

# Minutes

## Special Meeting of Council

Held at 10:30 am, Wednesday 3 September 2025  
Council Chamber, Tallangatta Council Office  
32 Towong Street, Tallangatta, Victoria

### **Our Community Vision**

Towong Shire will be the ideal place to be: welcoming, vibrant and diverse communities with quality facilities and services.

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**Minutes for the Special Meeting of Council held at  
32 Towong Street, Tallangatta, Victoria  
on Wednesday 3 September 2025 commenced at 10:30 am**

### Commonly Used Acronyms

| Abbreviation            | Title                                                                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Council Officers        |                                                                       |
| CEO                     | Chief Executive Officer                                               |
| DIE                     | Director Infrastructure and Environment                               |
| DCP                     | Director Community and Planning                                       |
| DCOD                    | Director Corporate and Organisational Development                     |
| MF                      | Manager Finance                                                       |
| SAE                     | Senior Asset Engineer                                                 |
| Government/Organisation |                                                                       |
| CH                      | Corryong Health (formerly Upper Murray Health and Community Services) |
| DFFH                    | Department of Families, Fairness and Housing                          |
| DJSIR                   | Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions                      |
| DTP                     | Department of Transport and Planning                                  |
| DEECA                   | Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action                  |
| GMW                     | Goulburn Murray Water                                                 |
| HRGLN                   | Hume Region Local Government Network                                  |
| MAV                     | Municipal Association of Victoria                                     |
| NECMA                   | North East Catchment Management Authority                             |
| NERPEN                  | North East Regional Procurement Excellence Network                    |
| NEW                     | North East Water                                                      |
| NEWRRG                  | North East Waste and Resource Recovery Group                          |
| RCV                     | Rural Councils Victoria                                               |
| RDA                     | Regional Development Australia                                        |
| RDV                     | Regional Development Victoria                                         |
| THS                     | Tallangatta Health Service                                            |
| VGC                     | Victorian Grants Commission                                           |

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The Mayor declared the meeting open, the time being 11.05.

## 1 Opening Prayer

"Almighty God, we ask that you be present at this meeting to assist us in our service to the Community through Local Government.

We pray that our decisions will be wise and taken with goodwill and clear conscience.

Amen."

## 2 Councillor and Officer Presence at the Meeting

### Councillor Attendance

Crs Whitehead, Anderson and Tolsher. Crs Wortmann and Pitman attended the meeting remotely.

| <b>Officer Attendance:</b> | <b>Title:</b>                                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Ms Phelps                  | Chief Executive Officer                           |
| Mr Heritage                | Director Infrastructure and Environment           |
| Mr Florence                | Director Community and Planning                   |
| Ms Taylor                  | Director Corporate and Organisational Development |

The meeting was temporarily adjourned at 11.07am due to technical difficulties with the live feed and reconvened at 11.09am.

## 3 Apologies and Granting of Leave of Absence

Nil.

## 4 Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

Section 130 of the Act requires that a 'Relevant person' (which means a person who is a Councillor, a member of a delegated committee who is not a Councillor or a member of Council staff) disclose any conflict of interest in the manner required by Council's Governance Rules and exclude themselves from the decision making process in relation to the matter including any discussion or vote on the matter at any Council meeting.

Council's Governance Rules state as follows:

### **A2 Obligations with regards to conflict of interest**

*Councillors, members of delegated committee, and Council staff are required to:*

- a. Avoid all situations which may give rise to conflicts of interest;*
- b. Identify any conflicts of interest; and*
- c. Disclose or declare all conflicts of interest.*

### **A3 Disclosure of a conflict of interest at a Council meeting**

*A Councillor who has a conflict of interest in a matter being considered at a Council meeting at which he or she:*

*A3.1 is present must disclose that conflict of interest by explaining the nature of the conflict of interest to those present at the Council meeting immediately before the matter is considered; or*

*A3.2 intends to be present must disclose that conflict of interest by providing to the Chief Executive Officer before the Council meeting commences a written notice:*

*A3.2.1 advising of the conflict of interest;*

*A3.2.2 explaining the nature of the conflict of interest; and*

*A3.2.3 detailing, if the nature of the conflict of interest involves a Councillor's relationship with or a gift from another person, the:*

- a. name of the other person;*
- b. nature of the relationship with that other person or the date of receipt, value and type of gift received from the other person; and*
- c. nature of that other person's interest in the matter, and then immediately before the matter is considered at the meeting announcing to those present that he or she has a conflict of interest and that a written notice has been given to the Chief Executive Officer under this sub-Rule.*

*The Councillor must, in either event, leave the Council meeting immediately after giving the explanation or making the announcement (as the case may be) and not return to the meeting until after the matter has been disposed of.*

Nil.

