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# L A T R O B E C I T Y C O U N C I L

## MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE  
NAMBUR WARIGA MEETING ROOM,  
CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, MORWELL  
AT 7:00 PM ON 10 JUNE 2008

**PRESENT:**

*Cr Bruce Lougheed, Mayor - Tanjil Ward*  
*Cr Doug Caulfield - Gonyah Ward*  
*Cr Sandy Kam - Galbraith Ward*  
*Cr Susan Lloyd - Burnet Ward*  
*Cr Graeme Middlemiss - Rintoull Ward*  
*Cr Lisa Price - Farley Ward*  
*Cr Darrell White - Firmin Ward*  
*Cr David Wilson - Dunbar Ward*  
*Cr Anthony Zimora - Merton Ward*  
*Paul Buckley, Chief Executive Officer*  
*Seona Conway, Executive Manager Strategy & Performance*  
*Michael Edgar, Acting General Manager Corporate Services*  
*Katie Garlick, Governance & Legal Administration Officer*  
*Geoff Hill, Acting Executive Manager Economic Development*  
*Allison Jones, Acting General Manager City Services*  
*Philip Marsh, Executive Manager Governance & Legal Services*  
*Peter Quigley, General Manager City Marketing & Development*  
*Grantley Switzer, Acting General Manager City Infrastructure*

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**1. Opening Prayer**

The Opening Prayer was read by the Mayor.

**Recognition of Traditional Landholders**

The Recognition of Traditional Landholders was read by the Mayor.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Nil.

**3. Declaration of Interests**

Nil.

# **STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE**

#### **4.1 COUNCIL PLAN SUBMISSIONS 2008-2012**

**AUTHOR:** Executive Manager Strategy & Performance  
**(ATTACHMENT – YES)**

##### **1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide the opportunity for submissions to be heard in relation to the draft Council Plan 2008-2012.

##### **2. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

This report is consistent with Council's Latrobe 2021 vision document and the Council Plan 2007-2011.

###### *Latrobe 2021 and Council Plan 2007 – 2011*

*Strategic Objective - Governance*

*To ensure governance and leadership through a strong commitment and adherence to democratic processes and legislative requirements.*

*Strategic Action - Ensure compliance with the Local Government Act.*

##### **3. BACKGROUND**

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 5 May 2008, Council resolved to give notice of preparation of the draft Council Plan 2008-2012 for a period of 28 days.

Under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, submissions may be received by any member of the public on any proposal contained in the draft Council Plan.

Public notice of the preparation of the draft Council Plan 2008-2012 was subsequently advertised in the Latrobe Valley Express on 8 May 2008, 15 May 2008 and 29 May 2008 advising that the draft Council Plan was available for inspection at Latrobe City's service centres and on the website.

Submissions in relation to the Council Plan were received up to 5.00pm on Thursday 5 June 2008. A person who has made a written submission to the Council and requested that he or she may be heard in support of the written submission is entitled to appear in person before a meeting of the Council.

Council gave notice that such a meeting would be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 10 June 2008.

At the conclusion of the consultation period, no submissions had been received.

#### 4. **ISSUES**

As no submissions were received, there are no issues to highlight resulting from the consultation period.

#### 5. **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS**

The Council Plan includes a Strategic Resource Allocation Plan.

The Strategic Resource Allocation Plan includes the next four financial years of standard statements describing the required financial resources and non-financial resources, including human resources.

#### 6. **INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION**

*Engagement Method Used:*

*Copies of the draft Council Plan have been available for inspection at Latrobe City offices and on the website since 6 May 2008.*

*Details of Community Consultation/Results of Engagement:*

*At the conclusion of the 28 day consultation period no submissions had been received.*

#### 7. **OPTIONS**

Under Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council must provide the opportunity for submissions to be heard at a meeting of Council.

**8. CONCLUSION**

Council has provided the opportunity for submissions to be heard at a Special Meeting of Council. No submissions were received during the consultation period, and as such the Council Plan will be presented to Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting on Monday, 16 June 2008.

**9. RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council notes that no submissions were received in relation to the draft Council Plan 2008-2012.**

**Moved:** Cr Middlemiss

**Seconded:** Cr White

**That the Recommendation be adopted.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Suspension of Standing Orders**

**Moved:** Cr Middlemiss

**Seconded:** Cr Lloyd

**That Standing Orders be suspended to allow members of the gallery to address Council in support of their submissions.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.03 pm

1. Ms Linda Reid;
2. Ms Carol Kemp;
3. Ms Sally Jones;
4. Ms Carol Flint;
5. Mr Steven Breheny;
6. Mr Graeme Thompson;
7. Mr Steven hall;
8. Mr Robert Walker; and
9. Mr Tom Lawless.

addressed Council in relation to Item 5.1 – Budget submissions 2008/2009 and answered questions put to them.

The Mayor thanked all for addressing Council and for their submissions.

**Resumption of Standing Orders**

**Moved:** Cr Caulfield

**Seconded:** Cr Middlemiss

**That Standing Orders be resumed.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Standing Orders were resumed at 8.08pm



# **CORPORATE SERVICES**

**5.1 BUDGET SUBMISSIONS 2008/2009**

**AUTHOR:** Acting General Manager Corporate Services  
**(ATTACHMENT – YES)**

**1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present submissions received in relation to the draft 2008/2009 budget for Council's consideration.

