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2018 - 2019 Draft Budget Submissions  
**Summary of Submissions and Responses**

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## Summary of Submission

	Time	Submitter	Summary of Submission	Response
1	NA	Mohan de Run	In support of the budget. Applauding Council for the inclusion of \$40K for lighting upgrade at the Inverloch Tennis Club.	<b>Noted – Submitter will be thanked for their submission, no further response required.</b>
2	NA	Frank Schooneveldt	Asks a series of questions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ...why there is there a disconnect and do you plan to examine the effects of a 55% growth rate on the Draft Budget forward estimates? In relation to Bass Coast's population growth figures and the Premier of Victoria.</li> <li>2. What effect do the property valuations have on the rate revenue forecasts</li> <li>3. Why are we repaying debt</li> <li>4. How is Council going to provide for the infrastructure to support the predicted growth of the shire</li> </ol>	<p><b>Q1:</b> The data in the draft budget is sourced from ID Profile which provides an estimate (sourced from ABS data) of the growth for the Bass Coast LGA.</p> <p><b>Q2:</b> Changes in property valuations have no impact on the rate revenue forecasts. What does have an impact is the increased numbers of assessments (as rates are a per assessment calculation).</p> <p><b>Q3:</b> The debt repayment in 2018/19 is the repayment of the Local Government Funding Vehicle (a bond). Whilst Council could choose to borrow further funds, contractually the bond must be repaid on maturity.</p> <p><b>Q4:</b> Council has now adopted Asset Management Plans for all major asset categories including roads, drains, buildings and open space assets. These plans assist Council in understanding and meeting growth through demand management and infrastructure investment.</p> <p>Infrastructure investment occurs in a number of ways. Through Council contribution, external grant funds or community infrastructure constructed within new developments and then handed over to Council to manage. New growth areas (i.e Wonthaggi North East) are required to plan for infrastructure delivery. This includes the preparation of a Developer contributions plan that identifies all the infrastructure required to be delivered and its timing (usually based on stages of development). This ensures key infrastructure items such as drainage, roads, community facilities, and open spaces are delivered in a timely manner.</p> <p><b>No change to budget proposed, a written response to the questions will be provided to the submitter.</b></p>
3	NA	Hans Kamphuis	In support of the budget. Supportive of Council's investment in sport and recreation.	Noted: Submitter will be thanked for their submission, no further response required.
4	4.30pm	Leon Sweeney CEFPAG Committee	Seeking a change to the budget. Seeking to include \$25K funding for the planning and design of a pathway between Rose Avenue and Coghlan Road in Cowes.	<p>It is estimated that approximately \$150,000 would be required to complete the planning and design for a pathway between Rose Avenue and Coghlan Road. This would include land survey requirements, consultation, and other permits but not limited to vegetation assessment, complex cultural heritage assessments, coastal management consent, and full construction drawings, specification and Bill of Quantities.</p> <p>This estimate would be subject to the completion of an agreed design brief, and does not include works associated with an integrated sea wall.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that a contribution of \$25,000 would allow a preliminary feasibility study to be undertaken that progresses the project. In the draft 2018/19 Budget Council allocated \$60,000 to assist Council with the prioritising and planning of its aspirational pathways in 2019/20 and beyond..</p> <p><b>As a result of the submission, it is proposed to add to the 2018/19 Budget a further \$25,000 to the existing \$60,000 for pathway design and planning for the specific purpose of conducting a feasibility study for a pathway between Rose Avenue and Coghlan Road, Cowes.</b></p>

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5	NA	Les Larke	<p>Seeking changes to the budget.</p> <p>Requesting that the budget be amended in such a way as to reflect a scenario where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all of the Local Government Performance Framework indicators for financial performance are within the top quartile for Large Rural Councils; and</li> <li>all of the Victorian Auditor General Office Financial Sustainability Indicators are in the low risk range.</li> </ul>	<p>The Council Plan 2017-2021 does identify strategic indicators based on the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework (LGPRF) and the Financial Sustainability Risk Indicators prepared by the Victorian Auditor General's Office (VAGO). The 2018/19 Budget and the associated Strategic Resource Plan (SRP) indicates that over the next four (4) years Council will achieve the VAGO measures identified in the Council Plan.</p> <p>The most obvious difficulty with the LGPRF measures is timing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As council's all release their budgets at a similar time, capturing the data from each of the 19 councils in the large rural councils is not practical if Bass Coast Shire is to release a budget within regulatory timeframes each year.