



MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, 17 November 2015

Held at the Swan Hill Town Hall
Meeting Room 1, Council Chambers
Commenced at 2:00 PM

COUNCIL:

Cr LT McPhee – Mayor

Cr JN Katis

Cr CM Adamson

Cr GW Norton

Cr GI Cruickshank

Cr JA Kiley

Cr JB Crowe

Confirmed 15 December 2015

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SECTION A – PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- **Open**

Mayor, Cr Les McPhee assumed the chair and declared the meeting open at 2pm.

- **Acknowledgement of Country**

Mayor, Cr Les McPhee read the Acknowledgement of Country.

- **Prayer**

Cr Adamson read the prayer.

- **Apologies**

Nil

- **Directors/officers in attendance**

Chief Executive Officer, Ian Couper
Director Corporate Services, David Lenton
Director Development and Planning, Adam McSwain
Engineering Projects & Assets Manager, Mazen Aldaghstani

Recommendations

That the apologies be accepted.

- **Confirmation of Minutes**

- 1) Ordinary Meeting held on 20 October 2015
- 2) Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 10 November 2015

45/15 Motion

MOVED Cr Cruickshank

That the minutes be confirmed.

SECONDED Cr Katis

The Motion was put and CARRIED

- **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

Cr Cruickshank wanted it noted that in the Community Grants section B.15.88 that he is president of the Swan Hill District Cricket Association and that there are some cricket clubs that have been beneficiaries of community grants as well as the Lakeside Golf Club to which he is the captain of the golf club. He wanted to make Council aware that he was associated with these groups as a member but had no direct conflict of interest so would remain in the Council Chambers for this report.

- **Receptions and Reading of Petitions, Memorials, Joint Letters and Deputations**

Nil

- **Public Question Time**

Nil

SECTION B – REPORTS

B.15.85 QUARTERLY REVIEW OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL POSITION TO 30-09-2015

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate Services
File Number: 42-20-00
Attachments: 1 Statement of Income and Expenditure
2 Summarised Balance Sheet

Declarations of Interest: Officer
David Lenton - as the responsible officer, I declare that I have no disclosable interests in this matter.

Summary

A review of Council's Financial Performance (Income and Expenditure) and Financial Position (balance sheet) to the adopted Budget for the three months to 30 September 2015 has been conducted and the results are summarised in this report.

Discussion

A summarised Statement of Income and Expenditure and a summarised Balance Sheet for the three months ended 30 September 2015 are included with this report.

Major variations to budget as at 30 September 2015 are explained by way of notes on the attached report.

The forecast result is expected to be slightly worse than budget. The predicted surplus assumes that Major Projects and Capital Works during the last nine months of the financial year will be within budget.

Significant forecast variations to budget include:

	Current Forecast Variances	
Rates	\$58,000	Favourable
Grants Commission	\$17,000	Unfavourable
Grants expected 2014/15, received 2015/16	\$62,000	Favourable
Rates Discount	\$20,000	Unfavourable
Loan Interest and Repayment	\$8,000	Favourable
Insurance (net)	\$40,000	Favourable
Livestock Exchange (net result)	\$40,000	Favourable
Public Lighting conversion to L.E.D.'s	\$20,000	Favourable
Employee Costs	\$28,000	Unfavourable
Pools and Leisure Centres	\$32,000	Unfavourable
Recruitment costs	\$30,000	Unfavourable
Parking Fines	\$10,000	Unfavourable
Fuel Tax Credits	\$10,000	Favourable
Other Items (net)	\$23,000	Unfavourable

	\$78,000	Favourable
Less: Income owing from 2014/15	\$88,000	Unfavourable
Net Variation to 2015/16 Budget	\$10,000	Unfavourable

Consultation

Consultation occurred as part of the Budget preparation process.

Financial Implications

The report shows a predicted rates determination surplus \$10,000 worse than budget for the 2015/16 financial year.

Social Implications

Not relevant to this item.

Economic Implications

Not relevant to this item.

Environmental Implications

Not relevant to this item.

Risk Management Implications

The anticipated surplus is subject to income and costs trending as expected over the final nine months of the year. In particular the anticipated surplus relies on the success of the Heartbeat of the Murray Experience.

Council Plan Strategy Addressed

Governance and Leadership - Effective and efficient utilisation of resources.

Options

Nil

Recommendations

That Council note the contents of this report.

46/15 Motion

MOVED Cr Cruickshank

That Council note the contents of this report.

