

GENERAL BUSINESS

MINUTE

Cr N Cranston - Renewable Energy Matter. Noted interest to visit to Sunny Corner. Urged Councillors to attend meeting as per invite by Louisa Umlay.

Cr S Wright - Public Forum. Asked that Mr Lucarno be provided Health Alliance contact details.

Financial Statement - Asked when draft figures for the financial statement will be available to be reviewed, last year feels they were ready in August.

General Manager Appraisal - Thanked the Mayor for the General Managers appraisal. Spoke to revisers in the process and highlighted concerns across 31 data points, further provided 17 additional key observations. Asked about panel members for the General Managers performance review committee. Spoke to the General Manager submitting a self assessment a pre-appraisal. Asked about the ability of Council to place the review document on Council Website about the General Manager KPI matrix, without any ratings shown.

The General Manager - Provided Responses - Concerning Councillors on committee and review document access which would need discussions with Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Noted a pre-approval document completed.

Coffee with a Councillor - Thanked Council for the Coffee with Councillor event.

Rate Accounts - Spoke about a flyer added to the rates newsletter explaining the splitting of the rates.

General Manager - Response - Advised will review options that may be available.

Cr W Aubin - Private Hospital Land - Asked for update regarding land for the Private Hospital.

DEPBS - Provided Response - Advised that Council is in regular contact with current operator.

Cr N Packham - Hospital response by Minister - Could we write to Stephen Lawrence MLC to seek support.

- Public holiday leave substitution for 26 January - Could Council look at developing a policy regarding staff substitution of Public Holidays (26 January) such as other Councils have in place and receive a report before December 2025.

BRAC - Noted efforts of committee. Need to identify a pathway to community to speak with Council.

Cr E West - Councillor Representation - Referred to comment by Cr Wright about 'State retirees' on a video. Cr Wright raised a point of order as she was not aware of having said this, nor context of the claim. The Mayor requested the comment be 'retracted'. Cr West complied with the mayors request.

Misinformation & Disinformation - Spoke of need for new policy regarding leaking of misinformation & disinformation. Referred to the Compass (ABC) program and the findings of the program. Spoke to examples relevant to BRC financial situation, criticisms of the General Manager & staff. Noted recent member of public encouraging violence. Spoke of the disinformation generated from within and outside Council - drew attention to recent video by Cr N Cranston & Cr S Wright that called for fact checking. Noted only avenue to review misinformation or disinformation is via the Code of Conduct and request Council develop policy on this matter and hold a working party to discuss future direction.

Councillor Requests of staff - Spoke of need to have staff responses to Councillors be provided to all councillors to eliminate multiple requests & duplications.

Cr T Gullifer - Thanked Communications Team for recent ratepayer newsletter. Asked for an update regarding land sales for Barr Street, Windy 1100 and Hampden Park industrial park. Spoke to issue of land tax & capital Gains tax.

IDCSF - Barr Street - marketing occurring: not sold.

- Windy 1100 - 23 exchanged & 12 settled.
- Hampden Park - 2 sold - settlement in September 2025.
- Advise yes to land tax & capital gains tax.
- Ageing Debtors - Noted these have increased by 1.5% in recent years, now total around \$5 million. It would be good if Council could collect this. Request a review of Council's Collection policy.
- Advise aging debtors has increased, this may improve Councils position.

Cr B Fry - Thanked Cr West and Cr Wright for suggesting policies at a policy meeting.

- Noted the success of Coffee with Counillor session. Key issue was lack of volunteering.