Confirmed

## 5 Organisational Improvement

### 5.1 Draft Council Plan 2025-2029 - DCOD

#### Disclosure of Interests (S.130):

This report was prepared by Ms Narelle Taylor, Director Corporate and Organisational Development.

At the time of preparation of this report, the officer did not have a general or material conflict of interest in any matter to which the report or advice relates.

#### Purpose of Report:

The purpose of this report is to present the *Draft Council Plan 2025-2029* for approval to be placed on public exhibition and seek feedback for a period of 28 days.

#### Summary:

It is a requirement of the *Local Government Act 2020* to develop a Council Plan and Community Vision to set the strategic direction, objectives, strategies and initiatives to guide the Council over the elected term. The council plan must be adopted by 31 October in the year following a general election. The *Draft Council Plan 2025-2029* has been prepared following extensive community consultation, community surveys and workshops with staff.

The *Draft Council Plan 2025-2029* aims to balance the need to maintain our existing infrastructure and service levels to the community with the demand for new infrastructure and expanded services.

Asset renewal is a key priority to ensure that our existing infrastructure is serviceable, safe and meets the needs of the community. There is also demand for additional infrastructure to provide:

- The Peninsula with a community space and commercial/retail opportunities;
- Increased capacity to meet demand at almost all of our Early Years centres, encompassing both long day care, outside school hours care and Kindergarten services;
- Improved road network with gravel roads progressively sealed;
- Upgraded parks and open spaces across the shire;
- Enabling infrastructure to support tourism and the expansion of the High Country Rail Trail.

There is growing demand for community services that supports community connection and well-being, through our Neighbourhood House programs, libraries, Emergency Management Services, Maternal Child Health services to name a few.

**Recommendation:**

That:

1. The *Draft Council Plan 2025-2029* inclusive of the *Community Vision* be approved in-principle;
2. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to make the proposed *Draft Council Plan 2025-2029* available for public inspection and invite public submissions, with submissions closing at 5pm on 3 October 2025;
3. At the Council Meeting on 22 October 2025:
  - a. Any submission in relation to the *Draft Council Plan 2025-2029* and *Community Vision* be considered; and
  - b. The adoption of the *Draft Council Plan 2025-2029* inclusive of the *Community Vision* be considered.

**Attachment:**

1. TSC Council Plan 2025 Draft [5.1.1 - 34 pages]

**Background/History:**

Under Section 90 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (LGA 2020), a Council must prepare and adopt a Council Plan for at least the next four financial years after a general election in accordance with its deliberative engagement practices.

The Council Plan must include the strategic direction of Council; the strategic objectives for achieving the strategic direction; initiatives for achieving the objectives and strategic indicators for monitoring achievement of the objectives.

Section 88 of LGA 2020 requires Councils to maintain a Community Vision that is developed in consultation with the community and describes the community's aspirations for the future of the municipality. The *Draft Council Plan 2025-2029* has been developed inclusive of the Community Vision. We asked our community if the Vision is still relevant and 70% of respondents confirmed that the Community Vision is still relevant and therefore has not changed.

**Relevant Law (s.9(2)(a)):**

The *Local Government Act 2020*

**Options – Best Outcomes for the Community (s.9(2)(b)):**

The *Draft Council Plan 2025-2029* has been prepared based on extensive community consultation and developed in order to deliver the best outcomes for the community over the current Council term.

**Sustainability Implications (s.9(2)(c)):**

The *Draft Council Plan 2025-2029* includes a strong focus on sustainability; be it the economic sustainability of our municipality or the environmental sustainability and the impact that we have and contribution we can make to minimise this impact.

**Community Engagement (s.9(2)(d)):**

Significant community consultation has been undertaken with 17 engagement sessions in halls and community spaces across the shire and through promotion of our online survey.

**Innovation and Continuous Improvement (s.9(2)(e)):**

Continuous improvement is reflected throughout the Council Plan with initiatives focussing on improving and enhancing services and infrastructure.

**Collaboration (s.9(2)(f)):**

Collaboration is promoted through several Council Plan initiatives; advocacy to state and federal governments and the promotion of opportunities to identify opportunities to undertake shared service arrangements.