SECONDED Cr Norton

The Motion was put and CARRIED

**SWAN HILL RURAL CITY COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE
FOR THE 3 MONTHS ENDING 30/09/2015**

	Actual Year To Date 30/09/2015 \$000	Budget Year To Date 30/09/2015 \$000	\$ Variance To Budget \$000	% Variance To Budget	Original Annual Budget 2015/16 \$000	Notes
OPERATING INCOME :-						
Rates, garbage charges and marketing levy	24,950	25,033	(83)	-0.3%	25,033	
Statutory fees & fines	244	274	(30)	-10.9%	1,097	
User fees	1,071	1,357	(286)	-21.1%	5,428	1
Grants - operating (recurrent)	1,871	3,381	(1,510)	-44.7%	13,525	2
Grants - operating (non-recurrent)	311	92	219	238.0%	366	3
Grants - capital (recurrent)	0	504	(504)	-100.0%	2,017	4
Grants - capital (non-recurrent)	1,036	1,110	(74)	-6.7%	4,438	
Contributions - cash non recurrent	137	97	40	41.2%	388	5
Reimbursements	41	43	(2)	-4.7%	170	
Interest income	68	139	(71)	-51.1%	555	6
Proceeds from disposal of assets	72	183	(111)	-60.7%	731	7
Other revenue	246	558	(312)	-55.9%	2,230	8
TOTAL INCOME	30,047	32,771	(2,724)	-8.3%	55,978	
OPERATING EXPENSES (Excluding Depreciation) :-						
Employee benefits	4,852	5,005	(153)	-3.1%	20,018	
Contract payments materials & services	3,029	3,337	(308)	-9.2%	13,348	
Agency payments and community grants	181	1,511	(1,330)	-88.0%	6,044	9
Bad & doubtful debts	-	-	0	0.0%	1	
Finance costs	20	111	(91)	-82.0%	443	10
Other expenses	439	240	199	82.9%	960	11
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES (Excl. Depn.)	8,521	10,204	(1,683)	-16.5%	40,814	
OPERATING RESULT (Excl. Depn.)	21,526	22,567	(1,041)	-4.6%	15,164	
CAPITAL ITEMS :-						
Capital works/asset purchases - funding sourced	3,053	3,377	(324)	-10%	13,506	
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) AFTER CAPITAL ITEMS	18,473	19,190	(717)	-3.7%	1,658	
ADD FINANCING TRANSACTIONS						
Loan principal redemption	(237)	(193)	(44)	22.8%	(772)	12
Transfers to/from reserves	3,405	-	3,405	0.0%	12	13
Proceeds from loans	-	-	-	0.0%	500	
TOTAL FINANCING TRANSACTIONS	3,168	(193)	3,361	-1741.5%	(260)	
BUDGET RESULT SURPLUS	21,641	18,997	2,644	13.9%	1,398	

- 1 User fees charged for the Consortium Packaged Care members was \$144K below forecast due to delays in funding being received from the Federal Government. User fees at the Pioneer Settlement were \$115K below budget due to the Heartbeat of the Murray still being under construction and not expected to become operational until November.
- 2 Grants for the Consortium Packaged Care program are yet to be received due to funding delays from the Federal Government. Victoria Grants Commission funding was \$517K below forecast due to the receipt of 50% of Council's 2015/16 allocation being received in 2014/15.
- 3 Grant funding for the Robinvale Motorcycle Club Lighting (\$61K) and L2P program (\$47K) have been received upfront for the 2015/16 year. Additional grants have been received for Roadside Weeds and Pests (\$75K), Communities for Children (\$23K) and Lake Baker Road rabbit control (\$17K).
- 4 First instalment of Roads to Recovery funding isn't expected until November.
- 5 An additional contribution of \$30K has been received for the Swan Hill Riverfront Masterplan for an investment prospectus.
- 6 As at 30 September 2015 Council had accrued \$46K of interest income in addition to the \$68K already received.
- 7 Proceeds from the sale of plant and equipment are \$111K below forecast due to a number of vehicle replacements yet to take place.
- 8 Contribution for the Tower Hill Estate development isn't expected until after stage 9 has been completed.
- 9 Payments to the Consortium Packaged Care members are yet to be processed. Refer notes 1 and 2.
- 10 Interest expense on the LGFV loan of \$4.795M is paid six monthly. The next payment is due in November.
- 11 Licence fees for computer software were paid upfront at the beginning of the year.
- 12 Timing issue.
- 13 The significant transfer from reserves is the Victoria Grants Commission prepayment received in June 2015 for the 2015/16 financial year.

**SWAN HILL RURAL CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARISED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30/09/2015**

	This Year Actual As At 30/09/2015 \$000	Last Year Actual As At 30/09/2014 \$000	\$ Movement Y.T.D. \$000	% Movement Y.T.D.	Budget As At End 2015/16 \$000	
CURRENT ASSETS:-						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	21,224	14,701	6,523	44.4%	11,295	1
Trade & Other Receivables	15,282	16,256	(974)	-6.0%	1,968	
Inventories	30	61	(31)	-50.8%	59	
Assets held for sale	78	76	2	2.6%	69	
Other Assets	211	125	86	68.8%	235	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	36,825	31,219	5,606	18.0%	13,626	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:-						
Trade & Other Payables	2,799	1,871	928	49.6%	2,498	
Provisions	4,961	4,720	241	5.1%	5,059	
Interest Bearing Loans & Borrowings	759	923	(164)	-17.8%	759	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	8,519	7,514	1,005	13.4%	8,316	
NET CURRENT ASSETS	28,306	23,705	4,601	19.4%	5,310	
NON-CURRENT ASSETS:-						
Trade & Other Receivables	91	131	(40)	-30.5%	131	
Property, Plant, Equipment & Infrastructure	442,687	405,642	37,045	9.1%	435,202	2
Intangible Assets	720	726	(6)	-0.8%	726	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	443,498	406,499	36,999	9.1%	436,059	
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES:-						
Interest Bearing Loans & Borrowings	7,581	3,499	4,082	116.7%	7,510	1
Provisions	1,769	1,693	76	4.5%	1,693	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	9,350	5,192	4,158	80.1%	9,203	
TOTAL NET ASSETS	462,454	425,012	37,442	8.8%	432,166	
EQUITY:-						
Accumulated Surplus & Reserves	294,460	288,393	6,067	2.1%	280,307	
Asset Revaluation Reserve	167,994	136,619	31,375	23.0%	151,859	2
TOTAL EQUITY	462,454	425,012	37,442	8.8%	432,166	

- 1 Cash and investments are significantly higher than this time last year due to the loan funds borrowed in November 2014 (\$4.795M) and early payment of part of the annual Victoria Grants Commission funding.
- 2 The increase in Property, Plant and Equipment and Infrastructure relates to revaluations that occurred in June 2015.

