



MINUTES
of the
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 2020
at
6:00pm
Conducted via Videoconference

This Special Meeting was conducted virtually (*as per COVID-19 Omnibus (Emergency Measures) Act 2020*, made by Victorian Parliament on 23 April 2020)

The proceedings was live streamed for public viewing.

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1. PLEDGE AND RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

As the Councillors democratically elected to represent our community as the Murrindindi Shire Council, we are committed to working together in the best interests of the people who live in our municipality, who conduct business here and those who visit.

We would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the Taungurung Nation, and pay our respect to their Elders past and present, and its emerging and future leaders.

2. APOLOGIES AND REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present:

Councillors L Dunscombe (Chair), M Rae, R Bowles, J Ashe, C Bisset, E Lording, S McAulay

In attendance:

Chief Executive Officer: Craig Lloyd

Director Corporate and Shared Services: Michael Chesworth

Director Community Engagement: Shivaun Brown

Director Assets and Development: Vito Albicini

Manager Governance and Risk: Tara Carter

Manager Business Services: Graham Haylock

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME

4.1 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS

The Mayor invited each submitter to speak to their submission for a 5 minute period.

Di Miller, spoke to her submission regarding the inclusion of the sealing of Cheviot Road Limestone in the 2020/21 Budget.

The Chairperson closed Public Participation Time.

5. OFFICER REPORTS

5.1 CONSIDERATIONS OF 2020/21 ANNUAL BUDGET SUBMISSIONS

TRIM References: FY3-08, 20/37602

Attachment(s): *Submissions were provided to Councillors separately.*

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a summary of the submissions received in relation to the draft 2020/21 Annual Budget.

Officer Recommendation

That Council considers the submissions received in relation to the 2020/21 Annual Budget prior to its final adoption at the 24 June 2020 Ordinary Meeting.

Background

At the 6 May 2020 Special Meeting of Council, Council endorsed the draft 2020/21 Annual Budget (Budget) for the purposes of public exhibition in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act).

Submissions were sought from the public and the draft Budget was made available on Council's website. The public exhibition period and submission process was advertised in a range of publications and newspapers. Submissions were due by 3 June 2020.

At the time of preparing the agenda, eight submissions had been received by Council. All submissions have been provided to Councillors for review prior to the Special Meeting of Council.

An acknowledgement was sent to each submitter, confirming receipt of their submission and informing them of the opportunity to attend the Special Meeting of Council on the 10 June 2020 to speak to their submission if they wished.

Discussion

Eight submissions were received in relation to the draft Budget. A summary of each submission is provided below:

No.	Summary of Submission
1	Request for Council to seal Grandview Cres, Kinglake <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paying high rates and living on a dirt road.
2	Request for Council to seal Buxton Rise, Buxton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The unsealed section is about 250 – 300 metres long and sits between sealed sections of about 150 – 200 metres at each end • Each year the unsealed section is spread with new gravel and each winter or during heavy summer rains the surface washes to form deep ruts • In the dry of summer the road becomes a very dusty stretch. • Sealing the unsealed section would be better value than having to resurface the same on an annual or twice yearly basis
3	In support of Submission 2 - request for Council to seal Buxton Rise, Buxton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feels it is dangerous when the corrosion causes ruts in the road - tends to drive on the wrong side to avoid damaging run-flat tyres if they hit it hard. • When walking along the road, other cars do the same thing and could end up getting hit as the dust in the summer not only blocks views, they wear it. • Car is constantly dirty from the dust in the summer and the mud splashes in the winter. • Pay high enough rates not to have it sealed. The rates only cover their waste disposal, as they don't even have street lights.
4	Request for funding for Lake Eildon Master Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notices that has been no funds allocated to any aspects of the Lake Eildon Master Plan • Thought in a post COVID-19 world Mansfield would be actively promoting local tourism to encourage economic activity in the area • Recently purchased a property in the shire and was hoping to develop it for tourist related activities • It would be a good idea to start aspects of this plan while the government is incentivising jobs and handing out funds • Aspects of the masterplan including the sealing of roads in the Skyline Rd tourist precinct and the sewerage system investment • Could provide a much needed boost to jobs short term and promote economic growth through implementation of the masterplan long term
5	Request to finish or rebuild the bridge across the Yea River at Glenburn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The present structure is about forty years old • The alignment could be better