**Financial Viability/Budget Impact (s.9(2)(g)):**

Council has incorporated the planned initiatives and priorities in the Draft Long Term Financial Plan, currently released for public consultation.

**Regional, State and National Plans and Policies (s.9(2)(h)):**

All relevant regional, state and national plans and policies have been taken into account in the development of the *Draft Council Plan 2025-2029*.

**Council Plans and Policies:**

Council Plans:  
Not applicable.

Council Policies:  
Not applicable.

**Transparency of Decision (s.9(2)(i)) :**

It is the officer's view that it is appropriate to consider this matter in a Council meeting that is open to the public.

**Risk Assessment:**

The *Draft Council Plan 2025-2029* includes a number of initiatives to support the future financial sustainability of the organisation, promote good governance and risk management.

**Officer's View:**

The *Draft Council Plan 2025-2029* and *Community Vision* have been drafted based on considerable community engagement and it is now appropriate to release the Plan for public exhibition and to invite submissions.

**Council Resolution:**

**CR WORTMANN**

**CR TOLSHER**

**THAT:**

- 1. THE *DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN 2025-2029* INCLUSIVE OF THE *COMMUNITY VISION* BE APPROVED IN-PRINCIPLE, NOTING THE FOLLOWING INCLUSIONS;**
  - a. HIGHLIGHTING IN THE MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR THE IMPORTANCE OF OBTAINING FUNDING FOR A MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING FOR THE BELLBRIDGE COMMUNITY; AND**
  - b. INCLUSION OF AN INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MASTERPLAN FOR THE TALLANGATTA SHOWGROUND AND GOLFCOURSE PRECINT.**
- 2. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER BE AUTHORISED TO MAKE THE PROPOSED *DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN 2025-2029* AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AND INVITE PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS, WITH SUBMISSIONS CLOSING AT 5PM ON 3 OCTOBER 2025;**
- 3. AT THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 22 OCTOBER 2025:**
  - a. ANY SUBMISSION IN RELATION TO THE *DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN 2025-2029* AND *COMMUNITY VISION* BE CONSIDERED; AND**
  - b. THE ADOPTION OF THE *DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN 2025-2029* INCLUSIVE OF THE *COMMUNITY VISION* BE CONSIDERED.**

**CARRIED**

## **5.2 Contract 2025/26 - 005 Colac Colac Caravan Park Management Agreement - DCOD**

### **Disclosure of Interests (S.130):**

This report was prepared by Ms Narelle Taylor, Director Corporate and Organisational Development.

At the time of preparation of this report, the officer did not have a general or material conflict of interest in any matter to which the report or advice relates.

### **Purpose of Report:**

The purpose of this report is to recommend the appointment of Camp Crusty as the successful tenderer for the short-term management and operation of Colac Colac Caravan Park.

### **Summary:**

A request for tender for the short-term management and operation of Colac Colac Caravan Park was released on tenders.net on 29 July 2025 for a period of approximately 3 weeks. An online information session and onsite inspection was held during this period. Four tenders were received, and the panel assessed each submission with the two most competitive tenderers invited to present to the panel. The evaluation matrix has been completed and provided to Councillors prior to the meeting.

### **Recommendation:**

That:

1. Contract No 2025/26 - 005 be awarded to Camp Crusty Operation Pty Ltd; and
2. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign the Colac Colac Management Agreement, inclusive of the Proposal B fixed payment to Council.

### **Attachment:**

Nil

**Background/History:**

The 21-year lease of the Colac Colac Caravan park expires 30 September 2025 and the existing lessees declined to proceed with a new lease agreement and have been working with Council to ensure a smooth transition to a new operator/lessee. To ensure continuing operation of the park while an expression of interest process is undertaken for a new lease arrangement, a request for tender for a short-term management agreement was released on 29 July 2025. The tender period closed 21 August 2025. Four (4) submissions were received and evaluated with two (2) tenderers invited to present further to the panel.

**Relevant Law (s.9(2)(a)):**

Not applicable.

**Options – Best Outcomes for the Community (s.9(2)(b)):****Option 1**

Award contract No 2025/26 - 005 to Camp Crusty Operation Pty Ltd for the period 15 September 2025 to 30 April 2026. The tender submission provided a conforming remuneration fee Proposal (A) and a non-conforming remuneration fee Proposal (B). The non-conforming Proposal B is recommended.