B.15.86 DRAFT WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2015-2020

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure
File Number: 00-00-00
Attachments: 1 Swan Hill Waste Management Strategy 2015-2020

Declarations of Interest:

David Leahy - as the responsible officer, I declare that I have no disclosable interests in this matter.

Summary

The Waste Management Strategy 2015-2020 has been prepared by staff for Council's consideration. This review is in line with Council's Key Strategic Initiative and performance target for 2013-2015

This report seeks council's formal adoption of the Draft Waste Management Strategy 2015 - 2020.

Discussion

Council's Key Strategic Initiative 21 "regulation and management of the built environment" required a complete review of the Waste Management Strategy and updated Data in line with current practices, regulations, policies and expiry date of service contracts within the Waste Management Program.

Council's waste management team has been working on the review, update and analysis of own municipal waste data over the past 12 months. Council engaged Blue Environment Consulting to assist in the review and development of a new Waste Management Strategy that is unique to Swan Hill Rural City Council and is in line with current practices, trends, regulations, policies and waste management governance framework.

The proposed strategy is encouraging other Council department's to work with the waste management team towards better outcomes to Council and the whole local community.

Other waste management areas covered in the strategy include; upgrading facilities, investigating resource recovery and waste minimisation to the construction and demolition sector, expansion of green waste collection service and others.

Consultation

The consultant liaised with Council Staff and representatives, Loddon Mallee Waste and Resource Recovery Group to gather information and data that are relevant to the development of the new strategy.

Financial Implications

The operational costs and projects in the strategy will be funded from within the Waste Management Program.

Social Implications

A pro-active Waste Management Strategy will increase community awareness of the benefits of efficient waste reduction.

Economic Implications

Not applicable.

Environmental Implications

The Strategy will help implement Council's commitment to reduce its environmental footprint.

Risk Management Implications

Pro-active approach helps minimise unforeseen risk and action plans help control existing risk.

Council Plan Strategy Addressed

Built and Natural Environment - Infrastructure that is provided and appropriately maintained in accordance with agreed standards.

Options

Nil

Recommendation

That Council adopt and commence initiating the actions detailed in the Draft Waste Management Strategy 2015-2020.

47/15 Motion

MOVED Cr Katis

That Council adopt and commence initiating the actions detailed in the Draft Waste Management Strategy 2015-2020.

SECONDED Cr Adamson

The Motion was put and CARRIED

Attachment

- Swan Hill Waste Management Strategy 2015-2020

B.15.87 ROAD DEVIATION AND LAND EXCHANGE – HAYES ROAD, LAKE BOGA

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure
File Number: AST-RD-23031-01/02
Attachments: Nil

Declarations of Interest:

David Leahy - as the responsible officer, I declare that I have no disclosable interests in this matter.

Summary

A request has been received from a developer for a road exchange for the northern part of Hayes Road, Lake Boga.

Discussion

The existing road is poorly constructed in terms of stormwater management.

Roadways are typically used as secondary flow paths in developments and the current road is too high to be used as an overflow.

Bringing the existing road surface lower to provide gravity flow would require an excessive amount of cut and would be inappropriate due to its location in respect of the lakeside face being a culturally sensitive lunette.

The proposed road would reduce the risk of inundation of future private properties and ultimately reduce risk to Council.

With reference to the plan, it is intended that a road exchange be carried out in accordance with Clause 2 Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1989. The existing government road will be closed and the new road given government road status.

Council consent is requested for the road exchange.

Consultation

Consultation will be carried out in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.

Financial Implications

Nil financial implications as all costs are to be borne by developer.

Social Implications

Not applicable.

Economic Implications

The exchange will make the development of the land for residential purposes easier.

Environmental Implications

Not applicable.

Risk Management Implications

Reduces risk of flooding from stormwater.

Council Plan Strategy Addressed

Built and Natural Environment - Infrastructure that is provided and appropriately maintained in accordance with agreed standards.

