SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - 27 OCTOBER 2026

Community Vision:

By 2035, Indigo Shire will be home to strong, resilient communities that embrace sustainable practices, foster meaningful connections, and honour our rich heritage. Residents across all ages and life stages will experience a deep sense of belonging through balanced growth, responsible environmental stewardship, improved infrastructure and enhanced wellbeing.

TO BE HELD:	Tuesday 27 October 2026 at 6:30 pm
LOCATION:	Council Chambers, 2 Kurrajong Way, Beechworth, and live streamed on Council's website

ATTENDEES:	**NAME**	**TITLE**
	Cr Sophie Price	Mayor
	Cr Jane Dowsley	Deputy Mayor
	Cr Greg Bourke	Councillor
	Cr John Harvey	Councillor
	Cr Roberta Horne	Councillor (via Electronic means)
	Cr Scott Landells	Councillor
	Cr Diane Shepheard	Councillor
	Ian Ellett	Acting Chief Executive Officer
	Greg Whorlow	Manager Assets & Property
	James Turner	Manager Planning & Statutory Services
	Sally Rice	Director Community & Economic Development
	Deb Fankhauser	Executive Manager People & Governance
	Annabel Harding	Governance Coordinator
APOLOGIES:	Trevor Ierino	CEO
	Greg Pinkerton	Director Planning & Corporate Services

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These Minutes are not a verbatim transcript of the discussions in the Council meeting; a recording of this meeting can be found on Council's webpage.

Responses given by Councillors and Council Staff are the opinion of the individual responders, and accurate at the time of response, to the best of their knowledge

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1 WELCOME

Mayor Price acknowledged the lit candle and flowers in the centre of the room and recognised this as a way of marking the nationwide vigil for Dr Helen Haines that was conducted Friday night. The candle remained lit for the duration of the meeting.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Trevor Ierino - CEO
Greg Pinkerton - Director Planning & Corporate Services

RESOLUTION
That Council approve Cr Horne's attendance via electronic means, in accordance with Council's Governance Rule 26(f).

Moved:	**Cr Shepheard**
Seconded:	**Cr Harvey**
For:	Cr Bourke, Cr Dowsley, Cr Harvey, Cr Landells, Cr Price and Cr Shepheard
Against:	Nil

CARRIED

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Cr Horne was admitted to the meeting.

4 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

5 EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY - DR HELEN HAINES MP

Trevor Ierino – Chief Executive Officer
Office of the CEO

For Decision

RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Expresses its profound shock, sadness and concern at the violent incident involving the Federal Member for Indi, Dr Helen Haines MP, in Wangaratta on 19 October 2026.
2. Unequivocally condemns all forms of violence, threats and intimidation, particularly those directed towards elected representatives and others participating in public life, and affirms that such conduct has no place in our communities or our democracy.
3. Expresses its heartfelt support and best wishes to Dr Haines, and extends its thoughts, compassion and solidarity to her family, friends, staff and all others affected by the incident.
4. Acknowledges Dr Haines' outstanding commitment to public service, her genuine connection with the communities of Indigo Shire and the wider Indi electorate, and the respect and affection in which she is held by so many of the people she represents.
5. Acknowledges the courage and actions of those who assisted during and following the incident, including members of Helen's staff, the public, first responders and emergency services personnel.
6. Reaffirms its commitment to respectful democratic participation, recognising that differences of opinion, robust debate and public scrutiny are essential to democracy, but must never be used to justify violence, intimidation or threats against others.
7. Conveys Council's formal resolution of support to Dr Haines, her family, and her office.

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Moved:	**Cr Shepheard**
Seconded:	**Cr Landells**
For:	Cr Bourke, Cr Dowsley, Cr Harvey, Cr Horne, Cr Landells, Cr Price and Cr Shepheard
Against:	Nil

CARRIED

Each Councillor spoke some words to express their shock and sadness at the incident involving Dr Helen Haines MP and conveyed their collective support and best wishes to Helen, her family and staff. Councillors acknowledged her strong connection with the community, her leadership, integrity and commitment to the region, and wished her a full recovery.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide an opportunity for Council to acknowledge the distressing events involving our Federal Member for Indi, Dr Helen Haines MP, to express its profound concern and support, and to extend its heartfelt best wishes to Dr Haines, her family and staff.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Under section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Governance Rule 24, the following officers declare that they have no interests to disclose in providing this report:

- Trevor Ierino – Chief Executive Officer

6 OPEN FORUM

A set of questions were received however as the Questioner was not present in the gallery, a response will be provided in writing by Ian Ellett, Director Infrastructure Services. This response will be reported to November Scheduled Council Meeting.

7 COMMUNITY AND COUNCIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Nil

8 CONDOLENCES

Cr Shepheard acknowledged the passing of Helen Kelley on 8 September 2026, aged 89. Helen's many decades of service across community, charitable, sporting and local organisations reflected her generosity and commitment to others, leaving a lasting legacy within Yackandandah. Cr Shepheard requested that a letter of condolence be sent to Helen's family.

9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

RECOMMENDATION

That the following minutes be confirmed:

1. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29 September 2026 as published on Council's website; and
2. Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29 September 2026, as provided to Councillors under separate cover.

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RESOLUTION

That the following minutes be confirmed:

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2. Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29 September 2026, as provided to Councillors under separate cover.

Moved: **Cr Harvey**
Seconded: **Cr Dowsley**
For: Cr Bourke, Cr Dowsley, Cr Harvey, Cr Horne, Cr Landells, Cr Price and Cr Shepheard
Against: Nil

CARRIED

10 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil reports

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11 PETITIONS

Nil reports

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12 PLANNING AND CORPORATE SERVICES

12.1 SEPTEMBER 2026 FINANCE REPORT

Phil Garoni - Finance Manager
Planning and Corporate Services

For Decision

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accepts the Quarter 1 Finance Report noting the progress against Council's Budget.

RESOLUTION

That Council accepts the Quarter 1 Finance Report noting the progress against Council's Budget.

Moved:	**Cr Bourke**
Seconded:	**Cr Dowsley**
For:	Cr Bourke, Cr Dowsley, Cr Harvey, Cr Horne, Cr Landells, Cr Price and Cr Shepheard
Against:	Nil

CARRIED

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

The following report shows Council's September position against the adopted Budget and provides an indication of Council's financial performance for the 2026/27 financial year.

BACKGROUND

Council reports on financial and capital works performance each month. Every quarter this report is expanded to add more financial details. The year-to-date figures contained within this report show Council's YTD September position against the adopted Budget and provide an indication of Council's financial performance at this stage of the 2026/27 financial year.

Often this monthly report is also a review of the first quarter of the financial year. For the 2025/26 financial year the financial audit has been delayed and therefore the Q1 reconciliation will be done next month.

DISCUSSION

YTD Financial Position

This is a major report for the 2025/26 financial year which provides Council the following reports and its financial position as at 30 September 2025 including comparison to adopted Budget with regards to:

- Income Statement
- Balance Sheet
- Treasury (cash management)
- Borrowing Table

- Capital Works

The reported position to date is an overall net surplus of $13.61m compared to the adopted Budget of $12.95m surplus. This $0.65m favourable for the year to date (YTD) adopted Budget with the explanations of this favourability shown from Notes 1 through to 39.

Notes 1 to 7 relate to the Income Statement (following) and detailed variances of +/- $50k to the adopted YTD Budget. Notes 8 to 39 (attached) show variances for individual services and explain variances of +/- $10k.

September 2026 Income Statement

Account Group	Note	YTD actuals	YTD Budget	YTD Variance $	YTD Variance %	2026/27 Annual Budget	YTD Actual Sep 25
Income							
Contributions - Developer		27,500	5,997	21,503	359%	104,000	72,500
Contributions - Operating		31,265	16,518	14,747	89%	36,077	1,496
Operating Grants	1	750,887	646,981	103,906	16%	7,761,503	4,088,894
Interest Income		127,015	89,720	37,295	42%	368,865	71,075
Other Revenue		643,826	662,750	(18,924)	(3%)	2,987,952	507,874
Rates & charges	2	21,999,336	21,937,459	61,877	0%	22,037,459	20,953,549
Reimbursements		56,025	18,614	37,411	201%	131,480	78,287
Statutory Fees & Fines		191,407	224,846	(33,439)	(15%)	1,354,547	238,401
User Charges	3	2,092,350	2,266,498	(174,148)	(8%)	4,524,202	2,207,286
Total Income		**25,919,611**	**25,869,383**	**50,228**	**0%**	**39,306,085**	**28,219,363**
Expense							
Borrowing Costs		17,021	60,504	43,483	72%	298,879	20,057
Contract Payments	4	1,666,341	1,772,651	106,310	6%	7,992,444	1,454,425
Depreciation		2,439,605	2,439,605	0	0%	9,762,303	2,283,828
Employee Costs	5	4,033,317	4,087,988	54,671	1%	16,903,355	4,008,730
Materials & Consumables	6	2,815,275	3,317,963	502,688	15%	6,296,052	2,771,064
Other Expenses	7	1,240,011	1,125,054	(114,957)	(10%)	3,465,095	1,097,383
Utilities		101,889	113,010	11,121	10%	590,205	112,936
Total Expense		**12,313,459**	**12,916,775**	**603,316**	**5%**	**45,308,333**	**11,748,423**
Surplus / (Deficit)*		**13,606,152**	**12,952,608**	**653,544**	**5%**	**(6,002,248)**	**16,470,940**

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* For both actual and budget a positive net result means a favourable contribution to Council, which is referred to as a Surplus and a negative net result means a unfavourable contribution to Council, which is referred to as a Deficit.

(Red variance) is unfavourable
Black variance is favourable

Note	Explanation – Income
1	**Operating Grants** YTD favourable variance of **$103.9k** is due to unbudgeted grant for Building Blocks Planning Grant - Yackandandah Kindergarten Planning Project within the Community Development service area.
2	**Rates and Charges** YTD favourable **$61.8k** due to supplementary rates processed.
3	**User Charges**

Note	Explanation – Income
	YTD unfavourable **($174k)** relating to Buller Gas sales because of poor snow season. Note this is offset by favourable variance on cost of gas purchased within materials and consumables.
Note	**Explanation – Expenditure**
4	**Contract Payments** YTD favourable variance of **$106k** is mainly within the following areas: ▪ $22.9k – Environmental and Sustainability – mainly the Roadside weed and pest control project. ▪ $22k – Roads and Bridge Maintenance within Rural Roads. ▪ $21.9k – Planning, relating to Strategic planning. ▪ $19k – Assets Management in Assets data and systems. ▪ $17k – Tourism in marketing for the Digital Excellence partnership.
5	**Employee Costs** YTD favourable variance of **$55k** is due to vacancies.
6	**Materials and consumables** YTD favourable variance of **$502.6k** is mainly due to the following: ▪ $283.6k within Buller Gas relating to the cost of gas purchased. Along with billing query on the cost of gas charged. As such the invoices for these charges have been stopped until a resolution has been reached with our gas provider. ▪ $219k relating to the quarry. Timing of expense concerning blasting of materials at the quarry.
7	**Other Expenses** YTD unfavourable variance of **($115k)** is mainly within the following: ▪ ($84.7k) relating to tree services management. Higher than expected use of internal plant. ▪ ($30.3k) in legal and essential safety measure costs across the Building & Property service area.

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September 2026 Balance Sheet		Prior year YTD Actual
		Sep 25
Current Assets		
Cash	6,127,009	6,612,447
Current Debtors/Receivables	24,185,277	22,882,142
Inventories	68,181	254,958
Investments	500,000	500,000
Other Current Assets	324,003	473,093
Total Current Assets	**31,204,470**	**30,722,640**
Non Current Assets		
Property Plant & Equipment	9,938,137	8,357,302
Land & Buildings	140,915,853	139,853,515
Roads, Bridges & Culverts	249,012,134	234,233,401
Works in Progress	774,878	1,842,046
Total Non Current Assets	**400,641,002**	**384,286,265**
Total Assets	**431,845,473**	**415,008,905**
Current Liabilities		
Borrowings	(137,264)	(122,495)
Lease Liabilities	(118,497)	(22,429)
Creditors	(7,964,029)	(5,576,895)
Contract and Other Liabilities	(4,815,246)	0
Provisions	(3,551,678)	(3,269,150)
Trust Deposits	(366,181)	(308,053)
Total Current Liabilities	**(16,952,894)**	**(9,299,022)**
Non Current Liabilities		
Borrowings	(1,313,267)	(1,495,099)
Lease Liabilities	(290,310)	(87,966)
Provisions	(5,632,751)	(5,338,604)
Trust Deposits	(361,547)	(346,475)
Total Non Current Liabilities	**(7,597,876)**	**(7,268,145)**
Total Liabilities	**(24,550,770)**	**(16,567,167)**
Net Assets	**407,294,703**	**398,441,738**
Equity		
Accumulated Surplus	(173,014,975)	(174,797,489)
Reserves	(234,279,728)	(223,644,249)
Total Equity	**(407,294,703)**	**(398,441,738)**

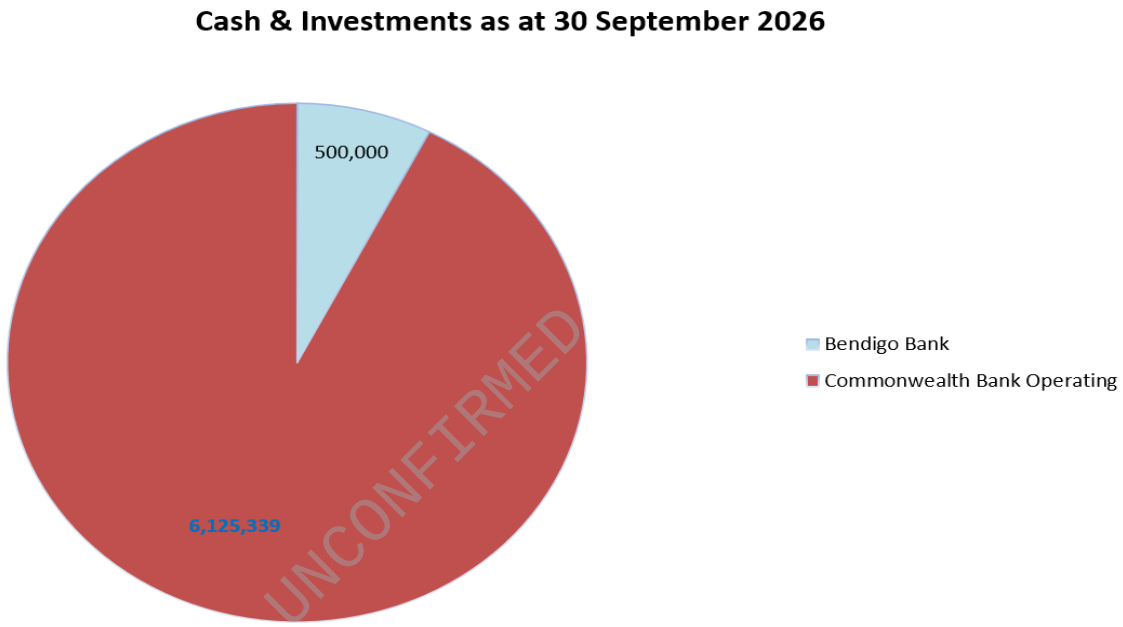
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Cash Position

Council's Cash position at the end of September was $6.625 million. Compared to the same time last year's position of $6.99 million.

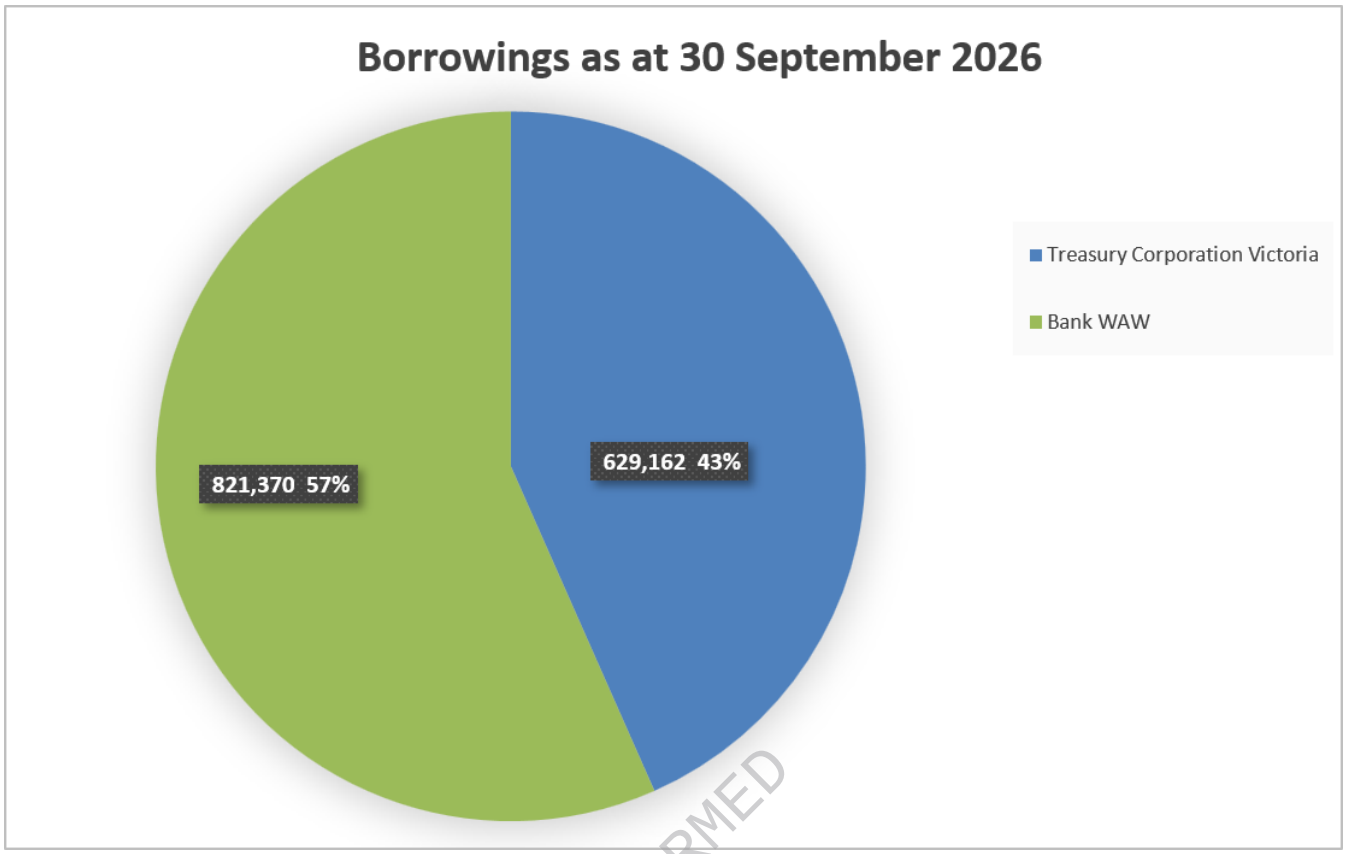
Cash at Bank	6,125,339
Term deposit under 90 days	500,000
Term deposit over 90 days	-
Total	**6,625,339**



Borrowings

Below is a summary of all Council's borrowings. The table shows original loans borrowed, term of loans, rates and maturity with outstanding balances at the end of September 2026 of $1,450,531.

