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District Council of

Grant

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT

Agenda for an Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held

On Monday, 21 October 2013
At Council Chambers, 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier
Commencing 5.30pm

OUR MISSION

**“To provide a range of services which meet
the environmental, social and economic
needs of our community.”**

NOTICE OF AN ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Dear Council Member

The next Ordinary Meeting of the District Council of Grant will be held on Monday, 21 October 2013, in the Council Chambers, 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier, 5290 commencing 5.30 pm.



Trevor Smart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Cr Alan Hill
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Cr Graham Slarks*

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Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Mrs Jane Fetherstonhaugh
Governance and Policy Officer, Mrs Donna Hutchesson
Works Manager, Mr Adrian Schutz
Development Manager, Mr Rodney Storan
Director, Planning and Development, Mr Leith McEvoy
Building Manager, Mr Ken Stratton
Environmental Health Manager, Mrs Nicole Dodds
Manager, Organisational Development, Mrs Marianne Tucker*

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1. OPENING & WELCOME

1.1 Acknowledgment of Traditional Owners

"It is a privilege to be standing on Boandik country. We acknowledge the contributions of Aboriginal Australians and non-Aboriginal Australians to the development of all peoples in this country we live in and share together – Australia".

2. ATTENDANCE

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

5. CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

- 5.1 Mr Simon Robert Scrivener
- 5.2 Mrs Nicola Anne Scrivener
- 5.3 Mr Roger Alexander Scrivener
- 5.4 Mr Blake Gregory Scrivener
- 5.5 Ms Cherie Phillipa Scrivener

6. PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS

6.1 Mr R Bilney – Port MacDonnell Men's Shed – [9.24.1/2]

Mr R Bilney is in attendance at Council to provide a report on the proposed Port MacDonnell Men's Shed and the progress of the Group.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That Mr Bilney be thanked for attending Council to provide an update on the status of the proposed Port MacDonnell Men's shed project.

6.2 Mr F Brennan, Presiding Member and Ms Wendy Beaumer, Board Member – South East Natural Resources Management Board – [10.85.1/56]

Mr F Brennan and Ms Wendy Beaumer, South East Natural Resources Management Board are in attendance at Council to advise of the draft

Business Plan for 2014-15. This draft Plan is for consultation purposes. A copy of the draft Plan and relevant information is attached for Members' information.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That Mr Brennan and Ms Beaumer, South East Natural Resources Management Board, be thanked for attending Council to provide information on the release of the 2014-2015 Draft Business Plan for consultation.

7. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND COMMITTEES

8. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Any Councillor with a potential conflict of interest is asked to declare it at the start of each meeting and explain what the conflict is and why they will not be participating in any item relating to that issue.

9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Recommendation:

Moved Cr _____ that the minutes of the Full Meeting of Council held Wednesday, 9 October 2013 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Seconded Cr _____

10. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES (AND RECOMMENDATIONS)

11. BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

13. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

13.1 Airport
Nil.

13.2 Saleyards
Nil.

13.3 Works

13.3.1 Works Manager's Monthly Update

DATE:	21 October 2013
AUTHOR:	Adrian Schutz, Works Manager
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Adrian Schutz, Works Manager
APPLICANT/PROPONENT:	
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	
PREVIOUS MEETING:	
REFERENCES:	
FILE NO:	9.24.1/9
ATTACHMENTS:	No
IN CONFIDENCE:	No

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To provide Members with a monthly update on projects, issues, information and events within the Works Manager's area of responsibility.

BACKGROUND:

This report is to inform Members of existing or new business, as it arises, which may be of interest to Members.

UPDATE DETAIL:

- 1. Meyers Road**
Construction has commenced for the re-construction of 2kms of Meyers Road.
- 2. Megaw Road**
Re-sheeting of Megaw Road has been completed.
- 3. Aldridge Road**
Re-sheeting of Aldridge Road has been completed.
- 4. Road Side Slashing**
Patrol grading has ceased due to the weather. Road-side slashing has commenced throughout the District.
- 5. General Maintenance**
General maintenance has been undertaken throughout the District on a needs basis: ie pot holing, tree trimming, parks and gardens, etc.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Works Manager's Monthly Update report, be noted.

13.4 Finance

13.4.1 Monthly Financial Report for September 2013

DATE:	21 October 2013
AUTHOR:	Jane Fetherstonhaugh, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Jane Fetherstonhaugh, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
APPLICANT/PROPONENT:	
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	
PREVIOUS MEETING:	
REFERENCES:	
FILE NO:	7.11.1/2
ATTACHMENTS:	Monthly Financial Report
IN CONFIDENCE:	No

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To give Members an overview of Council's monthly financial position.

BACKGROUND:

Monthly reports are presented to the second Council Meeting providing the strategic activity of Council's finances.

COMMENT:

Financial information as at 30 September 2013 (attached) is presented to Council. This is a summarised report and feedback from Elected Members on whether this is sufficient detail is requested. More detailed reports, including Budget Review are presented quarterly.

POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

There are no known policy requirements related to this item.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

There are no legislative requirements that set the form or detail for reporting financial information on a monthly basis. However, best practice reporting principles are used as set out in the Local Government Act – A Framework for Local Government Financial Management.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

The presentation of regular financial information is supported by the Strategic Management Plan's objectives of good governance and responsible management. Aim is for inclusion of relevant projects, to Council so that true cost of project can be factored in for the long-term.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no known financial implications related to this item.

CONSULTATION:

Nil.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Financial Report for September 2013, be received.

13.4.2 Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Monthly Update

DATE:	21 October 2013
AUTHORS:	Jane Fetherstonhaugh, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Jane Fetherstonhaugh, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
APPLICANT/PROPONENT:	
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	
PREVIOUS MEETING:	
REFERENCES:	
FILE NO:	9.24.1/9
ATTACHMENTS:	Nil
IN CONFIDENCE:	No

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To provide Members with a monthly update on projects, issues, information and events within the Deputy Chief Executive Officer's area of responsibility.

