

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, 10 WATSON TERRACE, MOUNT GAMBIER ON TUESDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER, 2014 AT 6.08 P.M.

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**COUNCIL**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor SA Perryman

Cr A Lee  
Cr J Maher  
Cr D Mutton  
Cr H Persello  
Cr PG Richardson  
Cr B Shearing  
Cr AT Smith  
Cr I Von Stanke  
Cr MR White

**APOLOGY/IES:**

Nil

**COUNCIL OFFICERS:**

Chief Executive Officer	-	Mr M McShane
Director – Corporate Services	-	Mr G Humphries
Director – Operational Services	-	Mr D Sexton
Manager Community Services and Development	-	Ms B Cernovskis
Governance Officer	-	Mr M McCarthy
Administrative Officer Executive Support	-	Mrs F McGregor

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOANDIK PEOPLES AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND WHERE WE MEET TODAY. WE RESPECT THEIR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND AND RECOGNISE THE DEEP FEELINGS OF ATTACHMENT OUR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THIS LAND.**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Cr Smith moved the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 be taken as read and confirmed.

Cr Von Stanke seconded

Carried

## **MAYORAL REPORT** - Ref. AF11/881

- present Bowls SA Volunteer Day recognise volunteers Local Bowls Fraternity
- attended one Mens Watch Program, about 30 men there taking part
- Chamber of Commerce Business Award presented Environment Award
- with Chief Executive Officer hosted cadet journalists and provided information on Council inner workings
- attended SELGA local Sports Star meeting
- Probus club meeting – around 250 people attended
- Ryder Cheshire hosted function, the South Australian State Body is located in Mount Gambier with Peter Newton also attending, the local Ryder Cheshire played a significant role in building a hospital in East Timor
- The Mayfair singing group presented Council with a CD and a framed photograph celebrating 20 years of their group

## **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS / ACTIVITIES** - Ref. AF11/882

<u>Member</u>	<u>Organisation</u>
Cr Persello	suicide prevention, Network of Networks meeting – Adelaide, Christmas Parade meeting, Seniors Month meeting, Seniors Month launch and birthday, Seniors Month forum, Youth Advisory Group Meeting, Members Briefing - Professor John Martin – Futures Paper, Members Workshop - ICAN
Cr Persello	International Soccer Club awards, Sports SA Awards, Mayoral Candidates Forum, Probus Club Conference dinner, Police Memorial Service
Cr Shearing	Community Engagement and Social Inclusion gathering for thanking community members, Operational Services Sub-Committee meeting

**Cr Von Stanke moved the reports made by Council representatives on outside organisations / activities be received.**

**Cr Smith seconded**

**Carried**

## **QUESTIONS:**

- (a) With Notice – Nil submitted.
- (b) Without Notice - Nil

**PETITIONS:** Nil

**NOTICE OF MOTION TO RESCIND:** Nil

**ELECTED MEMBERS WORKSHOPS:** Ref. AF11/2028

One Elected Members Informal Workshop for the Overview of ICAN – Headspace (details attached) was conducted between 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 and 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

Record of Proceedings from the Workshop are attached.

**Cr Von Stanke moved that the Record of Proceedings for the Elected Members Workshops on the Overview of ICAN - Headspace be received and the contents noted.**

**Cr White seconded**

**Carried**

## **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **PROCEDURE FOR VOTING EN BLOC:**

- (i) *The Presiding Member of each respective Committee will consider the list of agenda items before the Council meeting and determine which could be considered En Bloc having regard to the guidances in the formal Council Procedure.*

*The Policy stipulates that the following matters will not be considered EN BLOC:*

- *in respect of which a Elected Member wishes to make an informed and representative decision has indicated that he/she wishes to debate, ask a question or to raise a point of clarification on a specific item;*
- *which require adoption by an absolute or special majority vote (for example, Council by-laws);*
- *which are incapable of delegation in accordance with Section 44(3) of the Local Government Act 1999;*
- *in respect of which there is a disclosure of interest in accordance with Section 74 of the Local Government Act 1999;*
- *which require the Council to form an opinion as to the subject matter of the motion (for example, community land revocation, appointing a person to prepare a representation options paper under Section 12 of the Local Government Act 1999);*
- *where there is a recommendation to apply the confidentiality provisions of Section 90(3) of the Local Government Act 1999; and*
- *in respect of which a related decision will, or is likely to effect the rights, interests or legitimate expectations of a third party, individual or organisation (for example, a decision to grant or revoke a permit or license or, to grant an application for a community grant).*

*It also remains open to an Elected Member or on the advice of the Chief Executive Officer to request that an item be removed from the list of items to be considered En-Bloc.*

