepared for any Government initiatives?

Mr Garcia also indicated that "there ought to be much more transparent process to ensure Council decisions made – particularly about planning – were all above board in the future".

This implies that such decisions may not have been in the past.

In the Meander Valley, can Council representatives recall any decision regarding planning where a Council, or Councillors, have not been "above board"? And do not the interest provisions of the Local Government Act provide for such scrutiny?

### *Questions taken on notice*

#### **c) Cost of Collection of Clubs & Societies Council "Rents"**

Will Council officers please provide information in relation to the hire/rent/lease of Council facilities by both formally constituted community clubs and organisations and by occasional users over the course of a year?

Could we also be provided with the cost to Council of collection of those rentals/leases/hirings including staff time and on-costs (SGC, annual, long-service and other leave provisions), overheads (office space/recurrent costs, vehicles).

(These are to be considered in conjunction with the policy related to Council recoupment of costs.)

### *Questions taken on notice*

#### **d) Price of Replacement of Facilities**

What would be the replacement price to re-build the Deloraine Community (Alveston Drive) Complex now – from scratch, including planning permits, design etc.?

(It is not expected that estimates be accurate to the dollar, but so within, say, the nearest \$100,000.)

### *Question taken on notice*

#### **e) Remuneration of Senior Staff, Meander Valley Council**

Since the escalation of discussion regarding Council amalgamation, amongst issues upon which society, including elected representatives, ratepayers, "politically aware" groups and individuals and the media, have begun to focus has been that of senior Council staff.

To enable objective and informed discussion, the quantum of remunerative package of directors, mayors, deputy mayors and Councillors -

Will Council please publish the remunerative packages (including salaries, vehicle, communications equipment, superannuation and other fringe benefits) or:

- The Mayor
- The Deputy Mayor
- Councillors
- General Manager and
- Individual Directors?

Can similar remunerations be obtained for a larger Council, eg Launceston, for comparable positions?

*Questions taken on notice*

**3.5 Cr Tanya King**

Supplementary to Councillor Mackenzie's question, is it correct that Bracknell residents do not receive the Meander Valley Gazette? If so why?

Can Council please make arrangements for Bracknell residents to receive the Gazette?

Are there any other communities in the Municipality who are missing out?

*Questions taken on notice*

**276/2015 DEPUTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Nil

**277/2015 NOTICE OF MOTIONS BY COUNCILLORS**

284/2015 REMOVAL OF FENCE, TRAIN PARK, DELORAINE - CR RODNEY SYNFIELD

285/2015 AGENDA ITEM FOR 2015 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - CR TANYA KING

## COUNCIL MEETING AS A PLANNING AUTHORITY

The Mayor advised that for items 278/2015 to 279/2015 Council is acting as a Planning Authority under the provisions of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.

### 278/2015 VISITOR ACCOMMODATION AND STORAGE – 69 MEANDER VALLEY ROAD, WESTBURY

#### 1) Introduction

This report considers application PA\15\0074 for Visitor Accommodation (Caravan Park and associated building and signs) and Storage (building) for land located at 69 Meander Valley Road, Westbury (CT 43423/2).

#### 2) Recommendation

*That the application for use and development for Visitor Accommodation and Storage for land located at 69 Meander Valley Road, Westbury (CT 43423/2) by Lateral Architecture obo A DeVeth, requiring the following discretions:*

<i>E4.6.1</i>	<i>Use and road or rail infrastructure</i>
<i>E4.7.1</i>	<i>Development on and adjacent to Existing and future Arterial Roads and Railways</i>
<i>E6.7.1</i>	<i>Construction of Car Parking and Access Strips</i>
<i>E6.7.2</i>	<i>Design and layout of car Parking</i>
<i>E6.8.1</i>	<i>Pedestrian Walkways</i>
<i>E11.6.1</i>	<i>Attenuation Distances</i>
<i>E14.6.7</i>	<i>Pole Signs</i>

*be APPROVED, generally in accordance with the endorsed plans and subject to the following conditions:*

1. The use and/or development must be carried out as shown and described in the endorsed Plans:
  - a) Lateral Architecture – additional information – not dated;
  - b) Lateral Architecture – job number LA-14-42 – drawing numbers 03-21 – dated 04-12-14;
  - c) Terry Eaton – Traffic Assessment – dated February 2015;
  - d) JMG – Environmental Impact Assessment (noise) Report – dated March 2015;

to the satisfaction of the Council. Any other proposed development and/or use will require a separate application and assessment by Council.

