



**Bass Coast Shire Council  
Minutes for Special Meeting  
Wednesday, 29 May 2019  
Council Chamber  
Bass Coast Civic Centre  
Baillieu Street East  
Wonthaggi  
5.00pm**

- 1. These minutes are due to be confirmed on 19 June 2019**
- 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 5.03pm.

Acknowledgement: Cr Geoff Ellis read the acknowledgement.

Statement: Cr Pamela Rothfield read the Councillor Statement.

**A Present and Apologies**

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

Officers in Attendance:

Ms Ali Wastie, Chief Executive Officer  
Ms Jodi Kennedy, General Manager Corporate and Community  
Ms Allison Jones, General Manager Advocacy, Economy and  
Liveability  
Mr David Filmalter, Manager Finance  
Ms Sharon Fowles, Manager Governance and Information  
Services  
Ms Lee-Anne Harmer, Governance Officer

Apologies: Nil

## **B Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **The Mayor addressed the gallery**

Council has received 33 written submissions, of those submissions received, 14 have requested to be heard in person this evening.

Councillors have received copies of all 33 submissions.

Our role this evening is to hear the submissions without debating or discussing the content.

Speakers you have been allocated with 5 minutes.

To ensure all speakers are afforded the same allocation of time we will be timekeeping with a bell ringing at the 4 and 5 minute marks.

A reminder to only speak to your written submission without introducing new or additional information.

# **Reports Requiring Council Decision**

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## 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

We are responsive, open, transparent  
and financially sustainable

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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](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/abetterbasscoast) and at any of the Customer Service Centres.

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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](http://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-I** Draft Budget Submissions 225 Pages

### Council Decision

**Moved: Cr. Clare Le Serve / Seconded: Cr. Michael Whelan**

#### That Council:

1. **Receive two late submissions for consideration;**
  - a. **Linda Cuttriss**
  - b. **Stephanie Hartridge, Secretary - Coronet Bay Ratepayers & Residents and Association**
2. **Allow Ronnie Bauer to speak to his written submission**
3. **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**
4. **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.**

**Council heard 15 submissions:**

<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Business/Association</b>
Ken Hailey	Cowes East Foreshore Preventative Action Group
Lorraine Muir	South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club on behalf of the Bass Coast Regional Aquatic Facilities Working Group
Kate McLoughlin	Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club and Cape Paterson Rate Payers Association
Dave Sutton	Natural Environment Strategy Advisory Group and South Gippsland Conservation Society
Ron Day	
Glenda Smith	New Wave Gippsland
Phil Dressing	Smith Beachcombers Association
Moragh Mackay	Energy Innovation Co-operative Ltd
Graham Wood	Victorian Farmers Federation
Mark Scott	Wonthaggi Lifesaving Club
Michael Nugent	Bass Coast Climate Action Network
Bronwyn Pratt	Safe Roads for San Remo Action Group

**Cr Brett Tessari removed himself from the position of Chair and left the meeting at 6.07pm and took no further part.**

**Cr Bruce Kent assumed the position of Chair.**

Catherine Gregson Council permitted Jill Grayden and Dugald Cameron to speak to the Committees written submission	Ventnor Recreation Reserve Committee of Management
Lois Gaskin, Chris Flynn and Samiro Douglas	Island Story Gatherer
Ronnie Bauer	

**CARRIED**

Cr Julian Brown called for a division

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
Cr Le Serve	
Cr Rothfield	
Cr Larke	
Cr Fullarton	
Cr Whelan	
Cr Ellis	
Cr Kent	

**Cr Julian Brown abstained.**

***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.

**Meeting closed**

The meeting closed at 6.22pm.