- (ii) *the Council Procedure suggests that the following are matters that could be considered En Bloc:*

- *items that are presented for information purposes only;*
- *reports which require only receipt and noting; and*
- *recommendations made by a Council Committee or in a Working Party report that are not contentious and do not require discussion or debate.*

*(iii) The Presiding Member of each respective Committee will enquire of Members at the Council meeting whether they wish any item not to be considered as part of the En Bloc recommendation;*

*(iv) where a consensus is not able to be agreed to, then that item will not be considered En Bloc;*

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED EN BLOC

The Presiding Member of each respective Committee will enquire of the Council meeting which item(s) the Members consider can and should be considered En Bloc having regard to the guidances in the adopted Council Policy and Procedure on such matters.

**OPERATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES – 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2014**

Cr Shearing moved that the minutes of the meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 be received.

Cr Mutton seconded

**Carried**

Cr White moved that the recommendations from the Operational Services Committee Meeting as contained in items 1, 2 and 5 as detailed in the agenda and moved En Bloc be adopted as these identified agenda items can be dealt with En Bloc in compliance with Councils adopted Policy and Procedure for voting En Bloc as the resolutions of Council.

Cr Mutton seconded

**Carried**

The consensus at the meeting was that the following items be considered En Bloc:  
Item No's: 1,2 and 5

**1. STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT - Internal - Operational Services Committee - Business Arising Table - Ref. AF11/1900**

*Goal: Governance*  
*Strategic Objective: (i) Develop an improved means of communication and engagement between Council and the community (including vulnerable communities) in the building of community capacity*

Cr Mutton moved it be recommended that the Business Arising Schedule be recorded for information.

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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES					
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OPERATIONAL SERVICES					
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Cr Shearing seconded

Carried

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Cr Mutton seconded

Carried

**2. COMMITTEES - Internal - Operational Services Committee - re Projects to be undertaken by the Operational Services Department, Engineering Division, during month - Ref. AF11/866**

The Presiding Member reported the following works are to be undertaken/are currently being undertaken by the Operational Services Department, Engineering Division, during the month:

Commenced Tasks

% Completed

- Caroline Landfill (Cell construction only) on hold
- Streetscaping / Paving City Centre (Ferrers Street to Compton Street) 80%
- Kennedy Avenue concrete footpath construction 65%
- Commerce Place Carpark Redevelopment 25%

Completed Tasks

- O'Leary Road (Calula Drive to Wireless Road West) kerbing and widening



Cr Richardson moved it be recommended the report be received.

Cr Von Stanke seconded

Carried

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Cr Mutton seconded

Carried

**3. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT - Railway Lands - Construction of the Amphitheatre - AF11/1373**

*Goal: Building Communities*

*Strategic Objective: (i) Strive for an increase in services and facilities to ensure the community has equitable access and that the identified needs of the community are met*

The Presiding Member reported:

- (a) An invitation to provide quotations was recently sent to five (5) suitably qualified local contractors for the Construction of the Amphitheatre in the Railway Lands precinct;
- (b) SMB Civil, Gambier Earth Movers, Dycer Constructions, Andrae Builders and DeBruin Group were invited to quote/tender the project as they are currently pre-qualified local contractors capable of successfully undertaking the works;
- (c) all companies were provided with a detailed construction drawing and a scope of works that specified that the quotation needed to include excavation, drainage (Drainwell modular system) and concrete works only. Supply and laying pavers to the area was not to be included;
- (d) three (3) quotations were received from the following contractors:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Total Price (ex GST)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
SMB Civil	\$102,534	Price excludes the supply and placement of the drainwell system
Gambier Earth Movers	\$249,249.22	Allowance of \$210,320 included for concrete construction works.
Dycer Constructions	\$135,126	PC Sum allowed for drainage grate and Drainwell modules (\$2,000)

- (e) Andrae Builders withdrew from supplying a quotation and DeBruin Group did not provide a quotation;

- (f) the current Railway Lands Project budget allowance for the construction of the amphitheatre is \$140,000 so the lowest two (2) quotations fall within this figure;
- (g) given Council is currently in 'Caretaker' mode, the maximum amount allowable for budget spending approval is \$100,000 or 1% of rate revenue (\$170,000), whichever is greatest.

Cr Richardson moved it be recommended:

- (a) The report be received;
- (b) Council accept the quotation supplied by SMB Civil at the cost of \$102,534 plus GST and authorise the Council Officers to negotiate the final price including the supply and placement of the Drainwell system (estimated at \$5,000) within the budget allowance of \$140,000 for that component of the Railway Lands project.