2. Prior to the commencement of any works:

- a) amended plans must be submitted for approval to the satisfaction of Council's Town Planner. Drawing numbers LA-14-42, sheets 4 and 8 are to be amended to show a pedestrian walkway 1.5m wide to the western side of the access strip with appropriate marker posts or bollards to provide delineation, to the satisfaction of Council's Director of Infrastructure Services. When approved, the plans will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit.
- b) design drawings (including sediment control) are to be submitted showing the means of connection from the car parking space, bays and internal roads to Council's stormwater mains, to the satisfaction of Council's Director of Infrastructure Services.

3. Prior to the commencement of the use, the following are required:

- a) The existing vehicular crossover must be constructed to a minimum width of 6 metres and concreted in accordance with LGAT standard drawing TSD-R09-V1 (attached), to the satisfaction of Council's Director of Infrastructure Services.
- b) The internal driveway must be constructed with a sealed surface from the edge of the concrete driveway to a minimum distance of 10 metres inside the property, to the satisfaction of Council's Director of Infrastructure Services.
- c) Delineation of parking spaces on unsealed gravel surfaces must be installed, including the use of raised pavement markers, to the satisfaction of Council's Director of Infrastructure Services.
- d) All stormwater works (as per Condition 2.b) must be completed, to the satisfaction of Council's Director of Infrastructure Services.
- e) Signage must be erected onto the outside wall of the amenity facilities building alerting patrons of the potential noise disturbance from passing trains which may occur at any time within a 24 hour period, 7 days a week, to the satisfaction of Council's Town Planner.

4. The development must be in accordance with the Submission to Planning Authority Notice issued by TasWater (TWDA No2015/00330-MVC attached).

Note:

- 1. This permit does not imply that any other approval required under any other by-law or legislation has been granted. At least the following additional approvals may be required before construction commences:
  - a) Building permit
  - b) Plumbing permit

All enquiries should be directed to Council's Permit Authority on 6393 5322.

- 2. This permit takes effect after:

- a) The 14 day appeal period expires; or
  - b) Any appeal to the Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal is abandoned or determined; or.
  - c) Any other required approvals under this or any other Act are granted.
3. This permit is valid for two (2) years only from the date of approval and will thereafter lapse if the development is not substantially commenced. An extension may be granted if a request is received at least 6 weeks prior to the expiration date.
  4. A planning appeal may be instituted by lodging a notice of appeal with the Registrar of the Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal. A planning appeal may be instituted within 14 days of the date the Corporation serves notice of the decision on the applicant. For more information see the Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal website [www.rmpat.tas.gov.au](http://www.rmpat.tas.gov.au).
  5. If any Aboriginal relics are uncovered during works;
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## DECISION:

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*The motion was declared **CARRIED** with Councillors Connor, Kelly, King, Mackenzie, Perkins, Richardson, Synfield, White and Youd voting for the motion.*

# 279/2015 AMENDMENT TO THE MEANDER VALLEY INTERIM PLANNING SCHEME 2013 – HADSPEN REZONING OF LAND AND SPECIFIC AREA PLAN

## 1) Introduction

This purpose of this report is to amend the Meander Valley Interim Planning Scheme 2013 to expand the Hadspen township. The amendment includes the rezoning of land to the south of Meander Valley Road and the inclusion of a Specific Area Plan applicable to the expansion area.

The detailed report relating to the proposed amendment is included as an attachment.