Indigo Shire Council - Borrowing Report as at 30 September 2026						
Bank	**Term - Years**	**Rate %**	**Date of Maturity**	**Original loan amount**		**Balance owed**
TCV	10	4.15	1/06/2032	1,000,000		629,162
Bank WAW	10	2.08	27/06/2034	1,000,000		821,370
Total of All Borrowings				**2,000,000**		**1,450,531**



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Capital Works

The combined YTD project expenditure as at the end of September, across both the Capital Works and Non ISC projects was $2,155,080. This total is comprised of $2,028,412 in capital projects and $126,668 against Non ISC assets. For the first quarter of the financial year this represents 15.5% of the capital works adopted Budget program.

Summary Capital Works Year to date Income & Expenditure
As at 30 September 2026

	Income	Expenditure	Annual Budget Net 2026-2027
Property			
Land	-	-	-
Land improvements	-	-	20,000
Total land	**-**	**-**	**20,000**
Buildings	46,567	113,790	650,551
Heritage buildings	-	19,188	425,341
Total buildings	**46,567**	**132,978**	**1,075,892**
Total property	**46,567**	**132,978**	**1,095,892**
Plant and equipment			
Plant, machinery and equipment and fleet	108,458	1,006,513	1,621,237
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	-	105	7,453
Computers and telecommunications	-	222,330	637,520
Library books	175,857	14,860	11,000
Total plant and equipment	**284,315**	**1,243,808**	**2,277,210**
Infrastructure			
Roads	509,125	138,049	842,875
Bridges		5,751	312,898
Footpaths and cycleways		142,749	219,671
Drainage		93,205	452,473
Recreational, leisure and community facilities	61,000	263,841	2,973,709
Parks, open space and streetscapes	-	8,030	150,869
Total infrastructure	**570,125**	**651,626**	**4,952,495**
Total Capital Works	**901,007**	**2,028,412**	**8,325,597**

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Summary NON ISC Year to date Income & Expenditure
As at 30 September 2026

	Income	Expenditure	Annual Budget Net 2026-2027
Wahgunyah Railway Reserve	-	1,218	
Baarmutha Park Cricket Nets	10,000		
Tangam Tennis Court Upgrade	-	502	
Chiltern Recreation Reserve	-	43,098	71,844
Barkly Park Upgrade Female Change Room	-	10,165	810,609
Barnawartha Recreation Reserve Lighting Upgrade	427		77,692
Butson Park Yack Changerooms	-	27,220	150,000
Barnawartha Rec Res - Playground	-	639	
Wahgunyah Recreation Reserve - Lighting Upgrade	-	40,776	72,146
Kiewa Cricket Nets & Oval Irrigaiton	-	3,050	2,470
Total Projects	**10,427**	**126,668**	**960,145**
Total NON ISC Owned Assets	**10,427**	**126,668**	**960,145**

*** The above statement of Capital Works & NON ISC Owned Assets should be read in conjunction with the Capital Works Monitor***

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

COUNCIL PLAN 2021 – 2025	
Theme	5. Accountability
Strategic Objective	5.1 Our financial management is sound, responsible, and effective.

SOCIAL/COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS

This report provides details of Council's performance across a range of services, works and programs that support and enhance the wellbeing of residents and visitors to Indigo Shire.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

In May 2017 Council adopted the following resolution.

That Council:

1. *divests its investments (when they become due) to financial institutions that do not invest in the fossil fuel industry.*
2. *divests future long-term borrowings when they fall due, to financial institutions that do not invest in the fossil fuel industry.*
3. *notes that Council will retain the current (non-divested) transactional banking provider at this time, however Council will advise this bank the intention to move to a divested provider in the future if they continue to support the fossil fuel industry; and*
4. *writes to Council's current banking providers to advise them of Council's stance on fossil-free financial institutions*

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In accordance with this resolution:

- All investments are held with financial institutions that have divested their interests away from fossil fuel companies.
- Transactional banking has not been reassessed since the resolution and remains with a non-divested bank.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Addressed throughout the report.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Local Government Act requires Council to report financial information quarterly. Indigo Shire Council report financials monthly, as well as a more comprehensive Report at completion of each quarter.

All financial reporting is compliant with the Australian Accounting Standards and audited annually by the Victorian Auditor General Office.

RISK & OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT

Description	Likelihood	Consequence	Current Risk Rating	Controls
Poor performance against budget	Possible	Moderate	Medium	Regular monitoring and reporting of financial position

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Engagement undertaken

Nil

Engagement outcomes

Nil

Engagement proposed

Each month Council reports on financial performance in the public Council Meeting. This is part of the annual performance planning and reporting cycle that also includes annual budgets (operating and capital), monthly reports, and annual financial and performance reporting.

CONCLUSION

In summary, at this early stage of the financial year council is ahead of the budgeted position. Several timing variances indicate that this is a temporary favourable position, and council's financial result will move toward budget expectations as the year unfolds.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Under section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Governance Rule 24, the following officers declare that they have no interests to disclose in providing this report:

- Greg Pinkerton - Director Planning and Corporate Services
- Phil Garoni - Finance Manager
- Sharon Phillips - Management Accountant

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Attachments

1. Monthly Service Plan Statement - Sep 26-27 [**12.1.1** - 1 page]
2. Q 1 Exception Report - All Services with variances [**12.1.2** - 32 pages]

12.2 PP230113 - PLANNING PERMIT - YACKANDANDAH-WODONGA ROAD, YACKANDANDAH

James Turner - Manager Planning & Statutory Services

Planning and Corporate Services

For Decision

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to grant a Planning Permit PP230113 to subdivide land into twelve lots, at Yackandandah – Wodonga Road, Yackandandah, in the Low Density Residential Zone, create access, subdivide land adjacent to a road in a Transport Zone 2 and remove native vegetation, subject to the conditions attached to this application.

RESOLUTION

That the debate on this matter be deferred until the next available Council Meeting to allow for more information to be obtained.

Moved:	**Cr Shepheard**
Seconded:	**Cr Landells**
For:	Cr Dowsley, Cr Harvey, Cr Horne, Cr Landells, Cr Price and Cr Shepheard
Against:	Cr Bourke

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The Acting CEO, Ian Ellett tabled a document containing updated draft conditions, with amendments to condition #6. This document can be found at the end of these minutes.

STRATEGIC OVERVIEW

The proposal represents an orderly planning outcome within an area strategically identified in the Indigo Planning Scheme for low density residential development at the northern edge of Yackandandah township. The subdivision provides a transition between existing low density residential land, rural living land and surrounding rural land, while maintaining larger lots and building envelopes around the more constrained eastern and southern parts of the site near Marcus Creek.

The assessment of this application has considered the relevant strategic and statutory planning matters, including native vegetation, access to the arterial road network, servicing, stormwater, bushfire risk, Aboriginal cultural heritage and public open space. Subject to conditions, including requirements for native vegetation offsets, infrastructure, referral authority requirements and a public open space contribution, the proposal is considered consistent with the Planning Scheme and supports the recommended Notice of Decision to grant a planning permit.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council originally considered a broadly consistent proposal at its meeting on 25 June 2019 (18-0116), where Council resolved to issue a Notice of Decision to grant a planning permit for the subdivision. This decision was challenged at VCAT by objectors to the proposal, the Tribunal subsequently directed a varied permit be issued. Following this decision, the applicant took steps to act on the permit, but ultimately the permit expired. This application seeks to re-activate the proposal.

This application proposes to subdivide land into twelve lots in the Low Density Residential Zone, create access, subdivide land adjacent to a road in a Transport Zone 2 and remove native vegetation at Yackandandah-Wodonga Road, Yackandandah. The site is an irregularly shaped allotment with a total area of 5.85 hectares located on the southern side of Yackandandah-Wodonga Road, north of Yackandandah township.

A previous application under PP180228 was considered for the same site and proposal, which was approved, and the planning permit was issued on 25 February 2020 with a varied direction from VCAT. However, the permit expired, hence this current application.

The twelve residential lots will range in size from 2005 square metres to 1.579 hectares with larger lots surrounding the eastern and southern boundaries to allow for the landscaped constraints of the site. The proposal includes an internal public road, Crambrook Close from Yackandandah-Wodonga Road (Transport Zone 2) with a court bowl design which creates access to all the proposed lots. It is also proposed to remove native vegetation on the site. The proposal includes the removal of 1.728 hectares of native vegetation, with native vegetation offsets to be required as a condition of any permit issued.

A planning permit is triggered under the following provisions:

- Clause 32.03 – Low Density Residential Zone
- Clause 52.17 – Native Vegetation
- Clause 52.29 – Land Adjacent to the Principal Road Network

The application was subject to public notice and was initially sent to public notice in December 2025 and again in May 2026 to include any previous objectors from the original application (PP180228). The application received a total of three (3) objections with no additional objections received. The application was not re-advertised as the changes were considered relatively minor.

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The objections received raised the following concerns which are summarised below:

- Inconsistent with the Indigo Planning Scheme
- Loss of native vegetation
- Incompatible with the local character
- Inadequate infrastructure & service provisions
- Unacceptable risks to safety, environment and community identity

The subject site is the last lot located within the Low Density Residential Zone before the Rural Living Zone begins with the Farming Zone to the north across the road. The area has been strategically zoned to allow this transition of Low Density Residential to Rural Living. The proposal is consistent with the purpose of the zone to provide for low density residential development on lots and is compatible with the area. The proposal allows for larger lots surrounding the eastern and southern boundaries to transition to the Rural Living Zone area and with the proposed building envelopes sufficiently setback to protect the vegetation and Marcus Creek environs.

The matters raised have been considered as part of this assessment and were found to be acceptable subject to conditions in relation to native vegetation, infrastructure and services. The loss of native vegetation has been minimised where possible, will be appropriately offset, and is acceptable in this instance against the relevant requirements of the Planning Scheme. Conditions will be imposed on any permit issued.

The assessment also concludes that a 5% cash contribution towards public open space should be required by condition, as on-site public open space is not considered practical for this subdivision.

The proposed lots will follow Council and relevant authority requirements for access, drainage, sewerage, electricity and water supply which will be addressed by conditions on any permit issued. ESD matters have been considered as required by the planning scheme, however this application was lodged before Council adopted its current ESD policy, so the application has not been required to comply with the BESS Subdivisions framework.

Traffic and road safety have been considered by Council's Assets Department and DTP, and no objections to the proposal were raised subject to conditions on any permit issued. The subject site is not subject to the Bushfire Management Overlay. Bushfire planning has been considered as the site is within the Designated Bushfire Prone Area. The proposal is acceptable in relation to the context of the site, safety, environment and community identity.

The reasons for presenting this report to Council are that the proposal creates more than 10 lots on the site and three (3) objections have been received.

This proposal is considered appropriate and consistent with the Low Density Residential Zone and the relevant provisions of the Planning Scheme. The proposal is an acceptable response to the planning context and requirements of the Planning Scheme, therefore a Notice of Decision to grant a planning permit should be issued subject to conditions.

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PROPERTY ADDRESS	Yackandandah-Wodonga Road, Yackandandah
EXISTING USE OF LAND	Vacant land
NUMBER OF OBJECTIONS	3
ZONING	Low Density Residential Zone
OVERLAY	Significant Landscape Overlay, Schedule 2, only a sliver along the northern front boundary of the site
RELEVANT CLAUSES	See below in the report
STATUTORY DAYS	Under 60 days
DATE APPLICANT NOTIFIED OF COUNCIL MEETING	21 September 2026

BACKGROUND

Site and surrounds

The site is an irregularly shaped allotment with a total area of 5.85 hectares located on the southern side of Yackandandah-Wodonga Road, north of Yackandandah township. The frontage to Yackandandah-Wodonga Road is approximately 255 metres. The site is vacant and undeveloped with some clumps of native and non-native vegetation throughout the site. The land is undulating and slopes down from the north-west to the south-east towards Marcus Creek, which curves around the eastern and southern boundary of the land. There does not appear to be access to the site.

The adjoining land to the west is Low Density Residential zoned land, to the north is Farming Zone with some Public Use Zone, and to the south and east is Rural Living Zone. The land to the north is subject to Bushfire Management Overlay and Significant Landscape Overlay. The site is located within the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sensitivity Area and the Designated Bushfire Prone Area.

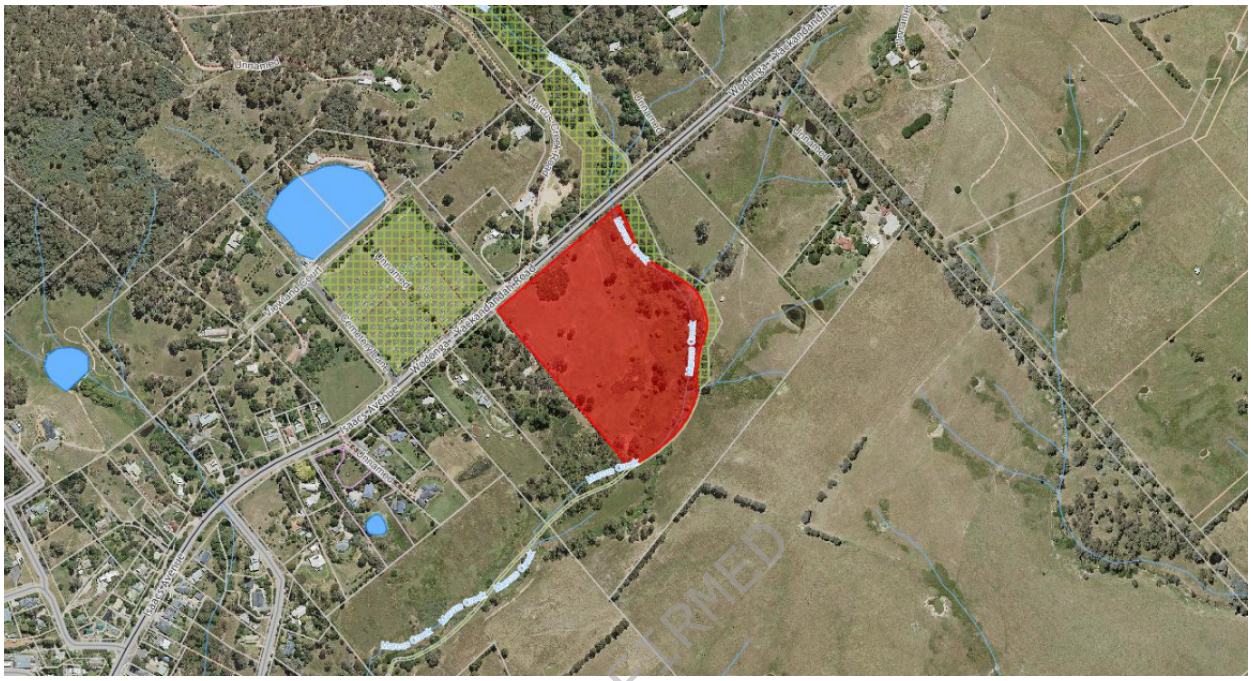


Figure 1 - Site Aerial Image

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Relevant Site History

The relevant site history is below:

- PP18-0228 – approved planning permit issued 25 February 2020 for development of the land for a twelve-lot subdivision. Council officers recommended issuing a Notice of Decision to grant a planning permit at the Council meeting on 25 June 2019. An objector appealed the application to VCAT. It was a VCAT-varied directed permit under VCAT reference no. P1452/2019 dated 31 January 2020 as the applicant for review objected to the proposed subdivision on broad grounds that questioned the suitability of the subdivision in the context of planning policy. The key points of concern raised were:
    - the configuration and density of the proposed lots being inappropriate for the character of Yackandandah, and
    - landscape grounds that concern the perceived visibility of the subdivision at the 'gateway' approach to Yackandandah township from the north-east.

  The permit expired hence this current application.

PROPOSAL

The proposal seeks approval to subdivide land into twelve lots in the Low Density Residential Zone, create access, subdivide land adjacent to a road in a Transport Zone 2 and remove native vegetation at Yackandandah-Wodonga Road, Yackandandah. The twelve residential lots will range in size from 2005 square metres to 1.579 hectares with larger lots surrounding the eastern and southern boundaries to allow for the landscape constraints of the site. The proposal includes an internal public road, Crambrook Close from Yackandandah-Wodonga Road (Transport Zone 2), with a court bowl design which creates

access to all the proposed lots. The proposed building envelopes shown on the Proposed Plan of Subdivision are setback 20-30 metres from Yackandandah-Wodonga Road. It is also proposed to remove native vegetation on the site.

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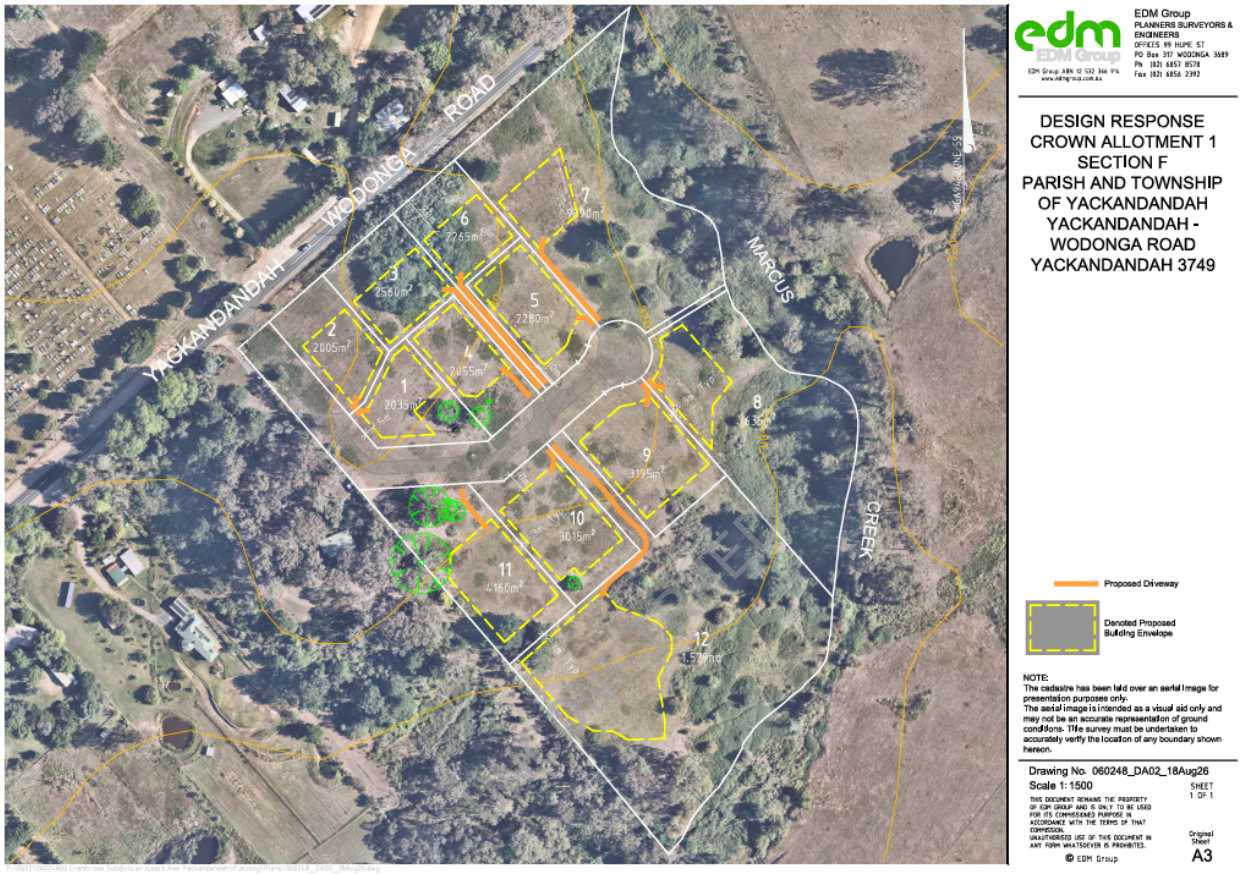