</li> <li>Similarly, it would be of little value to compare the 2018/19 indicators against the actuals for 2016/17 (which is the most current data that is available) or the budget for 2017/18 from the large rural group.</li> <li>The only practical way is to measure performance based on actual historic information that means once results are published each year.</li> <li>Achievement of the top quartile in all measures may require council to spend or raise funds for no apparent purpose other the meet the measure. For example Council would need to raise average residential rates, increase operating expenditure, increase the levels of cash held, significantly increase the spend on renewal (regardless of whether it is needed), reduce borrowings, reduce provisions (or significantly increase income), and reduce rates as a percentage of income (which contradicts the need to increase rates without significantly higher other forms of income), in order to be in the top quartile.</li> </ul> <p>With regard to the VAGO Indicators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Year 2021/22 of the SRP all indicators are in the "low risk" category.</li> <li>Only two (2) of the indicators are outside the "low risk" criteria over the life of the SRP, with only one (1) of the indicators over the four years categorised as being "high risk" and that being on in 2018/19. To correct this one (1) indicator for 2018/19, Council would need to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify \$4.8 million in reduced operating costs, e.g. lowering the levels of services or removing services, in order to ensure that all of the Victorian Auditor General Office Financial Sustainability Indicators are in the low risk range.</li> <li>Alternatively, Council would need to identify \$4.8 million in increased ongoing income sources to achieve the same result.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Addressing the "high risk" indicator would also address the remaining indicator outside of the "low risk" criteria. However, addressing both indicators may create longer term concerns for the financial sustainability risk indicators.</li> </ul> <p>Given the above comments and that Council's SRP and long term financial plans place Council in a financially viable position, it is suggested that the substantial level of change required for the single indicator for one (1) year is not warranted.</p> <p><b>No change to budget proposed, a written response will be provided to the submitter.</b></p>

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6	5.50pm	Rebecca Wilson YES Youth Hub Bass Coast Steering Committee	Seeking changes to the budget Requesting that Council provide an additional \$40K funding to the Youth Hub for the project coordinator	<p>The vision and intent of the YES Youth Hub is supported. Council made contributions to the program via the 2017-2018 budget and also officer time in attendance at Steering Committee meetings, assessment of prospective buildings etc. It is considered that the YES Youth Hub supports the strategic directions set out in the Council Plan, Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan and Youth Action Plan.</p> <p>Concerns do exist regarding Council's ongoing financial support for the program, summarised below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The governance structure of the YES Youth Hub requires consideration. Attendance at Steering Group Meetings by community representatives and agency partners has been inconsistent and there is a lack of clarity around roles and responsibilities of this group. This has contributed to some of the issues experienced in finding a location for the YES Youth Hub. Schools are not currently represented on this committee.</li> <li>• Since development of the YES Youth Hub Business Proposal (referenced in the Budget Submission) there have been some significant changes to the youth service landscape in Bass Coast. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Headspace to establish in Wonthaggi by end 2018.</li> <li>- Wonthaggi Pathways and Transition Settings (WPaTS) established (trial program to re-engaged young people with education).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Whilst these programs offer different services to the YES Youth Hub proposal, it is important that there is a cross agency, strategic approach to youth service provision. This will ensure that all services are complementary and holistic with young people at the heart of programs.</p> <p>Part funding (\$20,000) was included in the draft Budget for the YES Youth Hub for the delivery of programs and coordination. An additional \$20,000 could be provided, bringing total funding to \$40,000, which could be provided subject to satisfactory completion of a YES Youth Hub Action Plan (or similar) and revised governance arrangements.</p> <p><b>As a result of the submission it is proposed to add \$20,000 to the Youth Services component of the 2018/19 Budget, enabling funding of \$40,000 to be provided to YES Youth Hub.</b></p>
