

# Council Meeting

## Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday 26 October 2022

**Venue:** Civic Centre (Council Meeting Room)  
13 Mair Street, Benalla

The Council Meeting was live streamed and recorded. Members of the public were encouraged to watch the live broadcast of the meeting at [www.benalla.vic.gov.au](http://www.benalla.vic.gov.au)

In accordance with Rule 6.4 of the *Governance Rules 2020* an audio recording was made of the proceedings of the meeting.

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| <b>Chair</b>         | Councillor Bernie Hearn (Mayor)   |                           |
| <b>Councillors</b>   | Councillor Danny Claridge         |                           |
|                      | Councillor Peter Davis            |                           |
|                      | Councillor Don Firth              |                           |
|                      | Councillor Punarji Hewa Gunaratne |                           |
|                      | Councillor Justin King            |                           |
|                      | Councillor Gail O'Brien           |                           |
| <b>In attendance</b> | Dom Testoni                       | Chief Executive Officer   |
|                      | Robert Barber                     | General Manager Corporate |
|                      | Cathy Fitzpatrick                 | Manager Finance           |
|                      | Jessica Beaton                    | Governance Coordinator    |

**The Council Meeting commenced at 6pm.**

## Opening and Acknowledgment of Country

The chair recited the following Acknowledgement of Country.

*We, the Benalla Rural City Council, acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we are meeting. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present and to Elders from other communities who may be here today.*

## Statement of Commitment

The Councillors recited the following Statement of Commitment:

*I declare,*

*that as a Councillor of Benalla Rural City*

*I will undertake on every occasion*

*to carry out my duties in the best interests of the community*

*and that my conduct shall maintain the standards of our Councillor Code of Conduct*

*so that I may faithfully represent*

*and uphold the trust placed in the Council*

*by the people of Benalla and District.*



### Disclosures of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were disclosed to the

### Apologies

No apologies were submitted to the Council Meeting.

### Business

#### 1. Benalla Rural City Council 2021/22 Audited Financial Statements and Annual Report 2021/22

The report presented for in principle approval the *Annual Financial Report and Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2022* and for consideration the *Benalla Rural City Council Annual Report 2021/22*.

#### Cr Gunarante / Cr Firth:

1. That approval in principle be given to the *Benalla Rural City Council Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2022* and *Benalla Rural City Council Performance Statement For the Year Ended 30 June 2022*.
2. That Mayor Cr Bernie Hearn, Cr Justin King and Chief Executive Officer Dom Testoni be authorised to certify the *Benalla Rural City Council Annual Financial Report For the Year Ended 30 June 2022* and *Benalla Rural City Council Performance Statement For the Year Ended 30 June 2022* in their final form after any changes recommended or agreed to by the auditor have been made.
3. That the *Benalla Rural City Council Annual Report 2021/22* be received.

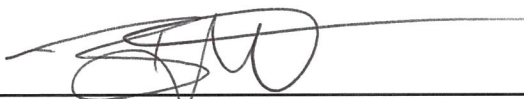
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**Closure of the meeting**

The Council Meeting closed at 6.32pm.

**Confirmed this sixteenth day of November 2022.**

Signed:   
Chair – Cr Bernie Hearn (Mayor)