## 2) Recommendation

*That under Section 34 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993, the following amendments to the Meander Valley Interim Planning Scheme 2013 are initiated and in accordance with Section 35 are certified as being in accordance with Sections 30(0) and 32 of the Act:*

### 1. *Rezone Certificates of Title:*

<i>13381/1</i>
<i>17137/1</i>
<i>19016/2</i>
<i>19016/3</i>
<i>19016/5</i>
<i>52360/1</i>
<i>52360/2</i>
<i>106365/1</i>
<i>117185/1</i>
<i>117185/4</i>
<i>152021/1</i>
<i>167173/1</i>

*in accordance with the attached certification documents:*

2. *Insert F2 - Hadspen Growth Area Specific Area Plan into Part F of the Planning Scheme in accordance with the attached certification documents:*
3. *Amend the planning scheme map to add the outline and notation of the area contained in Specific Area Plan (SAP F2) in accordance with the attached certification documents.*

## DECISION:

Cr White moved and Cr Mackenzie seconded *“that under Section 34 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993, the following amendments to the Meander Valley Interim Planning Scheme 2013 are initiated and in accordance with Section 35 are certified as being in accordance with Sections 30(0) and 32 of the Act:*

1. *Rezone Certificates of Title:*

13381/1
17137/1
19016/2
19016/3
19016/5
52360/1
52360/2
106365/1
117185/1
117185/4
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167173/1

*in accordance with the attached certification documents:*

2. *Insert F2 - Hadspen Growth Area Specific Area Plan into Part F of the Planning Scheme in accordance with the attached certification documents:*
3. *Amend the planning scheme map to add the outline and notation of the area contained in Specific Area Plan (SAP F2) in accordance with the attached certification documents.*

*The motion was declared **CARRIED** with Councillors Connor, Kelly, King, Mackenzie, Perkins, Richardson, Synfield, White and Youd voting for the motion.*

### Comment by Cr Bob Richardson

The potential for growth of Hadspen seems palpable.

The expansion of Hadspen will, however, also require provision of adequate community facilities.

Whilst I am concerned that there may not be sufficient land set aside for such facilities, including perhaps, increased recreation facilities

However this can be addressed in “fine tuning” as details are worked out.

This may include more room for shared school/community facilities such as meeting/assembly/sports hall(s) and sports grounds.

Comment by Cr Rodney Synfield

I express significant reservations with certain aspects of the Master Plan for Hadspen, as follows:

- The size and positioning of the 'heart' of Hadspen, including but not limited to the shopping precinct, i.e. is it adequate.
- The size and location of the area set aside for educational purposes, including that it is proposed to be directly adjacent to the shopping centre.
- The use of 'swales' in residential streets in place of curb and guttering, given that in rural areas Council is spraying roadsides to have separation of vegetation from road surface.
- The foreshadowed treatment for Meander Valley Main Road.

## 280/2015 MEETING REQUEST FROM LAUNCESTON CITY COUNCIL RE: COUNCIL AMALGAMATIONS

### 1) Introduction

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's position in respect to a request by Mayor Albert van Zetten to meet with the Mayor and Mayors of adjoining Councils, to discuss voluntary amalgamations.

### 2) Recommendation

*It is recommended that the Mayor meet with Mayor van Zetten of Launceston City Council to discuss the topic of Local Government reform.*

## DECISION:

Cr Connor moved and Cr King seconded *"that the Mayor meet with Mayor van Zetten of Launceston City Council to discuss the topic of Local Government reform.*

As an amendment Cr Richardson moved and Cr Synfield seconded *"that the Mayor and two other Councillors meet with Mayor van Zetten and two other Launceston aldermen to discuss the topic of Local Government reform."*

*The amendment was declared CARRIED with Councillors Connor, Kelly, King, Mackenzie, Perkins, Richardson, Synfield, White and Youd voting for the motion.*

The amendment became the motion.

*The motion was declared CARRIED with Councillors Connor, Kelly, King, Mackenzie, Perkins, Richardson, Synfield, White and Youd voting for the motion.*

## 281/2015 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM

### 1) Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider its willingness to investigate a resource sharing model and/or voluntary amalgamation model for local government in Tasmania.