**Option 2**

Award contract No 2025/26 - 005 to Belgravia Pro for the period 15 September 2025 to 30 April 2026.

**Sustainability Implications (s.9(2)(c)):***Economic*

Colac Colac Caravan Park is one of the largest accommodation providers in the municipality and supports visitation to the area which in turn supports the economic sustainability of the businesses in the Upper Murray. Ensuring the Caravan Park remains open and well-managed over the summer tourist season is important to supporting economic sustainability.

**Community Engagement (s.9(2)(d)):**

Not applicable.

**Innovation and Continuous Improvement (s.9(2)(e)):**

Not applicable.

**Collaboration (s.9(2)(f)):**

Council have engaged a consultant to provide support to Council, utilising their experience of negotiating lease arrangements between Councils and lessees as well as extensive industry knowledge.

**Financial Viability/Budget Impact (s.9(2)(g)):**

The recommended tenderer submitted a proposal with two options for the Financial Model in the Management agreement. The request for tender nominated that under the Financial Model the Contractor will operate the Park for Council and:

- Collect all Revenue from the Park, including booking fees, deposits, laundry and other ancillary revenue.
- Pay all reasonable operating expenses incurred in the operations of the Park, provided such expenses are incurred within a budget to be agreed in writing between Council and the Contractor prior to commencement of the services and
- On a monthly basis pay or transfer any surplus of revenue to Council after payment of all above operating expenses.

Camp Crusty provided Proposal A in line with the above Financial Model. They also provided an alternative Proposal B to pay Council a fixed amount over the term of the management agreement, guaranteeing a fixed return to Council, and incentivising the active management of park performance over the term to maximise the return to Camp Crusty; this model also aligns with the arrangements that will be proposed under the lease agreement.

Proposal B provides Council with a guaranteed return, that was the – the lowest risk proposal.

Proposal A from Camp Crusty also allowed for the same return; however was not guaranteed, it would vary depending on the revenue collected over the period. If revenue is higher than the prediction made by Camp Crusty, then the return to Council could be higher. If the revenue is lower than the prediction made by Camp Crusty, then the return to Council would be lower.

The proposal from Belgravia provided the second highest forecast return to Council, noting that the proposal provided by Belgravia would see the return to Council vary according to the variability of income.

**Regional, State and National Plans and Policies (s.9(2)(h)):**

Not applicable.

### **Council Plans and Policies:**

Council Plans:  
Not applicable.

Council Policies:  
Procurement Policy

### **Transparency of Decision (s.9(2)(i)) :**

It is the officer's view that it is appropriate to consider this matter in a Council meeting that is open to the public.

### **Risk Assessment:**

Of the two preferred tenderers there are different potential benefits and risks.

Belgravia is well established with Park management experience, good reputation and more robustly documented evidence of the systems and processes that will support the running of the Park. This poses low risk to the turnover figures for the Park.

Camp Crusty have less experience in Park management with less mature background systems that support park management. However, this risk may be offset by the non-conforming Proposal B where the return to Council over the seven months is guaranteed, and there is further potential upside through cost savings in completion of works.

### **Officer's View:**

The decision of Council hinges on the risk appetite for a reputable performer with a strong focus on top line numbers versus a less experienced operator that has guaranteed a return and the potential future cost savings in completion of Works in the Park. The recommendation made by the officer reflects the outcome of the evaluation panel, however the evaluation scores were very close and therefore we have included the alternative tenderer, Belgravia as an option to award the contract, depending on the risk appetite of Council.

**Council Resolution:**

**CR PITMAN  
CR ANDERSON**

**THAT:**

- 1. CONTRACT NO 2025/26 - 005 BE AWARDED TO CAMP CRUSTY OPERATION PTY LTD; AND**
- 2. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER BE AUTHORISED TO SIGN THE COLAC COLAC MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT, INCLUSIVE OF THE PROPOSAL B FIXED PAYMENT TO COUNCIL.**

**CARRIED**

Confirmed

## 6 Community Wellbeing

### 6.1 Draft Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan - DCP

#### **Disclosure of Interests (S.130):**

This report was prepared by Mr Michael Stanton, Manager Community Wellbeing.

At the time of preparation of this report, the officer did not have a general or material conflict of interest in any matter to which the report or advice relates.

#### **Purpose of Report:**

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to place the Draft Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2029 on Public Exhibition for comment and feedback prior to finalisation.

