



LATROBE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD IN NAMBUR WARIGA MEETING ROOM
CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, MORWELL
AT 6:00 PM ON
13 MAY 2019**

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PRESENT:

Councillors:	Cr Graeme Middlemiss, Mayor	Central Ward
	Cr Dale Harriman	East Ward
	Cr Kellie O'Callaghan	East Ward
	Cr Dan Clancey	East Ward
	Cr Alan McFarlane	Central Ward
	Cr Darrell White OAM	South Ward
	Cr Brad Law	West Ward
	Cr Sharon Gibson	West Ward
Officers:	Sara Rhodes-Ward	Acting Chief Executive Officer
	Gail Gatt	General Manager City Development
	Greg Drumm	General Manager Corporate Services
	Larry Sengstock	Acting General Manager Infrastructure & Recreation
	Marcus Stone	Acting Coordinator Governance
	Louise Mckendry	Governance Officer
	Kieran Stewart	Governance Officer

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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

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME

Public Questions on Notice

In accordance with the *Council Meeting Policy*, members of the public were able to lodge a question on notice before 12.00 Noon in order for the question to be answered at the meeting.

The questions and responses are listed below.

Public Speakers

Members of the public who registered before 12.00 Noon were invited to speak to an item on the agenda.

The following persons spoke on an item on the agenda:

- 6.1. Mr Andrew Livingston, Traralgon Football Netball Club
- 6.1. Mr Graeme O'Hara, Latrobe City Farm Ratepayers Association
- 6.1. Mr Ian Lee

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

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

Agenda Item: 6.1

Agenda Item: Draft 2019/2020 Budget - Hearing of Submissions

Sponsor: General Manager, Corporate Services

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

Status: For Decision

MOTION

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr White

That Council receives, notes and considers all submissions received in relation to the draft 2019/2020 Budget prior to the adoption of the 2019/2020 Budget at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on Monday, 3 June 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY / CARRIED / LOST

Executive Summary:

This report is to present the submissions received in relation to the draft 2019/2020 Budget

- Council resolved on the 1 April 2019 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 eight submissions were received in relation to the draft 2019/20 budget.
- It is recommended that Council notes and considers these submissions prior to adopting the 2019/2020 Budget at the Ordinary Council Meeting on Monday 3 June 2019.

Background:

On 1 April 2019, Council resolved to give notice of preparation of the proposed 2019/2020 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 4 April 2019, 11 April 2019 and 25 April 2019, 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 1 May 2019. 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 Monday 13 May 2019.

A total of eight submissions have been received in relation to the draft 2019/2020 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
Churchill & District Community Association (CDCA)	Support for the Small Towns Minor Capital Works Program, and that it be extended to include Churchill.	No
Mr David Little	Support for the Catterick Crescent Sports Pavilion.	No
Ms Lorraine Osler	Request to fund a caravan/motorhome dump point in Traralgon.	No
Mr Ian Lee	Request to fund a proposal to construct a scale model solar system along Lloyd & Moore Streets Moe.	Yes
Ms Maree Hall	Request for footpaths and kerb and channelling for Saviges Road Moe.	No
Traralgon Football Netball Club	Request for temporary change facilities and toilets located at the netball court area of the Traralgon Recreation Reserve for the 2019 season.	Yes

Submitter	Summary of submission	Speaking at this meeting
Ms Joanne Campbell	Request for information on what Council has put in place to be ready for the 1 July ban on e-waste to landfill and how it is being funded.	No

Issues:

Strategy Implications

This proposal aligns with Objective 6 “Ensure Council operates openly, transparently and responsibly” of the Council Plan 2017-2021. The draft 2019/2020 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 briefed on the highlights of the draft budget, with details published in the Latrobe Valley Express, 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 2019/2020 budget in accordance with Section 223 of the Act.

Environmental Implications

Nil.

Consultation

Upon release of the draft budget further community consultancy was undertaken through the facilitation of a Community Information Session.

Other

Nil.