7	NA	Paul Andrews Wonthaggi and Phillip Island Croquet Clubs	Seeking changes to the budget Requesting that funding be allocated in the 2018/19 budget for the detail design of a new pavilion (with a view to using a common design for both clubs) – no value provided	<p>The 18/19 year provides funding to design projects that are in master plans or strategic plans. All projects will be assessed and considered for this design program, including both croquet clubs. The Wonthaggi croquet club is within the Wonthaggi Recreation Masterplan, for which planning and implementation funding will be considered post the 2017/2018 end of financial year result.</p> <p><b>No change to budget proposed at this time with the option of pursuing the design to be considered as part of the implementation of Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve Master Plan.</b></p>

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8	5.10pm	Mary Schooneveldt and Nola Thorpe	<p>Seeking changes to the budget</p> <p>Request consideration to expanding the Bass Coast Shire Council's allocation to the West Gippsland Libraries Corporation in 2018/19 (including):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increasing the opening hours of the Cowes Library by one (1) day per week – Monday (no value provided)</li> <li>Funding for the employment of a part-time experienced youth worker to be based in the Wonthaggi Library (no value provided)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opening hours increase at Cowes Library by one day per week <b>is included</b> in the draft budget. This proposal was considered by the Library Board and was included in the WGRLC Draft Budget as a key initiative. Council then considered the increase in demand for library services in Cowes and included the proposal in the draft 18/19 budget.</li> <li>Youth worker for Wonthaggi Library has <b>not been included</b> in the draft budget. Officers are well briefed on the ongoing youth issues at Wonthaggi Library and are working collaboratively with partner organisations to assist in this space, including the cross agency Youth Hot Spot partnership between child protection, police and schools. This group also includes a Wonthaggi Pathways and Transition Settings program representative. This program works across years 5-9 this has had success reengaging students in education.</li> </ul> <p>Headspace are establishing a service in Wonthaggi and have been briefed on the ongoing issues at the Library. They will add to the resources within the municipality. Council officers will continue to liaise with all providers to ensure the best possible service is provided.</p> <p><b>Given funding has already been included in the Budget for an additional day of operation at Cowes Library, no further change to the budget is proposed. A written response will be provided to the submitters.</b></p>
9	NA	Graham Jolly	<p>Asks a series of questions and suggests a change</p> <p>The questions posed are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is the Red land fill Rubbish collection bin going to be emptied every week during the 2018-19 year?</li> <li>Will the Green top, green waste bin be emptied every two weeks as a change?</li> <li>Would you please confirm that the \$38 rise is for the recycle yellow bin only?</li> <li>How many land holdings currently pay the garbage charge and how many is it estimated will take up the garbage charge for 2018-19?</li> <li>"I quest in writing what is the contract yearly expense for the garbage charge"?</li> <li>I ask council to confirm who cancelled the 2017-18 garbage contract agreed upon by both parties last year for 2017-18. Was it the garbage collector or council?</li> <li>Will the recycle waste be separated by the waste collection company so that at least some percentage of recycle waste can continue to be exported to China?</li> <li>I ask, at the start of the 2018-19 financial year do all properties receive a new supply of the green recycle waste bags?</li> <li>Can a property owner withdraw from the garbage collection?</li> <li>Can a property owner take up a garbage collection for a period starting from 1st October to 30th April of a year? If yes then what would the pro rata fee be?</li> <li>Can a property owner withdraw from any one bin of the three bin garbage collection? If yes then what would the pro rata fee's be?</li> <li>Has council finalised a new garbage collection contract spanning one year at a time as the recycle component might change next year?</li> <li>Did the council receive any income from the removal and disposal of the old two bin system used by residents?</li> </ol> <p>There are then several suggestions related to the waste questions posed.</p> <p>Option I.</p>	<p>As the two (2) submissions received contain 68 separate questions, a detailed response within the available timeframe is problematic. Officers will therefore work with Mr Jolly to clarify questions and provide responses to the questions posed.</p> <p><b>No change to budget proposed.</b></p> <p><b>Q1. &amp; Q2:</b> The current kerbside waste collection will remain unchanged in its frequency in 2018-19.</p> <p><b>Q3:</b> The garbage charge will increase by \$38 per household in total, made up of \$14.70 for adjustments including the full yearly impact of the new 3 bin system, increased hours of operations at the Cowes Recycle Bank and CPI, and \$23.30 for the increased recycling costs which has been well publicised. This results in a net increase of 10.16%.</p> <p><b>Q4:</b> The kerbside waste collection is a compulsory service for residents living within the collection area. Currently council provides this service to 25,660 tenements within collection areas. The garbage charge is based on this quantity. Recent trends have seen an increase of around 400 serviced properties per year.