

Finance and Planning Committee

Agenda

Date: Wednesday 1 February 2023

Time: 6pm

Venue: Civic Centre (Council Meeting Room)

13 Mair Street, Benalla

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Agenda

Chair Councillor Danny Claridge

Councillors Councillor Peter Davis

Councillor Don Firth

Councillor Bernie Hearn (Mayor)
Councillor Punarii Hewa Gunaratne

Councillor Justin King
Councillor Gail O'Brien

In attendance Dom Testoni Chief Executive Officer

Robert Barber General Manager Corporate

Jane Archbold Manager Community

Courtney Naughton Manager Economic Development and Sustainability

Greg Robertson Manager Facilities and Information Technology

Nilesh Singh Manager Development

Tom Arnold Community Development Coordinator

Jessica Beaton Governance Coordinator

Apologies

Recommendation:

That the apology/ies be accepted and a leave of absence granted.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes have been circulated to Councillors and posted on the Council website **www.benalla.vic.gov.au** pending confirmation at this meeting.

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Finance and Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 7 December 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Governance Matters

This Committee Meeting is conducted in accordance with the *Local Government Act* 2020 and the Benalla Rural City Council *Governance Rules* 2020.

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- the item for which they have a conflict of interest;
- whether their conflict of interest is general or material; and
- the circumstances that give rise to the conflict of interest.

Immediately prior to the consideration of the item in which they have a conflict of interest, a Councillor must indicate to the meeting the existence of the conflict of interest and leave the meeting.

Business

1. Planning And Building Approvals - November and December 2022

SF/255 Joel Ingham – Planning Coordinator Sarah Ford – Building Coordinator Nilesh Singh – Manager Development

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report details planning permit applications and building approvals for November and December 2022.

Planning Permit Applications Determined under Officer Delegation

November 2022

| File | No No | Description | Property Address | Decision |
|------|--------|--|--|----------|
| 1 | DA5606 | Construction of a dwelling | 1926 Glenrowan-Boweya Road, Mount Bruno | Approved |
| 2 | DA7460 | Vegetation removal | 170 Moore Lane, Lurg | Approved |
| 3 | DA6865 | Construction of a shed | 35 Hall Drive, Benalla | Approved |
| 4 | DA7449 | Construction of an agricultural shed | 358 Green Road, Lurg | Approved |
| 5 | DA3071 | Construction of a shed | 928 Mansfield Road, Benalla | Approved |
| 6 | DA7450 | Construction of a shed | 34 Boger Street, Benalla | Approved |
| 7 | DA5541 | Construction of an agricultural shed | 626 Samaria Road, Benalla | Approved |
| 8 | DA7385 | Use and development of a replacement dwelling and garage | 1049 Benalla-Tatong Road, Benalla | Approved |
| 9 | DA7459 | Construction of a verandah | 15 Goomalibee Street, Benalla | Approved |
| 10 | DA6720 | Vegetation removal | 341 Winton Lurg Road, Winton | Approved |
| 11 | DA4301 | Construction of an open verandah and first floor roofed deck | 16 Byrne Street, Benalla | Approved |
| 12 | DA7414 | Two lot subdivision | 18 Crofton Street, Benalla | Approved |

| File | No | Description | Property Address | Decision |
|------|--------|--|---|----------|
| 13 | DA7402 | Extensions to an existing dwelling (verandah) and the construction of a garage | 13 Market Street, Benalla | Approved |
| 14 | DA7062 | Construction of a verandah and carport | 12 Lavery Street, Benalla | Approved |
| 15 | DA7455 | Construction of an outbuilding | 321 Kealy Road, Benalla | Approved |
| 16 | DA2565 | Construction of an agricultural building (covered arena) | 86 Mt Samaria Road, Samaria | Approved |
| 17 | DA4111 | Construction of an agricultural shed | 306 Goorambat-Dookie College Road, Stewarton | Approved |
| 18 | DA5795 | Construction of a building used for agriculture (shed) | 490 Goomalibee Road, Benalla | Approved |

