

Council Meeting

Minutes

Date: Wednesday 12 April 2023

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

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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Chair	Councillor Bernie Hearn (Mayor)	
Councillors	Councillor Danny Claridge	
	Councillor Peter Davis	
	Councillor Don Firth	
	Councillor Punarji Hewa Gunaratne	
	Councillor Justin King	
	Councillor Gail O'Brien	
In attendance	Dom Testoni	Chief Executive Officer
	Robert Barber	General Manager Corporate
	Jess Pendergast	Governance Coordinator

Opening and Acknowledgment of Country

The Chair opened the meeting at 5.30pm and 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.*



Governance Matters

The Council Meeting was conducted in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Benalla Rural City Council Governance Rules 2020*.

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were disclosed to the meeting.

Apologies

An apology was received from Councillor Danny Claridge.

Cr Davis / Cr King:

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

Carried

Business

1. Public Question Time

No public questions were submitted to the meeting.

2. Urgent Business

No urgent business was submitted to the meeting.

3. Confidential Business

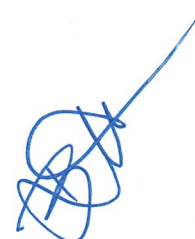
It is proposed that the following items be considered in confidential business pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2020* as they contain personal information or private commercial information that would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about a person, their personal affairs or expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking if released:

3.1 Potential Sale of Land at Enterprise Park, Benalla

Cr Davis / Cr Gunarante:

That the meeting be closed to the public for the consideration of the confidential business item noted above pursuant to Sections 3(1) and Section 66(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Carried



4. Reopening of the meeting to the public

Cr King / Cr Firth:

That the meeting be reopened to the public.

Carried

Closure of the meeting

The Council Meeting closed at 6.04pm.

Confirmed this nineteenth day of April 2023.

Signed:



Chair – Cr Bernie Hearn (Mayor)