</p> <p><b>Q5:</b> The operational contact costs for 2018/19 are \$8.376 million. This cost is for the three major contracts to operate the landfill, operate the transfer stations, kerbside collection services, hard waste collection service, and public place litter bins collection service.</p> <p><b>Q6:</b> There was no cancelation of a 2017-18 garbage contract. If the question related to the processing of recyclable material, Visy served notice to the contractor that services would cease under the current gate fee arrangement.</p> <p><b>Q7:</b> Recyclable materials collected by Bass Coast Shire are processed by Visy Recycling P/L. Visy have a Materials Recycling facility in Dandenong that separate the materials into different streams. Approximately 30% of this material goes to China.</p> <p><b>Q8:</b> The organics caddy liners are supplied on demand and are available for residents to pick up at council's service centres.</p> <p><b>Q9:</b> The kerbside waste collection is a compulsory service for residents living within the collection area.</p> <p><b>Q10 &amp; Q11:</b> Garbage charges are calculated on a pro rata basis where required, e.g. new residence is built. This is a calculated based on the days of the rateable year the service is</p>

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		<p>Madam Mayor I request the red landfill bin right across the Bass Coast Shire be emptied weekly. This is to overcome the peak time intervals at various locations in the shire.</p> <p>Option 2.</p> <p>To have the red landfill bin emptied weekly between the dates of 1st October and 30th April each year. Peak intervals.</p> <p>The submission then seeks to have an appendix added to the 2018/19 budget.</p> <p><b>A second submission was received from Mr Jolly with the following covered in the submission.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why is the Bass Coast Aquatic and Leisure Centre shown when there is no financial figure? (note that this is incorrect as this item rolls onto the following line and relates to change room roof replacement)</li> <li>2. Requests that start dates be added for each project listed in the capital works program</li> <li>3. Requests that a new appendix is added to the budget explaining in more detail selected project line listings. More specifically: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Building renewal design for 19/20 \$150k. What is this for and has there been community consultation?</li> <li>b. Recreation Group - Open Space renewal design for 19/20 \$150k. What locations is this for and has there been community consultation?</li> <li>c. Information Technology - End User Devices \$246k. How many devices is this for and why are they required?</li> <li>d. Light Fleet &amp; Equipment replacement 18/19 \$602k. How many vehicles and types of vehicles is this for?</li> <li>e. Plant &amp; Equipment Replacement 18/19 \$930k. What plant and equipment and numbers is this for?</li> <li>f. Aspirational Pathways Design \$60k. Where are these pathways and how many kilometres will this be for?</li> <li>g. Recreation Reserve Projects (Design) \$250k. What are the locations for this project?</li> <li>h. Open Space Network Assets \$200k. What assets is this for and where are these assets located?</li> <li>i. Rural Roads Group. Where are these projects and how many kilometres do they cover for?</li> <li>j. Gravel re-sheeting program \$438k. What roads is this for and how many kilometres will be re-sheeted?</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Please explain why Employee Benefits are 65.24% of total rate income?</li> <li>5. How much does it cost to run the Council each month?</li> <li>6. Requests that Council put in place a series of KPI's to monitor employee efficiencies and their outcome benefits to ratepayers</li> <li>7. Requests a response in writing to his concerns about Employee Benefits and seeks that Council provides an example as to how they will reduce the expenses to Employee Benefits beyond year 2018/19 when compared to rate revenue.</li> <li>8. Why do we need so many council employee's? Increasing in 2018/19.</li> </ol>	<p>provided. This is not an opt-in/opt-out service.</p> <p><b>Q12:</b> Council has awarded a variation to the current collection contractor for a period of 2 years for the processing of recyclable materials collected, in accordance with the Local government Act and its Procurement Policy, (16 May 2018 Council meeting).</p> <p><b>Q13:</b> The cost and revenue for the changeover of the old bins to the new three bins was included as part of the tender process, and calculated into the tender price.</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This is incorrect as this item rolls onto the following line and relates to change room roof replacement)</li> <li>2. All projects are considered to commence at the beginning of each financial year, once they have been approved by Council through the adoption of the annual budget.</li> <li>3. The suggestion of an appendix is noted, however the responses to the subsidiary questions are as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. This is to prepare detailed designs for the 2019/20 building renewal program. The program is based upon the condition of council's assets.</li> <li>b. This is to prepare detailed designs for the 2019/20 open space asset renewal program. The program is based upon the condition of council's assets.