Figure 2 – Design Response

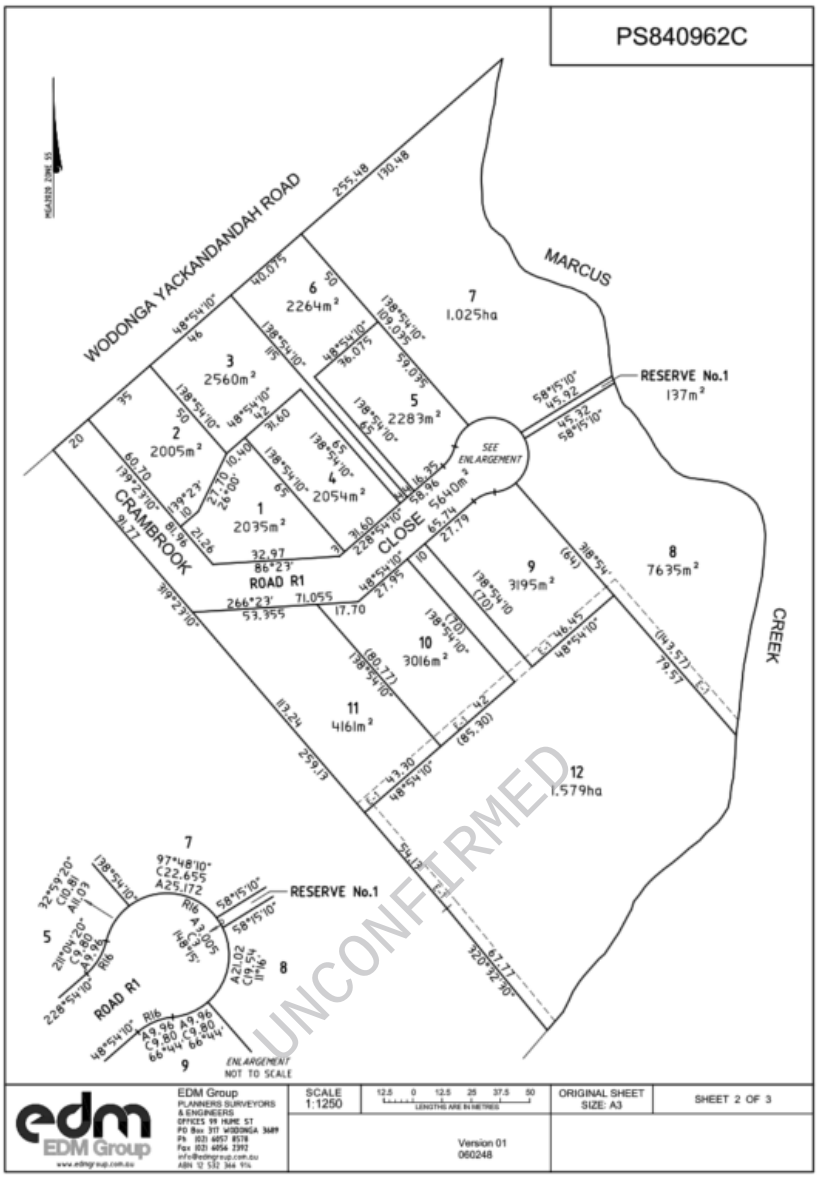


Figure 3 – Proposed Plans for Subdivision



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Figure 4 – Proposed Native Vegetation Removal Map from Native Vegetation Removal Report dated 24/06/2025

INDIGO PLANNING SCHEME

Zoning

The subject site is located within the Low Density Residential Zone (LDRZ).

Clause 32.03-3 requires a permit to subdivide land.

Overlays

Significant Landscape Overlay – Schedule 2

The site is slightly covered by this overlay along the front northern boundary of the land; however, a permit is not required as the vegetation removal is outside the overlay area.

Particular Provisions

Clause 52.17 - Native Vegetation. A permit is required to remove native vegetation.

Clause 52.29 - Land Adjacent to the Principal Road Network. A permit is required to create access and to subdivide land adjacent to a road in a Transport Zone 2.

Clause 53.01 - Public Open Space Contribution and Subdivision

Clause 53.02 - Bushfire Planning. This clause applies to an application under any provision of this planning scheme to subdivide land in a bushfire prone area that is not in a Bushfire Management Overlay.

General Provisions

Clause 65.01 - Approval of an application or plan

Clause 65.02 - Approval of an application to subdivide land

CONSULTATION

Public Notice

This application was initially sent to public notice in December 2025 and again in May 2026 to include any previous objectors from the original application (PP180228). The application received a total of three (3) objections.

The following properties were notified under the initial public notice:



Figure 5 – Aerial showing the extent of properties that received a letter during the initial public notice period with the blue dots.

The objections received raised the following concerns which are summarised below:

- Inconsistent with the Indigo Planning Scheme
- Loss of native vegetation
- Incompatible with the local character
- Inadequate infrastructure & service provisions
- Unacceptable risks to safety, environment and community identity

Planner Response:

The zoning of the land is Low Density Residential, the development proposes minimum lot sizes of 0.2 hectares for lots that are connected to reticulated sewerage which is in accordance with the zone and purpose of the zone. This proposal is considered appropriate and consistent with the zoning of the land and relevant provisions of the Indigo Planning Scheme.

The loss of native vegetation has been minimised where possible, will be appropriately offset, and is acceptable in this instance against the relevant requirements of the Planning Scheme, conditions will be imposed on any permit issued.

The subject site is the last lot located within the Low Density Residential Zone before the Rural Living Zone begins and Farming Zone to the north across the road. The area has been strategically zoned to allow this transition of Low Density Residential to Rural Living. The proposal is consistent with the purpose

of the zone to provide for low density residential development on lots and is compatible with the area. The proposal allows for larger lots surrounding the eastern and southern boundaries to transition to the Rural Living Zone area and with the proposed building envelopes sufficiently setback to protect the vegetation/landscaped character of the area around Marcus Creek.

The application was referred to Council's Asset Department and relevant authorities, who considered the infrastructure and service provisions with no objections received to the proposal subject to conditions. The proposed lots will follow Council and relevant authority requirements for access, drainage, sewerage, electricity and water supply, which will be addressed by conditions on any permit issued.

Traffic and road safety have been considered by Council's Assets Department and the Department of Transport and Planning, and no objections to the proposal were raised subject to conditions on any permit issued. The subject site is not subject to the Bushfire Management Overlay. Bushfire planning has been considered as the site is within the Designated Bushfire Prone Area. The proposal is acceptable in relation to the context of the site, safety, environment and community identity.

Referrals

The application was referred internally and externally to the relevant referral authorities for comment which are summarised below:

Assets

The Asset Department had no objection to the proposal subject to conditions. These conditions will be required on any permit issued.

ESD Advisor

The application was referred to the regional ESD Advisor who provided recommendations that a landscape plan should be provided to confirm street tree planting along the proposed internal road and redesign changes to facilitate increased native tree retention. A concept landscape plan was provided to address the street tree planting however a detailed landscape plan will be conditioned on any permit issued, and the internal road layout and building envelopes were redesigned to retain native trees under the S57A Amendment.

North East Water

North East Water has no objection to the proposal subject to conditions.

NECMA

NECMA does not object to the proposal subject to conditions that relate to stormwater management and quality, protection of downstream waterways and all buildings and works setback 30 metres from Marcus Creek which will be imposed on any permit issued.

DEECA

DEECA does not object to the proposal subject to conditions and permit notes on any permit issued.

AusNet

AusNet does not object to the proposal subject to conditions on any permit issued.

Head, Transport for Victoria

Head, Transport for Victoria does not object to the proposal subject to conditions on any permit issued.

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DISCUSSION

Planning Policy Framework

The following Clauses are relevant to the application:

Clause 02.03-1 Settlement & Yackandandah

The relevant strategic directions are:

- Retain the village character of the township.
- Contain urban development within the town boundary.
- Protect rural landscapes and open vistas.

Planner Response

The proposal complies with these requirements by supporting development and growth in an appropriately zoned area. This subdivision allows for future residential development within Yackandandah through the infill of this site located within the town boundary and low density residential zoned area.

The same clause has a section on Yackandandah; however this does not contain any relevant guidance to the approval of the planning permit.

Clause 02.03-2 Environmental and landscape values

This clause contains the following relevant strategic directions:

- *Protect and conserve environmentally sensitive areas.*
- *Minimise vegetation loss.*
- *Minimise adverse environmental impacts arising from development.*

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Planner Response

The proposal responds appropriately by minimising vegetation loss where possible, retaining existing vegetation and providing a lot layout and indicative building envelopes which prevent impacts on waterways and Marcus Creek, with setbacks from the waterway to protect the environmentally sensitive area.

Clause 02.03-5 Built environment and heritage

The first section of this clause relates to the built environment, and has the following relevant strategic direction:

- *Protect, conserve, and enhance the Shire's rich character, built environment, heritage, and natural features.*
- *Encourage sensitive design and siting of buildings and development within historic towns and rural landscapes.*

The second section of this clause relates to environmentally sustainable design:

- *Encourage the use of solar passive design in development.*
- *Encourage development design to be adaptable to climate change.*

Planner Response

The lot layout as shown on the proposed plans support these directions, as the lots are north-south orientation, allowing solar passive designs. The proposed layout, indicative building envelopes and

conditions required by relevant departments/authorities will ensure the land can deal with the increased rainfall intensity expected as part of climate change.

Clause 02.03-9 Infrastructure

This policy contains one relevant direction:

- *Minimise the impacts of development on stormwater pollution and encourage Water Sensitive Urban Design.*

Planner Response

The information submitted with the application demonstrates this can be achieved plus requirements relating to stormwater and WSUD from relevant departments/authorities will be addressed by conditions.

Clause 11.01-1S Settlement

This clause has the following objective:

- *To facilitate the sustainable growth and development of Victoria and deliver choice and opportunity for all Victorians through a network of settlements.*

Planner Response

The proposal supports this objective by facilitating the development of a wider variety of land types in Yackandandah.

Clause 11.01-1R Settlement – Hume

This clause contains the following addition relevant strategy:

- *Support growth and development in other existing urban settlements and foster the sustainability of small rural settlements.*

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Planner Response

While the clause identifies specific towns for growth, not including Yackandandah, the above strategy makes it clear that growth in other towns should be supported. The proposal supports this growth.

Clause 11.01-1L-04 Yackandandah

While this policy applies, it provides no guidance to the current proposal.

Clause 11.03-6S Regional and local places

This clause has the objective to facilitate integrated place-based planning. There is one relevant strategy:

- *Consider the distinctive characteristics and needs of regional and local places in planning for future land use and development.*

Planner Response

The proposal has responded appropriately to the context of the site and its surrounds which is reflected on the plans.

Clause 12.01-2S Native vegetation management

A native vegetation report and flora and fauna assessment was provided as part of the application. The proposal proposes to remove 1.728 hectares of native vegetation, and it has been considered by DEECA. The department considers that the application meets the three-step approach and is an adequate compromise between meeting the key objectives of the development and minimising the impacts of the proposal on native vegetation. To offset the proposed removal of the native vegetation, a native

vegetation offset is required which will be conditioned on any permit issued along with other DEECA conditions imposed.

Clause 12.03-1S River and riparian corridors, waterways, lakes, wetlands and billabongs

This clause includes the following objective:

- *To protect and enhance waterway systems including river and riparian corridors, waterways, lakes, wetlands and billabongs.*

The following relevant strategies apply:

- *Protect the environmental, cultural, landscape values of all waterway systems as significant economic, environmental and cultural assets.*
- *Conserve waterway systems and the landscapes and environmental values surrounding them by protecting ecological values, indigenous vegetation, terrestrial and aquatic habitats and encouraging biodiversity.*
- *Sensitively design and site development to maintain and enhance the waterway system and the surrounding landscape setting, environmental assets, and ecological and hydrological systems.*
- *Address the impacts of use and development on drought and flooding events at a catchment and site scale to protect the health and natural function of waterway systems and their surrounding landscape and environment.*

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Planner Response

This clause applies due to the Marcus Creek waterway running through the eastern side of the site. Appropriate stormwater management and infrastructure will prevent inundation or any unacceptable impacts to water quality.

NECMA did not object but have required certain conditions that relate to stormwater management and quality, protection of downstream waterways and all buildings and works setback 30 metres from Marcus Creek which will be included as a condition on any permit issued.

Clause 13.02-1S Bushfire Planning

This policy applies as the site is within a designated bushfire prone area.

The objective of this policy is *to strengthen the resilience of settlements and communities to bushfire through risk-based planning that prioritises the protection of human life.*

Planner Response

The Yackandandah-Wodonga Road separates the site from the Bushfire Management Overlay however the site is located within the designated bushfire prone area. The building envelopes have been appropriately setback from the vegetated areas around the eastern and southern boundaries of the site. The overall risk to life and property on this site is acceptable with the appropriate bushfire protection measures that will be taken at the development stage.

Clause 13.02-1L Bushfire Planning

This local planning policy includes the following objective:

- *To ensure that use and development reduces the level of fire risk and includes adequate fire protection measures.*

The following strategies are relevant:

- *Site buildings, access roads and subdivisions to minimise the impact of fire.*
- *Support residential or public use development only where acceptable fire prevention and management measures can be implemented and maintained.*
- *Support development only where it appropriately responds to slope, access, aspect, orientation and nearby vegetation.*
- *Support development that includes landscaping featuring open areas with non-flammable ground cover and deciduous or low flammable species in planted areas.*

The policy also includes the following guidelines:

- Provision of water storage (in tanks or dams):
    - Of at least 90,000 litres (depending on vegetation cover of the site) of which 20,000 litres should be permanently set aside for firefighting purposes.
    - Located to maximise access to firefighting vehicles and services.
- Fitting water tanks with a gate valve and a 64 millimetres, 3 thread round male coupling to CFA specifications.
- Dams with an adjacent hard-standing area capable of accommodating water tankers.

Planner Response

The layout of the lots is a reasonable response to the fire risk with larger setbacks provided to the building envelopes on the eastern and southern boundaries of the site, and an access road provided to the site. In this case, there is sufficient space for water tanks for all lots however as large as those recommended, would be excessive for single dwellings on low density residential lots. The application was not referred to CFA as it is not required outside the Bushfire Management Overlay.

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Clause 14.02-1S Catchment planning and management

This clause has an objective to assist the protection and restoration of catchments, waterways, estuaries, bays, water bodies, groundwater, and the marine environment.

Relevant strategies include:

- *Undertake measures to minimise the quantity and retard the flow of stormwater from developed areas.*
- *Require appropriate measures to filter sediment and wastes from stormwater prior to its discharge into waterways, including the preservation of floodplain or other land for wetlands and retention basins.*
- *Require appropriate measures to restrict sediment discharges from construction sites.*

Planner Response

Detailed plans addressing these issues will be a requirement on the planning permit. The submitted documents indicate that these requirements can be met, however the exact details will need to be resolved prior to any works commencing on site. Measures include ensuring that stormwater is restricted to predevelopment flows. These will need to be to the satisfaction of both NECMA and Council.

Clause 15.01-1S Urban design

This clause has the following objective:

- *To create urban environments that are safe, healthy, functional and enjoyable and that contribute to a sense of place and cultural identity.*

Relevant strategies include:

- *Require development to respond to its context in terms of character, cultural identity, natural features, surrounding landscape and climate.*
- *Ensure development contributes to community and cultural life by improving the quality of living and working environments, facilitating accessibility and providing for inclusiveness.*
- *Ensure the interface between the private and public realm protects and enhances personal safety.*
- *Ensure development supports public realm amenity and safe access to walking and cycling environments and public transport.*
- *Ensure that the design and location of publicly accessible private spaces, including car parking areas, forecourts and walkways, is of a high standard, creates a safe environment for users and enables easy and efficient use.*
- *Ensure that development provides landscaping that supports the amenity, attractiveness and safety of the public realm.*
- *Ensure that development, including signs, minimises detrimental impacts on amenity, on the natural and built environment and on the safety and efficiency of roads.*
- *Promote good urban design along and abutting transport corridors.*

Planner Response

The proposal has considered the site and its surrounds in its ultimate design. The planning process has resulted in a design that is reflective of the area and its constraints and opportunities.

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Clause 15.01-3S Subdivision design

The objective of this clause is *to ensure the design of subdivisions achieves attractive, safe, accessible, diverse and sustainable neighbourhoods.*

Planner Response

The subdivision design provides:

- A layout that is suitable given the constraints of the site;
- Lot sizes vary appropriately;
- No parks or other open spaces are suitable. In this case, it would be preferable to take a cash contribution; however, a reserve connection has been provided to the adjoining Crown land on the eastern side of the site as shown on the proposed plan of subdivision.
- A concept landscaping plan for the provision of street tree planting along the proposed internal road, any further landscaping requirements will be addressed by condition;
- The site is not suitable for public transport, given the relative size of Yackandandah; and
- The subject site is adequately serviced.

Clause 15.03-2S Aboriginal cultural heritage

The objective of this clause is *to ensure the protection and conservation of places of Aboriginal cultural heritage significance.*

Planner Response

The subject site is located within the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sensitivity Area, and an approved Cultural Heritage Management Plan was provided for the proposal. The report concluded that there

was no Aboriginal cultural heritage identified in the activity area, no areas of Aboriginal cultural heritage sensitivity were identified during the survey, and no known Aboriginal cultural heritage will be impacted by the activity.

The Cultural Heritage Management conditions are required to be followed for measures to be taken before, during and after activity which will be addressed on any permit issued.

Clause 16.01-1L Residential Subdivision and Development

As the proposal is for subdivision of residential land, this policy applies.

This clause has the following objectives:

- To ensure that residential development is connected to reticulated sewerage, water, power, and stormwater facilities and has access to fully constructed roads.
- To ensure that urban development does not adversely impact the environment and downstream water quality.
- To locate medium density development adjacent to community services and facilities and in proximity to commercial centres.
- To ensure that the design of medium density housing considers the scale, mass, form and height of other buildings particularly in heritage towns.

The following strategies are relevant:

- Ensure residential development is provided with reticulated services.
- Encourage low density residential development that adequately treats and disposes of effluent where reticulated sewerage is not available.
- Support development that is well connected to the neighbourhood, including:
    - Dwellings facing existing and proposed streets.
    - Design and landscaping which relates to the surrounding neighbourhood character.
    - Provision of adequate vehicle and pedestrian links.

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Planner Response

The proposal allows for subdivided low density residential lots in a suitable zone, functional layout with lot sizes similar to the existing subdivision pattern in the zoned area which is in line with this policy. The proposal will be connected to all reticulated services and will not adversely affect the environment.

Vehicle access to a fully constructed internal road and a detailed landscape plan for street planting along the internal road will be required by conditions on any permit issued as per Council's Asset Department. No medium density development is proposed.

NECMA had no objection to the proposal subject to conditions included on any permit issued.

Clause 18.02-1S Walking

The plans do not show footpaths within the development. This will be required by a suitable permit condition.

Clause 18.02-4S Roads

This clause has the objective *to facilitate an efficient and safe road network that integrates all movement networks and makes best use of existing infrastructure.*

Planner Response

The proposed road network will adequately serve the land. There is a proposed internal road with court bowl design to the proposed lots from Yackandandah-Wodonga Road which will integrate appropriately with the surrounding land. DTP had no objection to the proposal subject to conditions included on any permit issued and the proposed internal road will need to meet Council's Asset Department requirements via conditions.

Clause 19.02-6S Open space

This clause has the following objective:

- *To establish, manage and improve a diverse and integrated network of public open space that meets the needs of the community.*

Planner Response

In this case, creating open space on site would not be practical, as it would be limited in both size and catchment area. Requiring a contribution and using it to improve the overall Yackandandah open space network would be a better outcome, and as such a contribution will be required by condition. The area along the eastern and southern boundaries is not suitable for open space due to Marcus Creek running along the boundaries.

