

Council Meeting Summary – February 2019

Mount Alexander Shire Council held its first Ordinary Council Meeting for 2019 at the Civic Centre in Castlemaine on Tuesday 19 February.

The following decisions were made under the pillars of Our People, Our Place and Our Economy in the Mount Alexander Shire Council Plan 2017-2021.

Our People

Special Committees of Council

Council appointed new members of its Special Committees of Council and acknowledged retiring members. The committees are established by Council to manage the day to day operations, planning and management of Council facilities such as recreation reserves and community halls.

Special Committees are formally established under the provisions of Section 86 of the Local Government Act 1989 and are governed by the same legal requirements as Council.

Appointed members must comply with the powers and responsibilities provided under an Instrument of Delegation, which also allows for the CEO or nominee, and the ward councilor to attend any meeting.

Our Place

Formalise Stanley Park management

Council resolved to formalise the management of Stanley Park in Harcourt to reflect current and future use of the public land. Stanley Park North is earmarked as the preferred location for a new playspace and as a link from the town to the swimming pool.

The opportunity arose as part of an ongoing Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) review of Crown Land. Before it can take steps to appoint Council as the responsible authority for managing the land, a public notice of road discontinuation is required for a portion of government road.

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1989, Council has given public notice of its intention to discontinue a portion of road before it can be transferred to the Crown to be formally incorporated into Stanley Park. Refer to plans in Council Meeting minutes for more information.

Other matters raised

Public question time

Items raised during public question time included calls for Council to sign up to the ICAN Cities Appeal to support the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, and a request to Council to plant more trees, tidy up the town entrances and protect our heritage streetscapes.

For more information refer to the Council Meeting minutes, which are published on our website by close of business on the Friday after the meeting. The next Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 19 March 2019. For more information visit our [Council Meetings](#) webpage, or stay up-to-date by reading our [latest news](#).

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