</li> <li>c. This is to replace existing devices based on their condition and replacement program to ensure that the equipment used remains fit for purpose.</li> <li>d. This will replace approximately 20 vehicles. Each vehicle is replaced based on achieving the best possible value for council in accordance with council's exiting policies and procedures.</li> <li>e. This will replace large items of plant, such as tipper trucks, Dog trailers and other items of heavy machinery based on achieving best possible value for council.</li> <li>f. This is to commence design of the aspirational pathways determined by Council in early 2018/19.</li> <li>g. This is to undertake design work for the recreation projects arising out of the Active Bass Coast project.</li> <li>h. Currently being determined through recently received condition assessments.</li> <li>i. Spread throughout municipality based on previous condition assessment of road network. Programs are identified in draft budget document and include pavement rehabilitation, resealing and line marking renewal. Estimated kilometres treated would be in the order of 11km (excluding line marking).</li> <li>j. Program to be determined once current condition assessment is finalised.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Whilst unsure of the relevance of this particular measure, this percentage has been steadily decreasing year on year since 2012/13.</li> <li>5. If we assume that the cost to run Council is the expenses detailed in the Comprehensive Income State, then it would cost approximately \$6.8 million per month (although this result is distorted in 2018/19 due to the inclusion of the Cape Paterson Life Saving Club and Highball development.</li> <li>6. Council are responsible for having KPI's in place for the CEO. The CEO is responsible for the organisation and already has in place a regime of KPI's for all staff as part of normal practice.</li> </ol>

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		<p>9. What is stopping council to amalgamate selected employee duties and responsibilities to reduce employee numbers and gain greater efficiencies within the Administration of council or better still for councillors to set the revenue allowed for Employee Benefits at the same value as per 2017/18. To continue that revenue figure across two years being 2018/19 and 2019/20 as a budget function.</p> <p>10. Why are financial revenue figures different on page 35, Summary of funding sources 2018/19 to that of page 51, Summary, Funding Sources? (note whilst the total is the same the break up does differ and will be corrected in the final budget)</p> <p>11. Why are their variations with financial figures when reading page 41, 15 Statement of Capital Works and when reading pages 55 to 61, Appendix 3 - Detailed listing of Capital Works. 21 Capital Works Program? (note whilst the total is the same the break up does differ and will be corrected in the final budget)</p> <p>12. Why is there no written explanation shown in the draft budget 2018/19 showing when the borrowings will be taken up?</p> <p>13. Request written reason and I request a Statement be included into the budget indicating when the borrowings will be taken up by council in 2018/19?</p> <p>14. Request in writing, has the borrowings of \$4,321m for 2017/18 ( current budget year ) been taken up fully or partially by council as of May 2018</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. If the answer is NO then when will the borrowings be taken up by council ?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. If YES, then what is the borrowings in total being expensed towards before 30 June 2018?</p> <p>15. Request you give me in writing an assurance all items listed in the Capital Works Program 2018/19 will be started before 30 June 2019 and fully expensed if the item is completed as of 30 June 2019.</p> <p>16. Request as a function of council each quarter a listing be provided to councillors and ratepayers showing each Capital Works program item that has NOT started in its primary stage.</p> <p>17. Request you give me an absolute assurance, guarantee and satisfaction all Capital Works Program items will be started by 30 June 2019 and fully expensed if the item is fully completed by 30 June 2019.</p> <p>18. Request in writing where did these funds come from and why are they not being used as part of the 2018/19 budget?</p> <p>19. Request in writing, when will the \$16,623m of listed reserves be started, completed and expensed?</p> <p>20. Will the ambitious expenditure to square your expected Capital Works Program by years end 30 June 2019 which includes past budget years project listings all happen and be expensed?</p> <p>21. Why on page 46, subheading - Constrained Works ( Carry Forward ) with its accompanying explanation is NOT shown on the previous page 45 with a financial figure?</p> <p>22. What is the Carry Forward " PROJECTED " revenue amount total by years end 30 June 2018?</p> <p>23. Request in writing the projected Carry Forward financial figure and when will the Carry Forward item be expensed fully.</p>	<p>7. As mentioned earlier employee benefits as compared to rates and charges has been on a steady decline.</p> <p>8. Council only employees the staff it requires to deliver the services provided by Council.</p> <p>9. Council continues to review the services and the way in which services are provided to ensure that the Council provides the best value services it can.