Declaration of Interests:

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Supporting Documents:

Nil

Attachments

1 [↓](#). 2019/20 Budget Submissions

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 6.31pm.

I certify that these minutes have been confirmed.

Mayor: _____

Date: _____

6.1

Draft 2019/2020 Budget - Hearing of Submissions

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From: Joanne Campbell
To: Latrobe Central Email
Date: 1/05/2019 2:49:21 PM
Subject: Ewaste (2019/20 Budget)

To Matthew Rogers,

I was wondering where you have allocated extra costs involved in Ewaste collection that cannot go into landfill from 1st July, 2019.

As the State government has made it law from 1st July all electronic waste is not to go into land fill & Latrobe City Council missed out on grant of \$150K to set this up who is going to foot the cost & what has council put in place to be ready?

Kind regards

Joanne Campbell

From: Joy Martin
Sent: Sunday, 28 April 2019 7:25 PM
To: Karen Tsebellis
Subject: Traralgon Football Netball Club - Temporary Change Facilities for Netball Court

Hi Karen,

Can you please forward the following submission to your Finance Team to be presented in the report to Council.

The Traralgon Football Netball Club urgently require Change Facilities and a Toilet/s located at the upgraded netball court area.

We would require at least two change rooms (one for the home team and one for the away team) and also one or two toilets (there is the facility for these to be plumbed into the sewerage line).

As our season is underway, we would require these facilities as soon as possible. They would be required until mid to late September. The North Gippsland Football Netball League hold their grand final at this facility, so would also be very useful for them.

We estimate the cost of these facilities to be approximately \$20,000.00.

Looking forward to a favourable outcome.

Kind Regards,

Joy Martin
On behalf of the Traralgon Football Netball Club

Please find the following submission for Have Your Say on 2019/20 Draft Budget

First Name Maree
Surname Hall

Street

Town

Post Code

Email

Address

Phone

Number

My
submission
is

Once Traralgon is finally complete with every new infrastructure facility possible, can some funding please be applied for drainage, K & C and footpaths for Saviges Road, Moe! Being part of the CBD and the main thoroughfare for tourists to Walhalla and Mt Baw Baw, it's an absolute visual eyesore, particularly in winter when the potholes fill with water and become a danger. This is not a luxury for the town, just an extreme necessity! There is another town in Latrobe City called "MOE" for those who aren't aware!!!!

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3/3.

1. LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN
WOULD GET A REAL IDEA OF THE
SCALE OF DISTANCE OF THE SOLAR
SYSTEM, AND SIZE OF THE PLANETS
IN RELATION TO THE SUN IN AN
ENTERTAINING WAY.

2. IT WOULD INCREASE TOURISM
INTO THE AREA FOR ITS CURIOSITY
ASPECT IF ADVERTISED ON THE
WEB AND IN TOURIST BROCHURES,
ASSISTED WITH APPROPRIATE
ROAD SIGNAGE, IF ONLY FOR
THE NOVELTY EFFECT WHEN
FIRST ENCOUNTERED.

2/3

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2181 M - JUPITER

(THIS MODEL ABOUT THE SIZE
OF A LAWN BOWL)

BRIDGING THE DISTANCE TO
ABOUT THE NEW FIRE BRIGADE
DEPOT, THEN DOWN TOWARDS

THE VERY END OF MOORE ST,

FOR THE MODEL OF SATURD,
AT 4000 METRES.

THE LAST PLANETS WOULD HAVE
A PLAQUE OF THEIR OWN AT
THIS POINT, BECAUSE URANUS WOULD
BE AT 8 KM, NEPTUNE 12600 M,
AND PLUTO 16.5 KM, RIGHT OUT OF
THE BOUNDARY FOR A WELL
DESERVED SIX.

THIS PROJECT'S EFFECT WOULD
HAVE A COUPLE OF FEATURES
AFFECTING PEOPLE.

1/3

SUBMISSION OF DRAFT
BUDGET STRATEGY.