### 2) Recommendation

*It is recommended that Council*

- i) agrees to collaborate with the councils of Northern Midlands and West Tamar in a benchmarking exercise of financial and service delivery measures utilising the services of an independent consultant.*
- ii) authorise the General Manager to engage a project consultant with local government experience.*

### DECISION:

Cr White moved and Cr Richardson seconded *“that Council*

- i) agrees to collaborate with the councils of Northern Midlands, West Tamar and George Town in a benchmarking exercise of financial and service delivery measures utilising the services of an independent consultant.*
- ii) authorise the General Manager to engage a project consultant with local government experience.*

As an amendment Cr Connor moved Cr Synfield seconded *“that Council*

- i) agrees to collaborate with the councils of Northern Midlands, West Tamar and George Town and invite Launceston City Council, Latrobe and Kentish Councils in a benchmarking exercise of financial and service delivery measures utilising the services of an independent consultant.*
- ii) authorise the General Manager to engage a project consultant with local government experience.*

*The amendment was declared CARRIED with Councillors Connor, Kelly, King, Mackenzie, Perkins, Richardson and Synfield voting for the amendment and Councillors White and Youd voting against the amendment.*

*The amendment became the motion and was declared CARRIED with Councillors Connor, Kelly King, Mackenzie, Perkins, Richardson and Synfield voting for the motion and Councillors White and Youd voting against the motion.*

## 282/2015 ANNUAL PLAN – QUARTERLY REVIEW – MARCH 2015

### 1) Introduction

The purpose of this report is to consider the March quarterly review of the Annual Plan.

### 2) Recommendation

*It is recommended that Council receive and note the Annual Plan review for the March 2015 quarter.*

## DECISION:

Cr Youd moved and Cr King seconded *“that Council receive and note the Annual Plan review for the March 2015 quarter.*

*The motion was declared CARRIED with Councillors Connor, Kelly, King, Mackenzie, Perkins, Richardson, Synfield, White and Youd voting for the motion.*

## 283/2015 DELORAINE FOOTBALL GROUND – GROUND NAMING SPONSORSHIP

### 1) Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a proposal from the Deloraine Football Club to secure a ground naming sponsor for the Deloraine Football Ground.

### 2) Recommendation

*It is recommended that Council approve the proposal from the Deloraine Football Club to secure ground naming sponsorship from the Deloraine and Districts Community Bank for the Deloraine Football Ground for the period of the sponsorship.*

## DECISION:

Cr Kelly moved and Cr Mackenzie seconded *“that Council approve the proposal from the Deloraine Football Club to secure ground naming sponsorship from the Deloraine and Districts Community Bank for the Deloraine Football Ground for the period of the sponsorship.*

*The motion was declared CARRIED with Councillors Connor, Kelly, King, Mackenzie, Perkins, Richardson, Synfield, White and Youd voting for the motion.*

The Council meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.21pm

The Council meeting resumed at 3.36pm



## 284/2015 NOTICE OF MOTION – REMOVAL OF FENCE, TRAIN PARK, DELORAINE – CR RODNEY SYNFIELD

### 1) Introduction

This Notice of Motion is in relation to taking action to remove the fence immediately surrounding the train in the 'Train Park' at Deloraine.

### 2) Recommendation (Councillor Rodney Synfield)

*It is recommended –*

- i. that Council undertakes and supports as relevant, all necessary action to be taken forthwith, to remove the following sections of the fence immediately surrounding the train in the Train Park, at Deloraine; as follows:*
  - a) section of fence on the Meander River side;*
  - b) retain but reposition section closest to toilet block on 60 angle.*
  - c) other barriers on the train itself that are meant to restrict access but in fact facilitate access to such areas as the roof.*
- ii. that Council addresses those associated matters mentioned in the background section above, so as to improve, if required, the amenity and safety of said train, for the enjoyment of all!*