</p> <p>10. The difference is acknowledged and whilst the total is the same the break up does differ and will be corrected in the final budget.</p> <p>11. The difference is acknowledged and whilst the total is the same the break up does differ and will be corrected in the final budget.</p> <p>12. Borrowings will be taken up when it is considered appropriate to do so.</p> <p>13. Borrowings will be taken up when it is considered appropriate to do so.</p> <p>14. As at the beginning of June 2018, the borrowings for 2017/18 have not yet been taken up and will be taken up at the end of the financial year.</p> <p>15. All projects included in the 2018/19 budget are expected to commence prior to 30 June 2019.</p> <p>16. This already occurs as currently, each quarter a report is provided to Council and the community on the progress of capital works, the financial position and the progress of the initiatives identified in the Annual Budget.</p> <p>17. All projects included in the 2018/19 budget are expected to commence prior to 30 June 2019.</p> <p>18. At the time the draft budget was prepared, the funds provide Council with the capacity to respond to grant opportunities and issues as they arise.</p> <p>19. The reserves are funds set aside for specific purposes, as determined by Council. Aside from the statutory reserves, they will utilised for those purposes as and when they come due, or when Council determines to utilise the funds for some other purpose.</p> <p>20. Changes to the projects and their intended finish are kept up to date and available to the public in each quarterly report.</p> <p>21. The table on page 45 details the expected end of financial year balance for each reserve. At the time the budget was developed, the constrained works reserve was forecast to have a nil balance (and was therefore not included).</p> <p>22. Council officers will seek clarification on what this question is referring to.</p> <p>23. At the time the budget was developed, the constrained works reserve was forecast to have a nil balance.</p> <p>24. Other revenue includes income from contributions, reimbursements and subsidies.</p> <p>25. There are no capital grants provided by the Commonwealth for 2018/19.</p> <p>26. Operating grants are by their nature and description for the provision of operations and services and have no relationship with capital activities.</p> <p>27. The bulk of this item is the funds to be received from participants in the Pioneer Bay Special Charge scheme, which will commence in 2018/19. There are also some funds expected from developers and any such funds are set aside in statutory reserves to be used only for the purposes for which it was provided.</p> <p>28. Council officers will seek clarification on what this question is referring to.</p> <p>29. Council does not currently have any allocation set aside for the car ferry proposal.</p>

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		<p>24. On page 40. 14 Statement of Cash Flow - Other Revenue \$3,158m what is the financial amount for? Please explain.</p> <p>25. There is no information indicating any such Commonwealth Grants in the Capital Works program which is rather a surprise. Why?</p> <p>26. The two listing of grants operating ( recurrent and non-recurrent ) totalling \$14,607m what is this amount for ? When it does not align with the Capital Works program listing 2018/19.</p> <p>27. Concerning Contributions - monetary \$2,918m.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are these funds received from developers?</li> <li>When and where are they going to be used?</li> <li>Will they be used in 2018/19?</li> </ol> <p>28. How does this draft 2018/19 budget reduce residential emissions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the 2009/10 emissions base starting indicator?</li> <li>What level of emissions reduction has council achieved and measured?</li> <li>How is the reduction measured?</li> </ol> <p>29. Request this council do not use any funds out of any council revenue towards a car ferry proposal to Phillip Island from 2018/19 and future years.</p> <p>30. Request a copy of Councils Capped Average Rate policy.</p> <p>31. How is the Capped Average Rate value of \$1,517 be derived when a substantial number of residential properties have a Valuer Generals value much greater?</p> <p>32. I am at odds to understand how the Capped Average Rate is determined for high valued residential properties, please explain?</p> <p>33. Request details paid by council to all external bodies be added into the budget as an Appendix.</p> <p>34. What are the benefits to ratepayers for council to be a member of the MAV?</p> <p>35. ... disappointing the sealing of Potters Hill road and Shetland Heights road in San Remo is not funded in this draft budget 2018/19.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When will these roads be sealed?</li> <li>What is stopping these roads from being sealed?</li> </ol> <p>36. .... audio MP3 (included to councils website ) or video recordings of Councillor attended meeting is not shown as a clear objective of council in this budget. When will this important action happen?</p> <p>37. .... if your approved budget is not achieved by 30 June 2019 as you promote including the past budgeted Capital Works items Carried Forward then I request you as the Mayor, chair of the board, start the process to replace the CEO at the earliest.