Cr Shearing seconded

Carried

**Cr White moved the recommendation of the Operational Services Committee as contained in item 3 be adopted.**

**Cr Richardson seconded**

**Carried**

**4. OPERATIONAL SERVICES REPORT NO. 25/2014 - Environmental Management - Unconventional Gas Mining - Ref. AF14/38**

*Goal:* *Governance*  
*Strategic Objective:* (i) *Demonstrate innovative and responsible organisational governance*

Cr Richardson moved it be recommended:

- (a) Operational Services Report No. 25/2014 be received and noted;
- (b) Council write to Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP to thank him for his offer for another presentation. However, because Council has heard this presentation twice before respectfully decline.

Cr Shearing seconded

Carried

Pursuant to Division 3 - Conflict of Interest, Sections 73 and 74 Part 4 of the Local Government Act 1999, Mayor Perryman disclosed an interest in Item 4 (*Mayor Perryman has a representative of an interested party staying at his business premises*) and did not:-

- (a) propose or second a motion relating to the matter; or
- (b) take part in discussion by the Committee relating to that matter; or

- (c) while such discussion is taking place, be in, or in the close vicinity of, the room in which or other place at which that matter is being discussed; or
- (d) vote in relation to that matter.

Mayor Perryman vacated the meeting at 6.22pm

Deputy Mayor Cr Richardson took the chair in the absence of the Mayor

**Cr White moved the recommendation of the Operational Services Committee as contained in item 4 be adopted.**

**Cr Von Stanke seconded**

**Carried**

Mayor Perryman resumed the meeting at 6.23 p.m.

**5. GOVERNANCE - Council Development Assessment Panel - Minutes of Meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014 - Ref. AF13/399**

*Goal: Governance*  
*Strategic Objective: (i) Demonstrate innovative and responsible organisational governance*

Cr Von Stanke moved it be recommended:

- (a) Minutes of the Council Development Assessment Panel meeting held on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014 be received;
- (b) the decisions made by the Council Development Assessment Panel be noted.

Cr Mutton seconded

**Carried**

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**Carried**

**CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES – 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2014**

Cr Lee moved that the minutes of the meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 be received.

Cr Smith seconded

**Carried**

**1. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – as at 30th September, 2014**

*Goal:* Governance

*Strategic Objective:* Demonstrate innovative and responsive organisational governance.

Cr Richardson moved it be recommended the financial statement as at 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 be received.

Cr Lee seconded

**Carried**

Cr Maher moved the recommendation of the Corporate and Community Services Committee as contained in item 1 be adopted.

Cr Lee seconded

**Carried**

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Cr Smith seconded

Carried

**Cr Maher moved the recommendation of the Corporate and Community Services Committee as contained in item 2 be adopted.**

Cr Smith seconded

Carried

**3. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT – Audit – End of Year Audited Financial Statements 2013/2014 – Letter from Galpins – Ref. AF13/15**

*Goal: Governance*

*Strategic Objective: Demonstrate innovative and responsive organisational governance*

The Director – Corporate Services reported:

(a) Councils Audit Committee resolved on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2014:

- (i) In accordance with Section 126(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Audit Committee advises that it has reviewed the annual financial statements of the Council for the year ended 30 June 2014 and is satisfied they present fairly the state of affairs of Council;
- (ii) The Chief Executive Officer and Presiding Member of the City of Mount Gambier Audit Committee sign the statement to certify the independence of the Council Auditor, Galpins.

- (b) Together with the audited Annual Financial Statements, Council's Auditor has also provided his Independent Auditor's Report:  
([http://www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/council\\_financial\\_annual.asp?qid=8&p=1](http://www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/council_financial_annual.asp?qid=8&p=1)).
- (c) An internally prepared analyses of the 2013/2014 Audited Annual Financial Statements has been prepared for Members information.

Cr Smith moved it be recommended:

- (a) the Independent Auditor's Report be received;
- (b) the internally prepared Analyses of the 2013/2014 Annual Financial Statements be received;
- (c) the audited Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 be adopted.

Cr Richardson seconded

Carried

**Cr Maher moved the recommendation of the Corporate and Community Services Committee as contained in item 3 be adopted.**

**Cr Von Stanke seconded**

Carried

**4. GOVERNANCE – Committees – Audit (Section 41) Committee – Minutes of Meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 – Ref. AF11/863**

*Goal: Governance*

*Strategic Objective: Demonstrate innovative and responsive organisational governance*

Cr Smith moved it be recommended:

- (a) the minutes of the City of Mount Gambier Audit Committee meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 be received;
- (b) recommendations (numbered 1 to 8) of the Audit Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 be adopted by Council.

1. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

The above reports be received.

2. EXTERNAL AUDITOR – END OF YEAR REPORT

- (a) the letter be received and contents noted;

(b) the Audit findings and recommendations be referred to the Council administration for attention and to the Audit Committee for ongoing monitoring;

(c) Councils External Auditor be advised of this course of action.

3. AUDIT WORK PROGRAM 2007 – 2014

The report be received.

4. ADOPTION OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(a) the report be received;

(b) in accordance with Section 126(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Audit Committee advises that it has reviewed the annual financial statements of the Council for the year ended 30 June 2014 and is satisfied they present fairly the state of affairs of Council;

(c) the Chief Executive Officer and Presiding Member of the City of Mount Gambier Audit Committee sign the statement to certify the independence of the Council Auditor, Galpins.

5. COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

(a) the report be received.

(b) the draft Audit Committee, Annual Report entry be endorsed.

6. LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN (LTFP)

The report be received.

7. FINANCIAL INTERNAL CONTROLS

The report be received.

8. TREASURY MANAGEMENT – ANNUAL REVIEW 2014

The report be received.

Cr Persello seconded

Carried

**Cr Maher moved the recommendation of the Corporate and Community Services Committee as contained in item 4 be adopted.**

Cr Mutton seconded

Carried



5. **GOVERNANCE – Committees – City of Mount Gambier Junior Sports Assistance Fund (Section 41) – Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 – Ref. AF11/725**

*Goal:* Governance

*Strategic Objective:* Demonstrate innovative and responsive organisational governance

Cr Richardson moved it be recommended:

(a) the minutes of the City of Mount Gambier Junior Sports Assistance Fund Annual General Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 be received;

(b) the following recommendation (numbered 1 to 9) of the City of Mount Gambier Sports Assistance Fund be adopted by Council;

1. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE - for period ended 30th June 2014

The Statement of Income and Expenditure for the period ended 30th June 2014 detailing payments to or payments from the Fund with a 30th June 2014 audited cash balance of \$51,044 be received and adopted.

2. GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS SINCE TWENTY EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

The above reports be received.

3. GENERAL MATTERS

The report be received.

4. SUB COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – authority to make decisions on applications

The report be received.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – Discretionary Assistance

The report be received.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE - Denied

The report be received.

7. MEMBER ORGANISATION CONTRIBUTIONS 2014/15

(a) that the report be received;

- (b) the Member Organisation contributions for the 2014/15 financial year continue to be based on the funding formula as adopted at the Annual Meeting of members held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2005 and as attached to this agenda/minutes (in respect of the required 2014/15 contributions);
- (c) the “previous five (5) year annual average” be interpreted and calculated on a rolling basis i.e. the previous five (5) year annual average include the then financial year just ended so that the Member Organisation contributions reflect the most current figures and the new minimum payment be \$400 and the maximum payment be retained at \$800 apply for the 2014/15 financial year

8. COMMERCIAL CLUB EXCEPTIONAL JUNIOR AWARD - Annual Grant Initiative

The report be received.

9. FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO JUNIORS - NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL EVENT DUE TO INJURY OR ILLNESS

The report be received.

Cr Smith seconded

Carried

**Cr Maher moved the recommendation of the Corporate and Community Services Committee as contained in item 5 be adopted.**

**Cr Von Stanke seconded**

Carried

6. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO 64/2014 - Investment Review Yearly Report - 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013 - 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 - Ref: AF11/684

*Goal: Governance*

*Strategic Objective: Fully integrate long term asset and financial plans with the annual business plan and annual budget*

Cr Richardson moved it be recommended Corporate and Community Services Report No. 64/2014 detailing the Yearly Investment Review report for 2013/2014 be received.

Cr Persello seconded

Carried

**Cr Maher moved the recommendation of the Corporate and Community Services Committee as contained in item 6 be adopted.**

**Cr Smith seconded**

Carried

7. **CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 66/2014** - City Development Framework – Futures Paper - Ref: AF13/125

Goal: *Securing Economic Prosperity*

Strategic Objective: (i) *Foster the expansion of commerce and industry in a sustainable manner, considering industry, employment and climate change impacts, and enhance our positioning as the major centre for the region.*

(ii) *Support the development of our local economy, our unique local experiences and our capacity to grow visitation to our City.*

(iii) *Develop and implement a dynamic planning process to meet emerging economic, social and environmental conditions.*

Cr Persello moved it be recommended:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 66/2014 be received.
- (b) The Futures Paper now be received and endorsed, pending minor editorial amendments.
- (c) The Futures Paper be published and copies be made available for all people who participated and general availability via hard copy and Council's website.
- (d) The Futures Paper will be a component of the incoming Council's induction program, a base for the development of the new Strategic Plan and provides a reference point to assist the citizens of Mount Gambier to achieve their collective future.
- (e) The Members of the City Development Framework Sub Committee and Associate Professor John Martin be thanked for their facilitation of this project and to achieve the development of a document that reflects the aspirations of the community and guides the future long term development of the City of Mount Gambier.