#### **Summary:**

The *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* (the Act) recognises the significant role of councils in improving the health and wellbeing of people who live, work, study, and play in their municipality. The Act require councils to develop a municipal public health and wellbeing plan every four years (within 12 months of each general election of the council); the next municipal public health and wellbeing plans are due in October 2025.

The draft Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan (MHWP) has been developed over the past six months which has included significant data review and various consultation, largely through the members of Towong Alliance.

This MHWP contains actions that are designed to deliver improved population health and wellbeing outcomes, to be implemented in collaboration with the Towong Alliance and other key stakeholders across the municipality. The MHWP is part of the wider public health unit response to improve health and wellbeing across the regional Ovens Murray Catchment and Victorian state level.

The MHWP sits alongside the Towong Alliance Partner's and other stakeholders plans and policies to deliver a health and wellbeing response across the municipality.

Council approval to place the Draft Plan on Public Exhibition is being sought.

**Recommendation:**

That:

1. The *Draft Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025 – 2029* be approved in-principle;
2. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to place the *Draft Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025 – 2029* on public exhibition and invite public submissions, with submissions closing at 5pm on Sunday 5 October 2025; and
3. In the event that no submissions are received, the *Draft Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2029* be adopted.

**Attachment:**

1. Draft Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2029 (5) [6.1.1 - 29 pages]

**Background/History:**

The Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 mandates that local governments have a responsibility to protect, improve and promote public health and wellbeing within their municipalities. The Act requires councils to develop a MHWP every four years (within 12 months of each general election of the council), which is consistent with the Council plan prepared under Section 90 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Council's existing Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan is for 2021-2025 so a new plan has been drafted for the years 2025-2029.

Towong Council has developed the *Draft Towong Shire Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025–2029* in partnership with the Towong Alliance to ensure health and wellbeing is central to all that we do in Towong. The Towong Alliance is a partnership between Towong Shire Council, Corryong Health, Tallangatta Health Service and Walwa Bush Nursing Centre. By working together, the Alliance, stakeholders and the community can achieve a municipality wide response to health and wellbeing through the MHWP.

This MHWP contains actions that are designed to deliver improved population health and wellbeing outcomes, to be implemented in collaboration with the Towong Alliance and other key stakeholders across the municipality. The MHWP is part of the wider public health unit response to improve health and wellbeing across the regional Ovens and Murray Catchment and Victorian state level. The MHWP sits alongside the Towong Alliance Partner's and other stakeholders plans and policies to deliver a health and wellbeing response across the municipality.

The Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2023-2027 provides an overarching policy framework for improving public health and wellbeing in Victoria including identifying the following ten priority areas which the Draft MHWP contains actions across. These have been prioritised in the following order:

1. Preventing all forms of violence;
2. Improving wellbeing;
3. Increasing healthy eating;
4. Improving sexual and reproductive health;
5. Increasing active living;
6. Reducing harm from alcohol and drug use;
7. Tackling climate change and its impacts on health;
8. Reducing harm from tobacco and e-cigarette use;
9. Decreasing antimicrobial resistance across human and animal health;
10. Reducing injury.

Some of the key actions for these priority areas include awareness campaigns, strengthening community knowledge, placing mental health at the forefront, embracing diversity, inclusion and fostering social connection.

#### **Relevant Law (s.9(2)(a)):**

The Local Government Act 2020.

#### **Options – Best Outcomes for the Community (s.9(2)(b)):**

The Draft Towong Shire Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025–2029 presents a municipality wide response to the requirements of the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*.

The draft plan aligns to our Community Vision 2031. "Towong Shire will be the ideal place to be: welcoming, vibrant and diverse communities with quality facilities and services"

#### **Sustainability Implications (s.9(2)(c)):**

##### *Social*

Partnering with key stakeholders to achieve improved health and wellbeing will be a central priority of the MHWP to ensure the community can achieve optimal health outcomes across all population cohorts.

##### *Environmental/Climate Change*

Tackling climate change and its impacts on health is one of the 10 priority areas of the Draft MHWP with several actions under this priority listed in the document.

### **Community Engagement (s.9(2)(d)):**

The Draft MHWP was developed with the direct input from Towong alliance members, other relevant organisations and stakeholders who work within the health and/or wellbeing areas.

Many of the actions in this draft document relate to other Council strategic documents such as the draft Council Plan 2025-2029, Recreation Strategy, Youth Strategy and place plans. These documents have all been recently developed and involved significant community engagement.