December 2022

| File | No No | Description | Property Address | Decision |
|------|--------|---|---|----------|
| 1 | DA3564 | Construction of an outbuilding | 36 Cook Street, Benalla | Approved |
| 2 | DA7439 | Construction of a first floor addition to the existing dwelling | 57 Benson Street, Benalla | Approved |
| 3 | DA4108 | Construction of an agricultural shed | 362 Quinn Road, Broken Creek | Approved |
| 4 | DA7447 | Construction of a dwelling | 3 Piccadilly Court, Benalla | Approved |
| 5 | DA5477 | Construction of a replacement dwelling and to use the existing dwelling for group accommodation | 156 Glenrowan Boweya Road, Glenrowan | Approved |
| 6 | DA7148 | Construction of a dwelling | 454 Mitchell Road, Tatong | Approved |
| 7 | DA7437 | Use and development of a dwelling and shed | 80 Gunn Road, Benalla | Approved |

Planning Permit Amendments Determined Under Officer Delegation

November 2022

| File | e No | Description | Property Address | Decision |
|------|--------|--|------------------------|----------|
| 1 | DA6268 | Construction of a dwelling and outbuilding | 6 Inglis Road, Benalla | Approved |

December 2022

There were no planning permit amendments determined under officer delegation during the month of December 2022.

Planning Permits Issued Under VicSmart

November 2022

| File | No | Description | Property Address |
|------|--------|--|---|
| 1 | DA2565 | Construction of an agricultural building (covered arena) | 86 Mt Samaria Road, Samaria |
| 2 | DA4111 | Construction of an agricultural shed | 306 Goorambat-Dookie College Road, Stewarton |
| 3 | DA5541 | Construction of an agricultural shed | 626 Samaria Road, Benalla |
| 4 | DA7455 | Construction of an outbuilding | 321 Kealy Road, Benalla |
| 5 | DA7449 | Construction of an agricultural shed | 358 Green Road, Lurg |

December 2022

| File | No | Description | Property Address |
|------|--------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | DA4108 | Construction of an agricultural shed | 362 Quinn Road, Broken Creek |

Planning Permit Applications Determined by the Council

There were no planning permit applications determined by the Council during November and December 2022.

Planning Permit Amendments Determined by the Council

There we no planning permit amendments determined by Council during November and December 2022.

Planning Permit Applications Withdrawn or Lapsed

November

| File | No | Description | Property Address |
|------|--------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | DA6735 | Extension and enclosure of carport | 19 McGill Street, Benalla |

December

There were no planning permit application withdrawn or lapsed during the month of December 2022.

Notices of Decision

There were no notice of decisions issued during the November and December 2022.

A Notice of Decision (NOD) is issued when Council has decided to grant a planning permit when objection(s) are received regarding the application.

An objector may appeal to Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) against the decision to grant the permit within 21 days of a Notice of Decision being issued. After 28 days if no appeal has been lodged Council will issue the Planning Permit.

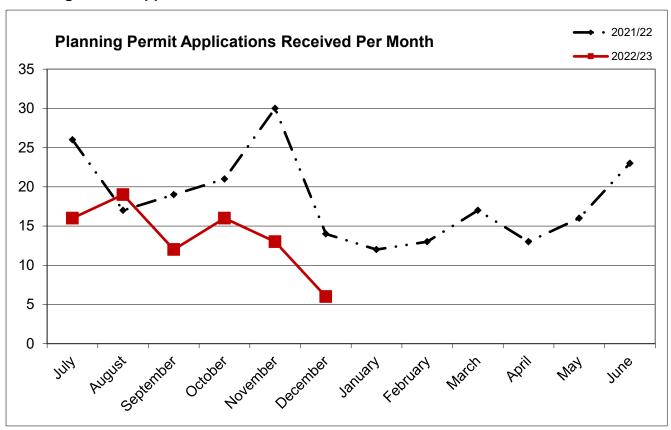
Planning Permit Applications Determined by VCAT

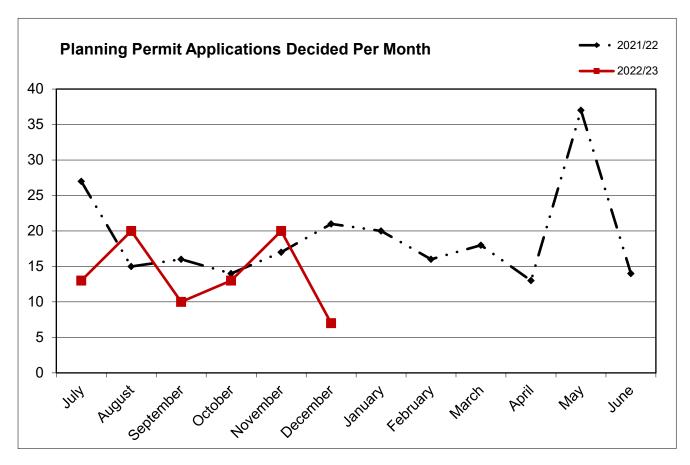
There were no planning permit applications determined by VCAT during November and December 2022.

