



## **MINUTES**

**OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL TO HEAR  
SUBMISSIONS TO THE PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET  
2019/2020, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 223 OF THE  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989.**

**HELD ON  
TUESDAY 21 MAY 2019  
AT 5.00 PM IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE CIVIC CENTRE  
CORNER LYTTLETON AND LLOYD STREETS, CASTLEMAINE.**

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## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

**To start the official proceedings  
I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on Jaara country  
of which the members and elders of the Jaara Jaara community and their  
forebears have been custodians for many centuries  
and have performed age old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal.  
We acknowledge their living culture and their unique role in the life of this region.**

### **1. PRESENT**

Councillors: Tony Cordy, Stephen Gardner, Christine Henderson, Max Lesser, Bronwen Machin, Dave Petrusma and John Nieman.

Officers: Chief Executive Officer (Darren Fuzzard), Director Corporate and Community Services (Lisa Knight), Director Infrastructure and Development (Phil Josipovic) and Principal Governance Officer (John Taylor).

### **2. APOLOGIES**

Nil.

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

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#### 4. OFFICER REPORTS

##### 4.1. OUR ECONOMY (ECO)

###### **ECO 17 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET 2019/2020**

*Responsible Director:* Director Corporate and Community Services, Lisa Knight  
*Responsible Officer:* Acting Executive Manager Business Performance, Carolyn Ross  
*Original Document:* DOC/19/19083

###### **Executive Summary**

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 16 April 2019, Council resolved to give public notice that it had prepared a budget for 2019/2020. This document was available for public viewing for the minimum statutory period of 28 days. Members of the public were invited to provide submissions to the budget, in accordance with Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act), by 5.00 pm Wednesday 15 May 2019.

Council heard from those submitters who indicated they wished to speak in support of their submission.

Council will consider the submissions and will adopt the proposed Annual Budget 2019/2020 at the Ordinary Meeting of Council at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 12 June 2019.

###### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council:**

- 1. Note the submissions, and the verbal presentations in support of those submissions to the proposed Annual Budget 2019/2020, in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989; and**
- 2. Consider the submissions to the proposed Annual Budget 2019/2020 at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on Wednesday 12 June 2019.**

**MOVED COUNCILLOR PETRUSMA**

**That the recommendation be adopted.**

**SECONDED COUNCILLOR CORDY**

**CARRIED.**

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## **MOVED COUNCILLOR LESSER**

**That standing orders be suspended at 5.02 pm.**

## **SECONDED COUNCILLOR HENDERSON**

### **CARRIED.**

a. Ms Anne Markiewicz.

Ms Markiewicz spoke to her budget submission and noting that she was not requesting for reconstruction of the levee around National School Lane in Campbells Creek, but for the levee to be repaired.

- The Director Infrastructure and Development (DID) responded by advising that Council was looking at the issue of repair.

b. Ms Joyce Sanders.

Ms Sanders addressed her submission regarding street trees, streetscapes, user fees for facility hire, footpaths and the Victory Park playground.

- It was noted that these matters are to be considered in the overall assessment of the proposed budget.

c. Ms Sherene Clow and Mr Martyn Shaddick, Castlemaine Community House.

Ms Clow and Mr Shaddick spoke in relation to the Community House's submission seeking funding for a Same-Sex Attracted and Sex and Gender Diverse (SSASGD) and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender/Transsexual, Intersex and Queer/Questioning (LGBTIQ+) youth specific space.

d. Mr Martyn Shaddick, Castlemaine Community House.

Mr Shaddick spoke in relation to the Community House's submission seeking Council's assistance in funding the Senior Citizens Festival.

e. Mr David King, Friends of Campbells Creek Landcare Group.

Mr King spoke to his budget submission regarding the Campbells Creek Trail, the Walking and Cycling Strategy, works for the Flood Management Plan and managing rural roadside weeds.

f. Dr Norma Gray

Dr Gray spoke in relation to the Castlemaine Urban Waterways Management Plan and her budget submission regarding the Forest Creek Channel.

- The Director Infrastructure and Development (DID) noted the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning's (DELWP) role in the Castlemaine Urban Waterways Management Plan.

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**MOVED COUNCILLOR PETRUSMA**

**That standing orders be resumed at 5.36 pm.**

**SECONDED COUNCILLOR NIEMAN**

**CARRIED.**

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## Context

Council is required to hear submissions made to the proposed Annual Budget 2019/2020 under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act).

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 16 April 2019, Council resolved as follows:

### That Council:

1. **Give Public Notice in accordance with Section 129(1) and Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 that it has prepared a budget for 2019/2020;**
2. **Make copies of the Proposed Budget available for inspection at the Civic Centre and on Council's website;**
3. **Hear any person who wishes to be heard and who makes a written submission by 5.00 pm 15 May 2019 in relation to the Proposed Budget 2019/2020, at a Special Meeting of Council to be held at the Civic Centre, Castlemaine at 5.00 pm on 21 May 2019.**
4. **Consider any submissions made, and adopt the Council Budget 2019/2020 at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 12 June 2019; and**
5. **Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to undertake minor editorial changes to the Proposed Budget 2019/2020 if required.**

## Policy and Statutory Implications

### Relevant policies, strategies and plans

Section 127 of the Act states that Council must prepare a budget for each financial year.

Section 129 of the Act states that Council must give public notice that a budget has been prepared and that a person has a right to make a submission under Section 223 of the Act.

## Issues

A total of twelve written submissions were received by the closing date.

A summary of these submissions and copies of the submissions have been supplied to Councillors prior to this meeting.

Six submitters confirmed they wished to be heard at the meeting, although one organisation has provided two submissions and they wish to speak to both submissions.

The submitters who confirmed they wish to speak in support of their submission are:

Anne Markiewicz	Levee reconstruction around National School Lane in Campbells Creek
Joyce Sanders	Street trees, streetscapes, user fees for facility hire, footpaths, Victory Park play ground
Castlemaine Community House	Funding for LGBTIQ+ and SSASGD youth specific space

Castlemaine Community House	Funding for Senior Citizens Festival
Friends of Campbells Creek Landcare Group	Campbells Creek Trail, Walking and Cycling Strategy, works for the Flood Management Plan and managing rural roadside weeds
CycleSafe Mt Alexander	Walking and Cycling Strategy, Campbells Creek Trail, cycling infrastructure
Dr Norma Gray	Castlemaine Urban Waterways Management Plan

### **Alternate Options**

There are no alternate options.

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

The proposed budget document details both the operating and capital incomes and expenditure for Council for the 2019/2020 financial year. The budget includes detailed information on the operating result, capital expenditure, and rating, as well as cash and investments, borrowings and reserve balances.

### **Consultation**

Consultation has been conducted in accordance with Section 223 of the Act. The proposed Annual Budget 2019/2020 has been on public exhibition for the minimum statutory period of 28 days at the Castlemaine Civic Centre and on Council's website. Summary information was provided in the Midland Express and Castlemaine Mail.

## **5. MEETING CLOSE**

Meeting closed at 5.37 pm.