### **Innovation and Continuous Improvement (s.9(2)(e)):**

The development of this Draft MHWP provides some direction for Towong Shire Council and our health partners in relation to many health and wellbeing areas which is aimed at continually improving health and wellbeing services, programs and initiatives for our residents. From 2025 – 2029.

### **Collaboration (s.9(2)(f)):**

The development of the Draft MHWP involved collaboration and consultation with a number of stakeholders. Many of these stakeholders are listed as partners for the delivery of the Actions listed in the document to maximise the outcomes of the Actions under the various priority areas.

### **Financial Viability/Budget Impact (s.9(2)(g)):**

Budget requirements and availability have been confirmed, grant funding has and will be sought where possible and all expenditure is being monitored and managed within agreed budget allocations.

### **Regional, State and National Plans and Policies (s.9(2)(h)):**

Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008

Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2023 – 2027.

## Council Plans and Policies:

### Council Plans:

This report supports the following *Council Plan 2021-2025* priorities.

2. Community Wellbeing - Encourage and support all people in our Shire to be healthy, happy, connected and resilient.

- 2.3 Maintain a contemporary Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan which reflects our community priorities
- 2.4 Support the development of recreational activities and infrastructure to encourage active lifestyles for all ages and stages
- 2.7 Expand and improve early years services across the Shire to support young families
- 2.8 Renew the Youth Plan to embed the 'youth voice' in all aspects of service delivery
- 2.9 Advocate for the development of a variety of housing options to match community needs, particularly for older people
- 2.10 Encourage the establishment of innovative, sustainable transport solutions for remote communities
- 2.11 Support our communities to ensure that Shire places are welcoming to culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) and LGBTIQA+ communities and are inclusive and connected
- 2.12 Build relationships and develop understanding of aboriginal people and consider the commitment to an ongoing reconciliation action plan process
- 2.13 Participate in key networks to support communities and key stakeholders on solutions to address family violence, suicide and mental health

5. Environmental Sustainability - Integrate sustainable environmental management practices into all of our activities.

- 5.12 Develop a climate change action plan (including actions to reduce carbon emissions, electric vehicle charging, etc)

6. Organisational Improvement - Maintain a high performing customer-centred organisation that works with the community to develop and deliver priorities.

- 6.1 Continue to improve awareness, engagement and involvement of the community in relation to matters that affect them
- 6.3 Continually improve processes to support improved service delivery

### Council Policies:

Climate Adaptation Policy.

**Transparency of Decision (s.9(2)(i)) :**

It is the officer's view that it is appropriate to consider this matter in a Council meeting that is open to the public.

**Risk Assessment:**

Placing the Draft MHWP on Public Exhibition may inadvertently convey to the community that Council is positioned to financially support and resource all actions within the document.

Communication on the plan will be clear that Towong Shire Council's role is not in direct service provision for all actions listed in the plan. The emphasis will be on outlining whether the Council leads, advocates, funds or partners for specific actionable objectives within the plan".

**Officer's View:**

The *Draft Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2029* has been informed by data, research and consultation, namely member organisations of the Towong Alliance, community consultation and developed by experienced staff in this area.

The development of an updated MHWP was required given Victorian legislation and the timeframes of the most recent Plan was 2021 – 2025. In addition to legislative requirements it's important that we are able to have such a document aimed at improving the health and wellbeing outcomes of Towong residents.

It is the officer's recommendation that the *Draft Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan* be placed on Public Exhibition.

**Council Resolution:**

**CR ANDERSON**

**CR TOLSHER**

**THAT:**

- 1. THE *DRAFT MUNICIPAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN 2025 – 2029* BE APPROVED IN-PRINCIPLE;**
- 2. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER BE AUTHORISED TO PLACE THE *DRAFT MUNICIPAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN 2025 – 2029* ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION AND INVITE PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS, WITH SUBMISSIONS CLOSING AT 5PM ON SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER 2025; AND**
- 3. IN THE EVENT THAT NO SUBMISSIONS ARE RECEIVED, THE *DRAFT MUNICIPAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN 2025-2029* BE ADOPTED.**

**CARRIED**

## **7 Asset Management**

There are no Asset Management reports.

## **8 Land Use Planning**

There are no Land Use Planning reports.

## **9 Environmental Sustainability**

There are no Environmental Sustainability reports.

## **10 Economic and Tourism Development**

There are no Economic and Tourism Development reports.

## **11 Closure of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed, the time being 11:26 am.

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**Mayor**