



**Bass Coast Shire Council
Minutes for Special Meeting
Wednesday, 7 June 2017
Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre,
Baillieu Street East,
Wonthaggi
4.30pm**

- 1. These minutes are due to be confirmed on 21 June 2017**
- 2. Any decision included in these minutes is subject to change resulting from a rescission motion passed by Council.**

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Meeting commenced

The meeting commenced at 4.27pm

Acknowledgement: Cr Ellis read the acknowledgement.

Statement: Cr Fullarton read the Councillor Statement.

A Present and Apologies

Councillors: Cr Pamela Rothfield, Island Ward (Mayor)
Cr Brett Tessari, Bunurong Ward (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Julian Brown, Bunurong Ward
Cr Les Larke, Bunurong Ward
Cr Stephen Fullarton, Island Ward
Cr Michael Whelan, Island Ward
Cr Geoff Ellis, Western Port Ward
Cr Bruce Kent, Western Port Ward
Cr Clare Le Serve, Western Port Ward

Officers: Mr Paul Buckley, Chief Executive Officer
Mr Mark Brady, General Manager Finance and Organisation
Development
Mr David Elder, General Manager Healthy Communities and
Governance
Ms Felicity Sist, General Manager Infrastructure
Ms Allison Jones, General Manager Sustainable Development and
Growth
Mrs Lee-Anne Harmer, Governance Officer

Apologies: Nil

B Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

Reports Requiring Council Decision

C Reports Requiring Council Decision

C.1 *Hearing of submissions in relation to the proposed 2017-2021 Council Plan (incorporating the proposed Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) and proposed 2017/18 Budget.*

File No:	CMI7/424
Department:	Healthy Communities and Governance
Council Plan Strategic Objective:	Effective Governance

Our leadership will be achieved through good governance, community engagement and excellence in service delivery.

Declaration

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

Summary

Council is required to prepare a Council Plan and Budget by 31 August 2017, and a Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan by 29 October 2017. A proposed Council Plan (incorporating a proposed Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan), titled 'Shaping a better Bass Coast – Responding to what we heard' has been prepared. The proposed Council Plan was approved by Council Resolution 26 April 2017 to be released for public consultation.

The proposed 2017/2018 Annual Budget was also approved by Council Resolution 26 April 2017 to be released for public consultation. The proposed budget provides for an average increase in general rates of 2% consistent with the State Government imposed rate cap for 2017/18. 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 2017-2021 Council Plan (incorporating the proposed Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) and proposed 2017/18 Budget in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989. Weekly advertisements were placed in the South Gippsland Sentinel-Times and the Phillip Island & San Remo Advertiser from the week beginning 1 May 2017 through to and including the week beginning 22 May 2017.

The proposed Council Plan and Budget 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 Council Plan and Budget were open for submissions from 2 May 2017 until 5.00 p.m. 30 May, 2017.

Council has received 23 written submissions – full copies of which have been distributed to Councillors. Copies of the submissions received are attached to this report.

Of those submissions received, 11 have requested to be heard in person.

Time	Presenter
4.30pm	Bass Coast Young People
4.40pm	David Rathgen
4.50pm	Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association - Kevin Griffin & John Swarbrick
5.00pm	John Trigt
5.10pm	Patricia Hunt
5.20pm	Les Larke
5.30pm	Peter McMahon
5.40pm	Energy Innovation Co-op – Moragh Mackay & Susan Davies
5.50pm	YES Youth Hub - Dr Penny Mitchell
6.00pm	Phillip Island Football Club – Lex Munro
6.10pm	Pino's Trattoria - Rosa Scarlato

Strategic Basis

The proposed Council Plan sets the framework for strategic decision making for Council, whilst the proposed Budget provides the authorising environment and funding to deliver year one of the Council Plan. They are the primary strategic planning documents of Council.

Finances

The costs associated with the exhibition period and review of submissions has been factored into the operating budget of the Governance 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 Council Plan and Budget.