Clause 19.03-2S Infrastructure design and provision

This clause has the following objective:

- *To provide timely, efficient and cost-effective development infrastructure that meets the needs of the community.*

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Planner Response

The proposal includes designs for suitable infrastructure. Appropriate conditions on any permit issued will ensure that the infrastructure will meet the servicing authorities and Council's requirements.

Clause 19.03-3S Integrated water management

This clause has the objective *to sustainably manage water supply and demand, water resources, wastewater, drainage and stormwater through an integrated water management approach.*

Planner Response

A Stormwater management plan was provided as part of the application. The development is required to demonstrate that the stormwater quality and waterway management plans are compliant with the relevant guidelines on any permit issued. Further drainage and stormwater requirements have been required by Council and relevant authorities which will be addressed by conditions.

Clause 19.03-3L Stormwater Management

This local policy has the following additional objectives:

- *To improve the rate of on-site retention and treatment of stormwater.*
- *To improve the quality of stormwater by reducing pollutants entering the stormwater system, particularly from construction sites.*
- *To increase the use of water sensitive urban design in new development.*

The clause has the following strategies:

- *Discourage development that re-directs stormwater flows.*
- *Encourage water sensitive urban design, including on-site infiltration, water tanks and settling ponds.*

- *Support development that sets aside land for stormwater detention and treatment, in addition to any requirement for the provision of open space.*
- *Support development that includes measures to minimise off-site stormwater run-off.*

The clause also includes these policy guidelines:

Consider as relevant:

- *Encourage dwellings that incorporate a rainwater tank, plumbed to toilets and garden taps, with only the overflow from the rainwater tank to be directly discharged to each lot's stormwater point.*
- *Encourage water saving measures such as AAA rated fixtures and a pressure reduction valve.*
- *Encourage subdivision to include stormwater detention and filtration through use of grassed swales, wetlands and infiltration trenches.*
- *Buildings and subdivision to provide a 30 metre vegetated buffer strip from a waterway.*

Planner Response

A Stormwater management plan was provided as part of the application. The development is required to demonstrate that the stormwater quality and waterway management plans are compliant with the relevant guidelines on any permit issued. All buildings and works must have a minimum 30 metre from Marcus Creek and future buildings (inclusive of sheds and outbuildings) must only be constructed within the building envelope. This must be shown on the proposed subdivision plans with proposed building envelopes setback of 30 metres prior to certification. NECMA require this to be conditioned on any permit issued.

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Zone

Low Density Residential Zone

The site is located within the Low Density Residential Zone. The purpose of this zone is:

- *To implement the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.*
- *To provide for low-density residential development on lots which, in the absence of reticulated sewerage, can treat and retain all wastewater.*

Planner Response

The Planning Policy Framework was discussed above. The proposal is in line with the purpose of the zone to provide low density residential development on lots.

Pursuant to Clause 32.03-3, each subdivided lot must be at least the area specified as below:

- *0.4 hectare for each lot where reticulated sewerage is not connected. If no area is specified each lot must be at least 0.4 hectare.*
- *0.2 hectare for each lot with connected reticulated sewerage. If no area is specified each lot must be at least 0.2 hectare.*

The proposal achieves these requirements. Clause 32.03-5 lists application requirements for subdivision. The applicant has provided information sufficient to meet these requirements.

Clause 32.03-6 contains decision guidelines:

Guidelines	Response
General	
The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.	Considered and generally supportive of the application.
Subdivision	
The protection and enhancement of the natural environment and character of the area including the retention of vegetation and faunal habitat and the need to plant vegetation along waterways, gullies, ridgelines and property boundaries.	Complies, as discussed above.
The availability and provision of utility services, including sewerage, water, drainage, electricity and telecommunications.	Complies, all relevant services are provided.
In the absence of reticulated sewerage: • The capability and suitability of the lot to treat and retain all wastewater as determined by a Land Capability Assessment on the risks to human health and the environment of an on-site wastewater management system constructed, installed, or altered on the lot in accordance with the requirements of the Environment Protection Regulations under the *Environment Protection Act 2017*. • The benefits of restricting the size of the lots to generally no more than 2 hectares to enable lots to be efficiently maintained without the need for agricultural techniques and equipment.	N/A, reticulated sewerage available.
The relevant standards of Clauses 56.07-1 to 56.07-4.	Considered, and generally supportive of the application – see below.

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Clause 56

The following Clause 56 standards are relevant to subdivisions in the LDRZ.

Clause & Standard	Objective	Response
56.07-1 Drinking water supply objectives	*To reduce the use of drinking water.* *To provide an adequate, cost-effective supply of drinking water.*	Complies, North East Water has consented to the development subject to conditions which ensure adequate drinking water is provided.

Clause & Standard	Objective	Response
C22		
56.07-2 Reused and recycled water objective C23	*To provide for the substitution of drinking water for non-drinking purposes with reused and recycled water.*	N/A - not required by North East Water.
56.07-3 Waste water management objective C24	*To provide a waste water system that is adequate for the maintenance of public health and the management of effluent in an environmentally friendly manner.*	Complies, North East Water has consented to the development subject to conditions which ensure adequate sewerage system is provided.
56.07-4 Stormwater management objectives C25	*To minimise damage to properties and inconvenience to residents from stormwater.* *To ensure that the street operates adequately during major storm events and provides for public safety.* *To minimise increases in stormwater and protect the environmental values and physical characteristics of receiving waters from degradation by stormwater.* *To encourage stormwater management that maximises the retention and reuse of stormwater.* *To encourage stormwater management that contributes to cooling, local habitat improvements and provision of attractive and enjoyable spaces.*	Complies by conditions. A Stormwater management plan demonstrates that the land can meet the required objectives for stormwater management. However, more detailed design work is required. This will form part of the conditions applying to any planning permit issued.

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Particular Provisions

Clause 52.17 Native Vegetation

Clause 52.17 relates to native vegetation.

The purpose of this provision is:

> *To ensure that there is no net loss to biodiversity as a result of the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation. This is achieved by applying the following three step approach in accordance with the Guidelines for the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation (Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, 2025) (the Guidelines):*
>
> *1. Avoid the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation.*

2. Minimise impacts from the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation that cannot be avoided.

3. Provide an offset to compensate for the biodiversity impact if a permit is granted to remove, destroy or lop native vegetation.

To manage the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation to minimise land and water degradation.

Planner Response

A permit is required to remove native vegetation under Clause 52.17-1.

Clause 52.17-4 contains decision guidelines that the responsible authority must consider the decision guidelines specified in the Guidelines as appropriate.

A native vegetation report and flora and fauna assessment was provided as part of the application. The proposal proposes to remove 1.728 hectares of native vegetation which has been considered by DEECA. The department considers that the application meets the three-step approach and is an adequate compromise between meeting the key objectives of the development and minimising the impacts of the proposal on native vegetation. To offset the proposed removal of the native vegetation, a native vegetation offset is required which will be conditioned on any permit issued along with other DEECA conditions imposed.

Clause 52.29 Land Adjacent to the Principal Road Network

The purpose of this provision is:

To ensure appropriate access to the Principal Road Network or land planned to form part of the Principal Road Network.

To ensure appropriate subdivision of land adjacent to Principal Road Network or land planned to form part of the Principal Road Network.

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Planner Response

Clause 52.29-2 requires a permit to create access and to subdivide land adjacent to a road in a Transport Zone 2. Clause 52.29-4 requires the application to be referred; it was referred to DTP who had no objection to the proposal subject to conditions.

Clause 52.29-6 contains decision guidelines:

Decision Guidelines	Response
The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.	Considered and complies.
The views of the relevant road authority.	DTP had no objection subject to conditions imposed on any planning permit issued.
The effect of the proposal on the operation of the road and on public safety.	Considered by DTP and Council's Asset Department, the proposal will not impact on the operation of the road and on public safety.
Any policy made by the relevant road authority pursuant to schedule 2, clause 3 of the Road Management Act 2004 regarding access between a controlled access road and adjacent land.	DTP had no objection to the proposal subject to conditions.

Clause 53.01 Public Open Space Contribution and Subdivision

Clause 53.01 states:

A person who proposes to subdivide land must make a contribution to the council for public open space in an amount specified in the schedule to this clause (being a percentage of the land intended to be used for residential, industrial or commercial purposes, or a percentage of the site value of such land, or a combination of both). If no amount is specified, a contribution for public open space may still be required under section 18 of the Subdivision Act 1988.

The Indigo Planning Scheme doesn't specify a contribution, so the requirements of section 18(8)(a) of the *Subdivision Act 1988* apply. This section specifies a maximum contribution, and specifies the following relevant considerations:

Guideline	Response
(1A)(a) the existing and proposed development of the land	The proposed use of the land for residential purposes increases the demand for open space.
(1A)(b) any likelihood that existing open space will be more intensively used after than before the subdivision	Yes, given the potential for more residents to reside in the area. Existing open space within Yackandandah could likely be used more frequently.
(1A)(c) any existing or likely population density in the area of the subdivision and the effect of subdivision on this	The subdivision will increase population density in the area.
(1A)(d) whether there are existing places of public resort or recreation in the neighbourhood of the subdivision, and the adequacy of these	No, not within the proposed subdivision. Recreation would occur within individual lots for the benefit of landowners and within the broader area.
(1A)(e) how much of the land in the subdivision is likely to be used for places of resort and recreation for lot owners	Sufficient space for recreation within the individual lots for owners but not for organised recreation.
(1A)(f) any policies of the Council concerning the provision of places of public resort and recreation	Council does not have an Open Space Strategy or policies in place.

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The remainder of this section relates to the mechanics of payment.

Having considered the relevant matters, Council should require a contribution towards public open space. In this case, the contribution should be made by a cash payment of 5%, which will be imposed by condition.

Clause 53.02 Bushfire Planning

This clause has the following objectives:

Objective	Response
To implement the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.	Discussed elsewhere in this report.
To ensure that the development of land prioritises the protection of human life and strengthens community resilience to bushfire.	Complies, the proposed building envelopes have greater setbacks from the eastern and southern boundaries to protect human life and community.
To ensure that the location, design and construction of development appropriately responds to the bushfire hazard.	N/A. No construction development proposed.
To ensure development is only permitted where the risk to life, property and community infrastructure from bushfire can be reduced to an acceptable level.	Complies, the overall risk on this site is acceptable.
To specify location, design and construction measures for a single dwelling that reduces the bushfire risk to life and property to an acceptable level.	N/A. No single dwelling proposed in this application.

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Clause 53.02-1 lists the application of this provision:

- *An application under clause 44.06 (Bushfire Management Overlay), other than an application that meets all of the applicable requirements specified in a schedule to that clause.*
- *An application under any provision of this planning scheme to subdivide land in a bushfire prone area that is not in a Bushfire Management Overlay.*
- *An application under any provision of this planning scheme to construct a building or construct or carry out works associated with the use of land for accommodation, education centre, hospital, indoor recreation facility, major sports and recreation facility or place of assembly in a bushfire prone area that is not in a Bushfire Management Overlay.*

The current proposal is for an application under any provision of this planning scheme to subdivide land in a bushfire prone area that is not in a Bushfire Management Overlay, so this clause applies.

The following table lists how the provisions apply:

Type of application	Applicable provision	Applies?
An application under clause 44.06 to construct a single dwelling or construct or carry out works associated with a single dwelling if all of the following requirements are met:	53.02-3	No

Type of application	Applicable provision	Applies?
• The land is zoned Neighbourhood Residential Zone, General Residential Zone, Residential Growth Zone, Housing Choice and Transport Zone, Urban Growth Zone, Low Density Residential Zone, Township Zone or Rural Living Zone. • There is only one dwelling on the lot. • The application meets all of the approved measures contained in clause 53.02-3.		
An application under clause 44.06 to construct a non-habitable outbuilding ancillary to a dwelling that meets all of the requirements specified in Table 5. *Note: The objectives or measures specified for other kinds of applications under clause 53.02 do not apply to this kind of application.*	53.02-5 - Table 5	No
All other applications under clause 44.06 to construct a building or construct or carry out works.	Clause 53.02-4.1 Clause 53.02-4.2 Clause 53.02-4.3 Clause 53.02-4.5 Clause 53.02-4.6	No
An application under clause 44.06 to subdivide land.	Clause 53.02-4.4 Clause 53.02-4.6	No
An application to subdivide land, or to construct a building or construct or carry out works associated with the use of land for accommodation, education centre, hospital, indoor recreation facility, major sports and recreation facility or a place of assembly, in a bushfire prone area that is not in a Bushfire Management Overlay.	Clause 53.02-6	Yes

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53.02-6 Bushfire Prone area decision guidelines

The following decision guidelines apply to development in bushfire prone areas:

Guideline	Response
General	
The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.	Complies, discussed earlier in the report.

Guideline	Response
The impact of any State, regional or local bushfire management and prevention actions occurring around the site and in the wider area on the bushfire hazard and the level of risk to the proposed development.	No particular bushfire activities have been identified as occurring in this area.
The risk of bushfire to people, property and community infrastructure.	Any future dwellings within the proposed lots can achieve compliant Bushfire Attack Levels (BAL), with the applicable BAL to be determined through detailed assessment at the building permit stage based on the final dwelling siting and surrounding conditions.
Whether the risk arising from the broader landscape can be mitigated to an acceptable level.	The design response ensures that future dwellings can be appropriately sited within each lot to achieve separation from higher fuel loads where present and to enable compliance with construction requirements.
Whether bushfire protection measures to address the identified bushfire risk are required and can be practically implemented, including any measure set out in clause 53.02-4.	No additional measures are applicable in this case.
Whether bushfire protection measures can be implemented without unacceptable biodiversity impacts.	Bushfire protection measures can be achieved without unacceptable impacts on biodiversity.
Proposed vegetation	
If vegetation is proposed, whether it will cause or contribute to the bushfire hazard or increase the risk to life, property, or community infrastructure.	A concept landscape plan for provision of street tree planting was provided which isn't envisioned to cause a bushfire hazard as planting will be along the proposed internal road.
Dwellings and small second dwellings	
Whether a static water supply for bushfire firefighting is required having regard to the size of the lot, proximity to a hydrant and connection to reticulated water.	N/A - subdivision application.
If a vehicle accessway is greater than 30 metres in length or the relevant fire authority requires access to the static water supply on the land, whether the access design and construction requirements set out in Table 3 to clause 53.02-5 should be met.	N/A - subdivision application.

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Guideline	Response
Vulnerable people For a building used for accommodation (other than a dwelling or small second dwelling), education centre, hospital, indoor recreation facility, major sports and recreation facility or place of assembly the responsible authority must also consider:	
The capacity for vulnerable occupants to evacuate.	N/A
Whether emergency management arrangements are provided and are sufficient for the site.	N/A
Whether the risk to vulnerable occupants warrants the closure of the use or development on days of elevated fire danger.	N/A
Whether measures to shelter in place are warranted and whether the measures will protect human life.	N/A
The net benefit provided to any existing vulnerable people.	N/A
Subdivision	
Whether each lot can achieve the setback from the bushfire hazard in accordance with the vegetation type and slope set out in Table 1 to clause 53.02-5 for the corresponding distance specified in Column C of that Table.	Each proposed lot can achieve the required setbacks in accordance with Table 1 to Clause 53.02-5, with the size of the lots, sparse vegetation, and generally flat rural topography supporting appropriate separation from bushfire hazards.
Whether a staged subdivision manages interim bushfire hazard during the construction or staging.	N/A - no staging proposed.

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Overall, the proposal is acceptable under this provision.

General Provisions

Clause 65.01 Approval of an application or plan

The following decision guidelines are required to be considered:

Guidelines	Response
The matters set out in section 60 of the Act.	Considered and found supportive.
Any significant effects the environment, including the contamination of land, may have on the use or development.	No significant impacts identified.
The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.	Considered and generally supportive.

Guidelines	Response
The purpose of the zone, overlay or other provision.	The relevant purposes have been considered.
Any matter required to be considered in the zone, overlay or other provision.	All relevant matters have been considered.
The orderly planning of the area.	The proposal represents orderly planning.
The effect on the environment, human health and amenity of the area.	The proposal will not have any unacceptable impacts.
The proximity of the land to any public land.	No nearby public land will be adversely affected.
Factors likely to cause or contribute to land degradation, salinity or reduce water quality.	The report provided demonstrates that the proposal can address any issues and conditions to ensure these factors do not occur and comply with relevant authorities and standards.
Whether the proposed development is designed to maintain or improve the quality of stormwater within and exiting the site.	The stormwater management report addresses this, and conditions will be required on any permit issued.
The extent and character of native vegetation and the likelihood of its destruction.	Removal of some native vegetation is proposed subject to conditions requiring offsets which are acceptable.
Whether native vegetation is to be or can be protected, planted or allowed to regenerate.	The removal of native vegetation was minimised where possible, and street tree planting will be of native species addressed by condition.
The degree of flood, erosion or fire hazard associated with the location of the land and the use, development or management of the land so as to minimise any such hazard.	There are no flooding overlays however the site is within the Designated Bushfire Prone Area which will require the appropriate bushfire construction requirements determined by the relevant building surveyor at development stage.
The adequacy of loading and unloading facilities and any associated amenity, traffic flow and road safety impacts.	There is sufficient space on the land, no traffic flow or road safety impacts.
The impact the use or development will have on the current and future development and operation of the transport system.	The proposal will not have any unreasonable impacts on the transport system.

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Clause 65.02 Approval of an application to subdivide land

In addition to the Clause 65.01 requirements, this clause imposes additional consideration for subdivision applications.

Guidelines	Response
The suitability of the land for subdivision.	The land is suitable for subdivision.
The existing use and possible future development of the land and nearby land.	The land is likely to be developed for residential use, which is acceptable and desirable in this area.
The availability of subdivided land in the locality, and the need for the creation of further lots.	Some subdivided land exists; however this is one of the last substantial undeveloped pieces of residential land within Yackandandah.
The effect of development on the use or development of other land which has a common means of drainage.	Stormwater will be restricted to predevelopment flows.
The subdivision pattern having regard to the physical characteristics of the land including existing vegetation.	The subdivision is a suitable response to the land.
The density of the proposed development.	The density is appropriate for the proposed subdivision.
The area and dimensions of each lot in the subdivision.	The lots are suitably sized and dimensioned for the zone and site context.
The layout of roads having regard to their function and relationship to existing roads.	The proposed subdivision will provide access from Yackandandah-Wodonga Road in accordance with Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) requirements, via an internal road network servicing the proposed lots. The internal road will be required to be constructed to Council standards as part of the development.
The movement of pedestrians and vehicles throughout the subdivision and the ease of access to all lots.	The lots will be accessed via the proposed internal road that connects to Yackandandah-Wodonga Road. A small reserve connects to the adjoining Crown Land to the east.
The provision and location of reserves for public open space and other community facilities.	Not proposed apart from a small reserve from the internal road linking to the adjoining Crown Land to the east, an open space contribution will be required by condition.
The staging of the subdivision.	N/A - no staging proposed.
The design and siting of buildings having regard to safety and the risk of spread of fire.	N/A, no buildings proposed only building envelopes and fire risk has been considered as the site is in the designated bushfire prone area.
The provision of off-street parking.	N/A
The provision and location of common property.	N/A
The functions of any owners corporation.	N/A

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Guidelines	Response
The availability and provision of utility services, including water, sewerage, drainage, electricity, and, where the subdivision is not a residential subdivision, gas.	All relevant services are available and will be required to be connected as per conditions on any permit issued.
If the land is not sewered and no provision has been made for the land to be sewered, the capacity of the land to treat and retain all sewage and sullage within the boundaries of each lot.	N/A
Whether, in relation to subdivision plans, native vegetation can be protected through subdivision and siting of open space areas.	Native vegetation removal is proposed to a minimal and offsets will be required by condition any permit issued.
The impact the development will have on the current and future development and operation of the transport system.	Considered, and no unacceptable impacts identified.