BACKGROUND:

This report is to inform Members of existing or new business, as it arises, which may be of interest to Members.

UPDATE DETAIL:

Finance

2012-13 Financial Audit

Council's Auditors visited on 20 and 21 August to complete the annual audit and to meet with members of the Audit Committee. At the date of writing this report, Council have not yet received sign-off of the 2012-13 accounts, and as a consequence have had to delay the Audit Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 15 October by one week.

The main issue in the delay is due to Auditors not accepting a revaluation that was conducted on building assets. As part of our ongoing work in updating and improving our asset data, a review of all building assets was undertaken in 2012-13. Buildings underwent a three (3) step revaluation process, all impacting on Accumulated Depreciation and not Replacement cost as valued by Southwick Goodyear in 2011.

1. Residual Values were brought in (previously no residuals in last revaluation)
2. Useful Lives were reviewed (previously 50 years, now assessed at component level)
3. Condition Ratings undertaken. (refer to attached Building's Business Process and Assessment Manual)

A Buildings Business Process and Assessment Manual was prepared, detailing the process for Condition Rating Assets and also providing an **independent sign-off** on the Residual Values and Useful lives that were adopted. Staff were satisfied that the correct Carrying amount for assets was being used.

The impact on accumulated depreciation was significant - \$18.4M, however this was not proportionate to the replacement value which wasn't significantly impacted.

Auditor's response was:

'The historic balances in your asset records were as a result of revaluations undertaken by experts in the field of asset valuations. Now this year the records are suggesting that these historic amounts must have been way off however we don't have any evidence to support this movement. From an audit perspective there is nothing to justify the movements which suggest the asset valuers in the past were incorrect. In our role as auditors we cannot sign off on such movements without appropriate evidence.'

'The introduction of residual values will only affect asset depreciation moving forward as you cannot reverse depreciation that has already been incurred. Where an asset is deemed to have a residual value which is greater than its written down value you cannot reverse previous depreciation, you just have to cease depreciation of that asset moving forward.'

Therefore, they would not accept the information was sufficient to treat as a revaluation, as it had not been signed off by a formal valuer. The last formal valuation undertaken in 2011 cost around \$20,000 and was not as comprehensive as the revaluation carried out by staff. As a consequence of not being able to get the Auditors to accept the buildings revaluation, all condition rating, useful lives, residual values etc were reversed in the asset system.

Auditors were advised of our program for improving asset data on their interim visit in May and various aspects were discussed with them. Before any other asset data is brought in, we will be requesting the Auditors' opinion, however their general attitude is that a formal revaluation will need to be undertaken before they will accept any significant changes to our data.

Community Services

Grants

- Submitted Geared2Drive (G2D) application to Motor Accident Commission for LINK program with letters of support from Minister Piccolo and local Member, Don Pegler MP
- Expression of Interest submitted to Open Spaces Program, Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure for Browns Bay Community Development (excluding car park and roads)
- G2D funding application submitted to Stand Like Stone Foundation for LINK program

Seniors Month (October) Events

Four events have been organised for National Seniors Month in October to celebrate the important contribution made by our seniors who help to improve the quality of life in our District. Total grant allocation from the District Council of Grant's Senior Grants

Program is \$2,070. Five groups will host the free or subsidised events including Tarpeena Progress Association, Donovans Recreational Advisory Committee and Carpenter Rocks Progress Association. The Port MacDonnell Meals on Wheels and Port MacDonnell Senior Citizens Association will co-host one event in Port MacDonnell with all bookings taken at the Community Complex. The Tarpeena Progress Association attained further funding from the Bendigo Bank allowing them to host a larger event.

Mount Schank War Memorial Hall Inc

The Committee of Management have accepted an offer for the Hall however they have passed a resolution to maintain confidentiality in relation to all Expressions of Interest until such time as a contract has been entered into. Staff are currently managing the process of selling the Hall on behalf of the Committee of Management by dealing with conveyancers, and any required documentation.

Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards & Ambassador Program

Award Nominations open 1 October, close Friday, 15th November 2013.

Nominations can be made online at www.citizenoftheyear.com.au or by contacting the Council for a nomination form. Awards advertised in the Border Watch and promoted in the Community Bulletin, at Port MacDonnell Community Complex, Tarpeena Rural Transaction Centre and Council's office and website.

New Tarpeena Market

Assistance was given to the Tarpeena Progress Association regarding their new monthly Market including advice about event insurance, promotion, stallholder registrations and insurance, fees, policies and procedures. The event has been included on Port MacDonnell and Council websites. The Market will be held on the first Sunday every month with the inaugural on Sunday October 6 from 9am to 2pm.

RACV Great Victorian Bike Ride

Staff have met and liaised with organisers regarding the lunch stop at Donovans on Saturday, 23 November. The organisers are expecting approximately 5,000 riders and event crew, including about 1,000 students. This is a great opportunity for Community groups wanting to fundraise.

SATC Limestone Coast Brand

From workshops attended by Council staff and using the Destination Action Plan for guidance, the South Australian Tourist Commission (SATC) have created a new branding for the Limestone Coast.



The brand is 'Touring' and promotes 'Bring back the great family road trip'. The colours represent red wine, blue water, and limestone/coast/caves. Font is a handwritten style to convey a friendly, human touch with soft edges creating feeling of warmth and hospitality.

Other areas generally have one major attraction ie Barossa and wine, whereas the Limestone Coast has many attractions that visitors can enjoy ie Blue Lake, Naracoorte Caves, coastal towns, Coonawarra, Mary Mackillop, volcanoes and caves, etc. The SATC advised at the meeting in September that they are creating driving routes for visitors to assist with the marketing campaign. New media photos have been produced and are being used by Council in Port MacDonnell promotions. SATC promotion has been undertaken primarily in the Western Victoria as it is considered this will gain the highest yield for the advertising dollar.