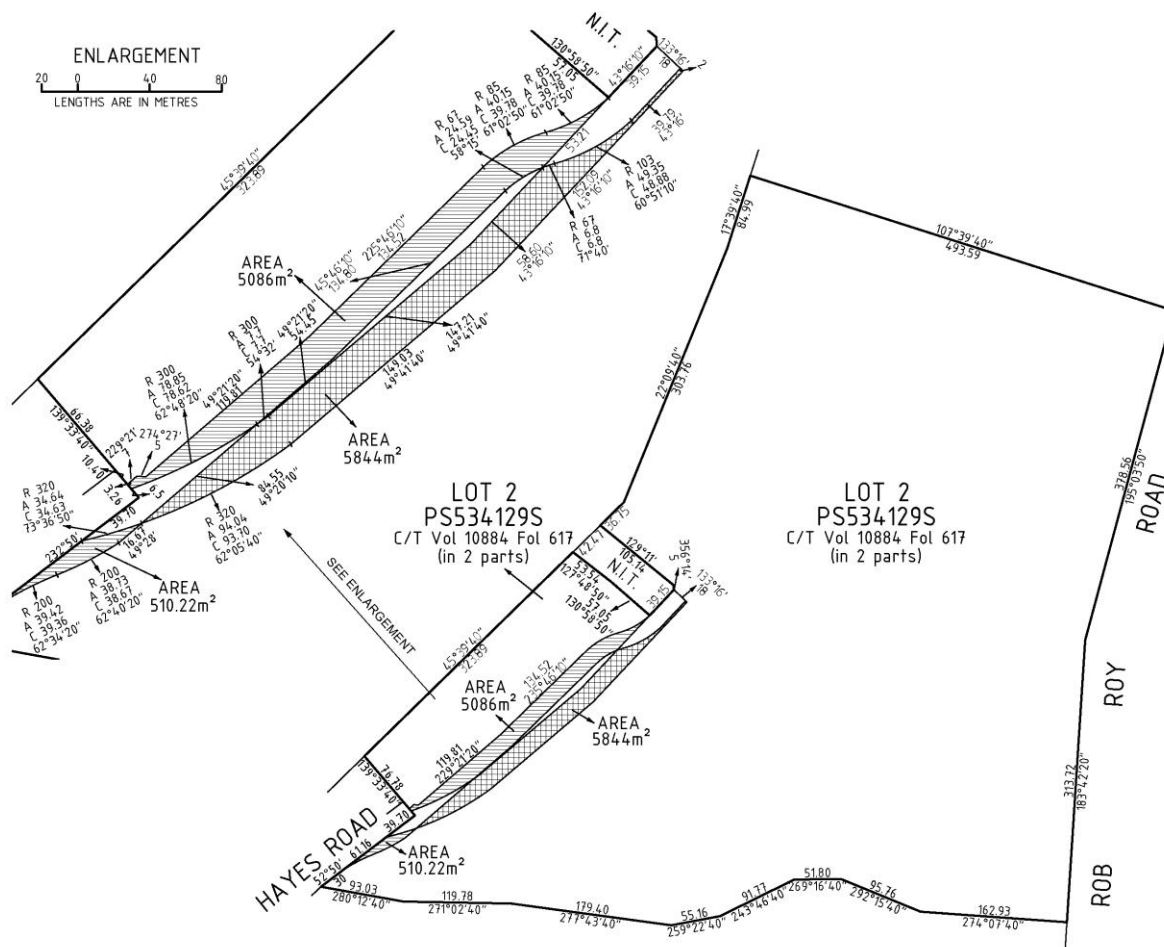
Options

Nil



Recommendations

That Council:

- 1. Proceed with the road deviation and land exchange.**
- 2. Carry out remedial works on existing road to allow for gravity flow.**



Legend

-  Road to be opened
-  Road to be closed :

48/15 Motion

MOVED Cr Katis

That Council:

1. Proceed with the road deviation and land exchange.
2. Carry out remedial works on existing road to allow for gravity flow.

SECONDED Cr Kiley

The Motion was put and CARRIED

B.15.88 COMMUNITY GRANTS

Responsible Officer: Director Development and Planning
File Number: 10-15-04
Attachments: Nil

Declarations of Interest:

Adam McSwain - as the responsible officer, I declare that I have no disclosable interests in this matter.

Summary

This report provides Council with information in relation to the 2015-2016 Community Grants Program (Community Development Fund).

Discussion

The Community Development Fund provides up to \$3,000 for eligible community groups to carry out their objectives.

Projects funded may include:

- Structural repairs or minor upgrades to community facilities
- New or upgraded equipment essential to the operation of the community group
- Current OH&S or risk management issues
- New programs or activities within a community
- Minor or local festivals or events that have broad community benefit
- Projects for specific high needs groups
- Projects that promote local sustainability initiatives, environmental innovation, create proud community spaces and promote responsible water usage and conservation.
- Protection, conservation and restoration of heritage items and assets.

A committee comprising of the Director of Infrastructure, Economic and Community Development Manager, Properties and Maintenance Officer, Community Recreation and Grants Officer and a Councillor Representative evaluated all applications against set criteria.

Each application was assessed on its merits and the following factors were taken into account to determine priorities for funding:

- Number of active members
- The immediate and future contribution the project will make to support community development and resilience
- Availability of alternative facilities – Is there other viable options/alternatives?
- Any other evidence of demand – how much is the project needed?
- Long term viability of applicant organisation.

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- Level of cash or in-kind contribution – what is the organisation contributing to the project? Are they contributing in-kind?
- Availability of other funding source(s).
- Prior receipt and utilisation of grants – has the organisation acquitted all previous community grants to the satisfaction of Council?

