



Special Council Meeting Agenda

Shaping a better Bass Coast

**Wednesday, 29 July 2020
Commencing at 11.00am**

**Note: This Special Meeting of Council will be held virtually.
Open to the public via livestream**



Vision, Mission and Values



Vision

Bass Coast will be known as a region that supports a sustainable and healthy community, and values and protects its natural assets.

Mission

We will engage with and advocate for our community to ensure equity and balance between liveability and environmental protection and be accountable for our financial management in realising the community's vision.

Values

Customer Focus

We will continue to develop effective relationships with customers

Continuous Improvement

We are committed to improving our processes and service delivery

Pride

We take pride in and promote our achievements, our staff and our organisation

Integrity

We act and make decisions that are fair, honest, open and accountable

Respect

We treat people with dignity and respect

Commitment

We value and recognise contributions towards achieving the Bass Coast Vision. We listen, understand, consult and respond to our community and staff. We provide accurate, timely and relevant information.

Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the next **Special Meeting** of the Bass Coast Shire Council will be held virtually on Wonthaggi on 29 July 2020 at **11.00am**

Date of Notice - 24 July 2020

Ali Wastie
CEO

Agenda

Livestreaming

In accordance with the Bass Coast Shire Council Meeting Livestreaming Policy 2020 adopted 15 April 2020 this Meeting will be livestreamed and the video and audio recording of the Meeting will be made publicly available for viewing on Council's webpage.

Mobile Telephone Reminder

Please turn off all mobile telephones or in the case of an emergency, please advise the Chair and switch to silent mode.

Statement of Acknowledgement

Bass Coast Shire Council acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the first Australians and recognises that they have a unique relationship with the land and water.

Council further recognises that we are situated on the lands of the traditional owners, the Bunurong, Boon wurrung members of the Kulin Nation who have lived here for thousands of years.

We offer our respect to their elders past and present and through them, all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people where ever they are.

Councillor Statement

All members of this Council pledge to the Bass Coast Shire community to consider every item listed on this evening's agenda:

- Based on the individual merits of each item;
- Without bias or prejudice by maintaining an open mind; and
- Disregarding Councillors' personal interests so as to avoid any conflict with our public duty.

Any Councillor having a conflict of interest in an item will make a proper, prior disclosure to the meeting and will not participate in the debate or vote on the issue.

Council Plan Themes

Advocacy

Representing the community

Nil Reports

Economic Development

Expanding, attracting and retaining business and investment

Nil Reports

Environment

Maintain and protect the natural environment

Nil Reports

Governance

We are responsive, open, transparent and financially sustainable

C.I Hearing of submissions relating to the Draft Budget 2020/21

Health and Wellbeing

We are a healthy and active community

Nil Reports

Liveability

Enjoying the place we live

Nil Reports

Our Character

Celebrating the uniqueness of our townships

Nil Reports

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File No: CM20/350
Division: Finance
Council Plan Strategic Objective: Governance

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and financially sustainable

Declaration

The author has no direct or indirect interests in relation to this report.

Summary

The proposed 2020/2021 Budget was approved by Council on 17 June 2020 to be released for public exhibition. The proposed budget provides for an average increase in general rates of 2% consistent with the State Government imposed rate cap for 2020/2021. The budget retains alignment with the Long Term Financial Plan and continues the refocusing of finances from the delivery of day to day services to investing in the future of the Shire through capital upgrades and renewal of its existing infrastructure base.

Council gave public notice of the proposed 2020/2021 Budget in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989. Advertisements were placed in the South Gippsland Sentinel Times and the Phillip Island and San Remo Advertiser.

The proposed Budget 2020/21 was made available for inspection and members of the public have had the opportunity to make written submissions under Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*. The proposed 2020/21 Budget was open for submissions from 22 June 2020 until 5.00 pm Tuesday, 21 July 2020.

Council has received 31 written submissions – full copies of which have been distributed to Councillors.

Of those submissions received, 10 have requested to be heard in person.

Time	Speaker	Business/Association
11.00am	Danny Luna	
11.05am	Jessica Harrison	Housing Matters Committee
11.10am	Phil Wright	
11.15am	Phil Dressing	Smiths Beachcomber Association
11.20am	Mark Jamieson and Janette Diss	Phillip Island Gold Club
11.25am	Frank Schooneveldt	Goat Island Gallery & Garden
11.30am	Ron Day	

11.35am	Kevin Griffin	Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association
11.40am	Meryl and Hartley Tobin	
11.45am	Tim Herring	Tenby Point Residents Association

Strategic Basis

Council Plan Objective:

Governance – *We are responsive, open, transparent and financially sustainable*

Statutory Requirements/Codes/Standards/Policies

Under Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* the Council is required to place on public exhibition and provide the opportunity for members of the public to make comment. The Proposed 2020-2021 Annual Budget was placed on public exhibition from 22 June 2020 until 5.00 pm 21 July 2020.

The provisions of sections 127, 158 and 161 of the *Local Government Act 1989* apply to the budget process. Clauses 8 and 9 of the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014* also apply.

Finances

The costs associated with the exhibition period and review of submissions have been factored into the operating budget of the Finance and Communications Departments. The main costs are internal resources associated with hosting the consultation and the cost of advertising within the local newspapers.

Stakeholders

All residents, ratepayers, visitors, businesses and other government agencies have an interest in the proposed Budget.

The proposed Budget was available on Council's website at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/abetterbasscoast and at any of the Customer Service Centres.

A live Facebook Q&A session was held on Tuesday, 7 July at www.facebook.com/basscoastshire from 6pm to 7.30pm

- Forty five (45) individuals posting 88 comments/questions
- Total Reach – 11,691
- Total Impressions - 89
- Number of clicks – 1,133

Other Options

The *Local Government Act 1989* requires Council to prepare an Annual Budget. Council could choose not to receive submissions to the proposed Budget but it would be in breach of the Act.

Conclusion

Council has worked with the community to ensure their aspirations and feedback have been considered in the Proposed 2020/2021 Budget. These documents have been on public exhibition between 22 June and 21 July 2020.

As a result of the submission process we have received 31 submissions and this meeting will hear 10 people who wish to speak to their submissions.

Following this meeting the Council will consider any changes to the Proposed 2020/2021 Budget for presentation to the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 19 August 2020.

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Receive and review the submissions for the proposed 2020/2021 Budget and hear any people who have requested to speak to their submission**
- 2. Consider any changes to the proposed 2020/2021 Budget having reviewed and heard community submissions.**

Attachments

AT-1 Draft Budget Submissions 210 Pages

Mayoral Announcement Of Next Meeting Of Council

Council is monitoring and implementing the COVID-19 pandemic response and restrictions set out by the State and Federal Governments.

Council will be pausing Community Connection Sessions for the coming months.

The next **Ordinary Council Meeting** will be held virtually on 19 August 2020 commencing at 1.00pm.