

Bass Coast Shire Council
Council Meeting Agenda

Wednesday 26 October 2022

Virtual Meeting
Commencing at 9.15am

BASS COAST



Community Vision 2041

Vision Statement

From its flowing hills to its wild unspoiled coastlines, the Bass Coast is a source of celebration for all who live in and visit the region.

Our townships are vibrant, rich with culture and full of life, each with its own distinct character. Drawing on our creativity, innovation and resilience we've created a thriving and diverse economy that supports sustainable agriculture and industry.

We live proudly on Bunurong Country, and build on learnings from our First Peoples and their knowledge. We coexist in harmony with our environment, and are prepared for future challenges and changes.

We are the people of the Bass Coast. Experience our cultures and history, and contribute to our story.

Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the next **Council Meeting** of the Bass Coast Shire Council will be held virtually on 26 October 2022 at **9.15am**

Date of Notice - 21 October 2022
Ali Wastie
CEO

Agenda

Livestreaming

In accordance with the Bass Coast Shire Council Meeting Livestreaming Policy 2020 adopted 15 April 2020 this Meeting will be livestreamed and the video and audio recording of the Meeting will be made publicly available for viewing on Council's webpage.

Mobile Telephone Reminder

Please turn off all mobile telephones or in the case of an emergency, please advise the Chair and switch to silent mode.

Statement of Acknowledgement

Bass Coast Shire Council acknowledge the Bunurong as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands and waters, and pays respect to their Elders past, present and emerging, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and Lore.

Bass Coast Shire Council celebrates the opportunity to embrace and empower the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island Communities in their diversity.

Bass Coast Shire Council will create opportunities for future recognition and respectful partnerships that will honour the Traditional Owners and Custodians, and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

Councillor Statement

All members of this Council pledge to the Bass Coast Shire community to consider every item listed on this agenda:

- Based on the individual merits of each item;
- Without bias or prejudice by maintaining an open mind; and
- Disregarding Councillors' personal interests so as to avoid any conflict with our public duty.

Any Councillor having a conflict of interest in an item will make a proper, prior disclosure to the meeting and will not participate in the debate or vote on the issue.

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File No:	**CM22/581**
Division:	**Business Transformation**
Council Plan Strategic Objective:	**Leading for our Community**
	Demonstrating leadership through good governance, transparency and accountability

Declaration

The author has no direct or indirect interests in relation to this report.

Summary

The 2021/22 Annual Report provides a summary of the performance of the Council for the past financial year. The Annual Report highlights the achievements of the Council including the delivery of projects, services, and priorities. It provides a snapshot of Council's operations, publicly reports achievement of the Council Plan, reports on the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework measures and Council's financial performance. The Annual Report is an opportunity to highlight and celebrate the key activities that have been delivered for the Bass Coast community.

The Annual Report is required to be reported to Council and presented by the Mayor, in line with the *Local Government Act 2020*.

The Report of Operations together with the audited Performance Statement and Financial Statements form the attached 2021/22 Annual Report and this report is recommended to Council.

Strategic Basis

Council Plan Strategic Objective:

Leading for our Community - *Demonstrating leadership through good governance, transparency and accountability*

Statutory Requirements/Codes/Standards/Policies

Part 4 of the *Local Government Act 2020* requires councils to prepare an Annual Report each financial year that includes a report of operations, performance statement and financial statements.

Discussion

The Annual Report is prepared each financial year and is split into two sections. The Annual Report includes the achievement of the Council Plan 2021–2025 and reporting on service performance indicators and other performance and statements including the auditor's report.

There are many achievements that are discussed throughout the report, including:

- Achievement of Annual Action Plan 2021-2022.
- Adoption of the Bass Coast Community Vision 2041, Council Plan 2021-25 and Long-Term Financial Plan 2021-31.
- Construction underway on the Cowes Cultural and Community Centre.
- Council's Wonthaggi Opportunity Unlocked campaign to unlock Wonthaggi's full potential as a Victorian regional centre.
- Two coastal protection projects for Cowes East and Grantville completed to protect from coastal erosion.
- The Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail masterplan adopted and land purchased.

The *Local Government Act 2020* requires Council to complete a Governance and Management Checklist as part of the Annual Report and this has been included.

The Act also requires the Mayor to present the Annual Report at a Council Meeting, which provides an opportunity for Council to celebrate the achievements with the community.

This annual report concludes the delivery of Annual Action Plan 2021-2022. Council's quarterly performance reporting will now measure its performance against the Annual Action Plan 2022-2023.

Finances

Costs have been funded within approved budget allocations.

Conclusion

Council is proud to present the 2021/22 Annual Report and the achievements that have been delivered for the Bass Coast community. The 2021/22 Annual Report will be available on Council's website.

Recommendation

That Council adopts the Bass Coast Shire Council 2021/22 Annual Report.

Attachments

AT-1 2021/22 Annual Report 174 Pages

Mayoral Announcement Of Next Meeting Of Council

The next **Council Meeting** will be held on 16 November 2022 in the Bass Coast Civic Centre Council Chamber, Baillieu Street East, Wonthaggi commencing at 1.00pm.

Meeting closed

That the meeting be closed