Funding was provided to Community Organisations which met the following eligibility criteria:

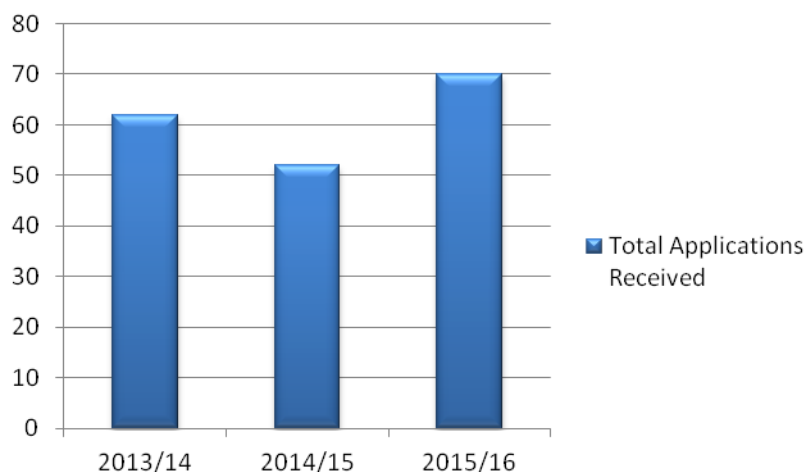
- Operate within or provide services targeting people who reside within the municipality
- Are incorporated
- Organisations at least match Council's contribution in either cash or in-kind or a combination of both
- Have a membership of at least ten people
- Operate for the benefit of the community

The 2015-16 Community Grants Program was modified this year with the amalgamation of the Category One and Community Pride categories to form the Community Development Fund. This was due to the lack of applications from the Community Pride category and combining the two categories ensures that all funds can be distributed to the community.

In addition to this, the total pool of grant funds was increased from \$55,000 in 2014-15 to \$70,000 in 2015-16 in order to meet community demand. The provision of grant funds was also raised from \$2,000 in 2014-15 to \$3,000 in 2015-16 so that community groups could complete more substantial and meaningful projects.

This round Council received seventy applications for the Community Development Fund. This is a 35% increase on the total number of applications received in the 2014-15 round where fifty-two applications were received.

Total Applications Received



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The substantial increase in applications can be attributed to:

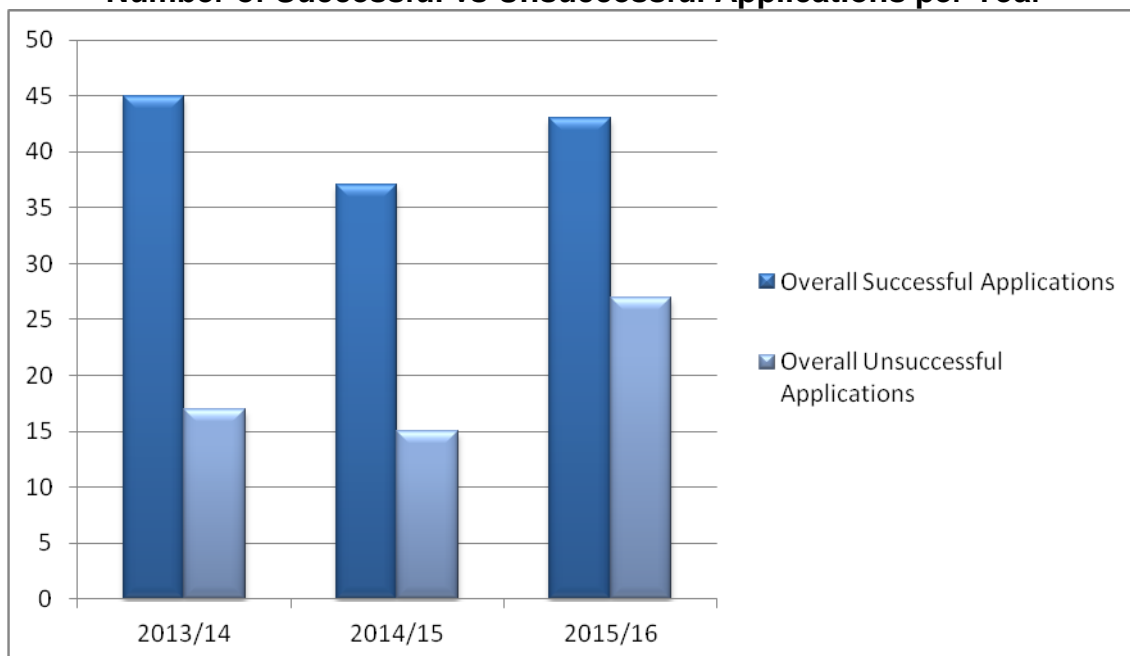
- The increase in total pool of grant funds on offer.
- Promotion of the program through Mail Chimp e-newsletter updates.
- The introduction of an online application process.

Although this is the first time applications could be submitted online, a total of 28 online applications (40%) were received. The online application form is easily accessible on the internet, can be completed quickly, offers the ability to upload attachments and is submitted instantly at the push of a button. This proved an attractive method to submit applications. Feedback to date has been positive, however there is a need to enable a save function so that the document can be worked on over time before being submitted. This will be investigated before the next round.

Of the seventy applications received, forty-three (61%) were successful and twenty-seven unsuccessful (39%).

2015-16	Applications Received	Successful	Unsuccessful
Community Development Fund	70	43	27

Number of Successful vs Unsuccessful Applications per Year



Successful Community Grants Projects

Below are the Community Development Fund approved projects:

