



Murrindindi
Shire Council

Special Meeting of Council

Minutes

Wednesday 12 June 2024
Yea Council Chambers
The Semi Circle
5:00 PM

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND COUNCILLORS' PLEDGE

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

The meeting will be opened with the Mayor reading the following on behalf of the Murrindindi Shire Council:

“Murrindindi Shire Council is proud to acknowledge the Taungurung and Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land we now call Murrindindi Shire, we are committed to working together in the best interests of the people who live in our municipality, who conduct business here and those who visit.

We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging, who are the keepers of history, traditions, knowledge and culture of this land.”

1.2 Councillors' Pledge

“The Councillors, democratically elected to represent our community as the Murrindindi Shire Council, are committed to working together in the best interests of the people who live in our municipality, those who conduct business here and those who visit.”

2 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2.1 Privacy Note

This public meeting is being streamed live via our Facebook page and made available for public access on its website along with the official Minutes of this meeting.

2.2 Apologies and Request for Leave of Absence

There were no requests for leave of absence tendered.

Apologies:

Cr I Gerencser

Present:

Councillors D Gallagher (Chair), J Walsh, K Haslam (virtual), S Carpenter, E Lording, S McAulay

In attendance:

Director People & Corporate Performance: Michael Chesworth

Director Community & Development: Andrew Paxton

Director Assets & Environment: Caroline Lintott

Interim Manager Business Services: Dennis O’Keeffe

Executive Assistant: Belinda Kerr

2.3 Disclosure of Interest or Conflict of Interest

In accordance with section 130 (1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020* Councillors are required to disclose any “conflict of interest” in respect of a matter to be considered at a Council Meeting.

Disclosure must occur immediately before the matter is considered or discussed.

3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

3.1 Open Forum

Nil.

4 PEOPLE & CORPORATE PERFORMANCE GROUP

4.1 Adoption of 2024/25 Annual Budget

Presenter	D O'Keeffe, Manager Business Services (Interim)
Approved by	M Chesworth, Director People & Corporate Performance
Purpose	For decision
Attachment(s)	1. 2024/25 Annual Budget [4.1.1 - 81 pages]

Executive Summary

This report seeks Council's adoption of the Annual Budget 2023/24 (Budget) following a period of public exhibition and submission process in accordance with section 96 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act). The report also includes a summary of the budget submissions for consideration and proposed responses.

RESOLUTION

Cr J Walsh / Cr E Lording
That Council:

1. Having considered all submissions received and in accordance with Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, adopt the Annual Budget 2024/25 (Attachment 4.1.1), noting the following changes to the exhibited draft Annual Budget:
 - A note has been included in the financial statements disclosing the 3 Council properties that are intended to be leased in the 2024/25 financial year via an EOJ process.
 - The Fees and Charges schedule has been removed and will be presented to Council for endorsement at the 26 June Scheduled Council meeting.

2. Formally declares the Rates Levies and Annual Service Charges for the 2024-25 rating year as follows:
 - a) Declaration of Rates and Charges:

In accordance with section 158 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, the following rates and charges are declared for the rating year commencing 1 July 2024 and ending 30 June 2025.
 - b) Amount intended to be raised:

An amount of \$24.76 million be declared as the amount which Council intends to raise by general rates and the annual service charge, which is calculated as follows:

Category	Amount \$'000
General Rates	\$16,618
Municipal charge	\$ 3,686
Waste management charges	\$4,072

Supplementary Rates	\$146
Revenue in lieu of rates	\$240
Total	\$24,762

c) Rates Information - differentials:

General rates:

A general rate to be declared for the 2024-25 financial year. The rateable amount per property will be determined by multiplying the Capital Improved Value (CIV) of each rateable property by the rate in the dollar indicated in the following table:

Category	Rate
Residential (100% general rate)	0.001915 (0.1915 cents in the dollar of CIV)
Commercial (125% general rate)	0.002393 (0.2393 cents in the dollar of CIV)
Rural 1 (70% general rate)	0.001340 (0.1340 cents in the dollar of CIV)
Rural 2 (99% general rate)	0.001895 (0.1895 cents in the dollar of CIV)
Vacant Land (200% general rate)	0.003829 (0.3829 cents in the dollar of CIV)

No amount is fixed as the minimum amount payable by way of general rate in respect of each rateable property within the municipality.

d) Municipal charge:

The municipal charge declared in respect of the 2024-25 financial year is \$374.00.

e) Annual service charges:

- i. An annual service charge, for the collection and disposal of refuse, be declared in respect of the 2024-25 financial year.
- ii. The annual service charge be in the sum of, and be based on the criteria, set out below:

Category	Rate
Kerbside Collection	\$428.35
Recycling	\$130.95

f) Interest on rates and charges:

- i. Interest is to be charged in accordance with section 172 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, on any amounts of rates and charges which have not yet been paid by the instalment dates fixed by the Minister in accordance with section 167 of the *Local Government Act 1989*;
- ii. That the interest to be charged is at the rate fixed under section 2 of the *Penalty Interest Rates Act 1983*, that applied on the first day of July immediately before the due date for payment; and
- iii. Interest on rates and charges is to be calculated from the date on which the instalment was due.

**g) The due date for the full payment of rates is 17 February 2025.
The due dates for rate instalments will be as follows:**

- Instalment 1: 30 September 2024**
- Instalment 2: 30 November 2024**
- Instalment 3: 28 February 2025**
- Instalment 4: 31 May 2025.**

- 3. Endorse the Officer's responses to the budget submissions contained within this report**
- 4. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make the final documents available for public viewing.**
- 5. Authorise the Manager Business Services to advise submitters that Council has considered their submissions relating to the Draft Annual Budget 2024/25, noting that all submitters will be thanked and advised of the outcome of their submission.**

CARRIED

The meeting was closed at 5:21 pm.

CONFIRMED THIS

CHAIRPERSON