### DECISION:

Cr Synfield moved and Cr Youd seconded *“that Council:*

- i. that Council undertakes and supports as relevant, all necessary action to be taken forthwith, to remove the following sections of the fence immediately surrounding the train in the Train Park, at Deloraine; as follows:*
  - a) section of fence on the Meander River side;*
  - b) retain but reposition section closet to toilet block on 60 angle;*
  - c) other barriers on the train itself that are meant to restrict access but in fact facilitate access to such areas as the roof.*
- ii. that Council addresses those associated matters mentioned in the background section above, so as to improve, if required, the amenity and safety of said train, for the enjoyment of all!*

*The motion was declared CARRIED with Councillors Connor, Kelly, King, Mackenzie, Synfield, and Youd voting for the motion and Councillors Perkins, Richardson and White voting against the motion.*

Comment by Cr Bob Richardson

As assessment of the precinct should include for whom the park is designed.

If the park is for young children (ie, up to, say, 6 or 7 years) then what is the purpose of any equipment in terms of physical and mental stimulation?

It is probably appropriate to ask designers/users of equipment (including Playgroup Tas) as to what is really needed for kids.

The conservative groups will have strong opinions for retaining the train. However, there may be something better.

(It is understood that Don River Railway Society have a strong interest in the locomotive as a relatively rare example of its type).

## 285/2015 NOTICE OF MOTION – AGENDA ITEM FOR THE 2015 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT – CR TANYA KING

### 1) Introduction

The purpose of this report is to consider a Notice of Motion from Councillor Tanya King for the endorsement of an agenda item to be sent to the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), for inclusion in the National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) Business Papers.

### 2) Recommendation (Councillor Tanya King)

*It is recommended that Meander Valley Council endorse the following motion, and that the motion be forwarded to the Australian Local Government Association for inclusion in the Business Papers of the 2015 National General Assembly of Local Government.*

*The motion to read:*

*“That Meander Valley Council via the Australian Local Government Association, make strong representations to Prime Minister the Hon. Tony Abbott MP, Federal Agriculture Minister the Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP, Industry Minister the Hon. Ian McFarlane MP and Small Business Minister the Hon. Bruce Billson MP, to request that the Australian Government implement a stronger and clearer Country of Origin Food Labelling system, which provides consumers with clear information about the origins of their food, and levels the playing field for Australian food producers.”*

## DECISION:

Cr King moved and Cr White seconded *“that Meander Valley Council via the Australian Local Government Association, make strong representations to Prime Minister the Hon. Tony Abbott MP, Federal Agriculture Minister the Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP, Industry Minister the Hon. Ian McFarlane MP and Small Business Minister the Hon. Bruce Billson MP, to request that the Australian Government implement a stronger and clearer Country of Origin Food Labelling system, which provides consumers with clear information about the origins of their food, and levels the playing field for Australian food producers.”*

*The motion was declared CARRIED with Councillors Connor, Kelly, King, Mackenzie, Perkins, Richardson, Synfield, White and Youd voting for the motion.*

## 286/2015 BASS HIGHWAY SIGNAGE AT WESTBURY

### 1) Introduction

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's decision on the most suitable option for Bass Highway signage at Westbury.

### 2) Recommendation

*It is recommended that Council replace the existing 'Be Bowled Over' signs with the proposed Information Signs with Temporary Events design shown in Figure 1.*

## DECISION:

Cr Connor moved and Cr Mackenzie seconded *"that Council replace the existing 'Be Bowled Over' signs with the proposed Information Signs with Temporary Events design shown in Figure 1."*

As an amendment Cr White moved *"that Council replace the existing 'Be Bowled Over' signs with the proposed Information Signs with Temporary Events design shown in Figure 1 and remove Historic from the 1<sup>st</sup> line and remove the 2<sup>nd</sup> line all together but retain the Great Western Tiers Touring Route sign."*

*Procedural motion moved by Cr Richardson "that a decision be deferred on this issue until the May Council meeting."*

*The procedural motion was declared CARRIED with Councillors Connor, Kelly, King, Mackenzie, Perkins, Richardson, Synfield and Youd voting for the motion and Cr White voting against the motion.*

## 287/2015 FINANCIAL REPORTS TO 31 MARCH 2015

### 1) Introduction

The purpose of this report is to present Council's financial reports to 31 March 2015.