PARTIAL MODEL OF SOLAR SYSTEM
LLOYD AND MOORE STREETS,
MOE

THIS IS NOT AN ORIGINAL IDEA,
THERE IS ALREADY A FULL SCALE
MODEL FROM NEAR THE ST. KILDA MARINA,
MELWAY MAP 2N, REF. K 11,
THE GOING NORTH ALONG THE FORESHORE.

THIS PROPOSAL IS TO PLACE A
SOL OUTSIDE THE CAFE AT OLD
GIMPSTOWN, ABOUT 3.9 METRES IN
DIAMETER, MADE OF SPUD GOLD, OR
POSSIBLY A PEARL OF SIMILAR SIZE,
THENCE GOING ALONG LLOYD ST.
APPROX 162 METRES TO A CAIRD
WITH A PLAQUE (BRONZE, DOT TOOTH),
GIVING LIGHT HEARTED DESCRIPTION OF
MERCURY (WHIMSICAL?), WITH A
HEMISPHERE OF .005 MM DIAMETER,
ITS REAL SCALE REGARDING THE
SOL, THEN ONWARDS TO

302 M	—	VENUS
420 M	—	EARTH

Latrobe City Council



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Date Received: 17-Apr-2019

NEWBOURGH

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16 APRIL

PM.

MR MATTHEW ROGERS,
MANAGER FINANCE,

HELLO MATTHEW,

IN REPLY TO YOUR
DRAFT BUDGET STRATEGY ARTICLE
IN THE EXPRESS, WOULD YOU PLEASE
CONSIDER THE ENCLOSED SUBMISSION
FOR LLOYD AND MOORE STREETS
IN MOE,

THANK YOU,
REGARDS,
Ian Lee

P.S. - THIS CIRCULATED AROUND
VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND SERVICE
CLUBS ETC. IN MOE.

From: Lorraine Osler
To: Latrobe Central Email <LatrobeCity@latrobe.vic.gov.au>
Date: 27/04/2019 9:33:45 PM
Subject: Dump point

Sent from my iPad
To Mr Matthew Rogers, Manager Finance, Latrobe City Council,
I am emailing again in regard to including funds in this years budget for a caravan/motor home dump point to be built in Traralgon. Following my request last year I was informed that funds might be allocated this year but have heard nothing more. There is a definite need for a public dump point in Traralgon with Agnes Brereton park being a suggested location. Hoping to get a positive reply, Lorraine Osler

From:
Sent: Monday, 29 April 2019 1:38 PM
To: Matthew Rogers; Latrobe Central Email
Subject: Fw: Capital Works program 2019/20 Budget- Feedback

Attention Matthew Rogers, Finance Manager

I wish to support the Building works budgeted funds for the Imperials Cricket and Football Pavilion at Catterick Crescent Sports Oval. As listed in attached extract.

As a resident in Traralgon for many years and a Life Member of the Traralgon District Cricket association, I have waited for more than 30 years for an appropriate Stadium for Cricket and football at this location.

In 1988 a proposal was prepared by council for a pavilion as presently being proposed, however this did not eventuate and a make shift building has been used for the past 30 years with may promises to establish a suitable venue that can be used by regional cricket and the local clubs. This ground is used for Gippsland Cricket, special cricket and schools events on a regular basis.

The Imperial Cricket and Junior Football Clubs current shed has now been demolished to make way for the Basket Ball Stadium extension and it is essential an immediate start is commenced on this pavilion to enable the Clubs to function successfully into the future.

Could you give me some indication that this project will be given high priority and that work can commence as funds become available.

From a community representative and cricket perspective, this item is crickets highest priority in the region.

regards

David Little
Life Member Traralgon & District Cricket Association



We would be pleased to meet with Councillors or staff at Latrobe City Council to respond to any queries that you may have.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Margaret Guthrie".

Margaret Guthrie
President, CDCA

CHURCHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION -Post Office 191 CHURCHILL VICTORIA AUSTRALIA 3842



Mr Matthew Rogers, Manager Finance
Latrobe City Council
PO Box 264
Morwell VIC 3840

30th April 2019

Dear Mr Rogers

Submission on Council Draft Budget

At the Churchill & District Community Association (CDCA) meeting of 11 April 2019, it was agreed that we provide a submission to Latrobe City Council on its draft budget.