A community consultation program was undertaken during May to provide stakeholders with the opportunity to discuss the proposed Council Plan and Budget. The proposed Council Plan and 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:

- **Cowes** – Monday, 15 May, Cowes Cultural Centre Hall, 91-97 Thompson Ave from 6.30pm to 7.30pm
 - 5 people attended

- **Grantville** – Tuesday, 16 May at Grantville Hall, 1470 Bass Hwy from 6.30pm to 7.30pm
 - 5 people attended
- **Inverloch** – Monday, 22 May at Inverloch Community Hub, 16 A'Beckett St from 6.30pm to 7.30pm
 - 3 people attended
- **Facebook** – Tuesday, 23 May at www.facebook.com/basscoastshire from 6.30pm to 8.00pm
 - Number of persons making enquiry 51
 - Total Reach – 4,924
 - Total Impressions - 7,383
 - Number of clicks – 1022
 - Number of people who clicked – 484

Statutory Requirements/Codes/Standards/Policies

Council is required to prepare a Council Plan in accordance with section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1989*. Under Division 3, Section 26 of the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* Council is required to prepare a Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan, the *Act* allows Council to incorporate this plan within their Council Plan by seeking the relevant approvals

The Council Plan sets the framework for strategic decision making for Council. It is the primary strategic planning document of the Council. In accordance with Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1989* the Council Plan must include:

- The Strategic Objectives of Council
- Strategies for achieving the Strategic Objectives
- Strategic Indicators for monitoring the achievement of the Objectives
- Strategic Resource Plan (A Strategic Resource Plan is a plan of the resources required to achieve the strategic objectives including financial, non-financial and human resources).

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 Council Plan 2017/2021 (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) and the Proposed 2017/2018 Annual Budget were placed on public exhibition from 2 May 2017 until 5.00 p.m. 30 May, 2017.

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

Both the *Local Government Act 1989* and the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* require Council to prepare a four year plan and an Annual Budget. Council could choose not to receive submissions to the proposed Council Plan and Budget but it would be in breach of both Acts.

Officer's Conclusion and Recommendation

Council has worked with the community to ensure their aspirations and feedback have been considered in the proposed Council Plan 2017/2021 (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) and Proposed 2017/2018 Annual Budget. Both the proposed Plan and Budget have been on public exhibition between 2 – 30 May 2017.

As a result of the submission process we have received 23 Submission and this meeting will hear 11 people who wish to speak to their submissions.

Following this meeting the Council will consider any changes to the proposed Council Plan 2017/2021 (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) and Proposed 2017/2018 Annual Budget to be presented to the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 21 June 2017.

Recommendation**That Council:**

- 1. Receive and review the submissions for the proposed Council Plan 2017/2021 (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) and the proposed 2017/2018 Annual Budget and hear any people who have requested to speak to their submission**
- 2. Consider any changes to the proposed Council Plan 2017/2021 (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) and the proposed 2017/2018 Annual Budget once having reviewed and heard submissions at its meeting on 21 June 2017.**

Attachments

AT- 1	Submissions Received	158 Pages
AT- 2	Draft Council Plan 2017-21	30 Pages
AT- 3	Draft Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Annual Action Plan incorporating Action Plan 2017/18	43 Pages
AT- 4	Draft Annual Budget 2017/18	61 Pages

Cr Fullarton left the meeting at 5.45pm.

Cr Fullarton returned to the meeting at 5.48pm

The meeting was adjourned at 6.10pm.

The meeting resumed at 6.15pm.

Council Decision

Moved: Cr. Stephen Fullarton / Seconded: Cr. Clare Le Serve

Council heard 10 submissions:

Presenters
Bass Coast Young People – Luke from Bass Coast Specialists School, Britney and Meg from Newhaven College and Britney from Wonthaggi Secondary college
David Rathgen
Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association - Kevin Griffin
John Trigt
Patricia Hunt
Peter McMahon
Energy Innovation Co-op – Moragh Mackay and Peter Wonfor
YES Youth Hub - Dr Penny Mitchell and Michael Feehan
Bass Coast Branch, Victorian Farmers Federation - Graham Wood
Wonthaggi Life Saving Club – Mark Scott

That Council:

- 1. Receive and review the submissions for the proposed Council Plan 2017/2021 (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) and the proposed 2017/2018 Annual Budget and hear any people who have requested to speak to their submission**
- 2. Consider any changes to the proposed Council Plan 2017/2021 (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) and the proposed 2017/2018 Annual Budget once having reviewed and heard submissions at its meeting on 21 June 2017.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayoral Announcement Of Next Meeting Of Council

The next **Ordinary Council Meeting** will be held on 21 June 2017 in the Inverloch Hub, 16 A'Beckett Street, Inverloch commencing at 5.00pm.

The next **Community Connection Session** will held on 14 June 2017 in the Bass Coast Civic Centre Council Chamber, Baillieu Street East, Wonthaggi commencing at 3.00pm.

Meeting closed

The meeting closed at 6.32pm.