### 2) Recommendation

*It is recommended that Council receive the following financial reports for the period ended 31 March 2015:*

- i. Consolidated Operating Statement with accompanying Operating Statements for the key operational areas of Council. These compare actual results with budget.*
- ii. Exceptions and Trends report.*
- iii. A detailed list of Capital Works Project expenditure to date.*
- iv. A detailed list of Capital Resealing Project expenditure to date.*
- v. A detailed list of Capital Gravelling Project expenditure to date.*
- vi. A summary of rates outstanding, including a comparison with the level of outstanding rates for the same period last year.*
- vii. Cash Reconciliation & Investments Summary.*

### DECISION:

Cr Mackenzie moved and Cr Richardson seconded *"that Council receive the following financial reports for the period ended 31 March 2015:*

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*The motion was declared CARRIED with Councillors Connor, Kelly, King, Mackenzie, Perkins, Richardson, Synfield, White and Youd voting for the motion.*

## 288/2015      NEW POLICY NO. 85 - OPEN SPACE

### 1) Introduction

The purpose of this report is to present the proposed new Open Space Policy to Council for adoption.

### 2) Recommendation

*It is recommended that Council adopt the new Policy No 85, Open Space as follows:*

## POLICY MANUAL

<b>Policy Number: 85</b>	<b>Open Space</b>
<b>Purpose:</b>	To guide Council's strategic provision and maintenance of open space.
<b>Department:</b>	Governance and Community Services
<b>Author:</b>	Bonnie McGee, Recreation Officer
<b>Council Meeting Date:</b>	21 April 2015
<b>Minute Number:</b>	xxx/2015
<b>Next Review Date:</b>	<i>April 2018</i>

## POLICY

### 1. Definitions

Open Space: Publically owned land that is set aside for leisure and recreation.

### 2. Objectives

To strategically develop and manage Council's open space network in consultation with the community, so as to provide a variety of high quality recreational experiences that will:

- a) Encourage visitor engagement and
- b) Add to the attractiveness of Meander Valley as a place to live and work in.

### 3. Scope

This policy applies to:

All existing and proposed open space within the local government area  
All Council employees, Councillors, committee members and developers.

#### **4. Policy**

In furthering the objectives for open space, Council will apply the following principles in determining when, where and how open space is provided:

##### **Liveability:**

- Provide a variety of open space areas that are suitable for a range of likely users through opportunities for passive and active recreation e.g. neighbourhood parks, destination and/or regional facilities
- Provide open space that is visually attractive
- Ensure open space is safe, implementing best practice design principles
- Improve the connectivity of open space through links for walking and cycling
- Support community health and well-being through quality design and facilities
- Determine and deliver on the provision, acquisition and siting of open space

##### **Efficiency:**

- Consider maintenance and “whole of life” costs in the development and management of open space
- Avoid unnecessary duplication and promote multi-functional sites

##### **Environmental Values:**

- Enhance natural values in conjunction with recreational experience where practicable
- Respect and promote cultural heritage and local character through design and interpretation
- Implement water-sensitive urban design in the management of stormwater where appropriate
- Incorporate contemporary, sustainable design features where feasible

#### **5. Legislation and Associated Council Policies**

Disability Discrimination Act 1992

Local Government (Building & Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993

Meander Valley Interim Planning Scheme 2013

Meander Valley Council Asset Management Policy 60

New and Gifted Asset Policy 78

#### **6. Responsibility**

Responsibility for the operation of this policy rests with the General Manager.

## DECISION:

Cr Mackenzie moved and Cr White seconded *“that Council adopt the new Policy No 85, Open Space as follows:*

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Councillor White moved and Councillor Mackenzie seconded *“that, pursuant to Section 15(1) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations, Council close the meeting to the public.”*

*The motion was declared CARRIED with Councillors Connor, Kelly, King, Mackenzie, Perkins, Richardson, Synfield, White and Youd voting for the motion.*

**ITEMS FOR CLOSED SECTION OF THE MEETING:**

289/2015      APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The meeting closed at 5.05pm

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CRAIG PERKINS (MAYOR)