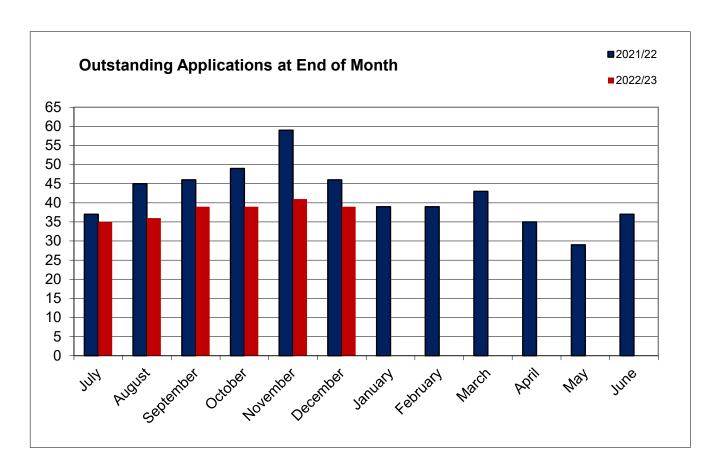
Matters Before VCAT

| DA393/2 | 159-161 Bridge Street East, Benalla – Electronic Sign | | |
|---------|--|--|--|
| Status | At a Planning and Development Committee meeting on 27 July 2022 it was resolved that the Council refuse to grant a permit for the display of an electronic promotion sign. The applicant lodged an appeal to VCAT on 27 September 2022. The VCAT hearing has been set for 3 February 2022. | | |
| DA7055 | Use and development of land for a second dwelling at 888 Tatong Tolmie Road, Tatong | | |
| Status | At a Planning and Development Committee meeting on 18 May 2022 it was resolved that the Council refuse to grant a permit for a second dwelling on the land. The refusal was based on grounds of objection received from the Country Fire Authority. The applicant has lodged an appeal to VCAT. The VCAT hearing has been adjourned at the request of the applicant. A VCAT practice day hearing has now been set for 3 February 2023. | | |
| DA347 | 14 Mair Street, Benalla – Visitor Information Centre Redevelopment | | |
| Status | An appeal was lodged by residents regarding the redevelopment of the Visitor Information Centre at 14 Mair Street, Benalla. The appeal sought a declaration from VCAT that the use of the land fits within the definition of a 'Cinema Based Entertainment Facility' and is therefore a prohibited use within the Public Park and Recreation Zone. It was the opinion of Council Officer's that the uses conducted within the building do not constitute the use of a 'Cinema Based Entertainment Facility' and that a planning permit is not required to use the site for its intended purpose. The application was heard by the Tribunal on 16 November 2022 with the applicant (residents), Council Representative and community members (observers) present. On 4 January 2023 the tribunal issued an order refusing the applicants request for a declaration. | | |

Planning Permit Applications







Building Approvals Issued by Council and Private Practitioners

November 2022

| File | No | Description | Property Address | Value | |
|------|---------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| 1 | DA7348 | Construction of a garage | 45 Inglis Road, Benalla | \$38,641 | |
| 2 | DA7435 | Construction of a shed | 14 Glenfern Court, Benalla | \$15,570 | |
| 3 | DA7290 | Construction of a dwelling extension | 136 Arundel Street, Benalla | \$200,000 | |
| 4 | DA7412 | Construction of a farm shed | 916 Upper Lurg Road, Upper Lurg | \$40,000 | |
| 5 | DA6283 | Construction of a carport | 31 Helms Court, Benalla | \$11,303 | |
| 6 | DA5795 | Construction of a farm shed | 490 Goomalibee Road, Benalla | \$50,000 | |
| 7 | DA7402 | Construction of a garage and pergola | 13 Market Street, Benalla | \$45,000 | |
| 8 | DA743/3 | Construction of a carport | 3028 Midland Highway, Lima South | \$8,943 | |
| 9 | DA7388 | Construction of a farm shed | 37 Hurrell Road, Warrenbayne | \$14,000 | |
| 10 | DA5086 | Construction of a farm shed | 102 Crawford Road, Benalla | \$13,635 | |

