

Benalla Rural City Council

# Additional Finance and Planning Committee

## Minutes

Date: Wednesday 18 June 2025

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

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<b>Chair</b>	Councillor Peter Davis	
<b>Councillors</b>	Councillor Bernie Hearn (Mayor)	
	Councillor Justin King (Deputy Mayor)	
	Councillor David Blore	
	Councillor Puna Hewa Gunaratne	
	Councillor Nathan Tolliday	
<b>Electronic attendance</b>	Councillor Jillian Merkel	
<b>In attendance</b>	Peter Keane	Chief Executive Officer
	Robert Barber	General Manager Corporate
	Cathy Fitzpatrick	Manager Finance
	Courtney Naughton	Manager Economic Development and Sustainability
	Jess Pendergast	Governance Coordinator

## Opening and Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair opened the meeting at 6pm 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.*

## Apologies

No apologies were submitted to the meeting.

## Governance Matters

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

## Recording of Council Meetings

In accordance with Rule 6.4 of the *Governance Rules 2020* the Committee Meeting was livestreamed via the Council's website. An audio recording will be made of the proceedings and made available for public access.

Members of the public can watch the recorded meeting at [www.benalla.vic.gov.au](http://www.benalla.vic.gov.au)

## Disclosures of Conflict of Interest

See item 1.



## **Business**

### **1. Draft *Benalla Rural City Destination Management Plan 2025-2029* – Consideration of Submissions**

It is noted that Cr Tolliday declared a material conflict of interest on the item as he is the President of the Benalla Business Network. Cr Tolliday left the meeting at 6.03pm.

The report presented submissions received on the draft *Benalla Rural City Destination Management Plan 2025-2029*.

The *Benalla Rural City Destination Management Plan 2025-2029* will be considered for adoption at the Council meeting on Wednesday 25 June 2025.

**Cr King / Cr Hearn:**

**That submissions on the draft *Benalla Rural City Destination Management Plan 2025-2029* be received.**

**Carried**

Cr Nathan Tolliday returned to the meeting at 6.07pm.

### **2. Proposed *Benalla Rural City Council 2025/26 Budget* – Consideration of Submissions**

The report considered submissions received on the proposed *Benalla Rural City Council 2025/26 Budget*.

The *2025/26 Budget* will be considered for adoption at the Council meeting on 25 June 2025.

**Cr King / Cr Gunaratne:**

**That submissions on the proposed *Benalla Rural City Council 2025/26 Budget* be received.**

**Carried**



**3. Draft Benalla Rural City Council Revenue and Rating Plan 2025-2029 – Consideration of Submissions**

The report considered submissions received on the draft *Benalla Rural City Council Revenue and Rating Plan 2025-2029*.

The *Benalla Rural City Council Revenue and Rating Plan 2025-2029* will be considered for adoption at the Council meeting on 25 June 2025.

**Cr Blore / Cr Tolliday:**

That submissions on the draft *Benalla Rural City Council Revenue and Rating Plan 2025-2029* be received.

**Carried**

**4. Urgent Business**

No urgent business was submitted to the meeting.

**Closure of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 6.16pm.

The minutes were confirmed on the twenty third day of June 2025.

Signed:   
Cr Peter Davis – Chair

## **List of Speakers**

### **Finance and Planning Committee – 23 July 2025**

- 1. Petition: Request for Council to establish an LGBTIQ+ Subcommittee of the Social Inclusion Action Group**
  - Sean from Rainbow Local Government
  
- 2. Planning Permit Application to Construct 13 Dwellings At 68 Bridge Street, West Benalla**
  - Daniel from Bowden Town Planning
  - Nola Jensen
  
- 3. Planning Permit Application for Buildings and Works to the Existing Office Building at 18 Bridge Street East, Benalla**
  - Polly from Morrison and Sawers Lawyers