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is only one lane wide although they have had people try to pass them on it. • The bridge is frighteningly dangerous, just count the skid marks. • The traffic density has increased manyfold since the bridge was started, indeed the flow of Tradies over it, at morning and evening peaks is considerable, well worth a traffic count. • If it is decided to merely build the extra lane the piles are already there waiting. They believe additional concrete beams were taken away years ago for other works. • This bridge previously called Draper's bridge after a Glenburn pioneering family, serves quite a large catchment including Glenburn and the Melba Highway hence Melbourne and Yea, Alexandra and places north on one side and Break o' Day road. On the western side the road serves not only Break o' Day Road and Wall's Road, Fanning's Road and Break o' Day areas but is used by residents of Flowerdale, Strath Creek, Hazeldene, Junction Hill, Spring Valley and some other areas for personal and commercial traffic. Examples of the commercial traffic are the large quantities of gravel transported and the large number of log trucks carting both hardwood and pine in season.
6	<p>Request to upgrade the single lane bridge on Break O'Day Road across the Yea River</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break O'Day Road is an arterial road serving residents and businesses of the eastern suburbs of Melbourne wishing to access Broadford and the Hume Freeway, as well as local and regional residents. • Council Bridge Repair and Replacement Program developed in approximately 2006 appears to have used a ranking system which considered only load limits and did not take in consideration the volume of traffic, use and safety of road users. The Break O'Day Road Bridge was not included in that Program • More recent advice from Council is that the bridge is in good condition and does not warrant work. • This analysis does not acknowledge the status of the road as an arterial road. Visitors to the area do not expect to come across a single lane bridge with poor sight distance to vehicles travelling from the west. In spite of adequate advisory and statutory signs, there are many "near misses", as evidenced by the braking skid marks on the road. • Bridge needs to be widened and re-aligned to provide for better sighting of approaching traffic. • Work should be carried out in conjunction with the reconfiguration of Break O'Day Road intersection with Melba Highway • Urges Council to address the anomaly of the Break O'Day Road Bridge and to work closely with Regional Roads Victoria to improve the intersection of Melba Highway with Break O'Day Road.
7	<p>Request the sealing of Cheviot Road Limestone be considered by Council before the Annual Budget is adopted in its final form.</p>
8	<p>Request to install safety lighting at the Extons Road/Kinglake-Whittlesea Road 'T' intersection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The "T" intersection of Extons Road with the Kinglake-Whittlesea Road is a death trap • There is no street lighting at this intersection other than a single Fairy Light suspended in mid-air and too small to be observed by passing traffic and which disappears entirely in the daily fog. • The lighting is required at that intersection and on Extons Road to help parents deliver their children safely to the Middle Kinglake Primary School and also to help occupiers of the Community Centre as well as visitors to the Kinglake Football Ground.

Following this meeting any proposed changes to the draft Budget as a consequence of the submissions received will be presented to Council at the 24 June 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting for Council's endorsement as part of the adoption of the budget.

Council Plan/Strategies/Policies

The public hearing of submissions is part of the required statutory process for the adoption of the Annual Budget.

Relevant Legislation

This process complies with the relevant provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Financial Implications and Risk

There are no financial or risk considerations regarding the hearing of submissions.

Conflict of Interest

There are no declared interests by Council officers in the preparation of this report.

Community and Stakeholder Consultation

The draft Budget was made available on Council's website from 7 May 2020 and advertised for public exhibition in a range of publications, with written submissions sought by 1pm on 3 June 2020.

RESOLUTION

Cr M Rae / Cr E Lording

That Council considers the submissions received in relation to the 2020/21 Annual Budget prior to its final adoption at the 24 June 2020 Ordinary Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting closed at 6:14pm

24 June 2020

CONFIRMED THIS

CHAIRPERSON