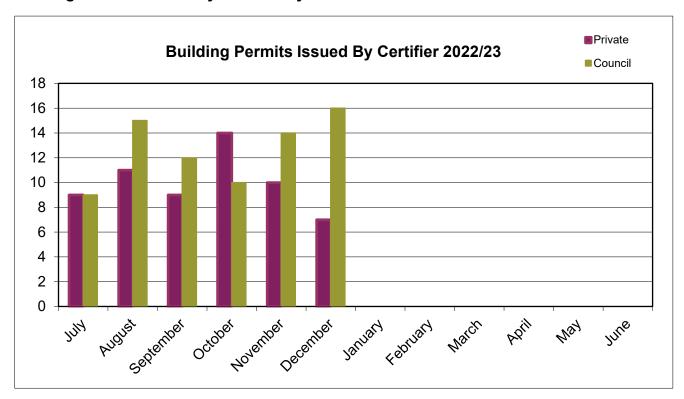
| File | No | Description | Property Address | Value |
|------|--------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| 11 | DA6085 | Construction of a dwelling extension | 47 Benson Street, Benalla | \$48,860 |
| 12 | DA6865 | Construction of a shed | 35 Hall Drive, Benalla | \$25,000 |
| 13 | DA7143 | Construction of a shed | 14 Gaskin Street, Benalla | \$13,562 |
| 14 | DA7448 | Construction of a dwelling and garage | 28 Livingston Boulevard, Benalla | \$257,145 |
| 15 | DA7394 | Construction of a dwelling and garage | 120 Lakeside Drive, Chesney Vale | \$569,900 |
| 16 | DA7467 | Construction of a humpy outbuilding | 7 McGill Street, Benalla | \$86,664 |
| 17 | DA2886 | Construction of a shade sail | 41-55 Barkly Street, Benalla | \$24,717 |
| 18 | DA7192 | Construction of a swimming pool & safety barrier | 7 Levy Court, Benalla | \$26,800 |
| 19 | DA7468 | Construction of a dwelling and garage | 5 Livingston Boulevard, Benalla | \$333,000 |
| 20 | DA7369 | Construction of a dwelling and garage | 31 Inglis Road, Benalla | \$395,936 |
| 21 | DA2477 | Construction of a patio | 12 Noarana Drive, Benalla | \$26,070 |
| 22 | DA7455 | Construction of a shed | 321 Kealy Road, Benalla | \$90,400 |
| 23 | DA7449 | Construction of a farm shed | 358 Green Road, Lurg | \$65,956 |
| 24 | DA7428 | Construction of a swimming pool and safety barrier | 141 Sudholz Road, Glenrowan West | \$57,900 |
| Tota | al | | | \$2,459,002 |

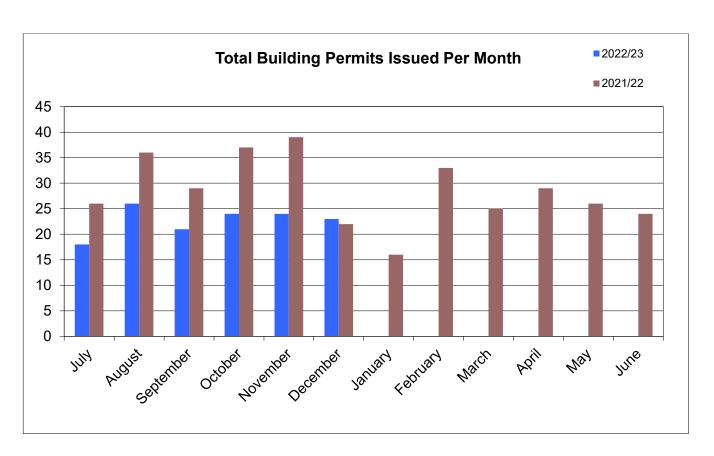
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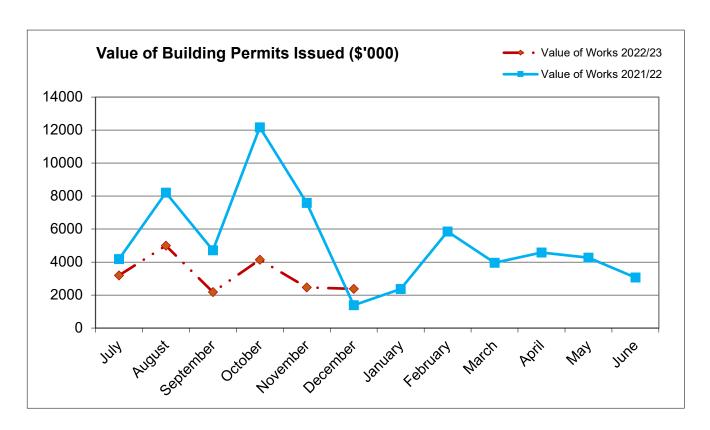
| File | No | Description | Property Address | Value |
|------|--------|--------------------------------|--|----------|
| 1 | DA7199 | Construction of a shed | 24 Cowan Street, Benalla | \$41,805 |
| 2 | DA7434 | Construction of a shed | 146 Warnock Road, Swanpool | \$79,500 |
| 3 | DA7254 | Construction of a toilet block | Lot 2002 Pistol Club Track, Benalla | \$15,100 |
| 4 | DA6825 | Construction of a garaport | 39 Burness Road, Benalla | \$25,000 |
| 5 | DA7327 | Construction of a shed | 6 Avon Street, Benalla | \$10,000 |
| 6 | DA5033 | Construction of a gable shed | 9 Harrison Avenue, Benalla | \$8,170 |

