



AGENDA
of the
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE 2019
at
Murrindindi Shire Council
Council Chamber
Perkins Street
Alexandra
6.00 pm

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Attachment(s): *Budget Submissions 2019/20 Combined (distributed 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 2019/20 Annual Budget.

Officer Recommendation

That Council considers the submissions received in relation to the 2019/20 Annual Budget prior to its final adoption at the 26 June 2019 Ordinary Meeting.

Background

At the 24 April 2019 Ordinary Meeting of Council, Council endorsed the draft 2019/20 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 at Council offices and on Council's website. The public exhibition period and submission process was advertised in a range of publications newspapers. Submissions were due by 31 May 2019.

At the time of preparing the agenda, six submissions had been received by Council. All submissions have been provided to all 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 12 June 2019 to speak to their submission if they wished.

Discussion

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

No.	Summary of Submission
1	<p>Request to install bi-folding doors at Terip Terip Community Centre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • new doors to the verandah would hugely open up the space to make it more usable for functions and events • centre is quite small but if the verandah space was incorporated, it would help to cater for larger crowds such as at Anzac Day and other functions held during the year • the cost of the project has been estimated by a local builder to be around \$20,000 and this amount is beyond their financial capacity • submitter made inquiries about applying for a Community Project Grant, told that these works need to be done through Council's Capital Works Program.
2	<p>Request that Council allocate funds to seal Drysdale Street between Lyons Street and Welch Street:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • distance is approximately 100 meters • submitter has been told that they need to get 60% of their neighbours to agree to contributing to the cost of having this work carried out • submitter believes that the chances of this consensus are virtually zero as most of their neighbours have the rear of their properties exposed to Drysdale Street • during dry weather the dust that becomes airborne is having some very negative effects on them - it triggers asthma symptoms on the submitter's wife.
3	<p>Request to seal Cheviot Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheviot Tunnel increases traffic, and in particular, a dust issue • Council is actively signposting the Cheviot Tunnel as a tourist attraction • submitter believes that apart from infrequent grading of this unsealed road, Council does very little to maintain it • due to the increased volume of traffic given the rail trail/Cheviot Tunnel attraction, is beyond repair as it no longer packs down and therefore regardless of time of year dust is a huge issue for those whom reside there • dust lands on their roofs, contaminates their drinking water, causes health issues, covers their household goods and paddocks • aware that the next four years 'Roads 2 Recovery' funding provided by the Federal Government to Council has been announced but whilst the Council has other priorities the sealing of this road is a high one and can't be overlooked.
4	<p>Request for Council to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. establish, as part of the Tourism and Events Strategy, a Murrindindi Forest Tourism Development and Promotion Committee; and 2. reinstate a 2WD gravel road at the eastern end of Cathedral Lane alongside the pine plantation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • urges Council to do more to help protect what is left of the over-logged forests in our Shire, by developing and promoting their extraordinary tourist potential • suggests that Council would convene and resource this Committee which would be responsible for investigating promoting and where appropriate seeking funding for the forest tourism development initiatives • asked for the reinstatement of gravel road at the end of Cathedral Lane as Council's contribution to the proposed scenic loop drive from Cathedral Range State Park to Blue Range Road and back to the State Park via Tweed Spur Road.
5	<p>Request to provide funding for tourist information signage along the Great Victorian Rail Trail. (\$7,500):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lack of signage, both along the trail and within towns, has been a recurring theme since the rail trail opened • with 17-access points along the length of the rail trail, the Friends Group would like to address the need to build on the signage installed within Murrindindi Shire last year • seeking \$7,500 to install signage at five points within Murrindindi Shire and to work in partnership with Council to deliver the project.
6	<p>Request for a drinking fountain (bubbler) at Yea Recreation Reserve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yea Primary School has raised \$140 through fundraising • submission is supported by 19 students from Yea Primary School, each detailing reasons why they support the submission.

Following this meeting any proposed changes to the draft Budget as a consequence of the submissions received will be presented to Council at the 26 June 2019 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 and offices from 1 May 2019 and advertised for public exhibition in a range of publications, with written submissions sought by 12 pm on 31 May 2019.