



LATROBE CITY COUNCIL

**AGENDA FOR THE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**TO BE HELD AT THE MOE TOWN HALL
ALBERT STREET, MOE
AT 5.30PM ON
20 FEBRUARY 2013**

SM400



Latrobe Community **Vision**

"In 2026 the Latrobe Valley is a liveable and sustainable region with collaborative and inclusive community leadership."

Council **Mission**

Latrobe City continues to implement the values, corporate directions and partnerships necessary to bring reality to the Latrobe's 2026 community vision for a liveable and sustainable region with collaborative and inclusive community leadership.

Council **Values**

Latrobe City Council's values describe how it is committed to achieving the Latrobe 2026 community vision through:

- Providing responsive, sustainable and community focused services;
- Planning strategically and acting responsibly;
- Accountability, transparency and honesty;
- Listening to and working with the community; and
- Respect, fairness and equity.

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Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in Heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

AMEN

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

We respectfully acknowledge that we are meeting here today on the traditional land of the Braiakaulung people of the Gunnai/Kūrnai Clan and pay our respect to their past and present elders.

3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Direct and indirect interests - Section 77A(1) Local Government Act 1989

A relevant person has a conflict of interest in respect of a matter if the relevant person has a direct interest or indirect interest in the matter.

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Questions must be in accordance with the business of the meeting.

**ITEMS REFERRED BY
THE COUNCIL TO THIS
MEETING FOR
CONSIDERATION**

6. ITEMS REFERRED BY THE COUNCIL TO THIS MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION

6.1 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TO HEAR FROM PREVIOUS SUBMITTERS TO THE MOE ACTIVITY CENTRE PLAN AND MOE RAIL PRECINCT REVITALISATION PROJECT.

General Manager

**Recreation, Culture &
Community Infrastructure**

For Decision

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the opportunity to hear from previous submitters to the Moe Activity Centre Plan and Moe Rail Precinct Revitalisation Project.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No officer declared an interest under the Local Government Act 1989 in the preparation of this report.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

This report is consistent with Latrobe 2026: The Community Vision for Latrobe Valley and the Latrobe City Council Plan 2012-2016.

Latrobe 2026: The Community Vision for Latrobe Valley

Strategic Objectives - Governance

In 2026, Latrobe Valley has a reputation for conscientious leadership and governance, strengthened by an informed and engaged community, committed to enriching local decision making.

Latrobe City Council Plan 2012 - 2016

Shaping Our Future

*An active connected and caring community
Supporting all*

Strategic Direction – Governance

- Support effective community engagement to increase community participation in Council decision making.*
- Ensure that Council decision-making considers adopted policies.*
- Delegate appropriately and make sound decisions having regard to legislative requirements, policies, professional advice, sound and thorough research and the views of the community.*
- Ensure that Latrobe City Council applies a sound risk management approach to decision making and service delivery.*

Strategy – Governance

- Community Engagement Plan

Strategy – Built Environment

- Moe Activity Centre Plan

- Moe Rail Precinct Revitalisation Project: Master Plan

Key Strategic Actions

Pursue government funding opportunities to progress construction of the Moe Rail Precinct Revitalisation Project in accordance with the Moe Activity Centre Plan.

BACKGROUND

The Moe Activity Centre Plan:

Latrobe City Council adopted the Moe Activity Centre Plan (MACP) in December 2007. The MACP provides a framework for the urban revitalisation of the Moe Town Centre, which when implemented, will deliver the Transit Cities principles of creating a vibrant, safe and active town centre.

The MACP includes a range of infrastructure and public realm improvements designed to act as a catalyst to new private sector investment within the activity centre.

The MACP contains seven individual projects that have been designed to drive the urban revitalisation of the Moe Activity Centre.

The seven projects are:

1. Moe Train Station Precinct
2. Integrated Bus Loop & Street Upgrades
3. Moore Street Shared Zone
4. Clifton Street Car Park
5. Hasthorpe Place Precinct
6. Roundabout Overpass
7. Southern Precinct Housing