| File | Property Address | | Value | |
|------|------------------|--|---|-------------|
| 7 | DA4111 | Construction of a farm shed | 306 Goorambat Dookie College Road, Stewarton | \$250,000 |
| 8 | DA4871 | Construction of a shed | 10 Davey Street, Benalla | \$21,508 |
| 9 | DA3029 | Construction of a swimming pool & safety barrier | 132 Mansfield Road, Benalla | \$15,275 |
| 10 | DA7459 | Construction of a verandah | 15 Goomalibee Street, Benalla | \$8,000 |
| 11 | DA5541 | Construction of a farm shed | 626 Samaria Road, Benalla | \$26,000 |
| 12 | DA3071 | Construction of a shed | 928 Mansfield Road, Benalla | \$14,450 |
| 13 | DA3564 | Construction of a shed | 36 Cook Street, Benalla | \$13,670 |
| 14 | DA6011 | Construction of dog wash/shop extension | 156 Bridge Street East, Benalla | \$62,000 |
| 15 | DA600 | Replacement of a rear verandah | 102 Arundel Street, Benalla | \$8,000 |
| 16 | DA3674 | Construction of a carport | 163 Samaria Road, Benalla | \$15,089 |
| 17 | DA7457 | Construction of a dwelling and garage | 13 Livingston Boulevard, Benalla | \$258,455 |
| 18 | DA7234 | Construction of dwelling, carport/shed | 22 Cowan Street, Benalla | \$570,039 |
| 19 | DA3920 | Alterations to existing building | 158-160 Bridge Street East, Benalla | \$400,000 |
| 20 | DA7436 | Construction of a dwelling | 81 Kirby Street, Thoona | \$414,920 |
| 21 | DA7447 | Construction of dwelling and garage | 3 Piccadilly Court, Benalla | \$354,255 |
| 22 | DA7195 | Construction of a shed | 2911 Mansfield Whitfield Road, Tolmie | \$29,260 |
| 23 | DA7466 | Construction of a cattle yard cover and machinery shed | 7 Asbury Road, Lurg | \$230,000 |
| Tota | al | | | \$2,379,777 |

Building Permits Issued by Certifier by Month







COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2025 IMPLICATIONS

Community

- A healthy, Safe and resilient community.
- A connected, involved and inclusive community.

Livability

- Vibrant public spaces and places.
- Connected and accessible roads, footpaths, transport and parking.

Economy

Population growth.

Environment

Healthy and protected natural environment.

Leadership

Good governance.

Recommendation:

That the report be noted.

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2. 2022/2023 Community Sponsorship Program

SF/2857

Jane Archbold – Manager Community
Tom Arnold – Community Development Coordinator

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report presents funding applications under the 2022/23 Community Sponsorship Program.

BACKGROUND

The Community Sponsorship Program enables local community groups, clubs and organisations to seek funding to increase their capacity to work in partnership with the Council and others to address local needs and enhance the local community.

The Community Sponsorship Program distributes grants up to \$500 on a monthly basis, allowing local clubs, groups and organisations the opportunity to seek funds when the need arises.