In February, CDCA wrote to Council proposing the possibility of Churchill being included in the Small Towns Minor Capital Works Program. This would enable input from the Churchill community into the prioritisation of minor capital works throughout Churchill and district, examples of which include:

- Completion of the footpath link between Mathieson Park and Federation University
- Further development of the art and culture trail, in line with Council's policies
- Removal or replacement of the dilapidated fence on the western side of Monash Way through the town centre
- Extension of the community recycling project auspiced by Churchill Neighbourhood House.

The draft Council Budget for 2019/20 does not include specific reference to the Small Towns Minor Capital Works Program, which we understand is being reviewed by Council.

CDCA submits that this Program should continue to be supported by Council, and that it should be extended to cover Churchill. As has occurred in other townships, we anticipate an effective use of the funding with the identification of local priorities, while the funds are likely to be used to leverage substantial other contributions to local projects.

CDCA also requests that the Christmas Festivities Grants Program be continued by Council and that Churchill continues to be included as one of the eligible towns for said grant allocation.

Due to some mishap, our Treasurer did not receive the expected Grant Acquittal Forms for the previous round of this annual program and, whilst this has now been resolved, CDCA is concerned that an allocation for Churchill may not have been included in the next round of allocations for the Christmas Festivities Grants Program.

CHURCHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION –Post Office 191 CHURCHILL VICTORIA AUSTRALIA 3842

Our Association supports Council to maximise the Municipal Charge up to the Twenty Percent of Total Rate Value. We view this charge as an equal contribution by Rate Payers.

COMMENTS OF CONCERN FROM MEMBERS ON LAND VALUATIONS AND REZONING

The past three years Farm Valuations have plateaued out and in some cases fallen, due to the down turn in prices in the Dairy Industry plus the Murray Goulburn debacle. Councils (independent) Valuers don't seem to acknowledge this fact.

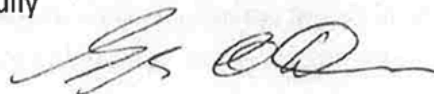
ZONING CHANGES

Zoning changes require careful planning, rating should continue for Farm Zones 1 and 2 (EG) Agriculture to Rural Living until such time as the owner submits a plan of subdivision within its rezoned category. Valuers are able to introduce the POTENTIAL RATE thus rendering the farm property unviable due to the increased Rate Burden.

CONCLUSION

The Farm Rate Differential is a tool provided by the Local Government Act to assist in the setting an equitable rate. Farm Businesses are logistically low users of Council Services but they contribute substantially to both the Latrobe Cities economy and rate revenue. Agricultural production within Latrobe City is a large contributor for the growing Gippsland Food Bowl, but we are in the grip of a two year drought.

Yours faithfully



GRAEME O'HARA
LATROBE CITY FARM RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

LATROBE CITY FARM RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT
Mr Graeme O'Hara

SECRETARY
Graeme Goldsworthy

Lalrope City Council
DOC:19/113127
Date Received: 18-Apr-2019

15th April 2019

SUBMISSION TO LATROBE CITY COUNCIL FOR FARM RATE DIFFERENTIAL

Our Committee and members thank the council for the opportunity to present this Submission for the retention of our Farm Rate Differential. We acknowledge Council for their support in previous years.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Our Farm Rate Differential has been in place in excess of forty years. The Minister for Local Government is encouraging all regional councils to reduce the rate burden placed on farms by the use of the Differential Rate System Valuation of Land Act, 1960.

The NAV of Farm Land was legislated at Five Percent of the CIV of the said property. The NAV purported to represent the return of the property in a rent or lease situation. The rate of return on Farm Land does not return this Five Percent Figure. Our Committee Members congratulate past councils for recognising the inequity that does exist.

FARM LAND RATING

Farming is a land based activity. As the Farm Business improves its productivity via the land, the Land Value increases lifting its assessable rate value.