Geared2Drive

Program as of 27.09.2013:-

- 8 Volunteers
- 5 Participants
- 5 Participants have completed their required 75 hours driving experience
- 6 Participant applications
- 0 new Volunteer applications

Suicide Prevention

Staff attended the formal handover of the 'Mount Gambier Suicide Prevention Action Plan' to the City of Mount Gambier and launch of a 'Community Suicide Prevention Awareness Strategy' on 8 October. Developed by the Mount Gambier Suicide Prevention Network in response to the State Government's South Australian Suicide Prevention Strategy, the plan outlines specific strategies to reduce stigma, increase awareness, eliminate myths and help community members to recognise signs and seek help.

A supporting brochure has been developed which will be delivered to all Mount Gambier letterboxes. It is envisaged that by linking the plan to local government it gives it some sustainability and accountability. SA Health Suicide Prevention Project Officer, Lynne James, advised that any plan should be a community incentive to ensure that suicide prevention becomes a whole of community approach. Suicide is the leading cause of death for all Australians under 44 years of age.

Port MacDonnell Community Complex

Service SA

We have received advice from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet that the quarterly base fee for transactions of \$750 will no longer be paid. According to Service SA, the Rural Agent Program is no longer viable due to the very low volumes of transactions processed and the associated high cost per transaction. Commissions will continue to be paid on a fee per transaction basis, however income received for this service will decrease by \$3,000 per annum.

Library

On Thursday, 5 September, the Port MacDonnell Library went live! Just over 100 people attend to help the staff celebrate the joining of the 'One card' Library system in South Australia. Twenty students from Allendale East Area School came dressed in their costumes from book week. Since we have become a part of the one card library system, customers have taken advantage of this service as they are able to place holds and renew items online. We have been having many more holds come in for our customers and just as many of our items are being sent out to other libraries across the State.

Gallery

Throughout the month of September **294 people went through the gallery** and saw the current exhibition by the Allendale East Area School.

Tourism

Throughout September there have been **672 tourists that have visited the Port MacDonnell Community Complex** to enquire about the area and/or use the facilities that we provide. The tourist numbers are starting to increase as the weather is slowly improving and we are heading into the prime tourist season for Port MacDonnell.

Baby Bounce

152 people attended our Baby Bounce, storytelling and craft sessions in the month of September. This session is held every Tuesday at 10:30am. The story time, dancing and craft is a great for the children to develop their skills. Parents remain in the children's area with their children after the sessions for play time and social interaction. This is great for both, parents and children, this helps with social wellbeing and socialising with other people in our community.

Other Stats for September

- Internet – 377
- Library Items Borrowed – 1,210
- Museum – 38
- Banking – 215
- Service SA – 30
- DC Grant – 167
- JP Services – 21
- Tai Chi & Craft – 61
- Meetings – 26
- Youth - 445

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Monthly Update report, be noted.

13.5 Community Services

13.5.1 Browns Bay Community Development

DATE:	21 October 2013
AUTHOR:	Jan McIntyre, Team Leader Community Services
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Jane Fetherstonhaugh, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
APPLICANT/PROPONENT:	
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	
PREVIOUS MEETING:	20.09.2004
REFERENCES:	04265 (5)
FILE NO:	7.41.1/26
ATTACHMENTS:	No
IN CONFIDENCE:	No

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To seek approval from Elected Members to progress to a full funding submission for the Browns Bay Community Development to the Open Spaces Program.

BACKGROUND:

In line with advice provided to Elected Members in the Council Projects Report on 12 June 2013, staff were seeking partner funding opportunities to support the development of the open space at Browns Bay.

An Expression of Interest was submitted to the Open Space Program managed by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure. Advice was received on 4 October 2014 that the Expression of Interest has been approved to progress to full submission for funding consideration.

In response to significant community consultation, and in accordance with Council's Coastal and Strategic Management Plans, the Browns Bay Community Development application to the Open Space Program incorporates the following:-

- undercover outdoor BBQ shelter and picnic area (6mx4m) with concrete base
- boardwalk for beach access and protection of native vegetation
- unisex amenities building (5mx4m) including two toilets with dry composting waste, solar showers and electronic locks
- solar lighting/battery energy source
- water tanks (2) for water supply and plumbing
- waste receptacles (bins); signage (directional and interpretive)

The project includes associated engineering drawings, development/building and vegetation approvals and fees; and a community beach party official launch.

COMMENT:

The project is necessary to manage and sustain the open space public coastal reserve and to continue to offer unstructured visitor activities, but is restricted by not having basic facilities to support beach users and limits accessibility to non able bodied users.

The development is needed to raise the public profile through provision of safe basic facilities urgently needed to support a community gathering space.

POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

There are no known policy requirements related to this item.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

All necessary approvals for the development of the Browns Bay site have been obtained.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

If partner funding can be secured, the site will be listed on Council's weekly and annual maintenance plans.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The total project value is \$215,858. Council has committed \$57,744 in cash and \$20,000 in kind in the 2013/14 budget to this project, if partner funding for the balance can be secured. Partner funding of \$25,000 in cash has been secured from the Eight Mile Creek Hall Committee and the Christian Surfers Group have committed to provide in kind labour to build the boardwalk.

The balance of \$98,114 has been requested from the Open Space Program.

CONSULTATION:

Significant consultation has been conducted with the community, Native Vegetation Council, the Crown and Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure for the past ten years to obtain the necessary approvals to develop the open space for safe community leisure activities.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the submission of a full funding application for the Browns Bay Community Development to the Open Spaces Program.

13.6 Environmental Services

13.6.1 Director of Planning and Development's Monthly Update

DATE:	21 October 2013
AUTHOR:	Leith McEvoy, Director of Planning & Development
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Leith McEvoy, Director of Planning & Development
APPLICANT/PROPONENT:	
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	
PREVIOUS MEETING	
REFERENCES:	
FILE NO:	9.24.1/9
ATTACHMENTS:	Nil
IN CONFIDENCE:	No

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with a monthly update on projects, issues, information and events within the Director of Planning and Development's area of responsibility. The areas of responsibility include planning/development, general inspectorial, compliance/enforcement and administration within the Environmental Services Department.

