



Our Vision

“Strong communities proud of their individual identities.”

To deliver this vision, Council will focus on seven strategic platforms:

1	BUILD A NETWORK OF STRONG COMMUNITIES	Support our townships in preserving their individuality whilst leveraging their collective strength.
2	GROW OUR POPULATION THROUGH APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT	Capitalise on the demand for lifestyle properties, without compromising premium agricultural land or our environment.
3	CHAMPION OUR AGRIFOOD ENTERPRISES	Be an advocate for our agrifood sector and support it to remain the backbone of our shire's economy.
4	MAKE OUR TOWNS LIVEABLE AND MEMORABLE	Improve the liveability of our towns by making them attractive to existing residents, prospective residents and tourists.
5	GROW AND DIVERSIFY OUR ECONOMY	Attract investment that introduces new industries, presents opportunity to existing businesses and grows our working population.
6	SUPPORT OUR TRANSITIONING TOWNSHIPS	Support small town communities to retain the best possible quality of life in the face of a declining population with increasing needs.
7	CONNECT WITH THE NEXT GENERATION	Engage our youth to equip them for a positive future and keep our communities young, vibrant and energised.

Loddon Shire Council 21st Statutory Meeting Minutes

(a Special Council Meeting)

7.00pm – 11 November 2016, Boort Park Sports Club

1. OPENING OF MEETING

The Chief Executive Officer opens the meeting and read the Council Prayer.

Almighty God, we humbly beseech thee to bless this Council, direct and prosper its deliberations towards the true welfare of your people of the Shire of Loddon. Amen

2. APOLOGIES

Lisa Chesters MP, Federal Member for Bendigo
Wendy Lovell MP, Member for Northern Victoria
Louise Staley, Member for Ripon
Ms Maree Edwards MLA, Member for Bendigo West
Mayor, Mildura Rural City Council
Mayor, Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Brian Gibson, Mayor, Gannawarra Shire Council
Jason Russell, CEO Campaspe Shire Council
Cr Tony Driscoll, Mayor Northern Grampians Shire
Cr David Pollard, Mayor Buloke Shire Council
Matt Lynch and Kirsty Beattie
Cr Les McPhee, Mayor Swan Hill Rural City Council

Lorraine Linehan
Brett and Shelly Schofield
Paula Yorston
Robyn Vella
Richard Morrison
Russell Gladman
Robert Condliffe
Ian and Marilyn Lanyon
Darryn Hartnett
Julie Benaim

3. ELECTION REPORT

The Chief Executive Officer reported on the 2016 Election of Councillors.

4. SWEARING IN OF COUNCILLORS

The Chief Executive Officer directed the swearing in of the newly elected Councillors who made an Oath of Office. The Chief Executive Officer witnessed Councillors' signatures.

5. COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Each Councillor made a written declaration that they will abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct. The Chief Executive Officer witnessed Councillors' signatures.

6. MAYORAL REPORT

The Chief Executive Officer invited the Mayor to report on his term of office in 2015/16:

“Loddon’s strength has been a highlight again with a turnover of senior staff having very little effect on the smooth operation of the Council. Our new CEO Phil has brought with him a wealth of experience and has slipped into his new role with apparent ease. Once again, welcome Phil and Deb to Loddon and hopefully your stay will be rewarding. Sharon Morrison brings with her a calmness and efficiency that is refreshing. I hope you too, Sharon, enjoy your time at Loddon.

Can I compliment all councillors and staff, especially Gavan who was involved in the securing of funding for the South West Loddon Pipeline Project. To achieve the eighty million dollars required in such a short timeframe shows what can be done when we all pull in the same direction. Because of the strong relationship we have developed with both federal and state MPs in this process surely gives us a great leg up to develop further partnerships with stakeholders.

Our role in the Murray River Group of Councils has grown now that I both have a chair on the Connections Project Consultative Committee and a voice in the process of an advisory role

to Murray Goulburn Water's Board. With the continuing loss of water out of our district we must stand and say 'no more'. It is quite obvious to me after this wet spring, the idea of tipping extra water to South Australia through the Basin Plan is a plan to devastate our small irrigation communities economically.

While enjoying probably the best season lots of us can remember, let's be mindful that some of our residents have significant flood damage and if you can help in some way, please do so. We at Loddon are very mindful of this situation and will do our best to help. Patience is required with our road rebuild within the vicinity of \$10 million of damage. A comprehensive program will be rolled out once assessments are completed.

The Wedderburn Streetscape program which has been held up in VCAT should now be able to proceed with minor adjustments and a finish date next year. Planning for Bridgewater, Pyramid Hill and Boort are well under way which we all look forward to enhancing our towns' appearances to a standard that is nice to live in and be part of.

I have enjoyed my first year as your leader, especially in the way we have been able to work together to achieve results that we can be proud of. Thanks to you all for your help in making my year so memorable.

Yours, Cr Neil Beattie."

Recommendation

That the Mayoral Report for 2015/16 be received and noted.

<u>MOTION</u>	
Moved: Cr Condliffe	Seconded: Cr Holt
That the Mayoral Report for 2015/16 be received and noted.	
	Carried

7. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2016/17

The Chief Executive Officer acted as temporary Chairperson for the election of the Mayor.

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the position of Mayor of the Loddon Shire Council for 2016/17.

Cr Curnow nominated Cr Beattie.

The Chief Executive Officer invited other nominations.

The Chief Executive Officer declared Cr Beattie elected as Mayor. Cr McKinnon presented Cr Beattie with the Shire Gavel.

8. FORMAL ADDRESS

The Mayor gave his acceptance speech.