Overall, the proposal is acceptable.

CONCLUSION

The proposed subdivision of twelve lots in the Low Density Residential Zone, creation of access, subdivision of land adjacent to a road in a Transport Zone 2 and native vegetation removal is consistent with the relevant Planning Policy Framework, as well as the purposes and objectives of the zone and provisions. It is therefore recommended that a Notice of Decision to grant a planning permit is issued subject to conditions.

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CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENTS

A confidential attachment has been provided to Councillors under separate cover. Section 197A of the Planning and Environment Act 1997 determines the way Councils are able to make certain planning documents available to the public. The Act provides that the confidential document listed below can only be made available for public inspection:

- at Council offices during business hours, or
- electronically via Council's website subject to strict public availability requirements, requiring significant editing of individual documents.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Under section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Governance Rule 24, the following officers declare that they have no interests to disclose in providing this report:

- Greg Pinkerton - Director Planning and Corporate Services
- James Turner - Manager Planning & Statutory Services
- Steven Hawkins - Planning Coordinator
- Eliza Jarrah - Senior Statutory Planner

Attachments

1. Proposed Amended Plan of Subdivision 1.6.26 [**12.2.1** - 3 pages]

2. Proposed Site context and design response (Subdivision) (Ver #2) 1.6.26 [**12.2.2** - 1 page]
3. Street Tree Plan [**12.2.3** - 1 page]
4. Updated Flora & Fauna Assessment Report [**12.2.4** - 59 pages]
5. Cultural Heritage Management Plan [**12.2.5** - 75 pages]
6. Stormwater Management Plan [**12.2.6** - 21 pages]
7. CONFIDENTIAL -P P 230113 - Objections x 3 [**12.2.7** - 14 pages]
8. PP230113 - Draft Conditions- Yackandandah-Wodonga Road Yackandandah 3749 - PN 7461 [**12.2.8** - 20 pages]

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13 COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

13.1 MUNICIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN - ANNUAL REVIEW 2025-26

Jess Reid - Manager Community Development
Community and Economic Development

For Decision

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Notes the current progress made in delivering actions within the Indigo Shire Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2029; and
2. Adopts the Indigo Shire Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan – Annual Report 2025-2026.

RESOLUTION
That Council:

1. Notes the current progress made in delivering actions within the Indigo Shire Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2029; and
2. Adopts the Indigo Shire Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan – Annual Report 2025-2026.

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Moved:	**Cr Shepheard**
Seconded:	**Cr Harvey**
For:	Cr Bourke, Cr Dowsley, Cr Harvey, Cr Horne, Cr Landells, Cr Price and Cr Shepheard
Against:	Nil

CARRIED

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report presents the Indigo Shire Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025–2029 (the Plan) - Annual Review for 2025-26 for Council's consideration and adoption. The annual review is required under the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* and provides an assessment of implementation progress, outcomes, partnerships, family violence prevention and response measures, emerging needs and notes whether any amendments to the Plan are required.

BACKGROUND

The *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* requires councils to produce a Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan (the Plan) every four years. This Plan is the primary mechanism for planning, coordinating, and delivering services and initiatives to improve local public health and wellbeing by councils and partner organisations. This requirement ensures health planning remains aligned with current community needs and the council's strategic direction while maintaining continuity of public health initiatives.

Section 26(4) of the Act also requires Council to review the Plan annually and, where appropriate, amend it. The review must include the measures implemented to prevent family violence and respond to the needs of victim-survivors in the local community.

The Indigo Shire Plan (2025–2029) commenced in October 2025 and is aligned with the Community Vision 2035 and Council Plan 2025–2029. The 2025-26 review is the first annual assessment in the four-year planning cycle. It draws on quarterly action-plan updates, available local and state data, and input from Council officers, the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Working Group and partner organisations.

DISCUSSION

The annual review assessed delivery of the Plan's 59 actions across the following six focus areas:

1. Preventing All Forms of Violence
2. Improving Wellbeing
3. Increasing Active Living
4. Tackling Climate Change and its Impacts on Health
5. Healthy Eating and Food Security
6. Reducing Harm from Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco and e-Cigarettes.

Overall implementation of the Plan is on track. Two actions are complete, forty-four are being delivered as ongoing, six are in progress and seven are not yet due to commence. Key achievements include delivery of:

- The Stronger Together community cohesion program
- Establishment of the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan Working Group
- Completion and submission of the Gender Equality Action Plan 2026–2030
- Delivery of three Walks Against Violence and the Left Write Hook program
- Funding and progress for recreation infrastructure
- Completion of the Extreme Heat Plan and continued operation of Cool Relief Spaces
- Transition the majority of Council assets to renewable electricity through the VECO agreement, and
- Continued advocacy for improved access to health and mental health services.

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The review specifically considered Council's family violence prevention and response measures. Family violence incidents declined from 209 in 2023 to 166 in the year ending March 2026, a reduction of 20.6 per cent. Indigo Shire's incident rate also remained below the Victorian rate. Prevention, response and partnership activity included the 16 Days of Activism, Walks Against Violence, Left Write Hook, inclusive library Storytimes, IDAHOBIT activities, participation in the Local Safety Committee and implementation of gender equality governance requirements. While the trend is positive, available data confirms that family violence remains strongly gendered and requires continued focus on gender equality, primary prevention, community safety, and support for victim-survivors.

Partnership delivery has been strengthened through the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan Working Group, with participation from Health Services (Beechworth Health Service, Glenview Health), Neighbourhood Houses (Quercus, Chiltern Neighbourhood House, Yackandandah Community Centre), the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing, Women's Health Goulburn North East, the Ovens Murray Public Health Unit, Melbourne University and a community youth representative. The group has reviewed progress, shared program updates, identified co-delivery opportunities and commenced discussions on shared measurement, data collection and reporting.

Key challenges include limited access to current baseline data for the Healthy Eating and Food Security and Reducing Harm from Alcohol, Drug, Tobacco and E-cigarette Use focus areas, static resourcing and budget capacity, and the ongoing development of the Community Development Framework (Life Stages Plan) and Reconciliation Action Plan. These matters will be priorities for 2026-27.

The review found that no amendments to the Plan 2025-2029 are required at this stage.

OPTIONS

Option 1 - Adopt the Annual Review (Recommended). This option meets Council's legislative obligation, provides transparent reporting on first-year implementation and confirms the priorities for 2026-27.

Option 2 - Adopt the Annual Review with amendments. Council may request changes before adoption. Any changes should remain consistent with the evidence collected through the review and the requirements of the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*.

Option 3 - Do not adopt the Annual Review. This option is not recommended, as it would delay formal acknowledgement of implementation progress and may compromise Council's ability to demonstrate compliance with the annual review requirement.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

COUNCIL PLAN 2025 – 2029	
Theme	1. Places and Communities
Strategic Objective	1.1 Community Infrastructure and Facilities - Develop and maintain inclusive, accessible infrastructure and facilities that enhance liveability, encourage physical activity, and strengthen community connections. 1.2 Community Wellbeing, Inclusion and Social Connection - Foster inclusive communities where all people feel valued, connected, and have opportunities to participate in community life, access services, and enjoy positive health and wellbeing regardless of age, ability, or background. 1.4 Safety and Resilience - Build community resilience and enhance safety through place-based approaches, environmental design, and emergency preparedness. 3.3 Emergency Preparedness and Climate Resilience - Build community and infrastructure resilience to climate change and climate-related emergencies through planning, education and strategic risk management. 4.4 Advocacy and Intergovernmental Relations - Build strategic partnerships and alliances to effectively represent community interests and secure equitable support from other levels of government and relevant agencies.

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COUNCIL PLAN 2025 – 2029	
Key Strategy	1.1.2 Develop and implement a strategic approach to accessible and inclusive public spaces, recreation facilities, and active living programs that support a socially and physically active community across all life stages and abilities. 1.2.2 Support families with access to early years services and support the need to be healthy, happy and safe in their communities. 1.2.3 Engage with local young people in an empowering way, providing opportunities to connect, learn and lead in their communities. 1.2.5 Deliver targeted recreational and wellbeing programs across all life stages that support positive health outcomes and social connection. 1.2.6 Support vulnerable community members through targeted services and programs. 1.2.8 Empower the community to thrive by supporting events and initiatives that enable social inclusion, community activation, recognition and improve health and wellbeing. 1.2.9 Foster and build positive and respectful relationships and partnerships with Traditional Owners and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. 1.2.12 Promote and implement diversity and inclusion principles across all Council services and programs. 1.2.13 Advocate for improved healthcare accessibility for all life stages. 1.4.1 Improve emergency preparedness and climate resilience at the community level. 1.4.2 Address community safety concerns through environmental design and infrastructure. 3.3.2 Implement community education programs on climate adaptation and resilience.

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The Plan aligns with the Community Vision and the Council Plan 2025-2029 and is part of the integrated planning framework that will guide council's actions for the next four years. The Plan builds upon previous strategic planning and aligns where possible to health service partners and state government agencies catchment planning.

The Plan also informs other council plans and strategies, including the Council Plan 2025-2029, Asset Plan, and annual budget processes.

SOCIAL/COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS

The Plan supports the social and cultural fabric of Indigo Shire by promoting safety, inclusion, connection, active living and equitable access to services across all life stages. Activities delivered in 2025-26 supported people at risk of isolation, young people, older residents, families, victim-survivors, LGBTQIA+ community members and other vulnerable cohorts. Continued partnership delivery will help extend the reach of programs and respond to local needs.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Focus Area 4: Tackling Climate Change and its Impacts on Health directly addresses the health impacts of climate change and supports Council's environmental and emergency management objectives.

During 2025-26 Council updated the Extreme Heat Plan, continued to support Cool Relief Spaces, progressed renewable electricity through the VECO agreement, commenced a Climate Risk Assessment, supported community energy upgrades and contributed to community education and regional emergency preparedness.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

	Approved Budget $	This Proposal $	Variance to Approved Budget $	Comments
Revenue	$0	$0	$0	
Expense	$525	$525	$0	Graphic design fees
Net Result	($525)	($525)	($0)	

The Plan Annual Review 2025-26 was developed in house with existing resources and expertise from Council officers and the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan Working Group.

Ongoing implementation of the actions within the Plan will require a financial contribution from council. This financial requirement will be considered through the annual budget development process and Council's long-term financial plan.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Section 26 of the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* requires Council to prepare a Plan every four years; and to involve the community in its development, implementation and evaluation; specify partnership arrangements; conduct an annual review and amend the Plan where appropriate. The annual review must also include measures implemented to prevent family violence and respond to the needs of victim-survivors. This annual review has been prepared to meet these requirements.

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RISK & OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT

Description	Likelihood	Consequence	Current Risk Rating	Controls
Failure to complete and adopt the annual review may result in non-compliance with legislative obligations and reduced transparency regarding delivery of the Plan.	Rare	Insignificant	Negligible	Annual monitoring and reporting Quarterly action-plan updates Oversight by responsible Council teams Advice from the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Working Group Partnership delivery Escalation of emerging data, resource or implementation issues through Council's planning and budget processes.

The annual review provides an opportunity to celebrate achievements, strengthen cross-sector partnerships, improve shared data collection and evaluation, target effort to areas where improvements are required, and use the findings to inform future resource allocations. It will also build the evidence base for evaluation of the Plan 2025-2029 at the end of the four-year cycle.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Engagement undertaken

The review was informed by quarterly progress updates provided by Council officers responsible for actions in the Plan and by engagement with the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan Working Group and partner organisations. The Working Group met during the reporting period to review implementation, exchange program updates and identify opportunities for aligned or jointly delivered actions, projects and programs.

Engagement outcomes

Engagement confirmed that implementation is on track and that the partnership model is a key strength. It identified a need to improve baseline data, shared measurement, evaluation and reporting.

Engagement proposed

Following adoption of the annual review, Council will continue to engage the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan Working Group, health services, neighbourhood houses, relevant government departments, specialist agencies, and community representatives in implementing and monitoring the Plan. Priorities include establishing agreed baseline measures, exploring shared data collection and reporting, and identifying partnership actions for 2026-27.

CONCLUSION

Indigo Shire Council plays a critical role in protecting, improving and promoting the health and wellbeing of the community. The first annual review of the Plan 2025–2029 demonstrates that delivery is on track, with substantial activity across all six focus areas and strong support from partner organisations.

The review identifies positive progress, including a sustained decline in reported family violence incidents, expanded social connection initiatives, investment in active living infrastructure and strengthened climate resilience. It also identifies clear priorities for 2026-27, particularly improving access to baseline data, shared evaluation, completion of strategies and targeted attention to healthy eating, food security and substance-use harm reduction.

The review found that no amendments to the Plan 2025-2029 are required at this stage.

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DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Under section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Governance Rule 24, the following officers declare that they have no interests to disclose in providing this report:

- Sally Rice - Director Community & Economic Development
- Jess Reid - Manager Community Development
- Mark De Campo - Community Development Coordinator

Attachments

1. Indigo Shire MPHWP 2025-2029 Annual Review 25-26 FINAL [**13.1.1** - 35 pages]

13.2 DISABILITY ACTION PLAN

Jess Reid - Manager Community Development
Community and Economic Development

For Decision

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Disability Action Plan – Bridging Plan 2026-2027.

RESOLUTION

That Council adopts the Disability Action Plan – Bridging Plan 2026-2027.

Moved:	**Cr Landells**
Seconded:	**Cr Dowsley**
For:	Cr Bourke, Cr Dowsley, Cr Harvey, Cr Horne, Cr Landells, Cr Price and Cr Shepheard
Against:	Nil

CARRIED

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

To present to Council the final Disability Action Plan – Bridging Plan 2026–2027 (the Bridging Plan). The draft Plan has been placed on public exhibition for a 28-days period during which time four responses were received.

This report provides details of the submissions received and how they have informed the final Bridging Plan. The Bridging Plan is presented to Council with a recommendation for its adoptions.

BACKGROUND

Council's Disability Action Plan 2021–2025 provided strategic direction for advancing access and inclusion across Indigo Shire. The Victorian Government's next Disability Action Plan will cover the period 2027–2031. To maintain continuity and alignment with the current plan and support alignment with future State priorities that will be set out in the Victorian Disability Action Plan 2027-2031, Council has developed a 12-month Disability Action Plan – Bridging Plan 2026–2027 (Bridging Plan). The Bridging Plan maintains momentum and carries forward priority work while strengthening Council's systems, workforce capability, governance and evidence base to inform development of the next four-year plan.

DISCUSSION

The Disability Act 2006 (Vic) requires public authorities to take proactive steps to remove barriers for people with disability and promote inclusion. With Council's Disability Action Plan 2021–2025 concluded, the Bridging Plan provides a clear framework for continuing this work until the next four-year plan is developed.

The Bridging Plan enables Council to:

- continue to meet its legislative obligations;
- maintain a clear organisational focus on disability inclusion; and
- prepare a strong, an evidence-based Disability Action Plan that is aligned with future State priorities which will be included in the Victorian Government DAP 2027-2031.

The Disability Action Plan – Bridging Plan 2026–2027 aims to:

- strengthen lived-experience engagement and leadership;
- Build staff capability and inclusive practice;
- improve accessibility of infrastructure, services and information;
- strengthen partnerships with the disability and community sector; and
- Align disability planning with Council's broader strategic framework.

The Indigo Community Access Committee (ICAC) provides advise to Council on disability-related matters, including access, equity, justice and community awareness. ICAC has reviewed the Disability Action Plan 2021–2025, considered its effectiveness and impact, and identified actions to be carried forward or discontinued. ICAC is supportive of a Bridging Plan to maintain progress and prepare Council for alignment with the next State Disability Action Plan.

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Implementation of the Bridging Plan will be overseen by the Executive Leadership Team, ICAC and an internal Disability Action Working Group (to be established). Progress will be monitored through internal reporting and will inform development of the next Indigo Shire Council Disability Action Plan.

Council's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy establishes a consistent approach to enabling all Indigo Shire residents to participate, contribute and thrive in our communities. It demonstrates Council's commitment to prioritising the delivery of equitable services across our communities, removing barriers to inclusion and upholding human rights. The policy supports Council and staff to identify access barriers and design inclusive services that respond to priority groups, including people with disability, so that Council can apply tailored approaches that have broader benefit to all.

Disability action and inclusion is an organisation wide responsibility, and the Bridging Plan represents part of Council's broader work in this area. In addition to the Bridging Plan and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy, the Indigo Shire Council Plan 2025–2029 and Indigo Shire Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025–2029 also include strategies and actions that support access and inclusion for people with disability.

OPTIONS

- Option 1 – Council adopts the Disability Action Plan – Bridging Plan 2026–2027 (recommended).
- Option 2 – Council adopts the Disability Action Plan – Bridging Plan 2026–2027 with amendments. Council may request changes before adoption.
- Option 3 – Council does not adopt the Disability Action Plan – Bridging Plan 2026–2027. This option is not recommended, as it may compromise Council's ability to demonstrate compliance with the *Disability Act 2006 (Vic)* and maintain coordinated progress on disability inclusion.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

COUNCIL PLAN 2025 – 2029	
Theme	1. Places and Communities
Strategic Objective	1.2 Community Wellbeing, Inclusion and Social Connection - Foster inclusive communities where all people feel valued, connected, and have opportunities to participate in community life, access services, and enjoy positive health and wellbeing regardless of age, ability, or background.
Key Strategy	1.1.2 Develop and implement a strategic approach to accessible and inclusive public spaces, recreation facilities, and active living programs that support a socially and physically active community across all life stages and abilities.

SOCIAL/COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS

Communities are safer, healthier and more connected when access and inclusion are embedded in decision-making. The Bridging Plan provides Council with a practical framework to reduce barriers, improve participation and support equitable access to services, facilities and information.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

People experiencing disability or other forms of disadvantage may be disproportionately affected by climate change and environmental impacts. The Bridging Plan supports Council to consider accessibility and inclusion in its planning, communication and service delivery and mitigate these impacts.

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LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Bridging Plan aligns with:

- Disability Act 2006 (Vic)
- Victorian Disability Action Plan 2022–2026
- Indigo Shire Council Plan 2025-2029
- Indigo Shire Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2029
- Council's Access, Equity and Inclusion commitments i.e. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy and Gender Equality Act obligations.

RISK & OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT

Description	Likelihood	Consequence	Current Risk Rating	Controls
Actions do not meet community need/expectations	Possible	Moderate	Low	Seek community feedback through the public exhibition process to strengthen the bridging plan actions.

Adoption and implementation of the Bridging Plan will reduce the risks of:

- loss of momentum following completion of the Disability Action Plan 2021–2025;
- insufficient evidence and consultation to inform future planning; and
- misalignment with future State Government disability priorities and objectives of the new Victorian DAP which will be released in 2027.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Engagement undertaken

The draft Disability Action Plan – Bridging Plan 2026–2027 was publicly exhibited for 28 days in September 2026.

Engagement outcomes

During the period of public exhibition four responses were received. The following table provides details of the submissions and their influence in relation to the final draft of the Bridging Plan.