Cr Smith seconded

Carried

**Cr Maher moved the recommendation of the Corporate and Community Services Committee as contained in item 7 be adopted.**

**Cr Mutton seconded**

Carried

8. **GOVERNANCE - Committees - Community Engagement and Social Inclusion Sub Committee** - Ref: AF12/376

Goal: *Governance*

Strategic Objective: *Demonstrate innovative and responsive organisational governance*

Cr Maher moved it be recommended:

- (a) Council continues to promote a welcoming Mount Gambier as provided for in the Social Inclusion Charter;
- (b) Council recognises and values the contribution of people from a wide variety of backgrounds and cultures to Mount Gambier;
- (c) Council notes the important role of Council Members in promoting a welcoming and diverse community.

Cr Richardson seconded

Carried

**Cr Maher moved the recommendation of the Corporate and Community Services Committee as contained in item 8 be adopted.**

Cr Von Stanke seconded

Carried

#### **MOTIONS WITH NOTICE - NIL**

#### **MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

1. **COMMUNITY RELATIONS - Greetings - Congratulations, Greetings and Condolences Received and Sent by Council – Ref: AF/208**

Cr Maher moved:

- (a) Council pay respects to the Honourable Gough Whitlam AC QC and acknowledge contribution of the Hon. Mr Whitlam to the Australian Labor Party and to the Nation.

Cr Mutton seconded

Carried

2. **COMMUNITY RELATIONS - Greetings - Congratulations, Greetings and Condolences Received and Sent by Council - Ref: AF11/208 and PERS**

Cr Von Stanke moved:

- (a) Council receive and note the records of thanks and acknowledgement given by the Mayor and Councillors not seeking re-election for their positions at the 2014 Local Government election. Please see attachments for copies of speeches.

Cr Smith seconded

Carried

3. **COMMUNITY RELATIONS - Greetings - Congratulations, Greetings and Condolences Received and Sent by Council - Ref: AF11/208 and PERS**

Cr Richardson moved:

- (a) Council thank and recognise the contribution made to Council and the Community by Cr Shearing and Cr Maher over their terms as Elected Members.

Cr Persello seconded

Carried

4. **COMMUNITY RELATIONS - Greetings - Congratulations, Greetings and Condolences Received and Sent by Council\_Ref: AF11/208 and PERS**

Cr Richardson moved:

- (a) Council recognise and thank our Mayor and Mayoress for their contribution they have made to Council and the Community of Mount Gambier over the past 12 years.

Cr Persello seconded

Carried

Meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.

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I would like to thank the community of Mount Gambier, it has been an honour being a representative over the past 4 years and I hope to continue contributing in other shapes and forms.

We are blessed to have the depth of talent in our team here at council, without playing favourites, it has been motivating and inspiring working closely alongside our Operational Services Division - to me it hasn't gone unnoticed that this area is in exceptional hands with Daryl Sexton.

I have appreciated your rational approach and your sense of logic.

I would also like to acknowledge Aarron Izzard, his work in the Environment and Sustainability area will be valued for many years to come. Aarron is our champion of change!

To our CEO, Mark McShane thank you for guiding council into a new age, you have brought sophistication and efficiency to our organisation and helped pave a promising future for our community.

To the ever gracious Lynne Dowling, your job must be like herding butterflies on the moon sometimes, but you always do it with grace and dignity.

To Mayor Steve Perryman, your leadership is highly-regarded beyond the boundary of our community. Some of your greatest moments have not been witnessed by our community but you have represented our community and council with political poise and when required with urgency and passion. You will be missed.

Fellow elected members; collectively you have taught me strength, protocol and what it feels like to be part of a team.

Our journey together was short and had impact, especially when reflecting on some major achievements like the Former Hospital, The Railway Lands, significant works at the waste transfer station, the Long term financial plan, The Futures paper for City Development, the Charter for Children being launched tomorrow morning and the statement of commitment by council in conjunction with the raising of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flags in the Chamber – to name a few!

I have respect and admiration for each and every one of you for varying reasons, which I would prefer to pass on privately.

