



Mansfield Shire

Additional Council Meeting

Tuesday 5 December 2023

Commencing at 9am in the Mansfield Shire Council Chamber at
33 Highett Street, Mansfield

Our aspiration for our Shire and its community

**We live, work and play in an inclusive, dynamic and prosperous place where
community spirit is strong and people are empowered to engage in issues that
affect their lives.**

Councillors

Cr Steve Rabie (Mayor)
Cr Mark Holcombe (Deputy Mayor)
Cr James Tehan
Cr Paul Sladdin
Cr Rohan Webb

Officers

Kirsten Alexander, Chief Executive Officer
Melissa Crane, General Manager Infrastructure & Planning
Julie Williams, General Manager Business & Economic Development

Order of Business

1. Opening of the meeting

The Mayor, who chairs the meeting, will formally open the meeting and welcome all present.

2. Present

Where a meeting is held virtually, Councillors will confirm that they can see and hear each other.

3. Apologies

Where a Councillor is not present, his/her absence is noted in the Minutes of the meeting.

4. Statement of commitment

The Council affirms its commitment to ensuring its behaviour meets the standards set by the Mansfield Shire Councillor Code of Conduct and Councillor Charter.

5. Acknowledgement of Country

The Council affirms its recognition of the Taungurung people being traditional owners of this area, and pays respect to their Elders past and present.

6. Disclosure of conflicts of interest

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*, a Councillor must declare any Conflicts of Interest pursuant to sections 126 and 127 Act in any items on this Agenda.

Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to any items listed on this Agenda must declare a Conflict of Interest regarding the specific item.

7. Representations

Council receives or presents acknowledgements to the general public. Deputations may also be heard by members of the general public who have made submission on any matter or requested to address the Council. Council may also receive petitions from residents and ratepayers on various issues. Any petitions received since the previous Council meeting are tabled at the meeting and the matter referred to the appropriate Council officer for consideration.

8. Officer reports

8.1 Officer reports are presented to the Council, where required.

A Council position is adopted on the matters considered.

9. Close of meeting

The Mayor will formally close the meeting and thank all present for attending.

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Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

2. Present

The Chair will call on each Councillor and ask them to confirm verbally that they can see all Councillors and hear the proceedings:

- Councillor Holcombe
- Councillor Rabie
- Councillor Sladdin
- Councillor Tehan
- Councillor Webb

Councillors will respond to their name with: *“I can hear the proceedings and see all Councillors and Council officers”*.

The Chair will ask each Councillor to confirm by raising their hand that they could all hear each statement of the councillors.

Councillors will raise their hand to acknowledge they can hear each other.

3. Apologies

The Chair will call on the CEO for any apologies.

4. Statement of commitment

The Chair will read the statement and call on each Councillor to confirm their commitment:

“As Councillors of Mansfield Shire we are committed to ensuring our behaviour meets the standards set by the Mansfield Shire Councillor Code of Conduct and Councillor Charter. We will, at all times, faithfully represent and uphold the trust placed in us by the community.”

5. Acknowledgement of Country

The Deputy Mayor will recite Council’s Acknowledgement of Country:

“Our meeting is being held on the lands of the Taungurung people and we wish to acknowledge them as Traditional Owners. We would also like to pay our respects to their Elders, past and present, and Aboriginal Elders of other communities who may be here today.”

6. Disclosure of conflicts of interest

The Chair will call on each Councillor in turn and ask them to declare whether they have any conflicts of interest in relation to any agenda items:

- Councillor Holcombe
- Councillor Rabie
- Councillor Sladdin
- Councillor Webb

7. Representations

8. Officer reports

8.1. Community and Corporate Services Directorate

8.1.1. Annual Financial Statements

File Number	E11037	Responsible Officer	General Manager Business & Economic Development, Julie Williams
Purpose			

This report presents the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 to Council for certification, following review by the Audit and Risk Committee on 27 November 2023.

Executive Summary

The Financial Statements 2022-23 were prepared by Council officers in line with the requirements of Sections 98 and 99 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020*, and in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards.

Section 100 of the *Local Government Act 2020* requires the Mayor to report on the implementation of the Council Plan by presenting the Annual Report at a Council meeting open to the public, no later than 31 October 2023. The Council certified Financial Statements will become part of the Annual Report.

