



Colac Otway
SHIRE

UNSCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday 12 October 2022

at 1:30 PM

COPACC

95 - 97 Gellibrand Street, Colac



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MINUTES of the *UNSCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COLAC OTWAY SHIRE COUNCIL* held at
COPACC on Wednesday 12 October 2022 at 1:30 PM.

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

OPENING PRAYER

*Almighty God, we seek your
blessing and guidance in our
deliberations on behalf of the
people of the Colac Otway Shire.
Enable this Council's decisions to be
those that contribute to the true
welfare and betterment of our community.*

AMEN

2 PRESENT

Cr Kate Hanson (Mayor)
Cr Graham Costin (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Jamie Bell
Cr Stephen Hart
Cr Chris Potter
Cr Margaret White

Anne Howard, Chief Executive Officer
Andrew Tenni, General Manager Corporate Services
Heath Chasemore, General Manager Infrastructure and Operations
Ian Seuren, General Manager Community and Economy
Marlo Emmitt, Manager Governance and Communications
Lyndal McLean, Governance Coordinator
Amanda Barber, Manager Financial Services

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Joe McCracken - Leave of Absence (Council resolution 24 August 2022)

4 WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Colac Otway Shire acknowledges the original custodians and law makers of this land, their elders past, present and emerging and welcomes any descendants here today.

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This meeting was livestreamed to the public via Council's YouTube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at www.youtube.com).

The sole purpose of the Unscheduled Council Meeting is to consider the following agenda item:

- Approval and Certification of in principal Financial Statements and Performance Statement 2021-22.

5 QUESTION TIME

Please note that as this is an Unscheduled Council meeting, only questions pertaining to this agenda will be responded to. A maximum of 15 minutes is allowed for question time at Unscheduled Council meetings. Question time is not a forum for public debate or statements.

QUESTIONS RECEIVED IN WRITING PRIOR TO THE MEETING

James Judd

1. Was there any actual funds surplus in the Council's 2021-2022 financial year, when the reported surplus is adjusted to only include monies received that referred to works actually done or commenced during this same time frame? If not, what was the actual balance for the difference between income and expenses for the total financial year only using amounts that apply to that period – that is works done or commenced plus arrears received and money towards expenses in this period.

Response from General Manager Corporate Services

Yes, the audited financial and performance statements, prepared in accordance with the accounting standards, demonstrate that Colac Otway Shire Council achieved an operating surplus of \$5.74 million for the 2021-2022 financial year, lower than \$6.4 million in the prior year. However, the income statement on which the surplus calculated includes capital income

but not capital expenditure as well as some non monetary items that need to be kept in mind when considering Council's underlying performance. This means that Council continues to closely monitor and manage its finances, particularly in light of the current economic conditions.

QUESTIONS RECEIVED VERBALLY AT THE MEETING

Nil

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

Item: 7.1

Approval and Certification of in principal Financial Statements and Performance Statement 2021-22

OFFICER	Amanda Barber
GENERAL MANAGER	Andrew Tenni
DIVISION	Corporate Services
ATTACHMENTS	1. 2021-22 Performance Statement [7.1.1 - 17 pages] 2. 2021-22 Financial Statements [7.1.2 - 46 pages]

RESOLUTION

MOVED Cr Graham Costin, SECONDED Cr Margaret White

That Council:

- 1. Receives the 2021-22 Performance Statement (attachment 1) and 2021-22 Financial Statements (attachment 2) which have been prepared in accordance with sections 98(4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 2020.*
- 2. Notes that the Audit and Risk Committee considered 2021-22 Performance Statement and 2021-22 Financial Statements, as well as the Auditor's Report and management letter, at a committee meeting held on 6 October 2022.*
- 3. Approves in principle the 2021-22 Performance Statement (attachment 1) and 2021-22 Financial Statements (attachment 2) and submits the statements to the auditor reporting on the audit in accordance with section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2020.*
- 4. Authorises Cr Graham Costin and Cr Marg White to certify the 2021-22 Performance Statement and 2021-22 Financial Statements in their final form after any changes recommended or agreed by the auditor have been made in accordance with section 99(3)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020.*
- 5. Requires the 2021-22 Performance Statement and 2021-22 Financial Statements to be referred to the Audit and Risk Committee for information, if there is any significant further change prior to certification.*

CARRIED 6 : 0

The meeting was declared closed at 2.16pm.

CONFIRMED AND SIGNED at the meeting held on 26 October 2022.

.....**MAYOR**