Although I'd like to acknowledge Cr. Ian Von Stanke for taking more than his share of the load as proxy to the board position with the Riddoch Art Gallery Inc.

Jim, best wishes for your retirement, may it be filled with Family, Fun and a few fizzes.

Finally I would like to express thanks and gratitude to my family, for their support, encouragement, understanding and babysitting.

To close, a very wise woman, a member of parliament passed on some advice this week, she said and I quote ..

'You don't go into these things with a personal agenda, it's about giving for the greater cause because you have something to give'

Thank you Mount Gambier for the opportunity to give a little bit of Biddie.

## Council Farewell

My first comment is to recognise the Mayor and his work. He and I have belted each other around a fair bit, and probably ended up with a nil all draw. And I have been as vocal as any member in my concerns at representation. But in recent times especially, Steve has shown great courage and integrity – and has earned my deep respect. Congratulations and well done Steve.

One of my pet hates is seeing people claim unjustified credit for achievements – and Council is a very good place for this to happen. In recounting my time in Council, I do it from the standpoint that I was part of many achievements – not the sole player.

The best part of my 8 years on Council has been the opportunity to meet and learn from many people – councillors, staff, community members and visitors. (This does not include lawyers!!!).

A highlight was a chance meeting with Dr Steb Fisher that led to his work over some years with us – laying the foundations of our commitment to environmental sustainability and The Natural Step Framework. I am personally indebted to Steb for his inspiration and for the way he opened so many doors for me to keep learning.

This work featured many workshops/forums with elected members and staff working together to develop a shared understanding and aspiration. That shared working was the key to the depth of our commitment and the work so ably carried forward now by Aaron Izzard.

For reasons I do not understand, that shared working is no longer a part of Council – and I suggest we and the community are much the poorer because of that loss.

Lifelong Learning has been a key focus in the last few years – and a focus with many positive outcomes. A key theme has been providing a table where our educational leaders and the community can come to discuss, share and reflect. Our first Education Leaders Forum was held in October 2009 (5 years nearly to the day) – and despite some hiccups this forum has been a regular event since.

In addition we have had a number of extraordinary functions featuring local and visiting guests (such as Prof John Halsey and Dr George Otero) – all of them cementing the importance of learning and the role of community in ongoing learning.

Council was instrumental in gaining the UniSA Education degree for Mount Gambier, with an extraordinary community meeting of 200 people that I organised and chaired. We played a lead role in discussions about Higher Education funding – which saw UniSA receive major development funding. In the past 18 months we have seen the development of Our Online Village and a Charter for Children. These are extraordinary initiatives, reflecting the depth of our support for, and understanding of, our community. To have had Dr Carla Rinaldi share in our work was a very great honour.

I have spent lots of time and effort on two low profile but tremendously important areas.

ICAN has contributed a great deal to supporting disengaged young people – and lots of credit to regional manager Caroline Hill, her chairperson and many contributors.



The Flinders University Rural Clinical School is internationally renowned, and I am really proud to have been an active supporter for the past 8 years. Led locally by Dr Lucie Walters, FURCS contributes great benefit to Mt Gambier – a huge credit to Lucie, academic and administrative staff and the many students.

I have been passionate about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander matters. We can point to a formal acknowledgement as part of our protocols, flags on permanent display (accompanied by a Commitment Statement and a promised Reconciliation Plan), the TRANSECT project, Healing Circles at Pangula Mannamurna, the revival of the Boandik language and many other projects and events. I am particularly proud of helping to arrange and chair the Reconciliation Forum with Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda in 2011.

But most importantly, I believe there are now friendships with, understanding of and respect for our First Nations peoples – and this underpins whatever else we may do together.

There have been many infrastructure projects. The Library (our Third Place) stands at the pinnacle – not just for a building but for what happens in that building. It is a remarkable and continuing achievement.

I am a proud life member of the Labor party, and am amused by the various protestations of “political neutrality” and the judgemental inferences behind them. My party membership has not been a factor in my role as Councillor - but my fundamental values have.

One of the key roles of an elected member is

***“to represent the interests of residents and ratepayers, to provide community leadership and guidance, and to facilitate communication between the community and the council.”***

(Local Government Act Sec 59 1 b)

Do we as elected members provide this leadership and communication as well as we should? I am sure there will be varying answers around this chamber. Despite many remarkable achievements, I believe there is significant room for improvement.

My earnest hope is that there will be a strong review of the functioning of both the elected membership and (especially) the council organization to ensure future Councillors are indeed the leaders, guides and communicators that are required by good practice and our governing legislation.

Thank you to the community for trusting me and giving me the opportunity to represent you over the past 8 years.