The Victorian Auditor-General's Office (VAGO) draft Independent Auditor's Report has opined that Council's financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Council at 30 June 2023 and their financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with financial reporting requirements of Part 4 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020* and applicable Australian Accounting Standards.

Council's Audit and Risk Committee reviewed the audited Financial Statements on 27 November 2023 and considered the VAGO closing report and the draft Independent Auditor's Report and have endorsed the Financial Statements for submission to Council for certification.

Key Issues

No changes have been made to the Financial Statements as compared to those previously presented at the 31 October 2023 Council meeting.

The Council certified Financial Statements incorporated in the Annual Report will be dated 5 December 2023.

The final, certified Financial Statements 2022-23 will become part of the Annual Report 2022-23, which will be a publicly available document.

As previously reported to Council, the Financial Statements 2022-23 show the following key statistics:

- Surplus of \$3.9m for the year

- Net asset revaluation increment of \$15.6m
- Net assets of \$261m including \$253m in property, infrastructure, plant and equipment
- Cash of \$20.4m including term deposits.

Recommendation

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Approves the Financial Statements of Mansfield Shire Council for the year ended 30 June 2023; and
2. Authorises Cr James Tehan and Cr Mark Holcombe to certify the Mansfield Shire Council Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 on behalf of Council.

Support Attachments

1. Annual Financial Statements 2022-23 [8.1.1.1 - 61 pages]

Considerations and Implications of Recommendation

Sustainability Implications

Not Applicable

Community Engagement

Not Applicable

Collaboration

Not Applicable

Financial Impact

Not Applicable

Legal and Risk Implications

Not Applicable

Regional, State and National Plans and Policies

Not Applicable

Innovation and Continuous Improvement

Not Applicable

Alignment to Council Plan

Theme 3: A Trusted, Effective and Efficient Council

Strategic Objective 7 Financial sustainability and value for money

Strategy 7.1 Increase Council's financial resilience by utilising opportunities to derive own-source of funding income and optimising costs of delivering services

Governance - Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

The author of this report and officers providing advice in relation to this report do not have a conflict of interest to declare in this matter, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020.

8.1.2. Performance Statements

File Number	E11037	Responsible Officer	General Manager Business & Economic Development, Julie Williams
Purpose			

This report presents the Performance Statement 2022-23 to Council for certification, following review by the Audit and Risk Committee on 27 November 2023.

Executive Summary

The Performance Statement is a requirement under the Local Government Act 2020 as part of the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework. The statement is published within Council's Annual Report and contains some of the statistics that are publicly available through the Know Your Council website managed by Local Government Victoria.

The Statement has been prepared by Council officers in line with the requirements of Sections 98 and 99 of the Local Government Act 2020, and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020.

The Statement has been audited by the Victorian Auditor General's Office (VAGO). VAGO's draft Independent Auditor's Report has opined that Council's performance statement in respect of the year ended 30 June 2023 presents fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with performance reporting requirements of Part 4 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020*.

Council's Audit and Risk Committee have reviewed the audited Performance Statement on 27 November 2023 and considered the VAGO closing report and the draft Independent Auditor's Report and have endorsed the Performance Statement for submission to Council for certification.

Key Issues

No changes have been made to the Performance Statement as compared to the one previously presented at the 31 October 2023 Council meeting.

The Council certified Performance Statement incorporated in the Annual Report will be dated 5 December 2023.

Recommendation

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Approves the Performance Statement of Mansfield Shire Council for the year ended 30 June 2023; and
2. Authorises Cr James Tehan and Cr Mark Holcombe to certify the Performance Statement of Mansfield Shire Council for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Support Attachments

1. Performance Statement 2022-23 [8.1.2.1 - 18 pages]

Considerations and Implications of Recommendation

Sustainability Implications

Not Applicable

Community Engagement

Not Applicable

Collaboration

Not Applicable

Financial Impact

Not Applicable

Legal and Risk Implications

Not Applicable

Regional, State and National Plans and Policies

Not Applicable

Innovation and Continuous Improvement

Not Applicable

Alignment to Council Plan

Theme 3: A Trusted, Effective and Efficient Council

Strategic Objective 7 Financial sustainability and value for money

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9. Close of meeting