Each Councillor congratulated the Mayor.

The Chief Executive Officer responded to the Mayor on behalf of staff, offering congratulations and full support to the Mayor and Council in serving the community of Loddon Shire.

9. MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES

These committees are largely advisory or management committees established by Council or external committees on which it is appropriate that Council has representation. Should Council be asked to nominate representatives for any further Committees, nominations may be made at any time of the year.

Recommendation

That Council adopts the appointments to committees as listed.

Cr Holt acknowledged the work done by committees, and thanked the volunteers who gave their time and energy to these committees.

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COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES (2016/17)

SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL (SECTION 86 COMMITTEES)	
Boort Aerodrome Committee of Management	Cr Beattie
Boort Business and Tourism Council Committee of Management	Cr Beattie
Boort Development Committee of Management	Cr Beattie
Boort Memorial Hall Committee of Management	Cr Beattie
Boort Park Committee of Management	Cr Beattie
Bridgewater on Loddon Development Committee of Management	Cr Condliffe
Campbells Forest Hall Committee of Management	Cr Condliffe
Dingee Progress Association Committee of Management	Cr McKinnon
Donaldson Park Committee of Management	Cr Holt
East Loddon Community Centre Committee of Management	Cr McKinnon
Inglewood Community Sports Centre Committee of Management	Cr Condliffe
Inglewood Riding Club Committee of Management	Cr Condliffe
Inglewood Lions Community Elderly Persons Units Committee of Management	Cr Condliffe
Inglewood Town Hall Committee of Management	Cr Condliffe
Jones Eucalyptus Distillery Site Committee of Management	Cr Condliffe
Kingower Development and Tourism Committee of Management	Cr Curnow
Korong Vale Mechanics Hall Committee of Management	Cr Beattie
Korong Vale Sports Centre Committee of Management	Cr Beattie
Little Lake Boort Committee of Management	Cr Beattie
Loddon Southern Tourism & Development Committee of Management	Tourism and Marketing Officer, Robyn Vella
Mitiamo Municipal Recreation Reserve Committee of Management	Cr McKinnon
Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall Committee of Management	Cr McKinnon
Pyramid Hill Swimming Pool Committee of Management	Cr McKinnon
Serpentine Bowls and Tennis Pavilion and Reserve Committee of Management	Cr McKinnon

SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL (SECTION 86 COMMITTEES)	
Wedderburn Community Centre Committee of Management	Cr Holt Manager Community Services, Paula Yorston Tourism and Marketing Officer, Robyn Vella
Wedderburn Engine Park Committee of Management	Cr Holt
Wedderburn Mechanics and Literary Institute Hall Committee of Management	Cr Holt
Wedderburn Tourism Committee of Management	Cr Holt
Yando Public Hall Committee of Management	Cr Beattie

COMMITTEES EXTERNAL TO COUNCIL	
Bendigo Regional Tourism Board	A/Manager Executive and Commercial Services, Lynne Habner Tourism and Marketing Officer, Robyn Vella
Bendigo Loddon Primary Care Partnership Board	Director Community Wellbeing, Wendy Gladman
Calder Highway Improvement Committee (1 representative, 1 substitute)	Cr Condliffe Cr Curnow (substitute)
Children and Youth Area Partnership Steering Committee	Director Community Wellbeing, Wendy Gladman
Loddon Mallee Waste Resource Recovery Group	Cr Curnow
L2P Steering Committee	Recreation Officer, Tony Bellenger
Loddon Mallee Sports Assembly (Sports Focus)	Manager Community Support, Allan Stobaus Community Development Officer, Carmel Pethick (substitute)
Municipal Association of Victoria (1 representative, 1 substitute)	Cr Holt Cr Beattie (substitute)
Murray Darling Association	Cr Beattie
NCCS School Council School Community Reference Group, (SCSCRG) (for the NCTTC – North Central Trade Training Centre)	Economic Development Officer, Christine Coombes
North Central Goldfields Regional Library (2 representatives: one councillor, one officer)	Cr McKinnon Chief Executive Officer
North Central Local Learning and Employment Network	Manager Organisational Development, Carol Canfield
Rail Freight Alliance	Cr Beattie
Rural Councils Victoria Executive	Cr Holt

ADVISORY COMMITTEES, STEERING COMMITTEES, ETC	
Audit Committee (1 representative)	Cr Holt
Australia Day Committee (1 Councillor representative and 1 staff member)	Cr Condliffe Australia Day Secretary, Shannon Brown
Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance (1 Councillor representative and 1 staff member)	Cr McKinnon Manager Community Support, Allan Stobaus
Healthy Minds Network (1 representative and 1 staff member)	Cr Condliffe Director Community Wellbeing, Wendy Gladman
Inglewood Town Hall Hub Working Group	Manager Community Support, Allan Stobaus
Central Victoria Rural Women's Network	Cr Condliffe
Loddon Youth Committee (1 representative)	Cr Condliffe
Municipal Emergency Management Plan Committee (1 representative)	Cr Curnow
Municipal Fire Management Plan Committee (1 representative)	Cr Curnow
Nature Tourism Advisory Team	Cr McKinnon Tourism and Marketing Officer, Robyn Vella
Nature Tourism Festival Committee (Sub Committee of Nature Tourism Advisory team)	Tourism and Marketing Officer, Robyn Vella

MOTION

Moved: Cr Holt

Seconded: Cr Condliffe

That Council adopt the appointments to committees as listed.

Carried

10. VOTE OF THANKS

The Chief Executive Officer made a presentation to Councillors' partners in recognition of their contribution and support over the past twelve months.

11. CLOSE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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