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## From Mayor Perryman

### Mayoral Address - Notes of acknowledgement and thanks presented to the Corporation of the City of Mount Gambier council meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> 2014.

Members, as we meet for the last time in this council term, it also brings an end to my time as Mayor. More than a third of my life has been spent as a member of this council, and almost a third of it as Mayor. Tonight is a significant occasion for me as I address the Chamber for the last time as Mayor of the City of Mount Gambier and I thank councillors for allowing me the indulgence to make some remarks of respect to some people who have been particularly important to me and Jaime during this period.

In the approach to the end of this significant period in my life I have had a couple of opportunities for reflection on the influences on my life that instilled and developed in me a desire to contribute to my community and which ultimately led to my involvement in local government. We often don't take the time to say 'Thank you' to people and acknowledge the impact that they have had on our lives.

As a significant part of my life comes to a close I wish to take the opportunity to pay due respect to some of the most influential people on my life and of course, my time in local government.

I wish to acknowledge and thank the following people.

#### Mentors

Rory McEwen was an incredibly strong influence on my decision to stand for council in the first instance. As a member of the South East Regional Youth Council the Member for Mount Gambier's door was always open to me and we often got off topic, into really interesting discussions in which we would challenge each other's point of view, different as we were in age, background and experience. We developed a strong rapport and I valued Rory's views and advices. When I spoke to Rory about my thoughts of standing at the council elections in early 2000 was very encouraging, which was important to me at that relatively young age and his response was an affirmation to me and ultimately led me onto the floor of council.

A few years later, when I was elected to the Mayoral role, Rory was still the Member for Mount Gambier and we would regularly be together at meetings, functions and community events. Rory was a fantastic help to me in that initial period with background information on issues, the various groups involved and introductions to so many people. Likewise, Di McEwen was a great support to Jaime and their friendship through an extended period helped us greatly to settle into our role.

Paul Jenner was a second term councillor when I joined council. Paul, as Chair of the then Environmental Service Committee to which I was appointed, took me under his wing and taught me about the processes and procedures of council and the Local Government Act. A great networker and community advocate, Paul also taught me about the protocols observed by council and encouraged me on many issues.

### Most Valued Colleagues

Firstly, Cr Merv White, whose experience and leadership in council I respect deeply and whose work in the community over many decades I admire greatly. As my colleague at SELGA meetings we have shared many long car trips to and from meetings across the region and I have enjoyed his company, his knowledge and his insights over those kilometres, along with a few good laughs.

Also, Tony Pasin. Tony and I were like two young bulls in the early years that we were on this council together. We might have rushed into an issue or two a bit quickly back then. Some time down the track I am finishing after twelve years as Mayor and Tony is the Federal Member for Barker. I am proud to count Tony as a very good friend.

I am forever indebted to the late Hugh Pearson, without whom I would not have made it to the Mayoralty. I send thanks to Hughie for what he did to assist me.

These three people have had great influence on me as a Councillor and Mayor, but more importantly on me as a person.

Over the course of four council terms I have served alongside a many people as members of this council. All who put themselves before the community as councillors are to be commended for their willingness to work for their community in a representative role, open to public scrutiny and accountability. There are more words of criticism for people in public office than there are words of appreciation. This can exact a toll on people, good people who are doing their very best to represent their community, people who are putting the interests of all others ahead of their own by committing their time to the task, and people who make sacrifices in areas of their lives in order to fulfil their elected role. In this respect I thank all members with whom I have served for their contribution.

Members of this council term, I thank you for your support. For representing council on the many occasions when I have been unavailable, I have a special thanks for my Deputies Cr Harfield and Cr Richardson.

I also want to make special mention of the partners of members. Partners, particularly wives, often bear the load of criticisms and personal attack against their 'public partner' harder and heavier than we do as elected members.

### Council Officers

Aside from my council colleagues there are numerous good people in the council officer ranks.

Greg Muller gave his entire working life to the community of Mount Gambier. The City and its people were, and remain, his passion. I have a deep respect for Greg Muller and his guidance and support of council. Greg was very loyal to council and to me as Mayor.

Greg, Barbara Cernovskis and I were behind the campaign to stop the forward sale of our forests. Their commitment and work rate was fantastic. Both Greg & Barbara put an enormous amount of energy into that campaign and with the support of many groups, businesses and individuals mounted a movement the likes of which has not been seen before in this region, perhaps in this state. The rallies are events that the community will talk about for generations to come. Although not successful in stopping the sale they did galvanise our community in a very positive way.

There are a number of long serving officers - Grant Humphries, Daryl Sexton, Daryl Morgan, Joanne Fowler among them who I would like to thank for their support of me in my role.