	Organisation	Project Name	Amount Requested	Panel Recommendation
1	Pioneer Country Quarter Horse Association Inc.	Horse Yards refurbishment	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
2	Pira Portsea Children's Camp	Pira Children's Camp Portsea	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
3	Murray Bulls Inc (Rugby Club)	Uniforms and equipment	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
4	Swan Hill Drag Racing Club	Shed for new irrigation pump and equipment	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
5	Swan Hill Childcare Co-Operative	Internal building painting upgrade	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
6	Swan Hill Motorcycle Club	Quad Vic Titles at Chisholm Reserve	\$ 2,299.00	\$ 2,300.00
7	Swan Hill Badminton Association	New Badminton Nets	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
8	Woorinen District Progress Association	Woorinen South Family Fun Day	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 1,000.00
9	Swan Hill Soccer League	Futsal Goals	\$ 2,470.00	\$ 1,300.00
10	Alan Garden Netball Centre Committee of Management	Team Shelter	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
11	Boundary Bend Progress Association	Replace ceiling and walls of Boundary Bend Hall	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
12	Manangatang & District Bowling Club	Scoreboard Upgrade	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,000.00
13	Manangatang Improvement Group	100 years of Chinkapook Christmas Tree Event	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,000.00
14	Swan Hill Croquet Club	Equipment Upgrade (hoops)	\$ 580.00	\$ 250.00
15	Manangatang & District Pre School	Road and Bike Safety equipment	\$ 2,297.50	\$ 1,000.00

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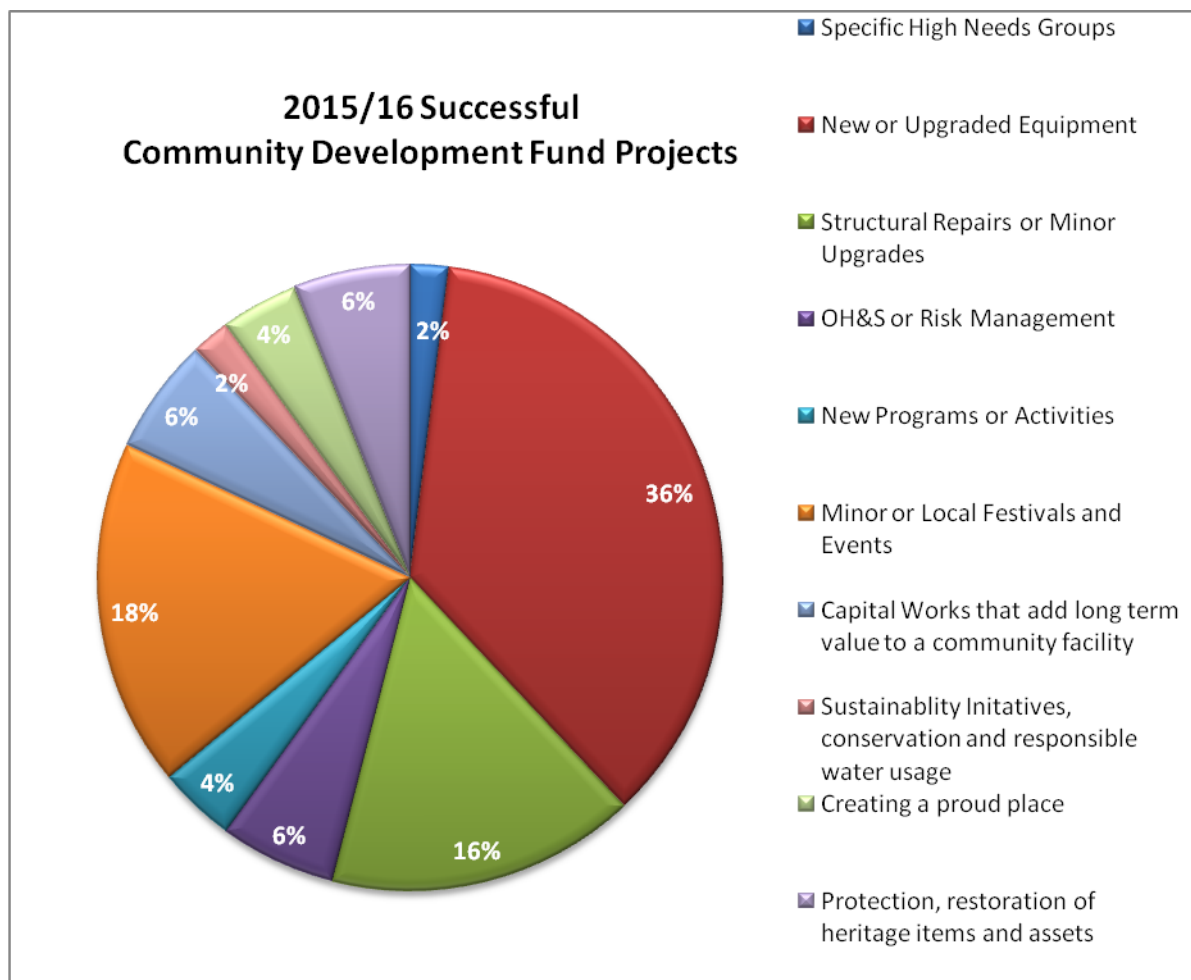
16	Nyah District Christmas Carnival Committee	Nyah District Christmas Carnival	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
17	RSL Cricket Club Swan Hill	Changeroom and Shower Upgrade	\$ 2,740.00	\$ 2,740.00
18	Swan Hill Girl Guides	Guide Hall floor refurbishment	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
19	Swan Hill Genealogical and Historical Society	Copying of Swan Hill Guardian 1983-1984	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
20	Nyah District Memorial Hall Committee (Auspicing Body - Nyah District Action Group)	Historical photo preservation project	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
21	Swan Hill Archery Club	Covered walkway to undertake archery shooting	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
22	Robinvale Football Netball Club	Ticket Box Upgrade	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
23	Swan Hill Theatre Group	Digital Wireless Microphones	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
24	Swan Hill Wood Workers Club	New Spindle Sander	\$ 1,874.00	\$ 1,500.00
25	Tyntyndyer Homestead Incorporated	Tyntyndyer Homestead restoration	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
26	Woorinen Football Netball Club	Temporary facilities at Woorinen Recreation Reserve	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
27	Tyntynder South Hall Dance Committee	Upgrade switchboard and power supply lines.	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
28	Robinvale Euston Agriculture Show Society	Robinvale Euston Agriculture Show	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
29	Swan Hill Basketball Association	Swan Hill Basketball Stadium Shot Clock	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 750.00
30	Nyah Two Bays Amateur Swimming Club Inc	Kitchen club appliances & Chairs	\$ 2,651.60	\$ 750.00
31	Swan Hill Motor Racing Club Inc	Fencing off water tanks	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00

