



Murrindindi
Shire Council

Scheduled Meeting of Council

Minutes

Wednesday 5 April 2023
Alexandra Council Chambers
Perkins Street
5:00 PM

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND COUNCILLORS' PLEDGE

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

The meeting was opened with the Chief Executive Officer declaring the following Pledge 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 website. A recording of the meeting along with the official Minutes of the meeting will also be published on our website.

2.2 Apologies and Request for Planned Leave

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence tendered.

Present:

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

In attendance:

Chief Executive Officer: Livia Bonazzi
Acting Director Corporate and Shared Services: Tara Carter
Interim Director Community Engagement: Kate Siebert
Director Assets and Development: Vito Albicini
Acting Manager Governance and Risk: David Echeverry
Manager Business Services: Cheryl Nickels-Beattie

2.3 Disclosure of Interest or Conflict of Interest

Nil.

3 REPORTS - CORPORATE & SHARED SERVICES DIRECTORATE

3.1 Draft Annual Budget 2023/24

Attachment(s)	Attachment 1 - Draft Annual Budget 2023/24 [3.1.1 - 102 pages]
Presenter	C Nickels-Beattie, Manager Business Services
Approved by	Acting Director Corporate & Shared Services
Purpose	For decision

Executive Summary

This report seeks Council's endorsement of the draft Annual Budget 2023/24 (draft Budget) for the purpose of a public exhibition and submission process in accordance with section 96 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act).

RESOLUTION

Cr D Gallagher / Cr S Carpenter

That Council:

1. note that the draft Annual Budget 2023/24 in Attachment 3.1.1 has been prepared by Council in accordance with Section 94(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act)
2. release the draft Annual Budget 2023/24 for community submissions from 6 April to 30 April 2023
3. advise that a copy of the draft Annual Budget 2023/24 will be made available on Council's website – www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au
4. advise that submissions can be made in the following ways -
 - a) lodged via Council's engagement platform, Dindi - In the Loop
 - b) directly to governance@murrindindi.vic.gov.au
 - c) in written form submitted to a Council office or by post
 - d) verbally as part of Public Participation time at Council's 26 April 2023 Scheduled Meeting (6 pm at the Yea Council Chambers)
5. note that following consideration of all written and verbal submissions, the Annual Budget 2023/24 will be presented for adoption at Council's 24 May 2023 Scheduled Meeting.

3.2 Instrument of Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer

Attachment(s)	Attachment 1 - S 5. Instrument of Delegation to the CEO (April 2023) [3.2.1 - 4 pages]
Presenter	T Carter, Acting Director Corporate & Shared Services
Approved by	Acting Director Corporate & Shared Services
Purpose	For decision

Executive Summary

Under Section 11 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) Council can delegate its powers to the Chief Executive Officer. It is important to ensure that Council has properly delegated its powers, duties and functions, in order to avoid any issues arising regarding the legality of a decision or an action purportedly made or taken on behalf of the council. The intention of the report is to seek Council's endorsement of the reviewed Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer.

RESOLUTION

Cr D Gallagher / Cr S McAulay

That Council in the exercise of the power conferred by s 11(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act), RESOLVES THAT –

- 1. There be delegated to the person holding the position, or acting in or performing the duties, of Chief Executive Officer the powers, duties and functions set out in the attached *Instrument of Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer*, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument**
- 2. The instrument comes into force immediately upon this resolution being made and common seal of Council is to be affixed**
- 3. On the coming into force of the instrument all previous delegations to the Chief Executive Officer are revoked.**
- 4. The duties and functions set out in the instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the instruments must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.**

CARRIED

The meeting was closed at 5:17 pm.

CONFIRMED THIS



CHAIRPERSON

Cr J Walsh