Gina Ploenges was an incredibly hard working former officer, at the time of her appointment she was a one person department in the Community Services area of council's operations. Gina made a very positive contribution to the community in that role and we worked closely on many things during her period of employment.

Our current CEO, Mark McShane, has been fantastic to work with. Your work in the area of staff professional development and the way that you have empowered individuals within their roles with council has been a great outcome of leadership to date as has the strength you have built in community relationships through networking. I thank you for the leadership that you have shown and I wish you all the best with the incoming council.

I save my last acknowledgement of staff to a very special person, Lynne Dowling. This organisation is so fortunate to have a person such as Lynne. Patient, caring, thoughtful, diligent and dignified are words which come readily to mind when I think about you, Lynne.

Lynne has kept me organised and informed for over nine years. Lynne, Jaime and I wonder at how you do it. We are so deeply appreciative and grateful all of your efforts over the years. You have been a blessing to us and we thank you very much.

### Mayoress Family Fun Day

In her role as Mayoress Jaime initiated the Mayoress Family Fun Day and it would be remiss of me not to mention on her behalf the Service Clubs who supported that special community event.

Soroptimists & Lionesses of Mount Gambier too direct responsibility and were supported by Rotarians, Lions and numerous business houses, community organisations and individuals both in-kind and in cash sponsorship. Again, Greg Muller was a committed supporter and those persons who should be mentioned for their tremendous human efforts in respect to organising and staging the event include Christine & John Plunkett (Chris in both her employed role and her huge amount of volunteer work for this event over an extended period of time), John Sinkinson & Darrin Wilke (members of council's 'outside' staff who were involved over a number of years and whose experience and expertise made each event easier to stage), Mike Scutter, Beryl & Ivan Mahoney, and Wynne & David Turner. The dedicated contribution of these people over many years was and always will be appreciated.

There are probably others who I should have mentioned somewhere for their support and input during my time as Mayor and I apologise to those people who I may have missed.

### Friends

I would like to acknowledge some people from outside of council whose personal support has been so very valued by Jaime and I over the years. People who have been our closest friends and confidantes, people who have always given us their unconditional love and support and who have helped us keep things in perspective in the most stressful times. To Ernest & Cate Ralton, Paul & Tarsh, Tyne, Lily and Amryn Bosko and Mauro & Lucy, Sienna and Austin Rossi, many thanks and much love to you all. We look forward to more free time to spend with you all from now on.

To a man who I admire for his tremendously generous nature, his big smile and his huge heart, Giovanni (John) Bueti, if your friendship was the only thing that I had received out of my time as Mayor, I would consider it time and effort well spent. What a great privilege it is to call you my friend and I thank you for your teachings, inspiration and support.

### Family

I am thankful to have some of the most important people in my life here tonight as we all close an important chapter in my life. These people have shared every day of this journey and without their unyielding love, support and strength I would not have been able to serve my community as I have.

I am privileged to have my grandfather Ron Guy here. Granddad told me from a young age that “You don’t have to be good, you just have to stay out of trouble.” I think that I have managed to do that pretty well.

My brother Adam, who is not here, has been probably my most loyal and vocal supporter over the years. Adam worked for me on the hundreds of days that I took off from work when fishing in order to undertake Mayoral duties.

My Dad, Allan, and Mum, Cherylynn, who raised me with a solid work ethic and a conscience about my community, and taught me to take responsibility for my own actions. Who have always provided my with love, security, opportunity and the encouragement to have a go. Just as importantly you provided the comfort and support I needed when I failed. Thank you.

To my children Baie, Tulle & Rori who grew up around the council environment but now have their own interests which I need to support and futures which will require more time to nurture. My kids are the greatest joys and treasures in my life. Much of the sacrifice made to fulfil the Mayor role has been yours and I thank you for your love and support.

Finally to my wife Jaime, an incredible person, a wonderful wife. I could not possibly have done this without her support. Thank you Jaime for allowing me to spend so much of ‘our time’ doing ‘my thing’ and for being so wonderful in the way that you have fulfilled your obligations to the community as Mayoress. I am truly grateful for all that you have done.

As I mentioned, public life requires personal sacrifice, and there has been plenty of that. There have been challenges and there have been triumphs. Over all it has been an entirely positive experience. It has been a tremendous honour to represent our community as Mayor. There are too many special moments and privileged experiences to mention. It is a period of time which I will remember fondly for all of my days. I thank the people of Mount Gambier for the privilege that you have given me. I hope that you feel the trust and support placed in me over the past twelve has been repaid.

Steven Perryman

MAYOR

21 October 2014