



LATROBE CITY COUNCIL

**AGENDA FOR THE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**TO BE HELD IN NAMBUR WARIGA MEETING ROOM
CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, MORWELL
AT 6.00PM ON
15 MAY 2018**

SM516

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1. OPENING PRAYER.....	3
2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND	3
3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE.....	3
4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	3
5. ITEMS REFERRED BY THE COUNCIL TO THIS MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION	5
5.1 Draft 2018/19 Budget - Hearing of Submissions.....	5

1. OPENING PRAYER

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but 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

I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting here today on the traditional land of the Braiakaulung people of the Gunaikurnai nation and I pay respect to their elders past and present.

If there are other Elders present I would also like to acknowledge them.

3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

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

Agenda Item: 5.1

Agenda Item: Draft 2018/19 Budget - Hearing of Submissions

Sponsor: General Manager, Corporate Services

Council Plan Objective: Ensure Council operates openly, transparently and responsibly.

Status: For Decision

Proposed Resolution:

That Council receives, notes and considers all submissions received in relation to the draft 2018/2019 Budget prior to the adoption of the 2018/2019 Budget at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on Monday 4 June 2018.

Executive Summary:

This report is to present the submissions received in relation to the draft 2018/2019 Budget

- Council resolved on the 3 April 2018 to release the draft budget for public exhibition
- A person has a right to make a submission under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989 (the Act)*, on any proposal contained within the draft budget.
- A total of five submissions were received in relation to the draft 2018/19 budget.
- It is recommended that Council notes and considers these submissions prior to adopting the 2018/2019 Budget at the Ordinary Council Meeting on Monday 4 June 2018.

Declaration of Interests:

The Manager Finance declared an indirect conflict of interest under section 78B of the *Local Government Act 1989*. In order to ensure unbiased advice to Council, a process has been implemented to ensure that the Manager Finance has been

excluded from providing or including any advice in this report associated with the area of the declared indirect conflict.

Background:

On 3 April 2018, Council resolved to give notice of preparation of the proposed 2018/2019 Budget and to allow a period of 28 days for submissions.

A person has a right to make a submission under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, on any proposal contained within these documents.

Public notice of the preparation of the Budget was subsequently advertised in the Latrobe Valley Express on 5 April 2018 and 12 April 2018, advising that the budget documents were available for inspection at Council's service centres and on Council's website.

Submissions in relation to the Budget were receivable up to 5pm on 2 May 2018. A person who has made a written submission to Council and requested that he or she be heard in support of the written submission is entitled to appear in person before a meeting of the Council. In the public notice Council indicated that written budget submissions would be considered and submitters would have an opportunity to speak to their submissions at a Special Council meeting to be held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 15 May 2018.

A total of five submissions have been received in relation to the draft 2018/2019 Budget. Those wishing to speak to their submission will have the opportunity to do so at the Special Council Meeting.

A copy of each submission received has been provided to Councillors, and a summary of the submissions is provided below along with those intending to speak to their submission.

Submitter	Summary of submission	Speaking at this meeting
Latrobe City Farm Ratepayers Association	Support for the retention of the Farm Rate Differential.	Yes
Name Supplied	Disagrees with the proposal to increase the waste charge	No
Committee for Gippsland Inc	Request for Latrobe City Council to commit to the sponsorship of the Gippsland Community Leadership Program for 2018/19 at the level of \$15,000 and further request that council consider committing to a three year sponsorship	Yes
1 st Moe Scout Group	Request for additional lighting in Apex Park Moe adjacent to the 1 st Moe Scout Hall	No
Traralgon West Cricket Club	Supports councils decision to upgrade Jack Canavan oval drainage and surface and further requests that council consider	Yes

Submitter	Summary of submission	Speaking at this meeting
	allocating funding to complete the upstairs section of the Traralgon West Sporting Complex pavilion	

Reasons for Proposed Resolution:

In accordance with Section 223 of the Act, Council must consider all of the submissions received in relation to the draft 2018/19 Budget.

Issues:

Strategy Implications

This proposal aligns with Objective 6 “Ensure Council operates openly, transparently and responsibly” of the Council Plan 2017-2021. The draft 2018/19 budget has been on display for a period of 28 days and Council provided an opportunity for the community to meet with Councillors at a public information session to discuss any part of the proposed budget.

Communication

In accordance with the Act, the draft budget has been advertised via public notice and the document has been available for viewing at each of council’s Service Centres as well as being available on council’s Website.

Local media were advised of the details of the draft budget and articles have been published in the Latrobe Valley Express outlining the highlights, along with Councillors attending a public information session.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Risk Analysis

There are no risks associated with the consideration of submissions.

Legal and Compliance

This report complies with the requirements of Section 223 of the Act, by providing the opportunity for those that lodged a submission to the draft budget to be heard in support of their submission and for Council to consider all submissions.

Community Implications

Council is required to consider all submissions received in relation to the draft 2018/19 budget in accordance with Section 223 of the Act.

Environmental Implications

Nil

Consultation

Community consultation was undertaken as part of the preparation of the draft budget and included pop-up booths in the towns of Traralgon, Morwell and Moe.

Upon release of the draft budget further community consultancy was undertaken through the holding of a Community Information Session along with the provision to make a submission into the draft budget and to be heard at this Council Meeting in support of that submission.

Other

Nil

Supporting Documents:

Nil

Attachments

1. Submissions Received (Published Separately) (Confidential)