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32	Robinvale P12 College After school sewing club	Maintenance and purchase of sewing machines	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 500.00
33	Lakeside Golf Club Lake Boga Inc	Underground power to machinery shed	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
34	Manangatang RSL Sub Branch	Renovate RSL Building	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,780.00
35	Swan Hill Pony Club	Portable Round Yard	\$ 2,150.00	\$ 2,150.00
36	Lake Boga Sports Club	Netball Court sweeper	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
37	Stroke Support Group	Bus trip and lunch at Barham	\$ 900.00	\$ 500.00
38	Rotary Club of Robinvale & Euston	Chinese New Year Celebration	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,000.00
39	Lions Club of Lake Boga Inc	Communications Bunker Repair	\$ 691.36	\$ 700.00
40	Australian Inland Wine Show	Australian Inland Wine Show Awards & Public Tasting	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
41	Manangatang Landcare Group	Laptop and software purchase	\$ 891.50	\$ 900.00
42	Swan Hill Community Toy Library	Shelving & 30th Anniversary Celebrations	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
43	Piangil Memorial Park Reserve	Landscaping Piangil Memorial Park Reserve	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 2,850.00
			\$ 98,744.96	\$ 70,770.00

The below chart indicates the percentage of applications that were approved in relation to the type of project funded:



Please note: The percentage totals may include applications that fit into more than one type of project. For example: A project to reconstruct a fence may be included in both OH&S/ Risk Management and Structural/Minor Upgrades to a Facility.

Unsuccessful Community Grants Applications

Below are the Community Development Fund unsuccessful applications:

Organisation	Project Name	Amount Requested	Reason Unsuccessful
1 Monash University School of Rural Health	Outreach Mini Medicine Academy Day in Robinvale	\$ 1,930.00	In Kind contribution wages. Grant does not cover wages.
2 Manangatang P12 College	Hands on Horses	\$ 3,000.00	Cash contribution wages. Grant does not cover wages.

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Schools State responsibility.

3	Lake Boga Pre-School	Upgrade pre-school 'play zone'	\$ 3,000.00	Not identified as needing repairs in Council's annual playground audit.
4	Robinvale Network House	To purchase a new server	\$ 3,000.00	Received \$5,000 State Govt grant
5	Ultima Football Netball Club	Installation of Safety nets behind goals	\$ 3,000.00	Not considered high enough priority when compared to other projects.
6	Pioneer Country Harness Club Inc	Portable driving obstacles	\$ 1,800.00	No cash contribution.
7	Robinvale District Health Services	Robinvale Men's Shed Storage Container	\$ 2,800.00	Hospital responsibility.
8	Swan Hill Fire Brigade	Asphalt Marshall Track	\$ 3,000.00	Will be completed through Council's works program.
9	Swan Hill Neighbourhood House	Laptops to run minecraft	\$ 1,985.00	Minecraft already offered elsewhere - Rural Access Officer and Library.
10	Nyah District Primary School	100 Years of Education in Nyah West	\$ 900.00	Schools State responsibility.
11	Swan Hill Football Netball Club	Riverside Park Triathlon	\$ 3,000.00	Not considered high enough priority compared to other projects.
12	Visitor and Community Comfort Centre	Furniture upgrade	\$ 3,000.00	Budget not completed.
13	Italian Social Club	Covered BBQ area	\$ 2,739.00	Clubroom building higher priority than BBQ area. Proposed gable carport structure not appropriate.
14	Mid Murray Pistol Club	On site stationary power supply and shipping container	\$ 2,500.00	Shipping container not preferred option for storage. Have existing transportable power supply.
15	Son Centre Christian College	Purchase turf	\$ 1,625.00	Not considered high enough priority compared to other projects.
16	Kooloonong Natya Landcare Group	Hudson Pear warning signs	\$ 1,007.50	Will be assisted through Council's Environment dept

SECTION B - REPORTS

17 November 2015

17	Swan Hill Bowls Club	Four sets of bowls.	\$ 2,400.00	No cash contribution.
18	Swan Hill Sporting Car Club	Portable shower and materials to construct trailer.	\$ 3,000.00	Shower amenities will be addressed as part of masterplan.
19	Swan Hill & District Masonic Co Inc	Replace curtains	\$ 3,000.00	No explanation as to why curtains do not meet OH&S regs.
20	Robinvale and District Lions Club	To purchase a fairy floss machine and cover, popcorn machine, tables, marquees and packaging equipment.	\$ 3,000.00	Club contribution does not match requested. Not seen as a priority project.
21	Robinvale Victoria State Emergency Service	New meeting room tables	\$ 2,766.00	No cash contribution. No quotes.
22	Woorinen South Fire Brigade	Split Systems	\$ 3,000.00	CFA Fire services levy already provided.
23	Robinvale Music Club - Auspiced by Robinvale Network House	Robinvale Euston Entertainment Video	\$ 3,000.00	No cash contribution. 10 DVDs not seen as value for money.
24	Robinvale Basketball Association	Basketball equipment	\$ 2,345.00	No cash contribution.
25	Roadside Central Murray	Billboard trailer	\$ 3,000.00	State government responsibility.
26	Woorinen South Fire Brigade	Defibrillator	\$ 3,000.00	CFA Fire services levy already provided.
27	Robinvale Network House	Upgrading security	\$ 1,177.00	Not considered high enough priority compared to other projects.

