



# LATROBE CITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN NAMBUR WARIGA MEETING ROOM  
CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, MORWELL  
AT 6.03PM ON  
15 MAY 2018

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**PRESENT:**

<b>Councillors:</b>	Cr Darrell White OAM, Mayor	South Ward
	Cr Dan Clancey, Deputy Mayor	East Ward
	Cr Graeme Middlemiss	Central Ward
	Cr Darren Howe	East Ward
	Cr Dale Harriman	East Ward
	Cr Kellie O'Callaghan	East Ward
	Cr Alan McFarlane	Central Ward
	Cr Brad Law	West Ward
	Cr Sharon Gibson	West Ward
<b>Officers:</b>	Gary Van Driel	Chief Executive Officer
	Sara Rhodes-Ward	General Manager Community Services
	Gail Gatt	Acting General Manager City Development
	Greg Drumm	General Manager Corporate Services
	Steven Piasente	General Manager Infrastructure & Recreation
	Amy Phillips	Coordinator Governance

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**1. OPENING PRAYER**

The Mayor read the opening prayer.

**2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND**

The Mayor read the acknowledgement of the traditional owners of the land.

**3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil.

**4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Howe declared an indirect interest under Section 78 of the *Local Government Act 1989* in respect to Item 5.1 Draft 2018/19 Budget - Hearing of Submissions

**ITEMS REFERRED BY  
THE COUNCIL TO THIS  
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**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**

The following persons spoke to their submission:

- Mr Graeme O'Hara, Latrobe City Farm Ratepayers Association

Councillor Howe declared an indirect interest under Section 78 (Close Association) of the *Local Government Act 1989* in respect to this item. Cr Darren Howe left the meeting, the time being 6:10 pm.

- Mr Sam Varsaci, Traralgon West Cricket Club

**MOTION**

**Moved:** Cr Middlemiss

**Seconded:** Cr Gibson

**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.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**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.

<b>Submitter</b>	<b>Summary of submission</b>	<b>Speaking at this meeting</b>
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	Yes

<b>Submitter</b>	<b>Summary of submission</b>	<b>Speaking at this meeting</b>
	\$15,000 and further request that council consider committing to a three year sponsorship	
1 <sup>st</sup> Moe Scout Group	Request for additional lighting in Apex Park Moe adjacent to the 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 allocating funding to complete the upstairs section of the Traralgon West Sporting Complex pavilion	Yes

**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)



The meeting closed at 6:21 pm.

Cr Darren Howe returned to the meeting, the time being 6:21 pm.