</p> <p>38. I want you to give me a guarantee you will along with your supporting Councillor's achieve this 2018/19 budget that you are promoting for the betterment of the Bass Coast Shire.</p> <p>39. I request increased transparency in the budget by adding further Appendix's and sub notes. Further explanations are required to understand your draft budget objectives.</p>	<p>30. The Rate Cap is set by the Minister for Local Government each year and the average rate calculation is described and regulated by the Local Government Act 1989 and associated regulation and guidelines. As such there is no specific Council policy.</p> <p>31. Council officers will seek clarification on what this question is referring to.</p> <p>32. Council officers will seek clarification on what this question is referring to.</p> <p>33. The suggestion is noted.</p> <p>34. The MAV represents all local government in areas with both State and Commonwealth Governments.</p> <p>35. The option of Special Charge Schemes are provided for interested communities to improve the infrastructure in their surrounds, as Council does not have financial capacity to provide for an ongoing program of sealing currently unsealed roads.</p> <p>36. This topic is being discussed by Council at the Ordinary meeting on 20 June 2018.</p> <p>37. The suggestion is noted.</p> <p>38. Council endeavours to deliver all items within each budget adopted by Council.</p> <p>39. The suggestion is noted.</p> <p><b><i>Noted, a written response will be provided to the submitter.</i></b></p>

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10	NA	Klaus Edeel Soundshell Working Group Lions Club of Inverloch and District	In support of the budget. The Soundshell Working Group wish to acknowledge and thank Council for the allocation made to the project of \$45,000 in the draft 18/19 budget.	<b>Noted: Submitter will be thanked for their submission, no further response required.</b>
11	4.40pm	Deborah Holland Phillip Island and San Remo Entrance Working Group	Seeking changes to the budget – <i>note this project is already included in the 2018/2019 Budget.</i> The proposal is seeking a \$55,000 allocation for the design of the San Remo/Phillip Island Entrance.	The 2018/19 budget includes a project to work on developing entrance planning. The project currently included in the budget is the “Phillip Island Entrance Planning and Design” project within the Economic Development and Tourism area with a budget of \$50,000.  This item was identified in the Phillip Island San Remo Visitor Economy Strategy – Action 16 – Branding & Entry  Engagement with relevant stakeholders will be undertaken prior to the delivery of this action.  <b>Given funding has already been included in the Budget for Phillip Island entrance planning and design, no further change to the budget is proposed. A written response will be provided to the submitters.</b>
12	5.10pm	Anne Schade	Seeking a change to the budget. Asking if Council would consider offering Parents/Carers a Rate Concession like Pensioners or Veteran Affairs Gold Card members for those carers signed up to the ‘We Care’ card program.	Introduced in 2013-14 between State government, businesses and the community, the Carer Card Program gives recognition, understanding and support to Victoria’s 140,000 primary carers. Of these approximately 85% receive a Centrelink Carer’s Allowance or Carer payment.  The program offers a wide range of discounts and benefits provided by businesses, the local government and community organisations. Consistent with other local governments, Bass Coast Shire Council provides a concession on entry to the Wonthaggi Aquatic & Leisure Centre and the Phillip Island Leisure Centre.  Currently Council also administers (on behalf of DHHS) a pensioner concession rebate which is given to anyone who holds a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pensioner concession card</li> <li>• Veterans’ Affairs Gold card for TPI or War Widow</li> </ul> Any ratepayer who holds either of the above cards is eligible to make application for a rate rebate (currently effectively \$273.80) on their principal place of residence. Council verifies this information with Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) to determine whether the ratepayer is eligible. Each year Council is required to verify the eligibility of those who have received a rebate during the financial year (and is audited).  Whilst offering an additional concession would provide financial support to carers, there are challenges and implications should individual Councils introduce such a scheme at their own discretion, eg: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The cost of providing the scheme would need to be spread across the remaining ratepayers and applying the scheme would then trigger a rate cap variation.</li> <li>• There would be additional administrative overheads of maintaining and validating the concessions and the scheme.</li> </ul> Council does already provide financial support to those in financial need through our Financial Hardship Program.  On balance, the principle of financial assistance for full time carers is supported. Council’s role, however, should be to play an advocacy role in support of the “We Care” program, encouraging the state government to fulfil its commitment to the program through expanding the level of the current concession. Council can advocate directly to the State Government and via its employer groups being the MAV and VLGA.