DISCUSSION

Applications for consideration under the 2022/23 Community Sponsorship Program are detailed in the table below.

| Applicant | Details | Amount Requested | Proposed Assistance |
|--|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Benalla Bushrangers Cricket Club | On 16 February 2023, the Benalla Gardens Oval and Benalla Bushrangers are hosting a tour game for the England over 70s vs Victorian over 70s. | \$500 | \$500 |
| | This event will bring people to the area for several days while the prepare for the game. The event will benefit many of the local businesses through accommodation, meals and entertainment. | | |
| | Benalla Bushrangers will be providing the ground preparation, volunteers to support the playing ground and venue. The funding will be used for catering the event. | | |
| Tatong Tattler incorporated | The Tatong Tattler is an online and hardcopy newsletter distributed to the Tatong and district community. The Tatong Tattler requires a new printer to enable better quality printing of the newsletter and replacement of the old printer. The Tattler will contribute funds to pay the balance of the new printer. | \$500 | \$500 |
| Total | | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |

COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2025 IMPLICATIONS

Community

- A healthy, Safe and resilient community.
- A connected, involved and inclusive community.

Leadership

Engaged and informed community.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In accordance with the Council's *Community Engagement Policy*, it is proposed that community engagement be undertaken at the 'Inform' level under the International Association for Public Participation's IAP2 public participation spectrum.

| Level of Public Participation | Promise to the community | Techniques to the used |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Inform | We will provide information | Promotion of program via media, website and social media. Program presented in public reports to the Council. Outcomes advised directly to applicants. Outcomes detailed in Annual Report. |

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2022/23 Budget allocates \$15,000 to the Community Sponsorship. To date, \$6,500 in Community Sponsorship grant funding has been allocated.

To ensure transparency and accountability, where assistance is provided in meeting the cost of Council facility hire, the payment is reflected in relevant ledger accounts via an internal transaction.

For example, if the Council agrees to meet the hire cost of the Benalla Town Hall a credit would be made to the Town Hall income ledger account and a debit made to the Community Support Program expense ledger account.

In addition, recipients of support throughout the financial year are detailed in the Annual Report.

OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any general or material conflicts of interest in this matter.

Recommendation:

That \$500 grants from the 2022/2023 Community Sponsorship Program be allocated to Benalla Bushrangers Cricket Club and Tatong Tattler Incorporated.

3. Benalla Airport Leasing Opportunities - Intention to Lease Land

SF/3327

Greg Robertson – Manager Facilities and Information Technology

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report seeks approval to commence consultation on the intention to lease land at the Benalla Airport.

BACKGROUND

The Council has received an enquiry from Martin Jacobson to enter into a land lease agreement to construct a hangar at the Benalla Airport.

The site was previously offered underlease to Luke Bourne as one of two hangar lease sites. Citing increased construction costs, Mr Bourne advised he will only proceed with one of the two sites, making this site available.

The photo below outlines the approximate footprint of the proposed hangar to be constructed on the leased land. The hangar will conform to the alignment, style and colour of existing hangars in the precinct.



The photo below provides a zoomed-out view of the Hangar Lease Land Precinct in the wider context of the airport.



DISCUSSION

In accordance with section 115 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the Council must undertake a community engagement process in accordance with the Council's community engagement policy in respect of the proposal before entering into a lease.

The principal terms of the land lease at the Benalla Airport will be:

- A term of five years commencing on 1 July 2023 with an option of four further terms of five years.
- To waive the first 12 months of lease costs, excluding the Fire Services Property Levy.
 After year one of the lease, all applicable lease fees will be payable for the remaining term of the lease.
 - The waiver recognises improvement works to be undertaken to address access track and drainage issues. Works are valued up to \$3,000.
- Rent commencement will be calculated at \$5.80 per square meter (inc GST) of the area of the premises per annum, plus the Fire Services Property Levy.
- The lease will by adjusted annually by the All-Groups Consumer Price Index except for the fifth anniversary of the commencement of the lease where the fee will be reviewed to market value.

COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2025 IMPLICATIONS

Leadership

- Good governance.
- High performance culture.
- Engaged and informed community.

LEGISLATIVE AND STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

The proposal to lease land for hangar development is consistent with the *Benalla Airport Masterplan 2015*.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

In recognition of the development costs, it is proposed to waive the first 12 months lease costs, excluding the Fire Services Property Levy.

At a rate of \$5.80 (inc GST) per square meter the hangar land lease site would have produced lease income of \$1,131 (inc GST) in the 2023/24 financial year, which will increase annually in line with the Consumer Price Index except for the fifth anniversary of the commencement of the lease where the fee will be reviewed to market value.