Submission received from	How submission was made	Submission	Influence on final draft of the Bridging Plan
ICAC member	Verbally at an ICAC meeting	Opportunity for ICAC to have input on land developments proposed in Indigo Shire to ensure accessibility is considered.	Priority Action included in the Plan: Major developments to be presented to ICAC for review in early stages, and to continue to work with ICAC when there are new plans.
ICAC member	Verbally at an ICAC meeting	Councils Economic Development team to have a greater focus on access and inclusion for local businesses.	Priority Action included in the Plan: Indigo Shire to work with businesses to improve inclusion and access through the Economic Development Department.
Community member	Email	I draw your attention to the need to link the Peach rd./High st footpath (from Victoria Park) to Orchard Grove footpath, along High st. The Orchard Grove to Thompson st has only rough nature strip area with no path and kerb barriers. It is difficult to just walk this! I have recently discussed this onsite with councillor Scott Landells who kindly gave his time to analyse this problem area. Thank you all for your dedicated work for the community.	Captured in the existing Priority Action of **Accessibility audit of buildings and paths** and **Accessible reporting of infrastructure issues, therefore no changes were made to the "Bridging Plan"**
Community member	Email	Hi Indigo Shire my feedback re draft plan concerns the Yackandandah township and making the town more accessible particularly for persons using wheelchairs.	Captured in the existing Priority Action of **Accessibility audit of buildings and paths** and **Accessible reporting of infrastructure issues**

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Submission received from	How submission was made	Submission	Influence on final draft of the Bridging Plan
		The Main Street can be difficult to cross especially at peak periods and suggest a dedicated crossing in middle of street. I acknowledge that getting traffic to keep to speed limit is not within Shire's responsibility however I feel that pedestrians crossing would assist in calming traffic and also allow wheelchair users and the frail public a safer way of crossing the Main Street.	**therefore no changes were made to the "Bridging Plan"**

Engagement proposed

The adopted Bridging Plan 2026–2027 will be published on Council's website. ICAC and the internal Disability Action Working Group will continue to support implementation and monitoring of the Plan.

CONCLUSION

The Disability Action Plan – Bridging Plan 2026–2027 provides a practical pathway for Council to meet its obligations under the Disability Act 2006 (Vic) while the next Disability Action Plan is developed in alignment with the Victorian Government's Disability Action Plan 2027–2031.

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The Disability Action Plan - Bridging Plan maintains momentum on disability inclusion, strengthens Council's systems, workforce capability and evidence base, and positions Indigo Shire to develop a robust and evidence-informed future Disability Action Plan.

The draft Plan has recently been placed on public exhibition for a 28-days period during which time four responses were received. This report provides details of how the submissions have informed the final Bridging Plan. The Bridging Plan is presented to Council with a recommendation for its adoptions.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Under section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Governance Rule 24, the following officers declare that they have no interests to disclose in providing this report:

- Sally Rice - Director Community & Economic Development
- Jess Reid - Manager Community Development
- Mark De Campo - Community Development Coordinator
- Kate O'Toole - Community Development Officer

Attachments

1. Disabilty Action Plan - Bridging Plan 2026-27 [**13.2.1** - 6 pages]

14 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

14.1 ROAD NAMING - GREENBROOK AND RUTHERGLEN PARK ESTATE SUBDIVISIONS

Gregory Whorlow - Manager Assets & Property
Infrastructure Services

For Decision

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorses the road names for the Greenbrook subdivision, off Palmers Road, Barnawartha, of Apple Box Road, Lightwood Street and Cassinia Court;
2. Endorses the road names for the Rutherglen Estate, off Ready Street, Rutherglen of Swift Street and Curlew Street; and
3. Notes that officers will submit the road names to the Registrar of Geographic Names Victoria for final approval.

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RESOLUTION
That Council:

1. Endorses the road names for the Greenbrook subdivision, off Palmers Road, Barnawartha, of Apple Box Road, Lightwood Street and Cassinia Court;
2. Endorses the road names for the Rutherglen Estate, off Ready Street, Rutherglen of Swift Street and Curlew Street; and
3. Notes that officers will submit the road names to the Registrar of Geographic Names Victoria for final approval.

Moved:	**Cr Landells**
Seconded:	**Cr Harvey**
For:	Cr Bourke, Cr Dowsley, Cr Harvey, Cr Horne, Cr Landells, Cr Price and Cr Shepheard
Against:	Nil

CARRIED

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek Council's endorsement of the proposed road names for the Greenbrook subdivision, off Palmers Road, Barnawartha, and the Rutherglen Park Estate, off Ready Street, Rutherglen. Locality plans for each of the subdivisions showing the proposed road names are provided as attachments to this report.

This report outlines the road naming requirements in accordance with the state government's *Naming Rules for Places in Victoria* 2022 and Council's *Road and Place Naming Policy*, for consideration by Council.

BACKGROUND

Place naming (for roads, features and localities) in Victoria is governed by the *Geographic Place Names Act 1998*. Under section 5 of the Act, the Victorian Government published the *Naming rules for Places in Victoria* (Naming Rules) in 2022. These are statutory requirements and apply to all government-owned or administered roads, features (natural or otherwise), and localities.

The Naming Rules set out the various requirements and processes for place naming, including naming principles (Section 2) and consultation requirements (Section 7).

Councils are naming authorities for roads and places under their jurisdiction and have a role in ensuring that proposed names comply with the Naming Rules and are acceptable to the Registrar of Geographic Names Victoria.

Council's *Road and Place Naming Policy* (the Policy), which was adopted in 2025, was developed to ensure alignment with the Naming Rules. The Policy requires Council to establish a Place Naming Committee (PNC). The PNC is an advisory committee responsible for evaluating proposals submitted by the community or developers against the Naming Rules and the Policy. Where required, the PNC will provide Council with recommended names for roads and places proposed to be named.

The PNC is comprised of a nominated Councillor (Cr Landells) and staff from the following areas of Council:

- Assets and Property
- Community Development
- Planning
- Burke Museum

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The PNC met on 21 September 2026 to consider the names proposed by the developers for the Greenbrook and Rutherglen Park Estate subdivisions. The PNC considered the proposed names under the process set out in the Naming Rules and the Policy, which is set out below:

- Developers are required to liaise with Council officers prior to putting forward any suggested road names. Names may be provided by the PNC as suggestions to the developer.
- Developers may accept the suggestions provided but are welcome to submit their own proposed road names to Council for consideration.
- Developers must ensure any submitted names are compliant with the Naming Rules.
- Commemorative names to be used as new road names on new subdivisional roads must be supported by the PNC and have written consent from the person's family.
- Any proposed name that is in recognition of Traditional Owner culture and/or language will only proceed following the active involvement and endorsement of the relevant Traditional Owner group(s).
- Wider community consultation is not required for road names within new subdivisions where there are currently no residents, businesses or ratepayers who would be directly affected.
- A report will be provided to Council to endorse all proposed names for new subdivisional roads.

- Where a proposed road is named after a person, there will be a public exhibition period for community feedback. If required, a further report will be provided to Council to make a final decision.
- Approval of new subdivisional road names will be undertaken as part of the planning process following Council's approval of any names.

Naming of Subdivisional Roads

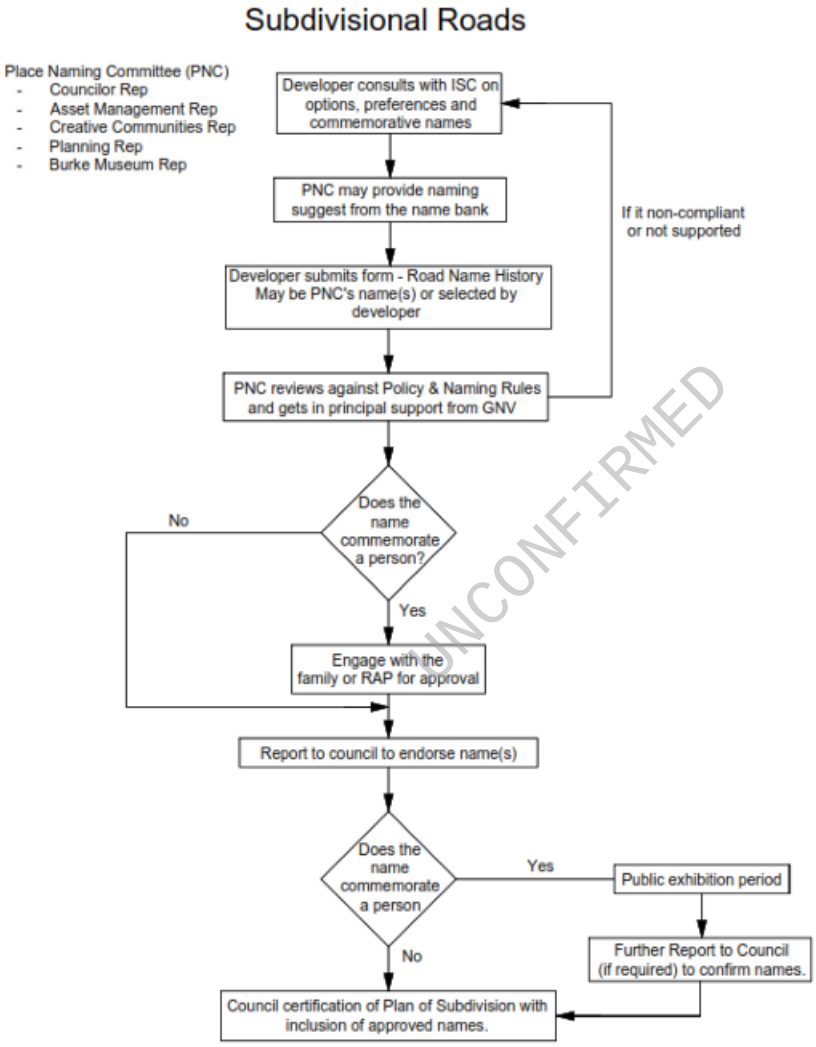


Figure 1: Naming of Subdivisional Road Process.

DISCUSSION

The developers of the Greenbrook subdivision, off Palmers Road, Barnawartha, and the Rutherglen Park Estate, off Ready Street, Rutherglen, proposed the following names for the new roads within their respective subdivisions:

1. Greenbrook Subdivision:
    a. Apple-Box Road
    b. Lightwood Street
    c. Cassinia Court

2. Rutherglen Park Estate Subdivision:
    a. Wanderer Lane
    b. Curlew Street

The PNC assessed the proposed names against the requirements of the *Naming Rules for Places in Victoria* and identified that the hyphen in the proposed name *Apple-Box* would need to be removed.

The PNC also assessed the proposed names for the Rutherglen Park Estate, where it was agreed that *Wanderer Lane*, which was derived from the Plains-wanderer, was considered somewhat ambiguous. The PNC agreed that the term "Wanderer" is not commonly used when referring to the Plains-wanderer. The PNC requested that the developer provide an additional name for the road, Swift Street was then proposed.

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The final list of names proposed for consideration is therefore:

1. Greenbrook Stage 3:
    a. Apple Box Road
    b. Lightwood Street
    c. Cassinia Court

2. Rutherglen Park Estate:
    a. Swift Street
    b. Curlew Street

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

COUNCIL PLAN 2025 – 2029	
Theme	1. Places and Communities
Strategic Objective	1.3 Township Character and Heritage - Preserve and enhance the unique character and heritage of each township while facilitating appropriate development.
Key Strategy	1.1.9 Expand the network of sealed roads to improve the road surface and amenity on our highest priority roads in both urban and rural areas.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The proposed road names have been assessed against the principles in the *Naming rules for Places in Victoria* and have been deemed acceptable.

RISK & OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT

Description	Likelihood	Consequence	Current Risk Rating	Controls
Community response to the proposed name.	Unlikely	Minor	Low	Adherence to the Naming rules for Places in Victoria and Road and Place Naming Policy.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

As detailed in the *Road and Place Naming Policy*, community consultation is not required for road names within new subdivisions where there are currently no residents, businesses or ratepayers who would be directly affected, or when a road is not being named after a person.

CONCLUSION

The developers of the Greenbrook subdivision, off Palmers Road, Barnawartha, have proposed the names of Apple Box Road, Lightwood Street and Cassinia Court for their subdivision. With the developers of the Rutherglen Estate, off Ready Street, Rutherglen proposing Swift Street and Curlew Street.

These names have been assessed and recommended by Councils Place Naming Committee (PNC) and are in accordance with the requirements of the *Naming rules for Places in Victoria.*

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DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Under section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Governance Rule 24, the following officers declare that they have no interests to disclose in providing this report:

- Ian Ellett - Director Infrastructure Services
- Greg Whorlow – Manager Assets and Property

14.2 SEPTEMBER 2026 CAPITAL WORKS REPORT

Nathan Mullane - Manager Capital Works and Waste
Infrastructure Services

For Decision

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the September 2026 Capital Works Report and year-to-date progress in the delivery of the Capital Works Program.

RESOLUTION
That Council notes the September 2026 Capital Works Report and year-to-date progress in the delivery of the Capital Works Program.

Moved: **Cr Dowsley**
Seconded: **Cr Shepheard**
For: Cr Bourke, Cr Dowsley, Cr Harvey, Cr Horne, Cr Landells, Cr Price and Cr Shepheard
Against: Nil

CARRIED

UNCONFIRMED

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the progress of the 2026/27 Capital Works Program, to flag any current or upcoming issues, and to provide a summary of any highlights or specific details on individual projects.

BACKGROUND

At the June Council meeting, Council adopted the 2026/27 annual budget and capital works program which included an expenditure allocation of $15,010,032 total budget ($13,046,154 Capital, $1,963,878 Non-ISC). The adopted budget included a combined $5,479,674 of income ($4,720,557 Capital, $759,117 Non-ISC). This is presented in Table 1.

	Budgeted Expenditure			Budgeted Income		
	Capital	Non-ISC	Combined	Capital	Non-ISC	Combined
2026/27 Adopted Budget	13,046,154	1,963,878	15,010,032	(4,720,557)	(759,117)	(5,479,674)

Table 1. Budgeted Expenditure and Income

DISCUSSION

Details of individual project year-to-date expenditure and income are reported on in the attached Capital Works Monitor. In summary, the capital works program is currently as follows in Table 2;

	YTD Expenditure			YTD Income		
	Capital	Non-ISC	Combined	Capital	Non-ISC	Combined
Sept 2026 YTD Actuals	2,030,709	124,309	2,155,018	(911,007)	(427)	(911,434)

Table 2. Year-to-date (YTD) Expenditure and Income

At this stage of the financial year, until year-end adjustments are brought over through from the previous year, and adopted, some of the expenditure figures can be hard to reconcile. For this reason, the attached Capital Works Monitor includes details of the anticipated Q1 adjustments that have not yet been formally adopted.

CAPITAL WORKS ACTIVITIES OF NOTE FOR THE MONTH

Beechworth and Rutherglen Maternal Child Health Improvements ($51k)
Works have advanced with both the Beechworth MCH waiting room and Rutherglen MCH accessible toilet. Construction is nearing completion at the Beechworth site – providing a space that will act as both a waiting room for the MCH, and a meeting room or quite work space for the library when available. At Rutherglen, the construction of an accessible toilet is progressing well. Both projects are expected to be completed in by November.

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IT GIS System Replacement ($54k)
The project for a replacement GIS system is well advanced. User Acceptance Testing (UAT) will soon begin with key internal customers to test the system configuration and functionality. The project is on track for completion before the end of the year.

Footpaths & Cycleway ($42k)
The Operations Team have recently undertaken construction works, for the renewal of broken and aged footpaths in and around Chiltern and Rutherglen, improving the safety and condition of these important community assets.
The release of the final contract security payment, for a section of the Rutherglen Loops Project, occurred in the month. This payment – the release of held funds owing to the contractor – occurs when the contracted works have satisfactorily reached at least 12 months post the date of practical completion. This was included in the Federal funding reconciliation at the time of the project completion, and funded at that time.

Roads Major Patching ($41k)
Work activities were completed for the repair and maintenance of several sealed pavement sections. Major patching activities address potholes and defects in our sealed roads, ensuring that we are able to maintain a waterproof road surface that is better able to cope with the traffic volumes.

Caravan Park Masterplan – Yackandandah ($72k)
With the transition to a new operator at the Yackandandah Caravan Park, provision was made as part of the implementation of the masterplan outcomes for the purchase or an on-site cabin to support continued short-stay rentals.

Chiltern Recreation Reserve Oval Lighting Upgrade ($39k)
With the contract awarded for the upgrading of the oval lighting, activities have commenced with the contractor locking in the supply of the poles and lanterns needed to complete the works. This project is

progressing well, with the completion by the power authority of a necessary power upgrade, likely to be the main factor in the timing of finishing off the project.

CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM DELIVERY COMMENTARY

The 2026/27 Capital Works Program is moving along steadily. Key pavement contracts have recently been awarded for our annual resealing and major patching works, and will be completed by December, which will see an up-kick in expenditure. The program is in a comfortable position, with approximately 14.5% of the adopted budget having been expended YTD.

The Q1 adjustment process will likely bring in additional budget across a number of incomplete projects and works. When this is factored in, the YTD completion drops to around 13.5% of the likely available budget.

Revised designs have now been received from consultants for five priority building projects, with officers now conducting checks on the scope details and assessing the project estimates, as part of budget management. These key projects are critical to the ability to deliver on a large portion of the program and significant efforts are going into them.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

COUNCIL PLAN 2021 – 2025	
Theme	2. Liveability
Strategic Objective	2.2 Our built environment, streetscapes, facilities, amenities and open spaces are safe, inviting, attractive, well maintained, contributing to a sustainable sense of place and pride.

UNCONFIRMED

There is no specific reference in the Council Plan about the broader capital works program, however many of the individual projects and programs are referred to specifically in the Council Plan.

SOCIAL/COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS

Capital works projects often have a direct positive impact on the community. Project staff engage closely with the community and stakeholders to identify the project scope and ensure that external expectations align with the project deliverables.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Project staff continue to consider potential environmental impacts in all aspects of their works and to adopted works practices to minimise the impact.

Each discrete project's environmental impact is assessed by project officers during the planning and implementation of the project. When required an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) is developed to control and minimise the potential impacts.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Details of expenditure and income are set out in the Capital Works Monitor attached to this report. This report details the progress of the capital works program.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Council is required to responsibly manage and report on the budget at least quarterly including capital works. The procurement requirements of the Local Government Act and Council's Procurement Policy are adhered to with all expenditure.

RISK & OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT

Every project has unique risks and opportunities. Risk management is conducted at the project level and is embedded as part of the project delivery methodology.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community and other stakeholder engagement is done on a project level and varies according to the project deliverables and impacts on the community.

CONCLUSION

The 2026/27 Capital Works program has no significant issues and is going well at this stage of the year. It will be fantastic to see some of our pavement works getting underway in the coming months – given how critical we know pavement conditions are for asset management, and our communities.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Under section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Governance Rule 24, the following officers declare that they have no interests to disclose in providing this report:

- Ian Ellett - Director Infrastructure Services
- Nathan Mullane – Manager Capital Works and Waste

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Attachments

1. CWM Sept report for Oct meeting [**14.2.1** - 10 pages]

15 OFFICE OF THE CEO

15.1 COUNCIL PLAN AND MUNICIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN 2026/27 - QUARTER 1 PROGRESS REPORTS

Trevor Ierino - Chief Executive Officer
Office of the CEO

For Decision

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Quarter 1 2026/27 Council Action Plan and Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan (MPHWP) Action Plan progress reports.

RESOLUTION
That Council notes the Quarter 1 2026/27 Council Action Plan and Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan (MPHWP) Action Plan progress reports.

Moved:	**Cr Landells**
Seconded:	**Cr Dowsley**
For:	Cr Bourke, Cr Dowsley, Cr Harvey, Cr Horne, Cr Landells, Cr Price and Cr Shepheard
Against:	Nil

CARRIED

UNCONFIRMED

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present the Quarter 1 2026/27 Council Action Plan and MPHWP Action Plan progress reports.

