



HEPBURN SHIRE COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES

Thursday 3 April 2025

Virtual Meeting
via Video Conference

7:00 PM

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BRADLEY THOMAS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Hepburn Shire Council acknowledges the Dja Dja Wurrung as the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters we live and work on. On these lands, Djaara has performed age-old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal. We recognise their resilience through dispossession and is a testament to their continuing culture and tradition, which is strong and thriving.

We also acknowledge the neighbouring Traditional Owners, the Wurundjeri to our South East and the Wadawurrung to our South West and pay our respect to all Aboriginal peoples, their culture, and lore. We acknowledge their living culture and the unique role they play in the life of this region.

2 OPENING OF MEETING

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Cr Brian Hood, Cr Don Henderson, Cr Lesley Hewitt, Cr Pat Hockey, Cr Shirley Cornish, Cr Tim Drylie, Cr Tony Clark

OFFICERS PRESENT: Mr Bradley Thomas - Chief Executive Officer, Mr Bruce Lucas - Director Infrastructure and Delivery, Mr Sean Ludeke - Manager Facilities and Circular Economy, Mr Chris Whyte - Manager Technology and Transformation, Ms Rebecca Smith - Manager Governance and Risk

The meeting opened at 7:01pm.

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

“WE THE COUNCILLORS OF HEPBURN SHIRE
DECLARE THAT WE WILL UNDERTAKE ON EVERY OCCASION
TO CARRY OUT OUR DUTIES IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNITY
AND THAT OUR CONDUCT SHALL MAINTAIN THE STANDARDS OF THE CODE OF
GOOD GOVERNANCE
SO THAT WE MAY FAITHFULLY REPRESENT AND UPHOLD THE TRUST PLACED IN THIS
COUNCIL BY THE PEOPLE OF HEPBURN SHIRE”

3 APOLOGIES

Ms Brooke Holmes - Director Performance and Transformation, Mr Ron Torres - Director Development and Community.

4 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

5 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

5.1 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Go to 00:02:00 in the meeting recording to view this item.

Pursuant to section 66(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) Council or delegated committee must keep a meeting open to the public unless the Council or delegated committee considers it necessary to close the meeting to the public because a circumstance specified in subsection (2) applies.

The circumstances detailed in section 66(2) of the Act are:

- a) the meeting is to consider confidential information; or
- b) security reasons; or
- c) it is necessary to do so to enable the meeting to proceed in an orderly manner.

RECOMMENDATION

That in accordance with sections 66(1) and 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020, the meeting to be closed to members of the public for the consideration of the following confidential item:

1.1. CONTRACT FOR URGENT WORKS AT THE HEPBURN BATHHOUSE

Because it is Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released;

The ground applies because the item relates to commercial negotiations regarding responsibility for the works to the building.

MOTION

That in accordance with sections 66(1) and 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020, the meeting to be closed to members of the public for the consideration of the following confidential item:

1.1 Contract for Urgent Works at the Hepburn Bathhouse

- *Because it is Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released;*
- *The ground applies because the item relates to commercial negotiations regarding responsibility for the works to the building.*

Moved: Cr Tony Clark

Seconded: Cr Lesley Hewitt

Carried

Voted for: Cr Brian Hood, Cr Don Henderson, Cr Lesley Hewitt, Cr Pat Hockey, Cr Shirley Cornish, Cr Tim Drylie and Cr Tony Clark

Voted against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

The meeting closed to the public at 7:06pm.

The confidential meeting opened at 7:07pm.

The Council determined to release the following information to the public on these items as detailed below:

1.1 CONTRACT FOR URGENT WORKS AT THE HEPBURN BATHHOUSE

This item to remain confidential because it is Council business information, being information that would prejudice Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.

6 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 8:21pm.