BACKGROUND:

This report is to inform Members of existing or new business, as it arises, which may be of interest to Members.

UPDATE DETAIL:

1. Junkyard activities/unsightly properties

Kelley Jones Lawyers acting on behalf of Council provided correspondence to RKH & VM Pearson dated 9 October 2013 concerning junkyard activities and the unsightliness of the property at Lot 53, 21 Dohle Road, Yahl. The advice is that the deadline to comply with the directions is 18 November 2013.

Council Officers are continuing to monitor several other properties in the Council area. Council will continue to be kept informed by way of the Councillor Information Bulletin and/or separate reports concerning these, and other properties, as necessary.

2. Development Applications for Proposed Fixed Wireless NBN (Telecommunications) Facilities

Council has currently received five (5) Development Applications for NBN Towers within the Council area, with other towers yet to be applied for by NBN Co. The Applications have all required Category 3 public notification.

The five (5) current Development Applications are for three (3) 40 metre high monopoles and associated equipment at Moorak, Allendale East and Yahl, and for two (2) 60 metre high lattice tower and associated equipment at Worrolong and Tarpeena. Council Officers have also been consulted about a proposed tower at Port MacDonnell.

It is intended that all of the Development Applications will be determined by Council's Development Assessment Panel. The Panel has assessed and supported the Applications for monopoles at Moorak, Allendale East and Yahl, and for the tower at Worrolong. The Panel is considering the Application for the tower at Tarpeena at its meeting on 16 October 2013.

3. Expert Panel on Planning Reform

The State Government's Expert Panel on Planning Reform held a Briefing Session for Elected Members on Tuesday 6 August 2013 at the Naracoorte Town Hall. Cr Bain, Cr Hill and Cr Kuhl, together with the Director of Planning and Development, attended the Briefing Session.

The Planning Reform is a full review of the current planning and development system in South Australia, and comes 20 years since the Development Act 1993 came into operation.

The Expert Panel must provide a final report outlining recommendations for a new planning system by no later than the end of December 2014.

Regional Workshops, combined for the community, Council and Government Agencies, are proposed to be held across South Australia. Two (2) Workshops were held in Mount Gambier on Tuesday 17 September 2013 at the Main Corner Complex, 1 Bay Road, Mount Gambier. Workshop 1 was from 1.30pm to 4.00pm, and Workshop 2 from 6.00pm to 8.30pm. A number of Council Officers attended Workshop 1.

A report and supporting documentation concerning the Expert Panel on Planning Reform was presented to Council's Planning and Development Committee for consideration and discussion at the Committee Meeting held on 26 August 2013. At this time it is anticipated that a further report on this Planning Reform process will be prepared for the next meeting of the Planning and Development Committee scheduled for 25 November 2013.

4. South East Heritage Adviser

The South East Heritage Adviser visited Council on 25 September 2013 and met with Council Officers.

5. Land at corner of Wandilo Road and Hinton Road

Council Officers have had ongoing dealings with the owner of the above land in relation to the use of the property. Council on 30 August 2013 approved a Development Application for a storage shed on the land for domestic vehicles, farm implements and farming materials. Council's Development Manager met on site with the owner on 11 October 2013 to inspect the property and discuss the

future use of the land. The owner re-affirmed that at this time there are no proposals for any truck depot to be established on this land.

6. Industrial land off Sturm Road and Riddoch Highway (Brian Smith Drive)

Council Officers have recently met on site with the land owner/developer, and have now finalised a Landscaping Plan for the Council Reserve areas – which was the final matter to be resolved. The land division which created the allotments for the Cummins Diesel development and the balance of the land will now be cleared for the Certificates of Title to be issued. No Development Application for Stage 2 of this land division has been received by Council.

7. Limestone Coast & Coorong Coastal Management Group

The Coastal Management Group met at Kingston on 19 September 2013. Council's Development Manager attended the meeting. Ongoing coastal projects and funding throughout the Region were discussed at the meeting. Coastal erosion and sand replenishment works at Wyomi Beach were inspected.

8. Current Council Development Plan Amendments

Ongoing work with MasterPlan SA Pty Ltd concerning Council's current Development Plan Amendments (DPAs).

Better Development Plan DPA

Council has considered correspondence from the Minister for Planning dated 15 March 2013 concerning coastal issues in the Better Development Plan (BDP) Development Plan Amendment (DPA). Council requested a meeting with the Minister and his Departmental Staff to discuss the correspondence and the proposed changes.

On 17 July 2013 the Mayor, Chief Executive Officer, and Director of Planning and Development met in Adelaide with DPTI and Coast Protection Board Officers to discuss the correspondence and the proposed changes. Although the meeting did not reach any specific resolution and/or compromise in relation to the matters, the Department has given Council the opportunity to provide a detailed submission to the Minister which supports the Council's position and reasoning.

A draft submission was considered by Council's Planning and Development Committee on 26 August 2013, and endorsed by Council on 16 September 2013. The draft submission has been finalised by Council Officers and forwarded to the Minister.

Gateway Precincts DPA

The Gateway Precincts DPA is also with the Minister for final approval. The DPA will only be approved in the new BDP format after the BDP DPA is approved. It should be noted that the City of Mount Gambier's Gateway Precincts DPA is also being delayed due to this Council's BDP DPA not yet being finalised.

Country/Rural Living & Township Expansion DPA

The Country/Rural Living & Township Expansion DPA (Stage 2) went through the Government Agency consultation process in late 2012. The DPA is on public consultation from 22 August 2013 to 18 October 2013, with a public meeting being held on 29 October 2013. Council has received a number of submissions on the DPA, with some wishing to be heard at the public meeting.

Port MacDonnell & Environs DPA

Council at its meeting held on 4 March 2013 resolved to engage MasterPlan to undertake the preparation of this DPA. Council Officers have commenced work with MasterPlan in relation to this DPA.

A draft Statement of Intent and an Area Affected Plan has now been prepared, and was referred to Council for consideration on 5 August 2013. Council resolved to approve the Statement of Intent, and forward the Statement to the Minister seeking agreement to proceed with the preparation of the DPA.