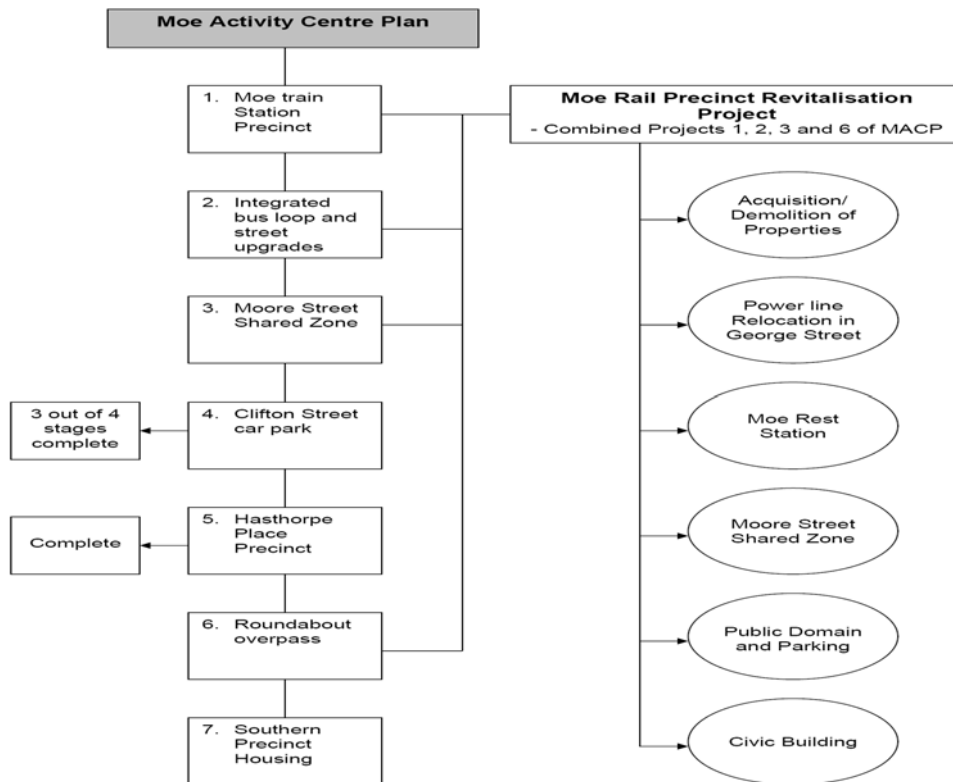
The Moe Rail Precinct Revitalisation Project:

In order to undertake a whole of precinct approach to the future development of Moe, a number of the projects have been combined to create the Moe Rail Precinct Revitalisation Project (MRPRP). The projects combined include:

- Project 1 – Moe Train Station Precinct
- Project 2 – Integrated Bus Loop and Street Upgrades
- Project 3 – Moore Street Shared Zone, and,
- Project 6 – Roundabout Overpass

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The projects and their interrelationships are detailed in the following diagram:



Latrobe City Council adopted the Moe Rail Precinct Revitalisation Project: Master Plan in December 2009. In May 2011, Council adopted the concept design of the Moe Rail Precinct Revitalisation Project and launched the design to the community and stakeholders in June 2011.

Review of the MACP and MRPRP:

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on Monday, 17 December 2012, Council resolved:

That the Moe Railway Revitalisation Project – Moe Activity Centre Plan (MRPRP – MACP) be brought back to Council for a full review and that no further works be commenced, external funding sought and/or Council funding allocated until such time as Council completes the review, with the exception of those projects already approved by Council and funded, namely the underground placement of powerlines, construction of public toilets and the clocktower.

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Subsequently, Council also resolved:

1. *That Council endorses the following review process for the MRPRP-MACP project. That Council:*
 - *Identify realistic funding opportunities and amounts for each component of the design;*
 - *Reviews each component of the MRPRP-MACP project design not yet undertaken and/or funded with regard to availability of funding and previous council submissions;*
 - *Review all previously received written public submissions made to Council on the MACP and MRPRP, including petitions;*
 - *Review the project design with reference to the Department of Transport's current 'Guidelines for Land Use and Development', and any plans involving transport which may affect the Moe railway corridor that have developed since adoption of the MRPRP-MACP Masterplan in 2009, and any finalised reports commissioned by Council and the State Government about road and rail traffic in and around Moe;*
 - *Undertake meetings in February 2013 between Councillors and Council officers with the previous public submitters to the MRPRP-MACP, and MACP written submission processes to discuss their respective submission/s.*
2. *That a report be brought back to a future Council meeting no later than the second Council meeting in March, 2013.*

At its Ordinary Council Meeting on 4 February 2013, Council considered a process for community members to engage with Council in relation to the Moe Activity Centre Plan and Moe Rail Precinct Revitalisation Project review during February. As a result, it resolved:

1. *That Council notes a copy of all previous submissions to the Moe Activity Centre Plan and Moe Rail Precinct Revitalisation Project, together with relevant petitions, has been provided to the Council for review.*
2. *That a Special Council Meeting is held for the purpose of hearing from previous submitters to the Moe Activity Centre Plan and Moe Rail Precinct Revitalisation Project and whether their views about their original submission have since changed, on Wednesday, 20 February 2013 at 5.30pm at the Moe Town Hall.*
3. *That Council invite written submissions from previous submitters to the Moe Activity Centre Plan and Moe Rail Precinct Revitalisation Project to address whether their views about their original submission have since changed, to be presented for Council consideration at the Special Council Meeting to be held on Monday, 25 March 2013 at 5.30pm at the Moe Town Hall.*

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4. *That a Special Council Meeting is held for the purpose of considering the review of the Moe Activity Centre Plan and Moe Rail Precinct Revitalisation Project, on Monday, 25 March 2013 at 5.30pm at the Moe Town Hall.*

ISSUES

Project management of both the MACP and MRPRP have incorporated a strong commitment to community engagement, to provide for genuine and transparent public participation during the planning stages of each project. As summarised in the table below both projects have successfully achieved high levels of public participation.

Moe Activity Centre Plan:

Date	Activity	Details	Outcome
30 March 2007	Search Conference	Targeted stakeholder consultation event	> 100 participants
11 August 2007	Speak Out	Open stakeholder consultation event	> 100 participants
5 November to 7 December 2007	Consultation period	Draft MACP released for community consultation	- 31 written submissions - 3 petitions (1,511 signatures)
17 December 2007	Council Meeting	Council consideration of MACP	- 10 speakers - MACP Adopted

Moe Rail Precinct Revitalisation Project:

Date	Activity	Details	Outcome
1 & 2 May 2009	Design In	Targeted stakeholder consultation event	Approx. 65 participants
May 2009 (4 week period)	Ideas Shop	General (open) consultation event	Approx. 200 participants
20 July 2009	Council Meeting	Council consideration of Consultation Findings Report	- 3 speakers - Findings Report Adopted
29 September & 6 October 2009	Community briefing sessions	Open briefing sessions for general public	- Approx. 100 attendances
22 September to 3 November 2009	Consultation period	Draft MRPRP: Master Plan released for community consultation	63 written submissions
7 December 2009	Council Meeting	Council consideration of MRPRP	- 5 public questions - 14 speakers - MRPRP Adopted

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In addition to the distinct periods of engagement outlined above, a further six submissions and three petitions have been received in relation to these projects. This has resulted in over 100 written submissions to Council, whilst the six separate petitions to date have contained almost 2,000 signatures on various elements of the MACP.

Whilst planned engagement activities have attracted close to 500 instances where community members have contributed to the project planning stages, there have also been incalculable contributions made by interested community members and project stakeholders through a range of informal avenues, such as direct contact with Councillors, Council Officers, meetings with stakeholders, etc.

For the purpose of the review of the MACP and MRPRP, previous submitter is understood to refer to the primary author of the 100 written submissions received and the head petitioner identified on the six petitions, received from November 2007 through to October 2011.

FINANCIAL, RISK AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

Risk has been considered as part of this report, appropriate risk controls have been put in place and therefore, is considered to be consistent with the Risk Management Plan 2011-2014.

There are minimal financial and resource implications associated with the Special Council Meeting to hear from previous submitters to the Moe Activity Centre Plan and Moe Rail Precinct Revitalisation Project.

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

Engagement Method Used:

Following the Ordinary Council Meeting on 4 February 2013, all community members who have previously provided their contact details as part of a submission to the MACP or MRPRP were contacted via mail or email outlining their opportunity to engage with Council in relation to the review of these projects. This included an invitation to address Council at the Special Council Meeting on Wednesday, 20 February 2013, together with the opportunity to provide a revised or new written submission.

Information was also placed in the Council Noticeboard section of the Latrobe Valley Express on Monday, 11 February and Thursday, 14 February 2013 to provide public notice of this Special Council Meeting.

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The following options are available to Council;

1. That Council hear from previous submitters to the Moe Activity Centre Plan and/or Moe Rail Precinct Revitalisation Project, in relation to whether their views about their original submission have since changed; or
2. That Council not hear from previous submitters to the Moe Activity Centre Plan and/or Moe Rail Precinct Revitalisation Project, in relation to whether their views about their original submission have since changed.

CONCLUSION

On 4 February 2013 Council resolved to hold a Special Council Meeting on Wednesday, 20 February 2013 to hear from previous submitters to the Moe Activity Centre Plan and/or Moe Rail Precinct Revitalisation Project, in relation to whether their views about their original submission have since changed.

Attachments

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council hear from previous submitters to the Moe Activity Centre Plan and/or Moe Rail Precinct Revitalisation Project, in relation to whether their views about their original submission have since changed.