



Special Council Meeting Agenda

Shaping a better Bass Coast

**Council Chamber
Bass Coast Civic Centre
Baillieu Street East
Wonthaggi
Wednesday, 29 May 2019
Commencing at 5.00pm**



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 at the Council Chamber Bass Coast Civic Centre Baillieu Street East Wonthaggi on 29 May 2019 at **5.00pm**

Date of Notice - 24 May 2019

Ali Wastie
Chief Executive Officer

Agenda

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 Islanders as the first Australians and recognises that they have a unique relationship with the land and water.

Council also recognises that we are situated on the lands of the traditional owners, 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.

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

H.I Hearing of submissions relating to the Draft Budget 2019/20 and Revised Council Plan 2017-21

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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B Declarations of Interest

Reports Requiring Council Decision

C Reports Requiring Council Decision**C.1 Hearing of submissions relating to the Draft Budget 2019/20 and Revised Council Plan 2017-21**

File No: CMI9/326
Division: Corporate & Community
Council Plan Strategic Objective: Governance

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Declaration

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

Summary

The proposed 2019/2020 Annual Budget and draft Revised Council Plan 2017-2021 were approved by Council Resolution on 17 April 2019 to be released for public exhibition. The proposed budget provides for an average increase in general rates of 2.50% consistent with the State Government imposed rate cap for 2019/2020. 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. The review of the Council Plan 2017-2021 has made some revisions to the Strategic Indicators within the Plan.

Council gave public notice of the proposed 2019/2020 Budget and draft Revised Council Plan 2017-2021 in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989. Advertisement was placed in the South Gippsland Sentinel Times and the Phillip Island and San Remo Advertiser.

The proposed Budget and draft Revised Council Plan 2017-2021 were 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 Budget and draft Revised Council Plan 2017-2021 were open for submissions from 18 April 2019 until 5.00 pm Wednesday, 22 May, 2019.

Council has received 33 written submissions – full copies of which have been distributed to Councillors.

Of those submissions received, 14 have requested to be heard in person.

Time	Speaker	Business/Association
5.00pm	Ken Hailey	Cowes East Foreshore Preventative Action Group
5.05pm	Lorraine Muir	South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club on behalf of the Bass Coast Regional Aquatic Facilities Working Group
5.10pm	Kate McLoughlin	Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club and Cape Paterson Rate Payers Association
5.15pm	Dave Sutton	Natural Environment Strategy Advisory Group and South Gippsland Conservation Society
5.20pm	Ron Day	
5.25pm	Glenda Smith	New Wave Gippsland
5.30pm	Phil Dressing	Smith Beachcombers Association
5.35pm	Moragh Mackay	Energy Innovation Co-operative Ltd
5.40pm	Graham Wood	Victorian Farmers Federation
5.45pm	Mark Scott	Cape Paterson Rate Payers Association
5.50pm	Michael Nugent	Bass Coast Climate Action Network
5.55pm	Bronwyn Pratt	Safe Roads for San Remo Action Group
6.00pm	Catherine Gregson	Ventnor Recreation Reserve Committee of Management
6.05pm	Josephine Kent	Island Story Gatherer

Strategic Basis

The proposed Budget provides the authorising environment and funding to deliver year three of the Council Plan.

Finances

The costs associated with the exhibition period and review of submissions have been factored into the operating budget of the Finance Department. 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.

Drop in sessions for people to come along and have a chat about the proposed documents were held at:

- **Wonthaggi** – Tuesday, 30 April at the Old Wonthaggi Post Office, McBride Avenue from 6.30pm to 7.30pm
 - 1 person attended
- **Facebook** – Tuesday, 1 May at www.facebook.com/basscoastshire from 6.30pm to 8.00pm
 - Thirty five (35) individuals posting 79 comments/questions
 - Total Reach – 4,399
 - Total Impressions - 7,454
 - Number of clicks – 1,047
 - Number of people who clicked – 464

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 2019-2020 Annual Budget and Draft Revised Council Plan 2017-2021 were placed on public exhibition from 18 April 2019 until 5.00 pm 22 May, 2019.

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.

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.

Officer's Conclusion and Recommendation

Council has worked with the community to ensure their aspirations and feedback have been considered in the Proposed 2019/2020 Annual Budget and Draft Revised Council Plan 2017-2021. These documents have been on public exhibition between 18 April and 22 May 2019.

As a result of the submission process we have received 33 submissions and this meeting will hear 14 people who wish to speak to their submissions.

Following this meeting the Council will consider any changes to the Proposed 2019/2020 Annual Budget and revised Council Plan 2017-2021 for presentation to the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 19 June 2019.

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Receive and review the submissions for the proposed 2019/2020 Annual Budget and Revised Council Plan 2017-2021 and hear any people who have requested to speak to their submission**
- 2. Consider any changes to the proposed 2019/2020 Annual Budget and Revised Council Plan 2017-2021 having reviewed and heard submissions to the proposed 2019/2020 Annual Budget.**

Attachments

AT-1 Draft Budget Submissions 225 Pages

Mayoral Announcement Of Next Meeting Of Council

The next **Community Connection Session** will be held on 12 June 2019 in the Bass Coast Civic Centre Council Chamber, Baillieu Street East, Wonthaggi commencing at 3.00pm.

The next **Ordinary Council Meeting** will be held on 19 June 2019 in the Bass Coast Civic Centre Council Chamber, Baillieu Street East, Wonthaggi commencing at 5.00pm.