\$ 67,974.50

Consultation

In line with Council's adopted policy on Community Grants, advertisements were placed in The Guardian on 31/7/15, 3/8/15 & 5/8/15 & 7/8/15 and in the Robinvale Sentinel on 30/7/15, 6/8/15 & 13/8/14.

Application forms were available for collection from the Swan Hill Region Information Centre, Robinvale Resource Centre, could be downloaded or completed and submitted online on Council's website.

Financial Implications

Council set aside approximately \$70,000 for Community Development Fund. The panel approved \$70,770 in grant projects.

There is also \$5,000 allocated to the Community Support Fund which is used for incidental community activities over the balance of the year. Applications can be made at any time during the year for up to \$200 for support for approved projects.

Social Implications

By providing funding for projects under the Community Grants program, we will foster stronger communities in our municipality. The successful operation of our community organisations and clubs play a vital role in ensuring a vibrant and healthy community.

Community organisations will be able to undertake minor upgrades to facilities, purchase necessary equipment or hold events which will provide adequate meeting spaces for members and opportunities to attract new members. This will result in increased participation, health and fitness, social gatherings and interaction.

Economic Implications

Funding through the Community Grants program will assist clubs and organisations to become adequately resourced to hold events and reduce financial pressure to maintain club facilities and equipment.

By assisting clubs and organisations to host events we are facilitating economic growth in our region. New or smaller events generate feelings of social inclusiveness and belonging and there is potential for small or new events to gain momentum and become a significant economic contributor.

Environmental Implications

In 2015-16, the protection, conservation and restoration of heritage items and assets was added as an eligible type of project to enable community groups to preserve and maintain items of historical and environmental importance. Funding is also open for

projects that promote local sustainability initiatives, environmental innovation, create proud community spaces and promote responsible water usage and conservation.

Risk Management Implications

Nil

Council Plan Strategy Addressed

Community Wellbeing - Community services that are efficient and responsive to needs.

Options

Correspondence has been sent to all successful and unsuccessful grant recipients advising them the result of their 2015-16 Community Development Fund submissions. Applicants were also advised there is an embargo on the publicity of the grant outcome until after the Council Meeting on 17th November 2015.

Recommendation

That Council endorse the 2015/16 Community Grants Program successful and unsuccessful grant recipients.

49/15 Motion

MOVED Cr Kiley

That Council endorse the 2015/16 Community Grants Program successful and unsuccessful grant recipients.

SECONDED Cr Norton

The Motion was put and CARRIED

SECTION C – DECISIONS WHICH NEED ACTION/RATIFICATION

SECTION D – NOTICES OF MOTION

SECTION E – URGENT ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN AGENDA

50/15 Motion

MOVED Cr Norton

That an urgent item by Cr Katis be accepted about the terrorist attacks and the events that have happened in France, Paris.

SECONDED Cr Kiley

The Motion was put and CARRIED

51/15 Motion

MOVED Cr Katis

That Council write a letter to the Mayor of Villers-Bretonneux in recognition of our friends and our close ties with France advising that Council's thoughts and prayers are with the people of Paris and the country at this difficult time.

SECONDED Cr Norton

The Motion was put and CARRIED

SECTION F – TO CONSIDER & ORDER ON COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cr Adamson

Rural Councils Victoria Forum

ABC Radio

Councillor Assembly

3SH radio

Civic Reception for the Mayor of Villers-Bretonneux Dr Patrick Simon and Citizens – Robinvale

CEO Mayor meeting

Statutory Meeting

Cr Kiley

Woorinen and District Progress Association

Alan Garden Reserve Committee

Swan Hill Basketball Stadium Committee

Cr Katis

SES Home Emergency Plan
Laid a wreath at the cenotaph for Villers-Bretonneux
Civic reception for Villers-Bretonneux
R.E.B.A meeting
Laid a wreath for Remembrance Day at Robinvale cenotaph

Cr Crowe

Woorinen Progress Group meeting
Murray Darling Basin Meeting – Tatura
Remembrance Day Service

Cr Norton

Rural Councils Victoria
MAV Conference
MAV State Council
MAV – Buloke
MAV – Round table Local Government Act
MAB Board meeting

Cr Cruickshank

Agribusiness Advisory Committee Meeting
Opened the Youth Arts Festival
Official opening Youth Arts Space on Market Day

Cr McPhee

Market Day Swan Hill
Youth Arts Festival organized by Robbie Caccaviello
Civic reception for Villers-Bretonneux Mayor at Euston Club
Remembrance Day Service
ABC Radio interview
The Guardian interview
CEO/Mayor meeting

SECTION G – IN CAMERA ITEMS

There being no further business the Mayor Cr McPhee closed the meeting at 2.33pm