The lessee will be responsible for civil works required to develop the hangar site, including building up the site, drainage works and widening the hangar access track.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In accordance with the Council's *Community Engagement Policy*, it is proposed that community engagement be undertaken at the 'consult' level under the International Association for Public Participation's IAP2 public participation spectrum as detailed in the table below:

| Level of Public Participation | Promise to the community | Techniques to be used |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| Consult | We will provide information and consider feedback prior to making a decision. | Report to Council Public Notice in the <i>Benalla Ensign</i> and on the Council website. Submissions heard and considered by Council Final report to Council |

Community consultation will be open from Thursday 2 February 2023 and close 5pm Thursday 2 March 2023.

Submissions will be heard at an additional Finance and Planning Committee meeting on 8 March 2023.

OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any general or material conflicts of interest in this matter.

Recommendation:

That the Finance and Planning Committee, acting under its delegated authority of the Council, resolve:

That the Council give notice under section 115 of the *Local Government Act 2020* of its intention to enter into a lease with Martin Jacobson for hangar land lease.

The principal terms of the lease will be:

- 1. A term of five years commencing on 1 July 2023 with an option of four further terms of five years.
- 2. To waive until 1 July 2024 lease costs, excluding the Fire Services Property Levy. From 1 July 2024, all applicable lease fees will be payable for the remaining term of the lease.
- 3. The lease will by adjusted annually by the All-Groups Consumer Price Index except for the fifth anniversary of the commencement of the lease where the fee will be reviewed to market value.

4. Proposed Tesla Carpark Lease

SF/3607

Nathan Gasperoni – Environmental Sustainability Officer Courtney Naughton – Manager Economic Development and Sustainability

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report presents for consideration the proposal for Tesla to lease the Council owned Smythe Street Carpark next to Woolworths for the purpose of an Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station.

BACKGROUND

The proposed lease term is five years with two five year options to extend.

The proposed carpark includes 20 dedicated spaces for electric vehicle charging as well as retaining 21 spaces for general parking. There will be a staged delivery with the first stage consisting of the installation of 10 charges (31 retained for general parking) with another 10 to be added at a later date as needed.

The proposed chargers being installed are Tesla V3 chargers, these charges will have the capacity to charge Tesla EVs at 250 kilowatts.

Other infrastructure includes either a 2 Mega Volt-Amp or 2.5 Mega Volt-Amp transformer and seven 'cabinets' which are inverters providing power to three charging posts.

The project includes an upgrade to the current surface of the carpark. The project is funded, constructed and run by Tesla. The proposed carpark would be the largest Tesla EV charger site in the country to date. Tesla will be required to pay council a fee per carpark per year.

DISCUSSION

This size of the project makes it a unique asset to Benalla Rural City and the location allows for major economic flow on effects for local businesses particularly hospitality and retail, aligning with the *Council Plan 2021-2025* strategy for 'Flourishing Tourism'.

While cars are charging it allows owners and families time to enjoy what Benalla has to offer, including, local shops and cafes. The large number of chargers makes the site desirable for Tesla owners and drivers as they can be confident of gaining access to a charger on arrival.

This is also ideal for local residents who either already have Tesla's or are looking to purchase an EV in the future. EV owners will be able to charge their cars, carry out shopping and other tasks in the Benalla CBD for 30 minutes to an hour and return to a fully charged car.

The presence of EV chargers in Benalla Rural City is a positive step towards the *Council Plan 2021-2025* strategy for encouraging 'Sustainable Practices'. The project promotes more sustainable transport options and demonstrates to the community that the Council will support environmentally friendly projects.

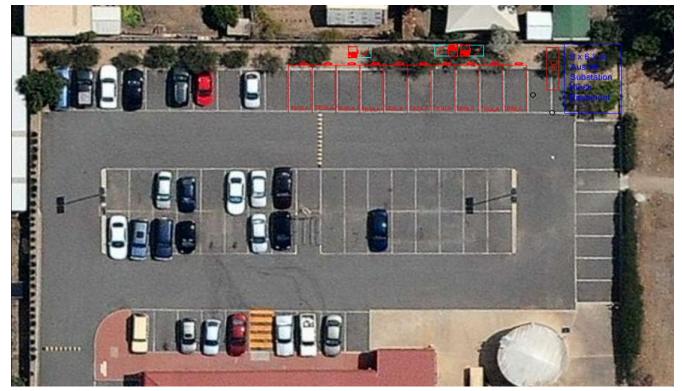
Electric Vehicle sales in Australia have increased by 65 percent in 2022. EVs are now exempt from the fringe benefit tax as of 1 July 2022 with sales continuing to increase at greater rate. Having the infrastructure in Benalla will also assist the Council in transitioning its own vehicle fleet towards EVs.