9. Port MacDonnell Urban Design Framework and Master Plan

Council has received State Government 'Places for People' Grant Funding. Council has recently undertaken a selective 'Request for Quote' process with a number of consultants. Council Officers have now considered the submissions which were received from consultants to undertake the project.

Council has accepted a joint submission and engaged MasterPlan SA Pty Ltd (Planning Consultants), Ian Robertson Design (Urban Design Consultant) and Outerspace Landscape Architects to jointly undertake the Project.

The Project is to primarily include all of the foreshore area, the town centre, the oval and community complex area, and the main entrance into the town from Mount Gambier – and create a shared vision for the future of the town. The project will also hopefully be used as a template for similar projects in other towns in the Council area.

The project commenced on 14 October 2013 and is to be completed in March 2014. The project will involve considerable public consultation with the local community, with an initial three (3) day visit by the consultants being arranged for mid to late November 2013. Council Members will be kept informed about the initial consultation process and the ongoing project.

10. Development Proposals

Council Officers have continued to have confidential discussions with land owners/developers concerning various possible development proposals across the Council area.

It should be noted that this report does not detail the daily operational and customer service work undertaken by Council Officers as part of their duties and responsibilities.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Director of Planning and Development's Monthly Update Report be noted.

13.7 Governance and Executive Services

13.7.1 Regional Development Australia (RDA) Limestone Coast Regional Roadmap 2013-2016 & Annual Business Plan 2013-2014

DATE:	21 October 2013
AUTHOR:	Trevor Smart, Chief Executive Officer
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Trevor Smart, Chief Executive Officer
APPLICANT/PROPONENT:	
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	
PREVIOUS MEETING:	
REFERENCES:	
FILE NO:	12.78.4/3
ATTACHMENTS:	Draft Regional Roadmap 2013-2015 RDA Business Plan 2013-2014
IN CONFIDENCE:	No

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

For consideration and Council feedback on the draft Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast (RDA LC) Regional Roadmap 2013-2016, to be read in conjunction with the RDA Business Plan 2013-2014.

BACKGROUND:

The South East Local Government Association (SELGA) is seeking Council's feedback on the draft Regional Development Australia Regional Roadmap 2013-2016, with a view to preparing a joint response combining the input of all constituent Councils.

COMMENT:

The RDA LC Regional Roadmap provides the direction and priority for regional development in the Limestone Coast. The development and update of the Roadmap is a requirement of the funding agreement between the Federal Government and RDALC and is updated annually.

SELGA is seeking feedback, particularly on:-

1. The vision for the region (Chapter 3)
2. The appropriateness of the five priority areas for regional action (Chapter 6)
3. The coverage of the activities, projects and initiatives (Chapter 7)
4. The availability of any new information or data which may be relevant when considering priority and action areas in the Regional Roadmap.

Council feedback is to be returned to SELGA by no later than 25 October, 2013.

Generally, I would consider that the Regional Roadmap captures the essence of opportunity and challenges that we face as a region. I would provide the following comments from the draft regional Roadmap:-

- Page 3 – ensure that the Marine Environment and fishing sector are included in Strengths (may be captured under agriculture, and clean green environment).

- Page 4 – Economic Development & Diversification – ensure fishing sector is included in priorities for increasing value adding opportunities.
- Page 16 – Population – qualifying comment regarding District Council of Grant population decrease – would be attributable to boundary adjustment; with a likely real population growth. This should be reflected/duplicated on Page 51 for population graph.
- Page 16 – Population – Natural Resource Management (NRM) Board comments – shouldn't the NRM Board growth planning be based on where population growth will occur, rather than planning for population growth around water availability?
- Page 17 – refer to Mount Gambier Airport as Mount Gambier & Districts Airport. Suggest that dot point also reflect ***that major upgrades have been undertaken in recent years which now strongly positions the Mount Gambier & Districts Airport for increased capacity and services.***
- Pages 22-27 – appears repetitive. May be an improved Roadmap if the activities were to be included as a sub-set of Regional Priorities throughout Section 6.

The Regional Development Australia 2013-2014 Business Plan is provided for Council's information.

POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

There are no known policy requirements related to this matter.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

There are no known legislative requirements related to this matter.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

There are no known strategic implications related to this matter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no known financial implications related to this matter.

CONSULTATION:

Elected Members.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:-

- 1. Note the 2013/14 Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast (RDA LC) Business Plan 2013/14.***
- 2. Note the copy of the draft RDA LC Regional Roadmap 2013-2016.***
- 3. Provide suggested amendments to the South East Local Government Association (SELGA) on the draft RDA LC Regional Roadmap as per the Chief Executive Officer's comments within the report tabled.***

- 4. Advise SELGA that the draft Regional Roadmap appears to capture the essence of opportunity and challenges that we face as a region.**

13.7.2 Licence for Depasturing of Animals – Lions Club of Port MacDonnell & District

DATE:	21 October 2013
AUTHOR:	Donna Hutchesson, Governance and Policy Officer
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Trevor Smart, Chief Executive Officer
APPLICANT/PROPONENT:	Lions Club of Port MacDonnell & District
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	
PREVIOUS MEETING:	
REFERENCES:	
FILE NO:	16.16.2/6
ATTACHMENTS:	Letter from Lions Club Draft Licence Leases and Licenses Policy
IN CONFIDENCE:	No

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To seek Council approval to amend licence conditions and fees payable for the Lions Club of Port MacDonnell and District's Depasturing Licence.

BACKGROUND:

The Lions Club of Port MacDonnell and District has had a licence to depasture cattle on the Cattle Reserve at Port MacDonnell since 1 January 1997.

The Lions Club operate a Cattle Agistment Scheme which allows them to run their own cattle on the reserve (the original licence allowed a maximum of 15 head of cattle and that number was increased to 30 in 1998). The Club also provides agistment to the community.

A fee of \$500 per year (ex GST) is payable by the Club to Council. The Club is also responsible for all costs associated with fertilising, weed control, the water supply to the reserve and any necessary drain maintenance etc.

