

Benalla Rural City Council

# Finance and Planning Committee

## Minutes

Date: Wednesday 11 June 2025

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

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# Minutes

**Chair** Councillor Peter Davis

**Councillors** Councillor Bernie Hearn (Mayor)  
Councillor Justin King (Deputy Mayor)  
Councillor David Blore  
Councillor Puna Hewa Gunaratne  
Councillor Jillian Merkel  
Councillor Nathan Tolliday

**In attendance** Peter Keane Chief Executive Officer  
Robert Barber General Manager Corporate  
Tom Arnold Community Development and Recreation Coordinator  
Tracey Beaton Acting 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

This Committee Meeting is 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 will be livestreamed via the Council's website. An audio recording will be made of the proceedings and made available for public access, with the exception of matters identified as confidential items in the agenda.

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

## Disclosures of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were disclosed.

## 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](http://www.benalla.vic.gov.au)** pending confirmation at this meeting.

### Cr Blore / Cr Merkel:

**That the Minutes of the Finance and Planning Committee meeting held on 14 May 2025 and 4 June 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate records of the meetings.**

**Carried**



## **Business**

### **1. Building and Planning Approvals – April 2025**

The report details planning permit applications and building approvals for April 2025.

**Cr Hearn / Cr Tolliday:**  
**That the report be noted.**

**Carried**

### **2. 2024/2025 Quick Response Grants**

The report presents funding applications for 2024/25 Quick Response Grants.

**Cr Blore / Cr Gunaratne:**  
**That \$500 grants from the 2024/2025 Quick Response Grant program be awarded to the Benalla Yarn Bombers Incorporated, Benalla Swimming Club Incorporated and U3A Benalla.**

**Carried**

### **3. Urgent Business**

No urgent business was submitted to the meeting.

### **Closure of Meeting**

The Committee meeting closed at 6.10pm.

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

**Signed:**

  
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**Cr Peter Davis - Chair**

