

LODDON SHIRE COUNCIL

Notice of a Special Meeting of the Loddon Shire Council
to be held in the Council office, Wedderburn on Tuesday 13 October 2015 at 8.30am.

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1. APOLOGIES

Nil

2. **REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

2.1 **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

SUMMARY

This report seeks Council's approval of the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2015.

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Attachment:	Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2015

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council approves the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2015
2. copies of the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2015 are circulated to adjoining municipalities and other appropriate bodies.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Are there any conflicts of interest for any council staff involved in writing this report, or involved in the subject matter of the report?

No

If yes, the following details identify the conflict of interest.

Officer name	Nature of interest	Reason for conflict
Click here to enter text.	Choose an item. If indirect, the type of indirect interest is: Choose an item.	[Explain the specific circumstances of this person's conflict of interest.]

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Nil

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Section 131 of the Local Government Act 1989 (Act), Council must prepare an Annual Report each financial year that includes a report of its operations, an audited Performance Statement, audited Financial Statements, a copy of the auditor's report on the performance statement, prepared under Section 132, a copy of the auditor's report on the financial statements under Part 3 of the Audit Act 1994, and any other matter required by the regulations.

Under Section 134 of the Act Council must consider the Annual Report at a meeting of the Council, as soon as practicable after the Annual Report has been sent to the Minister.

The Minister was provided with a copy of the Annual Report during the week ending 25 September 2015, in accordance with Section 133(1)(a) of the Act, which states that the Annual Report must be submitted to the Minister within 3 months of the end of each financial year.

ISSUES/DISCUSSION

A meeting to consider the Annual Report is being held prior to the commencement of the Council Forum for October, as this is the first formal gathering of the Council following submission of the Annual Report to the Minister.

COSTS/BENEFITS

Although it is a legislative requirement, preparation of the Annual Report provides Council with an opportunity to formally document the achievements of the financial year at an organisation level and by individual staff.

RISK ANALYSIS

Timely preparation and approval of the Annual Report ensures that Council complies with legislative requirements outlined in the Act.

CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

In accordance with Section 133(2) of the Act, public notice in the Loddon Times and Bendigo Advertiser has been given that the Annual Report has been prepared and is available for inspection at Council's offices in Wedderburn and Serpentine, and on Council's website.