BACKGROUND

The report provides detailed reporting on the performance against the Council Plan and MPHWP actions.

The provision of this report is in accordance with the council's legislative responsibilities under *section 97 of the Local Government Act 2020*.

The information included in the quarterly report allows for an assessment of the Council's performance across a range of indices, concluding at the end of the year with the annual report. The four-year Council Plan and MPHWP are both reviewed each financial year and a one-year action plan created to ensure that Council is achieving the priorities identified.

Council Action Plan

In Quarter 1 of 2026/27:

- 46 actions (95.8%) are on track.
- 2 actions (4.2%) are on hold.

Actions on hold:

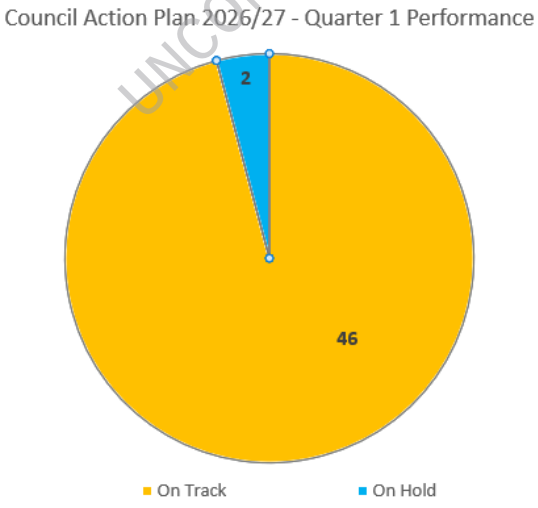
Theme 1 – Places and Communities.
Council Action Plan - Create a Hireable Event Spaces framework and services upgrade plan.
2026/27 Action: Develop an event framework partner with Assets and Capital Works to develop a service upgrade plan.

This action is on hold as work will commence when a number of reviews currently underway have been completed. Work on Council involvement in events and activation of spaces will complement the hireable events spaces work.

Theme 3 – Environment and Heritage.
Council Action Plan - Complete and implement the Beechworth Historic Precinct Master Plan.
2026/27 Action: Prepare funding applications to progress Master Plan recommendations, including contemporary best practice activation of each precinct buildings and sites, acquisition of laneway town connection, 'academic in-residence' residence and detailed design for Research and Education Centre and Tertiary Partnership extensions.

This action is on hold as work will commence following the Beechworth Administration Precinct Conservation Plan Project.

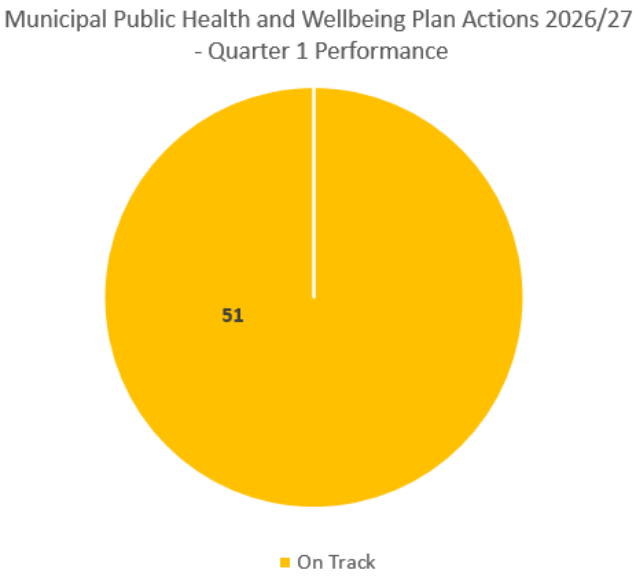
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MPHWP Actions

In Quarter 1 of 2026/27:

- 51 actions (100%) are on track.



The attached spreadsheets provide details of the 2026/27 actions and the Quarter 1 status of these actions for both the Council Plan and the MPHWP.

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DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Under section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Governance Rule 24, the following officers declare that they have no interests to disclose in providing this report:

- Trevor Ierino - Chief Executive Officer
- Kathryn Baldock - Executive Assistant - CEO & Councillors

Attachments

1. Council Action Plan 2026-27 - Quarter 1 Progress [**15.1.1** - 4 pages]
2. MPHWP Action Plan 2026-27 - Quarter 1 Progress [**15.1.2** - 5 pages]

15.2 APPOINTMENT & AUTHORISATION UNDER THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT ACT 1987

Debra Fankhauser - Executive Manager People & Governance
Office of the CEO

For Decision

RECOMMENDATION

In the exercise of the powers conferred by Section 224 of the *Local Government Act* 1989 and the other legislation referred to in the attached Instruments of Appointment and Authorisation, Indigo Shire Council resolves that:

1. The members of Council staff referred to in Attachment 1 be appointed and authorised as set out in the Instrument; and
2. The Instrument in the attachment comes into force immediately upon resolution of Council, and is revoked on the date the officers cease employment with Council, or until Council determines to vary or revoke it.

RESOLUTION

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In the exercise of the powers conferred by Section 224 of the *Local Government Act* 1989 and the other legislation referred to in the attached Instruments of Appointment and Authorisation, Indigo Shire Council resolves that:

1. The members of Council staff referred to in Attachment 1 be appointed and authorised as set out in the Instrument; and
2. The Instrument in the attachment comes into force immediately upon resolution of Council, and is revoked on the date the officers cease employment with Council, or until Council determines to vary or revoke it.

Moved: **Cr Shepheard**
Seconded: **Cr Bourke**
For: Cr Bourke, Cr Dowsley, Cr Harvey, Cr Horne, Cr Landells, Cr Price and Cr Shepheard
Against: Nil

CARRIED

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is for Council to appoint two authorised officers under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the "Act") as detailed in the attached instrument.

BACKGROUND

Two new planning officers commenced with Indigo Shire Council in October 2026. As the roles are required to execute statutory powers and functions under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, Council must make the appointment under this Act.

DISCUSSION

Under the Act, officers must be appointed and authorised directly by Council rather than by the Chief Executive Officer, as there are no powers provided for this sub-delegation.

The Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation provide the legal basis to undertake inspections and other planning duties as required.

The attached instrument is based on the template provided by Maddocks Lawyers Delegations and Authorisations Service. This legal service provides templates for Instruments of Appointments that meet legislative requirements. The use of these model documents will ensure Council is compliant when appointing and authorising relevant Council staff.

OPTIONS

Council could decide to not appoint the new officer under the Act, however this would prevent the officer from carrying out the statutory functions required of the role. For this reason, it is strongly recommended that the officer is appointed.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

COUNCIL PLAN 2025 – 2029	
Theme	4. Governance and Financial Sustainability
Strategic Objective	4.5 Governance and Transparent Decision Making - Uphold the highest standards of integrity, transparency, and accountability in Council operations and decision-making processes through robust governance frameworks and an engaged, responsible workforce culture.

UNCONFIRMED

The appointment of authorised officers under the Act demonstrates the due consideration Council gives to allowing officers to perform certain duties under specific legislation. This indicates that Council complies with legislation, ensuring its officers are duly authorised when appropriate, and that Council's business is conducted with transparency.

SOCIAL/COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS

The formal appointment assures the community that Council authorises the officers to perform planning duties within the scope of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

It is important that officers are properly authorised by Council when undertaking a role as an authorised officer. This ensures that they are permitted to act under the relevant legislation and in their official capacity.

In order for the specified officer to undertake their day-to-day duties, the appointment is made under section 147(4) of the Act.

RISK & OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT

Description	Likelihood	Consequence	Current Risk Rating	Controls
An officer executes powers, duties and functions under the Act without being formally appointed by Council.	Unlikely	Insignificant	Low	When a new officer is appointed in a role, the governance team checks the authorised officer status. This triggers the process for formal appointment by Council in accordance with procedures.
An officer is appointed under inappropriate or wrong legislation.	Unlikely	Insignificant	Low	Council's appointed legal service issues an updated template that Council uses to ensure the accuracy. Once drafted, the Instrument is approved by various officers including the relevant manager.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Engagement undertaken

No public consultation was undertaken or is proposed in relation to this matter. A register of Authorised Officers is available for public inspection.

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Engagement outcomes

Nil

Engagement proposed

Nil

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council appoints the officer referred to in Attachment 1 to enable the execution of statutory powers under the *Planning & Environment Act 1987.*

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Under section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Governance Rule 24, the following officers declare that they have no interests to disclose in providing this report:

- Debra Fankhauser - Executive Manager People & Governance
- Annabel Harding - Governance Coordinator
- Candice Mountney-Howe - Governance Officer

Attachments

1. Instrument of Appointment & Authorisation - Planning & Environment Act Only - October 2026 - Cauchi and McGillivray [**15.2.1** - 2 pages]

UNCONFIRMED

15.3 VARIATION TO THE INSTRUMENT OF DELEGATION - COUNCIL TO COUNCIL STAFF (S6)

Debra Fankhauser - Executive Manager People & Governance
Office of the CEO

For Decision

RECOMMENDATION

In the exercise of the powers conferred by s 188 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and the other legislation referred to in the attached Instruments of Delegation Indigo Shire Council (Council) RESOLVES THAT –

1. The instrument of delegation to members of Council staff dated 28 July 2026 (the instrument) be varied as set out in the schedule to this resolution;
2. The members of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the offices or positions referred to in the instrument as varied are to have the powers, duties and functions set out in the instrument as varied, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that instrument;
3. The instrument as varied instrument comes into force immediately upon this resolution being made;
4. The duties and functions set out in the instrument as varied must be performed, and the powers set out in the instruments must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.

Schedule

5. In the Schedule to the instrument, in relation to provisions of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*:
   5.1 That "Strategic Planner" be added to s24 Function to represent Council and present a submission at a panel hearing (including a hearing referred to in s 96D).

UNCONFIRMED

RESOLUTION

In the exercise of the powers conferred by s 188 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and the other legislation referred to in the attached Instruments of Delegation Indigo Shire Council (Council) RESOLVES THAT –

1. The instrument of delegation to members of Council staff dated 28 July 2026 (the instrument) be varied as set out in the schedule to this resolution;
2. The members of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the offices or positions referred to in the instrument as varied are to have the powers, duties and functions set out in the instrument as varied, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that instrument;
3. The instrument as varied instrument comes into force immediately upon this resolution being made;
4. The duties and functions set out in the instrument as varied must be performed, and the powers set out in the instruments must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.

Schedule

5. In the Schedule to the instrument, in relation to provisions of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*:
    5.1 That "Strategic Planner" be added to s24 Function to represent Council and present a submission at a panel hearing (including a hearing referred to in s 96D).

Moved: **Cr Dowsley**
Seconded: **Cr Harvey**
For: Cr Bourke, Cr Dowsley, Cr Harvey, Cr Horne, Cr Landells, Cr Price and Cr Shepheard
Against: Nil

CARRIED

PURPOSE OF REPORT

Council are asked to consider a variation to the Instrument of Delegation - Council to Council Staff (s6) that was adopted at the Council Meeting on 28 July 2026.

BACKGROUND

Council's Instruments of Delegation were last reviewed and adopted in July 2026. On occasions, variations to the instruments are required. For this purpose, Maddocks Delegations & Authorisations Service provide a template to allow for variations to be made to the existing Instrument without the need to adopt the whole instrument again. The ensures that the existing instrument remains in place, incorporating the relevant variations.

UNCONFIRMED

The *Instrument of Delegation - Council to Members of Council Staff (S6)* - allows for a direct delegation of power, duties, and functions from Council to staff, for acts and regulations **other than the Local Government Act.** Other acts do not provide an express power of sub-delegation, and so there is a presumption that they may not be sub-delegated. Therefore, it is assumed the power of delegation contained in the other acts may only be delegated directly by Councils to staff. For this reason, there is a separate instrument. This instrument must be adopted by Council.

DISCUSSION

Since the last review of delegations, the Planning team has identified a need for greater flexibility in appointing representatives to attend Planning Panel Hearings. Provision s24, *Function to represent Council and present a submission at a panel hearing (including a hearing referred to in s 96D)*, is currently delegated to the Director Planning & Corporate Services and the Manager Planning & Statutory Services.

In preparation for a panel hearing scheduled for late November in relation to a planning matter, the Planning team requested that the position of Strategic Planner also be included within this delegation.
The proposed amendment will provide additional operational flexibility in circumstances where delegated officers are unavailable and will assist in ensuring that Council representation at panel hearings, and the management of related planning referrals and submissions, can continue to be undertaken efficiently and effectively when required.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the variation to the Instrument of Delegation – Council to Council Staff (s6). **This option is recommended**.

2. Request further amendments prior to adoption – not preferred as this is mean the change cannot be implemented in time for the next Panel Hearing, which is scheduled for early November 2026.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

COUNCIL PLAN 2025 – 2029	
Theme	4. Governance and Financial Sustainability
Strategic Objective	4.5 Governance and Transparent Decision Making - Uphold the highest standards of integrity, transparency, and accountability in Council operations and decision-making processes through robust governance frameworks and an engaged, responsible workforce culture.
Key Strategy	N/A

Instruments of delegation provide a clear and structured way to delegate Council powers and duties that Council could not practically exercise directly. They ensure tasks and decisions are assigned to the appropriate roles and carried out under the relevant legislation and authority.

SOCIAL/COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS

The review of instruments of delegation assures the community that Council executes its decision-making processes in line with legislative requirements and within the appropriate roles. The provision of the instruments via this report enables the community to have full information on the roles that are responsible for the execution of powers, duties and functions under various legislation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental impacts with this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The management of Council's delegations involves two annual subscriptions, including the Maddocks Delegations Service and the RelianSys Delegations module (web-based software which assists with the allocation and approval of delegations), both of which are funded within the budget.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Section 188 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 empowers councils to delegate their powers under this Act to members of Council staff.

RISK & OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT

Description	Likelihood	Consequence	Current Risk Rating	Controls
If delegations are not updated the legality of a decision or an action purportedly made on behalf of the council could be questioned.	Possible	Minor	Low	Maddocks Lawyers templates are used to support regular updates of delegations. RelianSys software is used to remind officers of the obligation to review delegations.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Engagement undertaken

Nil required.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with requirements under the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's usual practice of updating all delegations, the attached instruments have been reviewed to ensure that they are lawful, up to date and allow for the effective operation of the organisation.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Under section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Governance Rule 24, the following officers declare that they have no interests to disclose in providing this report:

- Debra Fankhauser - Executive Manager People & Governance
- Annabel Harding - Governance Coordinator

Attachments

1. Instrument of Delegation - Members of Staff (s 6) - Varied [**15.3.1** - 87 pages]

UNCONFIRMED

15.4 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Debra Fankhauser - Executive Manager People & Governance
Office of the CEO

For Decision

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accepts the attached unconfirmed meeting minutes for the following Advisory Committees and endorses the officer recommended actions:

1. Finance Advisory Committee; and
2. Indigo Shire Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee.

RESOLUTION

That Council accepts the attached unconfirmed meeting minutes for the following Advisory Committees and endorses the officer recommended actions:

1. Finance Advisory Committee; and
2. Indigo Shire Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee.

UNCONFIRMED

Moved:	**Cr Landells**
Seconded:	**Cr Bourke**
For:	Cr Bourke, Cr Dowsley, Cr Harvey, Cr Horne, Cr Landells, Cr Price and Cr Shepheard
Against:	Nil

CARRIED

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report provides the minutes, recommendations and accompanying officer comments from Council's advisory committees for Council noting and endorsement of Management Recommended Actions.

BACKGROUND

Council currently has seven advisory committees. The role of an advisory committee is to provide information and advice on issues relating to the committee's specific area of expertise (i.e., the Environment Committee provides advice on environmental issues).

Each advisory committee meets regularly (the frequency of which depends on the committee) and records minutes and resolutions for Council decision. Each resolution reported to this month's meeting is highlighted in the table below and has an accompanying officer comment.

DISCUSSION

COMMITTEE	DATE OF MEETING	RECOMMENDATION	MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDED ACTION
Finance Committee	22 September 2026	That Council accepts the August 2026 Finance Report noting the progress against Council's budget.	This report was presented to Council at the 29 September 2026 Council Meeting. No further action required.
Indigo Shire Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee	4 September 2026	nil	

OPTIONS

The recommended action is to receive the attached minutes and endorse any accompanying management recommended actions.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

COUNCIL PLAN 2021 – 2025	
Theme	5. Accountability
Strategic Objective	5.5 Our Councillors and organisation are committed to the highest level of governance practices and conduct.
Strategic Action	N/A

UNCONFIRMED

The provision of advisory committee minutes and resolutions to Council at the monthly meeting ensures that Council considers the advice of the committees. This allows transparent decision-making and highest level of governance practices and conduct.

SOCIAL/COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS

The community are assured that Council committees are operating in alignment with their Terms of References by viewing Committee minutes.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications with this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications with this report.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Council's advisory committees are established by Council but do not have any delegated decision-making powers. Instead, they work under terms of reference and provide advice to Council. The advice occurs in a variety of forms, including advice to relevant Council departments, as well as advice contained within resolutions that are reported to Council.

Some advisory committee meetings are open to the public and some are closed, however all minutes are reported to Council (apart from the Audit & Risk Committee - these meetings are held 'in camera' and the minutes are not available to the public – reporting to Council occurs as per the requirements under the Local Government Act 2020).

RISK & OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT

Description	Likelihood	Consequence	Current Risk Rating	Controls
That advisory committee minutes and recommendations are not duly reported to Council, and the utility and confidence of the committees are undermined.	Unlikely	Insignificant	Low	Governance team follow up with officer secretariats to ensure that all meetings are reported to Council as soon as practicable.

CONCLUSION

The advisory committee minutes included in this report are presented to Council for noting.

UNCONFIRMED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Under section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Governance Rule 24, the following officers declare that they have no interests to disclose in providing this report:

- Debra Fankhauser - Executive Manager People & Governance
- Annabel Harding - Governance Coordinator
- Candice Mountney-Howe - Governance Officer

Attachments

1. Minutes - Finance Advisory Committee - 22 September 2026 [**15.4.1** - 14 pages]
2. Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee - Minutes 04.09.26 [**15.4.2** - 3 pages]

15.5 INFORMAL MEETINGS OF COUNCILLORS RECORDS

Debra Fankhauser - Executive Manager People & Governance
Office of the CEO

For Decision

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accepts the attached Informal Meetings of Councillors records.

RESOLUTION
That Council accepts the attached Informal Meetings of Councillors records.

Moved:	**Cr Harvey**
Seconded:	**Cr Horne**
For:	Cr Bourke, Cr Dowsley, Cr Harvey, Cr Horne, Cr Landells, Cr Price and Cr Shepheard
Against:	Nil

CARRIED

UNCONFIRMED

This report tables the Informal Meetings of Councillors as required under Council's governance rules. Informal Meetings of Councillors Records are only required for meetings that are closed to the public.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report presents Informal Meetings of Councillors records to Council for recording in the minutes in accordance with Governance Rule 72(b)(iii).

BACKGROUND

Governance Rule 70 defines an Informal Meeting of Councillors as:

1. a meeting of an advisory committee of Council, if at least one Councillor is present, or
2. a planned or scheduled meeting of at least half the Councillors and one member of Council staff which considers matters that are intended or likely to be:
    a. the subject of a decision of the Council; or
    b. subject to the exercise of a function, duty or power of the Council that has been delegated to a person or a committee.

The Governance Rules specifically excludes the following meetings:

- Council Meetings
- Delegated Committee Meetings
- Community Asset Committee Meetings

Informal meetings of Councillors do not include meetings which are open to the public.