**2. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

This report is consistent with Council's Latrobe 2021 vision document and the Council Plan 2007-2011.

*Latrobe 2021 and Council Plan 2007 – 2011*

*Strategic Objective - Governance*

*To ensure governance and leadership through a strong commitment and adherence to democratic processes and legislative requirements.*

*Strategic Action - Ensure compliance with the Local Government Act.*

**3. BACKGROUND**

On 5 May 2008, Council resolved to give notice of preparation of the proposed 2008/2009 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 in the budget.

Public notice of the preparation of the 2008/2009 budget was subsequently advertised in the Latrobe Valley Express on 8 May 2008, 15 May 2008 and 29 May 2008 advising that the budget is available for inspection at Council's service centres and on Council's website.

Submissions in relation to the budget were received up to 5.00pm on Thursday, 5 June 2008. 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. Council gave notice that such a meeting would be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 10 June 2008.

At the conclusion of the submission period 11 submissions had been received. Those wishing to speak to their submission will be present at the Special Council meeting.

#### 4. **ISSUES**

A summary of the issues raised in the submissions is provided below and copies of all submissions are attached.

| <b>Name</b>   | <b>Summary of issue</b>  |
|---|--|
| Jim and Judy Lawless, on behalf of the residents of Farrans Road, Hazelwood South | Appealing to councillors to make provision in the 2008 Budget for funds to seal Farrans Road and to call a meeting of residents to discuss a plan and funding options.   |
| Linda and Colin Reid, Latrobe Valley Hockey                                       | <p>Latrobe Valley Hockey commends Council on the adoption of the Synthetic Hockey Strategy, but expressing concern that funding is not proposed until the 2009/10 financial year. The association is concerned that with a Council election happening in 2008 the funding for year two is not guaranteed.</p> <p>The association identified a number of proposed 2008/09 capital projects that they suggest could be deferred to allow inclusion of the hockey project in the 2008/09 capital program.</p> |
| Carol Kemp  | Requesting that Council reconsider the allocation of funding for a synthetic hockey playing surface in the 2008/09 budget.   |
| Sally Jones, on behalf of the residents of Black Tank Road                        | Seeking Council's consideration of funding for the sealing of Black Tank Road (eastern side) and Railway Avenue (lower half).  |

| Name  | Summary of issue  |
|---|---|
| Traralgon South & District Association  | Writing to support the inclusion of the Traralgon South Shared Pathway project in the 2008/09 draft budget.   |
| Peter Hall MLC, on behalf of Mrs Irene Elson-Derry Probert                      | Seeking Council's consideration of a concession rate on garbage charges for pensioners who have no need to use all of the services offered.   |
| Carol Flint, on behalf of the Godgridge Action Group                            | Seeking Council consideration for inclusion of the sealing of Godgridge Road into the 2008/09 budget.   |
| The RAMS Churchill United Soccer Club   | Seeking Council's consideration of funding in the 2008/09 budget for a number of improvements at the Hazelwood South Reserve.   |
| Latrobe City Farm Ratepayers Association  | Acknowledging Council's decision to maintain the farm rate at 75% of the general rate. The association also welcomes the proposal to commence the sealing of unsealed rural roads.  |
| Newborough Football Netball Club  | Expressing disappointment that the proposed funding in the draft 2008/09 budget is not at the level to allow all the proposed works to be undertaken.   |
| Victorian Farmers Federation & United Dairy Farmers of Victoria – Yinnar Branch | Thanking Council for retaining the 75% differential farm rate in the draft 2008/09 budget. Also pleased that the draft budget provides an allocation towards the sealing of gravel roads. The group believes that the farm industry should be considered separately from the needs of other rural residents, particularly when it applies to roads servicing farmers. |

## 5. **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS**

The financial implications of any proposed changes to the draft 2008/2009 budget will need to be taken into account in the consideration of budget submissions.

## 6. INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

*Engagement Method Used:*

*Copies of the draft budget have been available for inspection at Council offices and on the web site since 6 May 2008.*

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

*At the conclusion of the submission period 11 submissions were received.*

## 7. OPTIONS

Under the provisions of Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council must provide the opportunity for submissions to be heard at a meeting of Council. This is a legislative requirement.

## 8. CONCLUSION

On 5 May 2008 Council gave notice of preparation of the proposed 2008/2009 budget, and has provided the opportunity for submissions to be heard at this special meeting of Council. This allows Council sufficient time to consider submissions received in relation to the proposed 2008/2009 budget prior to considering the budget at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council, to be held on Monday, 16 June 2008.

## 9. RECOMMENDATION

**That all submissions received in relation to the 2008/2009 budget be noted and considered.**

**Moved:** Cr Caulfield

**Seconded:** Cr Middlemiss

**That the Recommendation be adopted.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 6. TEA BREAK

### Adjournment of Meeting

The Mayor adjourned the Meeting at 8.11 pm for a tea break.

### Resumption of Meeting

The Mayor resumed the Meeting at 8.20 pm.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS DECLARED  
CLOSED AT 8.21 PM**

**I CERTIFY THAT THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED.**

**MAYOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_