COMMENT:

A review of the Licence is being undertaken and letters were sent to the Lions Club seeking information in relation to the number of stock agisted on the Cattle Reserve and income received for the last two financial years.

A copy of the Club's response is attached for Members' information.

The Club is seeking to increase in the number of cattle held on the reserve for the "Lions Club Cattle Agistment Scheme" from 30 to 40 due to the decrease in demand by local farmers to depasture cattle. It is recommended that approval be granted to increase the number of cattle from 30 to 40 as requested.

The Club has further requested Council renew the poly pipe from the water meter in Elizabeth Street to the trough on the reserve. It is recommended that the Club be advised that it is their responsibility under Special Condition 1 of the Licence to meet all expenditure costs associated with the water supply to the reserve.

As stated previously, the Club has paid \$500 (ex GST) per year for the licence since its commencement in 1997. Council recently adopted its Leases and Licenses Policy and a review of the annual fee has been undertaken in accordance with this Policy. Whilst the Club is undertaking a business venture, consideration was given to its not-for-profit status and the community benefit it provides. Accordingly, it is recommended the lease fee be set at \$200 (ex GST) to reflect the contribution the Lions Club makes to the community.

POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

Leases and Licenses Policy

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

Local Government Act 1999.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

There are no known strategic implications related to this matter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Annual licence fee payable to Council.

CONSULTATION:

Consultation with the Chief Executive Officer.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Lions Club of Port MacDonnell and Districts Inc., be advised that:-

- 1. The annual fee for a Licence for Depasturing of Animals on the Cattle Reserve at Port MacDonnell be \$200 (ex GST) per annum.***
- 2. Permission is granted for the Lions Club Cattle Agistment Scheme to have a maximum number of forty (40) head of stock on the Cattle Reserve, however, should the demand for agistment from local farmers increase, then Council reserves the right to review this number.***
- 3. Pursuant to Special Condition 1 of the Licence agreement, it is the Club's responsibility to meet all expenditure costs associated with the water supply to the reserve.***

13.7.3 Review of Policies

DATE:	21 October 2013
AUTHOR:	Donna Hutchesson, Governance and Policy Officer
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Trevor Smart, Chief Executive Officer
APPLICANT/PROPONENT:	
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	
PREVIOUS MEETING:	
REFERENCES:	
FILE NO:	9.63.1/1
ATTACHMENTS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GOVPOL 01 – Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy• GOVPOL 05 – Whistleblower Protection Policy• GOVPR01 – Complaints Handling Procedure under Council Members’ Code of Conduct• 11.19 – Whistleblowers Protection Policy• 11.27 – Council Member Complaint Handling Policy
IN CONFIDENCE:	No

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To seek to make, amend and revoke various Council policies.

BACKGROUND:

At the meeting held 19 November 2012, Council was presented with a report advising of a review of all Council policies. The report stated that Council staff will continue to review the remaining policies with reports being presented to Council from time to time recommending amendments, revocation or adoption of new policies.

1. Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy (GOVPOL 01)

This existing policy has been reviewed to take into account the requirements of the Directions and Guidelines issued by the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption.

It is recommended that the amended Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy, be adopted by Council.

2. Whistleblower Protection Policy (GOVPOL 05)

This policy has also been reviewed due to the commencement of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act 2012 and the subsequent issue of the Directions and Guidelines. It will replace the previous 11.19 – Whistleblowers Protection Policy.

It is recommended that the Whistleblower Protection Policy, be adopted by Council and the previous 11.19 – Whistleblowers Protection Policy be revoked.

3. Complaints Handling Procedure under Council Members' Code of Conduct (GOVPR 01)

Under the new Code of Conduct for Council Members, which commenced on 1 September 2013, Councils are expected to manage complaints under Part 2 of the Code of Conduct, or to ensure that complaints are directed to the appropriate agency under other Parts of the Code. The Procedure takes into account the Directions and Guidelines issued by the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption. This Procedure will replace the previous 11.27 – Council Member Complaint Handling Policy.

It is recommended that the Complaints Handling Procedure under Council Members' Code of conduct, be adopted by Council and the previous 11.27 – Council member Complaint Handling Policy be revoked.

POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

Existing Codes and Policies

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

Local Government Act 1999

Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act 2012

Whistleblowers Protection Act 1993

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

SMP 2012-2016 - Governance Outcome 4.9 *"Review financial controls, external/internal audit functions, Council policies and procedures to ensure effective Governance and accountability"*.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no known financial implications related to this item.

CONSULTATION:

Consultation undertaken with Council's Management Team.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That:-

- 1. The amended Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy (GOVPOL 01), be adopted by Council.***
- 2. The Whistleblower Protection Policy (GOVPOL 05), be adopted by Council and the previous 11.19 – Whistleblowers Protection Policy be revoked.***
- 3. The Complaints Handling Procedure (GOVPR 01) under Council Members' Code of conduct, be adopted by Council and the previous 11.27 – Council Member Complaint Handling Policy be revoked.***

13.7.4 Chief Executive Officer's Update Report

DATE:	21 October 2013
AUTHOR:	Trevor Smart, Chief Executive Officer
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Trevor Smart, Chief Executive Officer
APPLICANT/PROPONENT:	
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	
PREVIOUS MEETING:	
REFERENCES:	
FILE NO:	9.24.1/9
ATTACHMENTS:	Nil
IN CONFIDENCE:	No

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To provide Council with a general update of Council business and activities.

BACKGROUND:

Nil

COMMENT:

Port MacDonnell Boatyard

I am continuing my negotiations with the EPA on allowable future uses of this land, with a current requirement to undertake some further assessment of groundwater conditions.

We have received results of additional groundwater testing as requested by EPA; these have been provided to EPA and we now await renewed/updated advice from EPA.

Recent contact has been made with EPA to enable Council to consider its position and future use of land, but with no information forthcoming at this stage.

Port MacDonnell Caravan Park

As reported to Council previously, I am now in the process of assessment and discussion with Park lessees on possible options.