This project allows the Council to provide both an economic and sustainability boost to the municipality without any capital or operational expenditure. It will also provide Council with incoming funding to put towards its own parking and/or related projects.

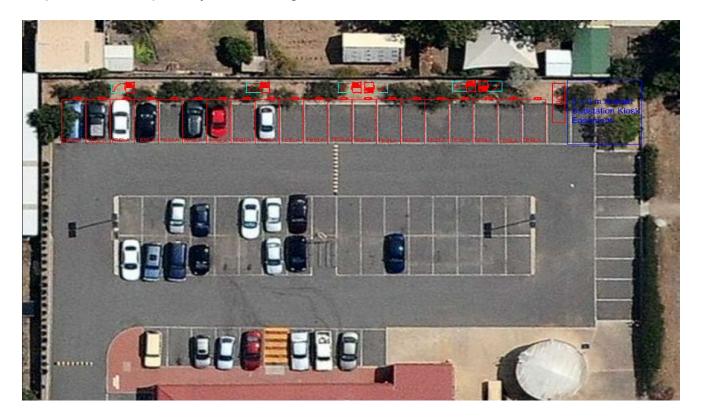
Locality Map



Proposed draft carpark layout stage 1.



Proposed draft carpark layout final stage.



COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2025

Community

A connected, involved and inclusive community.

Livability

- Vibrant public spaces and places.
- Connected and accessible roads, footpaths, transport and parking.

Economy

- Thriving business and industry.
- Flourishing tourism.

Environment

Sustainable practices.

Leadership

- High performance culture.
- Engaged and informed community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This project allows the Council to provide both an economic and sustainability boost to the municipality without any capital or operational expenditure.

The project would include an upgrade to the current surface of the carpark and would be funded, constructed, and run by Tesla. Tesla would be required to pay council a fee per carpark per year. There will be no financial implications to Council.

LEGISLATIVE AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

It is considered that the report is consistent with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and *Gender Equality Act 2020*.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

It is proposed that, due to operational nature of the proposal, that community engagement be undertaken at the 'consult' level under the International Association for Public Participation's IAP2 public participation spectrum as detailed in the table below:

| Level of Public Participation | Promise to the community | Techniques to be used |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
| Consult | We will provide information and consider feedback prior to making a decision. | Proposal to be presented in a public report to the Council. Proposal to be promoted on Council's website, social media and via media release. |

Community consultation will start on Thursday 2 February 2023 and closes 5pm Thursday 2 March 2023.

OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any general or material conflicts of interest in this matter.

Recommendation:

That the Finance and Planning Committee, acting under its delegated authority of the Council, resolve:

That the proposed Tesla Carpark Project be endorsed and placed on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days.

5. CEO Credit Card and Reimbursements For The Quarter Ended 31 December 2022

SF/3905

Tracey Beaton – Executive Coordinator

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report details expenditure associated with the corporate credit card issued to the Chief Executive Officer for the quarter ended 31 December 2022.

BACKGROUND

As part of an audit of the Council's 2017/18 financial statements, the Victorian Auditor General's Office recommended that the Chief Executive Officer's credit card transactions be reviewed and authorised by a Council member.

In response to the recommendation, transactions on the CEOs credit card are reported quarterly to the Council.

CEO Credit Card Transactions

There was no expenditure on the CEO's credit card for the quarter ended 31 December 2022.

Following are details of reimbursements made to the CEO for the quarter ended 31 December 2022 for business related expenses charges to his personal credit card.

| Date | Details | Amount |
|-------------|--|------------|
| 14/12/2022 | Australian Institute of Company Directors Membership | \$840.00 |
| | Elite Electronics – Onyx Boox Note Air 2 Reader and Case | \$847.85 |
| | Royal Hotel - Catering | \$57.80 |
| 19/012/2022 | Tatong Taven – Councillors Christmas Function | \$598.00 |
| Total | | \$2,343.65 |

Recommendation:

That a \$2,343.65 reimbursement to the Chief Executive Officer be approved.

Closure of Meeting