DISCUSSION

Under Governance Rule 72(b)(iii), the CEO is required to provide a summary of matters discussed at Informal Meetings of Councillors, which is to be tabled at the next Scheduled Council meeting and is to be recorded in the minutes.

The attached Informal Meetings of Councillors records are presented to Council for acceptance as summarised in the following table.

MEETING	DATE
Council Briefing	15 September 2026
Council Briefing	22 September 2026
Finance Committee	22 September 2026
Council Briefing	29 September 2026

NOTE:
The timing of the agenda distribution will sometimes make it difficult to provide a complete month. Please note that any items not included will carry forward to the following month.

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STRATEGIC CONTEXT

COUNCIL PLAN 2021 – 2025	
Theme	5. Accountability
Strategic Objective	5.5 Our Councillors and organisation are committed to the highest level of governance practices and conduct.
Strategic Action	N/A

An Informal Meeting of Councillors record is a mechanism for Councillors and officers to openly declare and report any conflicts that may have arisen during a defined informal meeting of Councillors. This demonstrates to Council and the community that the meetings are conducted with transparency and good governance.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications with this report.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Informal Meetings of Councillors are dealt with under the Governance Rules.

RISK & OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT

Description	Likelihood	Consequence	Current Risk Rating	Controls
That a defined Informal Meeting of Councillors is not reported to Council, and public confidence in transparency is undermined.	Likely	Insignificant	Medium	Regular reminders to officers about the requirement to report defined meetings. Follow up of missing records for known meetings.

CONCLUSION

The Informal Meetings of Councillors records attached to this report are a true and accurate record of all defined meetings reported since the last report to Council.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Under section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Governance Rule 24, the following officers declare that they have no interests to disclose in providing this report:

- Debra Fankhauser - Executive Manager People & Governance
- Annabel Harding - Governance Coordinator
- Candice Mountney-Howe - Governance Officer

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Attachments

1. Informal Meeting of Councillors Record - Council Briefing - 15 September 2026 [**15.5.1** - 2 pages]
2. Informal Meeting of Councillors Record - Council Briefing - 22 September 2026 [**15.5.2** - 2 pages]
3. Informal Meeting of Councillors - Finance Advisory Committee - 22 September 2026 [**15.5.3** - 2 pages]
4. Informal Meeting of Councillors Record - Council Briefing - 29 September 2026 [**15.5.4** - 2 pages]

16 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil reports

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17 COUNCILLOR REPORT

17.1 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

nil

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17.2 MAYOR'S DIARY

Trevor Ierino
Office of the CEO

For Information

Mayor Price attended the following functions/events/meetings in September 2026:

DATE	TIME	FUNCTION / EVENT / MEETING	LOCATION
1 September	9.00am	Council Briefing/Training	Rutherglen
1 September	2.30pm	Meeting with CEO Recruitment Firm	Rutherglen
3 September	2.00pm	Pre Forum Session - Rural Councils Victoria	Swan Hill
4 September	9.00am	Rural Councils Victoria Forum	Swan Hill
7 September	10.00am	Meeting with Acting CEO and Deputy Mayor	Beechworth
7 September	11.00am	Meeting with Executive Assistant	Beechworth
8 September	9.00am	Council Briefing	Beechworth
10 September	9.30am	Albury Wodonga Regional Local Government Health Alliance Meeting	Wodonga
10 September	1.00pm	Goulburn Ovens Murray Regional Meeting	Wangaratta
14 September	10.00am	Meeting with Acting CEO and Deputy Mayor	Beechworth
14 September	11.00am	Meeting with Executive Assistant	Beechworth
15 September	9.00am	Council Briefing	Beechworth
17 September	2.00pm	Rural Councils Victoria Committee Meeting	Online
21 September	10.00am	Meeting with Acting CEO and Deputy Mayor	Yackandandah
22 September	9.00am	Council Briefing	Beechworth
22 September	12.45pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Beechworth
24 September	9.00am	Meeting with CEO Recruitment Firm	Online
28 September	10.30am	Meeting with Executive Assistant	Beechworth
28 September	11.00am	Meeting with CEO and Deputy Mayor	Beechworth
29 September	4.00pm	Council Briefing	Beechworth
29 September	6.30pm	Council Meeting	Beechworth

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18 DECISIONS REGISTER

Trevor Ierino - Chief Executive Officer
Office of the CEO

For Information

The report outlines actions from Council Resolutions as at 29 September 2026, including those not previously listed as completed, but not including resolutions to note a report.

Meeting date	Item	Name	Resolution	Status
28 Oct 2025	15.2	Notice Of Motion - Grants Program Review	That Indigo Shire Council instructs the CEO to undertake a review of Indigo Shire Council's Grants Program and present findings and recommendations to Council for consideration prior to adoption of the 2026/27 Budget. c)	Incomplete
25 August 2026	15.1	Notice Of Motion - Beechworth Railway Goods Shed	That Council requests the CEO review and consolidate existing information held by Council regarding the Beechworth Railway Goods Shed and, where necessary, update that information or obtain additional independent advice to: 1. Confirm the building's current approved uses and any restrictions, conditions or impediments affecting its use; 2. Identify suitable, achievable and sustainable future uses for the building, with particular consideration given to uses requiring minimal or no additional capital expenditure; 3. Identify the current annual costs to Council associated with maintaining the building and surrounds; 4. Review previous efforts to activate or secure an ongoing use for the Goods Shed, including previous Expression of Interest processes, to identify any recurring barriers or reasons why a sustainable outcome has not been achieved; and 5. Recommend options for the future activation and sustainable use of the Goods Shed, having regard to the findings of that review. The findings and recommendations are to be presented to Council within three months for consideration.	Incomplete

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28 April 2026	11.2	Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026-2029	That Council; 1. Endorses the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026-2029 and places the document on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, inviting submissions in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy. 2. Notes that if no submissions are received during the public exhibition period, the Strategy is adopted from Thursday 28 May 2026; and 3. Notes that if submissions are received during the public exhibition period, the Strategy will be brought to a future Council meeting for adoption.	Completed
29 September 2026	8	Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meeting	That the following minutes be confirmed: Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 August 2026 as published on Council's website; and Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 August 2026, as provided to Councillors under separate cover.	Completed
29 September 2026	11.1	August 2026 Finance Report	That Council accepts the August 2026 Finance Report noting the progress against Council's budget.	Completed
29 September 2026	11.2	Nomination Of Councillors To Certify 2025/2026 Performance Statement And Financial Statements	That Council nominates, in accordance with Part 4, Division 3, 99 (3) of the Local Government Act (2020), three Councillors, being Councillors Price, Bourke, and Harvey as signatories with authorisation given for any two of the nominated three Councillors to certify the 2025/2026 Performance Statement and Financial Statements (along with the CEO and Principal Accounting Officer) in their final form after any changes recommended, or agreed to, by the auditor have been made.	Completed
29 September 2026	11.3	Pa240182 - Planning Permit - 1305	That Council resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to Refuse a Planning Permit for the use and development of land as a contractors' depot at	Completed

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		Beechworth-Wodonga Road, Wooragee	1305 Beechworth Wodonga Road Wooragee, on the following grounds: 1. The proposed use and development is not an appropriate response to the Farming Zone and agricultural context and is contrary to: 1.1 The purpose and decision guidelines of the Farming Zone; 1.2 Clauses 02.03-1 and 02.03-4 of the Municipal Planning Strategy; 1.3 Clauses 14.01-1S and 14.01-1L-03 of the Planning Policy Framework; and 2. The proposal is contrary to the decision guidelines of clause 65.01.	
29 September 2026	11.4	Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026-2029	That Council acknowledges the submissions received and adopts the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026-2030. 1.	Completed
29 September 2026	12.1	Significant Events Program - Proposed Memorandum Of Understanding	That Council: 1. Renews the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Beechworth Golden Horseshoes Festival Committee for two years (2027 to 2028), on the following terms: a) for 2027, a cash contribution of $15,300 and the existing level of in-kind Council support; and b) for 2028, a cash contribution of $13,005 and the existing level of in-kind Council support. 2. Renews the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Yackandandah Folk Festival Committee for two years (2027 to 2028), on the following terms: a) for 2027, a cash contribution of $5,100 and the existing level of in-kind Council support; b) for 2028, a cash contribution of $4,335 and the existing level of in-kind Council support;	Completed

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<td>3. Acknowledges the significant contribution of the Beechworth Golden Horseshoes Festival and Yackandandah Folk Festival to their respective communities and to the broader social, cultural and economic life of Indigo Shire.

4. Determines that these MoUs will provide a transition towards a consistent, transparent and competitive approach to Council event funding, with both events eligible to apply through Council's Events Grants Program, or any successor event funding program, following MoU expiry.</td>
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<td>Community Grants 2026</td>
<td>That Council:
1. Distributes $50,036 to the Community Grants Program 2026/27 as follows; and
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<tr><td>1</td><td>Chiltern Athenaeum Incorporated</td><td>A Night at the Museum - Do You Know Where You Live?</td><td>$500</td></tr>
<tr><td>2</td><td>Yackandandah Women's Shed Inc.</td><td>Yackandandah Community Christmas Fair 2026</td><td>$1,300</td></tr>
<tr><td>3</td><td>Corowa Rutherglen Motorsport (Wahgunyah Speedway)</td><td>Wahgunyah Speedway Catch Fence Safety Upgrade</td><td>$4,000</td></tr>
<tr><td>4</td><td>Wahgunyah Race Recreation Reserve Committee of Management</td><td>Floor Tiles for Acoustic Improvement</td><td>$3,000</td></tr>
<tr><td>5</td><td>Glenview Health</td><td>Chiltern Diabetes Peer Support Group</td><td>$2,100</td></tr>
<tr><td>6</td><td>Rutherglen Community Garden Inc.</td><td>A Gathering Shelter- Rutherglen Community Garden Inc</td><td>$4,000</td></tr>
<tr><td>7</td><td>Moon & Umbrella Assembly Inc.</td><td>Music Performance Gear Cache</td><td>$1,000</td></tr>
<tr><td>8</td><td>Stanley Athenaeum</td><td>Stanley Street Furniture</td><td>$4,000</td></tr>
<tr><td>9</td><td>Beechworth Kindergarten Inc</td><td>Update of Bike Circuit Beechworth Kinder</td><td>$4,000</td></tr>
<tr><td>10</td><td>Beechworth Toy Library Inc</td><td>Beechworth Toy Library Community Showcase & Outdoor Play Expansion</td><td>$1,500</td></tr>
<tr><td>11</td><td>Indigo FM Inc</td><td>Outside Broadcast Equipment</td><td>$1,000</td></tr>
<tr><td>12</td><td>Quercus Beechworth Neighbourhood House</td><td>Celebrating Forty Years of Quercus Beechworth</td><td>$2,000</td></tr>
<tr><td>13</td><td>Allans Flat Recreation Reserve Committee of Management Inc.</td><td>A Sandy Beach for Family Play</td><td>$1,524</td></tr>
<tr><td>14</td><td>Chiltern Playgroup</td><td>Refreshing Supplies/playing Equipment</td><td>$2,300</td></tr>
<tr><td>15</td><td>Chiltern Yarn Bombers</td><td>Chiltern Yarn Bombers 2026/2027</td><td>$350</td></tr>
<tr><td>16</td><td>Wooragee Tennis Club Inc.</td><td>Light Post Safety Padding</td><td>$1,500</td></tr>
<tr><td>17</td><td>Middle Indigo Primary School</td><td>Nature-Based Landscape Masterplan and Playspace Improvements</td><td>$4,000</td></tr>
<tr><td>18</td><td>Stanley Landcare Incorporated</td><td>Long Dick's Gully Restoration – Stage 2: A Community Stewardship Model for Habitat Recovery and Revegetation</td><td>$4,000</td></tr>
<tr><td>19</td><td>Tangambalanga Kiewa Men's Shed</td><td>Men's shed new build internal fit out</td><td>$4,000</td></tr>
<tr><td>20</td><td>Upper Sandy Creek Recreation Reserve Committee</td><td>BBQ Relocation</td><td>$3,462</td></tr>
<tr><td>21</td><td>Arts Yackandandah Inc. (Community Choir)</td><td>Arts Yackandandah Community Choir — 2027 Season Choir Leader Fees</td><td>$500</td></tr>
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2. Thanks the Community Grants Assessment Panel members for their time in contributing to the assessment process.

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<td>12.2</td>
<td>Get Active Indigo Grants 2026</td>
<td>That Council:
1. Receives the Get Active Indigo Grants Program 2026/27 - Assessment Panel Recommendation Report; and
2. Endorses the distribution of funds as recommended by the Assessment Panel as follows:
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<tr><td>Indi-Groove Dance Club (I.G.D.C)</td><td>Indi-Groove Dance Club</td><td>$5,000</td></tr>
<tr><td>Rutherglen Park and Recreation Reserve Committee of Management</td><td>2026 Park Open Day</td><td>$500</td></tr>
<tr><td>Murray River Calisthenics Club</td><td>Murray River Calisthenics Club Equipment Upgrade</td><td>$5,000</td></tr>
<tr><td>Wahgunyah Tennis Club</td><td>Pickleball Courts</td><td>$1,500</td></tr>
<tr><td>Kiewa Valley Bowling Club</td><td>Kiewa Valley Bowling Club Equipment</td><td>$416</td></tr>
<tr><td>Total</td><td></td><td>$12,416</td></tr>
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3. Thanks the Get Active Indigo Grants Assessment Panel members for their time in contributing to the assessment process.</td>
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<td>Event Grants Program 2026</td>
<td>That Council:
1. Distributes $46,655 to the 2026/2027 Indigo Shire Event Grants Program as follows; and
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<tr><td>2</td><td>Beechworth Kindergarten Inc.</td><td>Growing Together: Beechworth Kindergarten Family Wellbeing Series</td><td>$3,000</td></tr>
<tr><td>3</td><td>Beechworth Old Cranks Motor Club</td><td>Beechworth Drive Back in Time 2027</td><td>$5,000</td></tr>
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<tr><td>12</td><td>Woorragee Primary School</td><td>2027 Woorragee Easter Market</td><td>$2,300</td></tr>
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2. Thanks the Event Grants Assessment Panel members for their time in contributing to the assessment process.
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<td>29 September 2026</td>
<td>13.1</td>
<td>Community Sustainability Grants 2026/2027</td>
<td>That Council:
1. Distributes $17,180 (ex-GST) of the 2026/2027 Community Sustainability Grants Program budget as follows;
<table>
<tr><th>Applicant</th><th>Project name</th><th>Recommended funding</th></tr>
<tr><td>1st Beechworth Scout Group</td><td>Empowering Youth and Community: Energy-Efficient Upgrades for a Sustainable Community Hub</td><td>$5,000.00</td></tr>
<tr><td>Beechworth Urban Landcare & Sustainability Inc</td><td>Get involved in Beechworth's biodiversity</td><td>$2,181.00</td></tr>
<tr><td>Ovens Landcare Network</td><td>Discover Chiltern Mt Pilot National Park</td><td>$1,250.00</td></tr>
<tr><td>Allans Flat Recreation Reserve Committee Incorporated</td><td>Valuing the Natives: Restoring Biodiversity</td><td>$2,060.00</td></tr>
<tr><td>Tangambalanga Kiewa Men's Shed</td><td>Water Tank and Pump</td><td>$4,000.00</td></tr>
<tr><td>Beechworth Kindergarten Inc.</td><td>Future-proofing Beechworth Kindergarten: Building a Safer and More Sustainable Community Asset</td><td>$2,689.00</td></tr>
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Thanks the Community Sustainability Grants Assessment Panel members for their time in contributing to the assessment process.</td>
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<td>29 September 2026</td>
<td>13.2</td>
<td>Annual Reseal Contract 2026/27</td>
<td>That Council:
1. Awards contract No. 26-034 Annual Resealing Contract 2026-27 to LFT Bitumen Pty Ltd for the amount of $696,184.45 (excluding GST);
1. Authorises the CEO to sign and seal the contract documents; and</td>
<td>Completed</td>
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			2. Authorises the CEO the financial delegation to approve contract variations up to a total of 5 per cent of the signed contract value.	
29 September 2026	13.3	August 2026 Capital Works Report	That Council notes the August 2026 Capital Works Report and year to date progress in the delivery of the Capital Works Program.	Completed
29 September 2026	13.4	Capital Works Overview 2025/26	That Council notes the Annual Summary report for the 2025/26 Capital Works program and the year-end achievements in the delivery of the program.	Completed
29 September 2026	14.1	Social Media Policy 2026	That Council: 1. Endorses the Social Media Policy 2026 (Attachment 1) and places it on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and invites submissions; 2. Notes that if no submissions are received during the public exhibition period, the Policy is adopted from 1 November 2026; and 3. Notes that if submissions are received during the public exhibition period, the Policy will be brought to a future Council meeting for adoption.	Completed
29 September 2026	14.2	Advisory Committee Minutes	That Council accepts the attached unconfirmed meeting minutes for the following Advisory Committees and endorses the officer recommended actions: 1. Finance Advisory Committee; and 2. Indigo Community Access Advisory Committee.	Completed
29 September 2026	14.3	Informal Meetings Of Councillors Records	That Council accepts the attached Informal Meetings of Councillors records.	Completed
29 September 2026	19.1	Heritage Loan Application	That Council has approved a heritage load for $20,000 in the Beechworth area	Completed

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Attachments
Nil

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19 GENERAL BUSINESS

- Cr Dowsley asked the Acting CEO why the Annual Report for 25/26 has not been presented to Council by 31 October as required under the Local Government Act 2020? Ian Ellett, Acting CEO responded that the Annual report didn't make the meeting tonight because the financial audit was not finished on time. The delay is due to council updating the finance system earlier in the year and this necessitated a larger and longer audit process to reconcile both systems. This is an unusual circumstance that impacted this year only. We also had some unplanned staff absence. We are on the home stretch, and will be presenting the Annual Report to Council in the coming weeks.

- Cr Shepheard raised the Beechworth Historic Society's Green Team volunteer work supporting Council with parks and gardens support. Ian Ellett, Acting CEO responded that Council has been working with the Green Team, most recently at the Beechworth Railway Precinct and are partnering together on other work. Council thanks them for their contribution.

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20 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council Meeting be closed to the public in accordance with Section 66 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

RESOLUTION

That the Council Meeting be closed to the public in accordance with Section 66 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Moved:	**Cr Shepheard**
Seconded:	**Cr Bourke**
For:	Cr Bourke, Cr Dowsley, Cr Harvey, Cr Horne, Cr Landells, Cr Price and Cr Shepheard
Against:	Nil

CARRIED

This meeting moved into Confidential; members of the gallery were asked to leave; recording and live streaming ceased.

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20.2 REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

Debra Fankhauser - Executive Manager People & Governance
Office of the CEO

For Decision

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 3(1)(f) of the Local Government Act 2020, as it deals with personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.

The reason this section applies is because the information contains personal biographical details of a person not yet appointment to a third term on the Audit & Risk Committee. This is an unreasonable disclosure of personal information as the information has been provided in confidence as part of the recruitment process, and the person has not yet been confirmed for a third term.

20.1 CEO RECRUITMENT PROCESS

Debra Fankhauser - Executive Manager People & Governance
Office of the CEO

For Decision

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 3(1) (f) of the Local Government Act 2020, as it deals with personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.

The reason this section applies is that all applications are considered confidential and contain personal and sensitive information about applicants. It is unreasonable to release this information as Council has not yet made a decision on the final appointee.

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21 MEETING CLOSURE

Meeting Concluded at 7.53pm.

Next Meeting: **17 November 2026 – 6:30pm – Statutory Meeting**
24 November 2026 - 6:30pm – Scheduled Council Meeting

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