Council may need to consider its approach with regard to:-

- Viability of Park and the extent of Council's support
- Is the lease a commercial lease (for whom) and if so, it should operate that way
- Possible expansion of Park to ensure future viability.

The Chief Executive Officer has met with the Caravan Park lessee, and will continue to progress options for consideration.

Issues with electricity supply continue to be a challenge, and the Manager Building will provide further information on the Caravan Park Electrical Switchboard, as this may require upgrading due to safety concerns.

Airport Lighting & Carpark Upgrade

Following receipt of funding from State Government for upgrading of runway lighting and secure car parking, a tender has been awarded for the lighting component of the project and project commenced, and survey works have commenced for the secure car park component.

50% of available funding has been claimed as per our funding agreement.

Runway lighting component of project has been completed, with carpark component of project progressing.

Airport Award

As previously advised – the Mount Gambier & District Airport has won the 2013 SITA Award for Airport Industry Innovation at the Australian at the Airports Association National Awards Night, held in late September 2013, as part of the AAA National Conference.

The award was given for the work done by the Airport with community engagement, particularly our work with social media (we have a strong presence on *facebook* and *twitter*).

With approximately 300 member Airports around Australia, SITA presented the award to an Airport that embraces new ideas and demonstrates innovative thinking. The award was received by Airport Manager, Ian Fritsch and Airport Compliance Officer, Paul McFarlane.

Recommendation:

That Mount Gambier & District Airport staff be formally commended by Council in being awarded the 2013 SITA Award for Airport Industry Innovation at the Australian Airports Association National Conference for its innovative approach to community engagement.

Port MacDonnell Master Plan Project

We have sought funding from Places for People for this project, and had an on-site tour of Port MacDonnell with representatives from Places for People. This was viewed as very positive, and we will await outcomes of our funding submission.

If successful in this project, we can then transfer the process and methodology to other towns and settlements within our Council area.

Tender awarded to Masterplan for this project with commencement imminent. Council will be involved (as will community) in the consultation and development of this Master Plan.

Tarpeena Township Plan

The Chief Executive Officer, Manager Works and Director Planning and Development met with Tarpeena Progress Association/Community Members on Sunday, 7 April 2013, to commence a Tarpeena Township Planning process that will hopefully provide

Council and the Tarpeena Community with additional and improved information on future requirements.

The process for the Township Planning will be:-

- Gather information from Tarpeena residents (done 7/4/13)
- Council staff to develop a draft Town Plan including cost estimates, timeframes, and other relevant information; (in progress) – *1st draft complete*
- Consult with Tarpeena Progress Association on draft, followed by consultation with residents – *draft provided to Tarpeena Progress Association.*
- Present to Council seeking endorsement of Township plan for inclusion into long term financial plan and annual budgets.

Staff Enterprise Agreements

The process of negotiating new Enterprise Agreement continues, and is progressing on an objective and informed basis with all parties.

From a Chief Executive Officer perspective, there are some interesting components and structures within our EBs – and it is hoped that a more simplified and accountable outcomes will be achieved.

I have a focus on EBs linked to objective performance assessments – and these can be directly linked to performance outcomes, retention and reward.

Both EBs are progressing.

Port MacDonnell Marine Facilities

Council has been successful in securing funding for this project which is a great outcome for Council and our community:-

- \$1.875 million from State Government (SABFAC)
- \$726,000 from federal Government (RDAF Round 4)

A Project Team has been formed and we are developing a Project Outline which will cover all aspects of pre-project requirements, tender and project requirements, financial aspects, project management, communication/consultation, and post-project issues.

Additional meetings have been held with the Department of Planning, Transport and infrastructure on plans, tender, and project management processes. Issues including financial consideration (cash flow; project financial management; funding arrangements), native title, project/contract management, business model, and fuel facilities are all being considered at present.

At this stage, it is still envisaged that the project will commence in March/April 2014.

Further to past advice and information, due to Federal Government election – this funding is now unsecured, and we are waiting on advice from Federal Government as to status of funding (through Member for Barker, Tony Pasin).

Port MacDonnell Men's Shed

As previously reported, there have been meetings held with the proposed Port MacDonnell Men's Shed, followed by some informal contact, on-site meetings, plans/costing etc.

It was initially envisaged that the Men's Shed could possibly occupy a portion of a Council Shed at the Council Depot, with an alternative site being to locate a new shed/facility on the south eastern corner of the Council Depot site.

Costing's and plans have been provided on the two options for consideration by the Men's Shed group, with the preferred position being for a new site/facility within the Council Depot site. Although this is the more expensive option, it would appear advantageous due to:-

- Improved access to the Men's Shed – access would be via street frontage rather than requiring access to depot shed site. This allays concerns with public liability, work health and safety issues, and security issues.
- Removing conflict within depot area of Council plant and machinery, car parking, and movement of people.
- Improved provision of facility, including toilet facilities – the provision of a toilet facility within existing shed proved to be very costly due to waste disposal location.

Rob Bilney, from the Port MacDonnell Men's Shed, will be presenting to Council at this meeting, with a view to progressing this proposal, and subject to his presentation, the following may need to be considered by Council:-

- In principle support of the establishment of a Men's Shed facility within the Port MacDonnell Works Depot site (south eastern corner) with access from the street frontage
- In principle support for Council to provide in-kind support for the establishment of the site (including some site work, fencing, etc)
- Support to the Port MacDonnell Men's Shed in seeking funding and other assistance to establish the facility

By providing in-principle support to this concept, it allows for the Group to progress their incorporation, funding applications and planning for site establishment.

Council will need to consider its Community Land Management Plan obligations (public consultation), future lease of the site, and other governance matters prior to formal establishment of facility.

**Recommendation:
That Council provide:-**

- 1. *In-principle support for the establishment of a Port MacDonnell Men's Shed on the Port MacDonnell Works Depot land (south eastern corner) subject to formal consideration of community land provisions, future lease provision and other governance matters that may require formal consideration.***
- 2. *In-principle support for Council to provide in-kind works to assist in site establishment.***

Elected Member Code of Conduct

As per previous advice to Council, and the effect of the Elected Members Code of Conduct the following advice is provided to Council on the operation of the Code from a staff contact perspective (and as advised in response to Cr Hill's Question Without Notice on the operation of part of the Code) as such:-

Relationship with Council staff:-

- 1.1. Not bully or harass Council staff*
- 1.2. Direct all requests for information from the Council administration to the Council's Chief Executive Officer or nominated delegate/s*
- 1.3. Direct all requests for work or actions by Council staff to the Council's Chief Executive Officer or nominated delegate/s*
- 1.4. Refrain from directing or influencing Council staff with respect to the way in which these employees perform their duties*

With a view to continuing positive interaction between Elected Members and staff, and a practical approach – all Elected Members are advised that request for information, and requests for works or actions by Council staff can be directed through the Chief Executive Officer and/or any Manager within the organisation.

This is advised on the understanding that Elected Members and the management team will interact on a professional basis, with no undue or unreasonable pressure being placed upon a manager to comply with such a request. If there is doubt as to extent of request, the matter will be referred to the Chief Executive Officer (by manager or Elected Member) for clarification and decision.

LGA China Forum

The Mayor and I attended the LGA China Forum on 17 July 2013, and this was very beneficial from a local government perspective in that it highlighted and identified the critical role that is expected of local government if our region and its business'/industry are to capitalise on opportunities into China and Asia.

With other South East Local Government Association (SELGA) Councils that attended, we will hopefully progress discussion and planning for our region in cooperation with other stakeholders ie RDA, PIRSA, DMITRE, and Industry.

Riddoch Art Gallery

As per previous advice, and a joint meeting held between Riddoch Art Gallery, District Council of Grant, and City of Mount Gambier – a tentative date has been set for a further meeting with the Art Gallery, and Mayors/CEOs of both Councils to provide discussion and some level of direction to the Art Gallery which will (hopefully) then provide for a formal proposal to be put to the respective Councils.

Although not in attendance at the joint meeting – it was somewhat disappointing that the Art Gallery has chosen a path of ‘media comment/debate’ which appeared critical of Council(s). There has always been an expectation that the Art Gallery will present a fully informed business case to Council(s) and until this occurs, then it is difficult for Council to fully consider their current and future position.

Annual Leave

As per my Employment Contract, annual leave is to be approved by the Employer (Council), and accordingly, I seek approval for four weeks leave for the period of 23.12.2013 to 17.01.2014 (inclusive) being:-

- 14 days annual leave
- 3 public holidays
- 3 days’ time of in lieu of hours worked

The Administration Office will be closed for a reasonable period of this leave.

Jane Fetherstonhaugh will be appointed as Acting Chief Executive Officer from Thursday 02.01.2014 (reopening of office).

Recommendation:

That Council approve four weeks leave for the Chief Executive Officer for the period 23.12.2013 to 17.01.2014 (inclusive).

Port MacDonnell Marine Rescue Service

The progress of a Port MacDonnell Marine Rescue Service has been delayed due to resourcing and re-deployments within State Government, but I have been advised that a proposal will be completed and progressed within Government within the next few weeks for consideration. Council will be advised accordingly of outcomes.

Donovan CWMS

By way of update to Council of the process and progress for residents of Donovans to connect to the new CWMS, I provide the following:-

- On 30 April 2013, residents were sent a letter inviting them to start the process of getting ready to connect to the system. This was done in April/May with the knowledge that the process leading up to approving property connections would take some time.
- Residents were given an outline as to the steps that would be involved in the process. The first step being the requirement to have their septic tank pumped out and inspected.

- This pump out would also include an inspection of septic tank condition. Following receipt of inspection reports, respective property owners were contacted (in writing) explaining the work/repairs required (if any) and an application form which was to be lodged with Council when their plumber had been chosen.
- To date we have had 27 properties inspected and 10 properties who have recently applied and been given approval to connect, plus 2 properties who already had prior approval to connect have been given the go ahead.
- So far, 3 properties have been identified as having septic tanks which are too small (all 700L or less), and one tank is under consideration. These small tanks were historically only installed to take the waste from the toilet, with grey water from the rest of the house directed to soakage pits. Our position is that any tank 1600L and above would be permitted to remain, subject to being in good condition. Anything less would require a new 3000L septic tank installed with all of the plumbing from the house directed into that new tank.

Donovans CWMS is now operational and the first property was connected on 14 September 2013. At this stage, remote monitoring capabilities are not operational, although this is very close. Therefore, the system is being monitored manually by staff through routine visits to Donovans. Due to the small numbers connecting in slowly, we have the luxury to allow this process to occur without too many issues.

Membership of the National Timber Councils Association

Council has received an invitation to join the membership of the National Timber Councils Association. Cr Malcolm Hole, President of the Association and Kevin Peachey, Executive Officer, visited Mount Gambier recently and held an information session outlining the work of the Association. The Association is a network of Councils involved in both native and plantation forestry and seeks to engage the Commonwealth Government on forestry-related issues and their impacts on local Councils and communities.

Membership of the Association allows an opportunity to:-

- Access information regarding forest policy development and implementation at a Commonwealth level;
- Review and contribute to forest and timber-related policy, planning and regulatory frameworks;
- Network and exchange knowledge with other timber impacted Councils, promote forest policies that involve and support local communities;
- Elevate local issues to a Federal platform.

Membership is being offered for the 2013-2014 year on a pro rata basis meaning that Council's cost as of 1 November 2013 would be \$875 with the normal cost of membership set at \$1,500 per annum.

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the District Council of Grant membership of the National Timber Councils Association at a cost of \$875 for the 2013-2014 year.

POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

There are no known policy requirements related to this matter.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

There are no known legislative requirements related to this matter.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

There are no known strategic implications related to this matter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no known financial implications related to this matter.

CONSULTATION:

Nil.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Chief Executive Officer's Monthly Update report, be noted.

14. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil.

15. CLOSURE