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				The submitter can also be referred to the Gippsland Carers Association who as an representative body are active in the advocacy space. <b>No change to budget proposed, a written response will be provided to the submitter.</b>
13	5.20pm	Maurice Schinkel	Asks a series of questions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the strategic justification for the expenditure of \$25 000 for the "design" of an area identified as "Olive Justice Park" in a category of "Open Space", on page 59 of the draft budget?</li> <li>2. Does Council agree that the appearance of this item in the draft budget is the first time the community has heard about this, and that the matter has proceeded to a design without any strategic basis?</li> <li>3. What is the strategic justification for the borrowing of \$627 000 and the expenditure of \$727000 for an item "Cowes Transit Centre and All-Day Parking", identified under the category "Other Structures", on page 59 of the draft budget?</li> <li>4. Will Council make available the full details of the investigation of the matter of notice of motion 196/18 advertised on page 10 of the May 9, 2018 edition of the Phillip Island and San Remo Advertiser?</li> </ol>	<b>Q1 &amp; Q2:</b> The Cowes Activity Centre Plan highlights the need to encourage a sense of place and mentions the need to make the area around Chapel Street more pedestrian friendly and to remove vehicle traffic. Changing this location to a space rather than an unformed carpark whilst not specifically mentioned in the Plan does align with the intent. <b>Q3:</b> The borrowings are to fund the finalisation of the Cowes Transit Centre and All-Day Parking, which is a key initiative within the Cowes Activity Centre Plan. It is considered appropriate to borrow funds in accordance with Council's stated approach to borrowing, namely that council will "borrow funds only for the upgrade, expansion or creation of new intergenerational assets". <b>Q4:</b> The draft motion related to the 18/19 budget, for which the statutory process had already commenced, Council was therefore not in a position to consider this motion without recommencing the budget process. <b>No change to budget proposed, a written response will be provided to the submitter.</b>
14	NA	Dave Sutton and Beth Banks On behalf of the South Gippsland Conservation Society Inc and the Wonthaggi Nursery and SeedBank	Seeking a change to the budget Seeking a further \$10,000 for the re-habitation and revegetation project on approximately 11 Hectares of Crown Land Reserve at Carney's Rd, Wonthaggi. A more complete outline of this project will be presented on 13th June at a Community Engagement Session	Parks Victoria and DELWP are the Crown land managers for this land area. Council has already made a contribution to the Carney's Road Rehabilitation Project via the 2018 Rd 1 Community grants Program of \$5000, and provided 4,000 plants as an in-kind contribution. While further community grant applications are welcome, further funding requests should be made to the land manager. <b>No change to budget proposed, a written response will be provided to the submitter.</b>
15	NA	Allan Willoughby Corinella Boating and Angling Club	Seeking a change to the budget Seeking \$75,000 to construct a club house at Corinella for the Corinella Boating & Angling Club.	The proposed Clubhouse building is on Crown Land managed by the Corinella Foreshore Reserve Committee of management. Council does not hold a lease or licence agreement with the club for any assets on the land, present or future. Funding should be sought from DEWLP and State Government, with agreement from the Crown land manager. Council can assist with planning permit advice. Whilst officers are not recommending financial support, in the coming months there is an opportunity to acquire, via an EOI process, a portable building located at the rear of the Civic Centre. <b>No change to budget proposed, a written response will be provided to the submitter.</b>
16	NA	Trevor Dando	In support of the budget Urging Council follow through with what the majority of the community want and pursue the delivery of the Surf Parade Shared Path to Goroke Street, Inverloch.	<b>Noted, see response to Inverloch Traders Association, a written response will be provided to the submitter.</b>
17	NA	Brett Vurlow	In support of the budget but would like to see a change in the scope of a project Supportive of a shared pathway for the residents of Inverloch but concerned that removing car parking will impact on visitors. Would like to see the project altered include additional car parking for the shared pathway from Veronica to Goroke Street, Inverloch.	<b>Noted, see response to Inverloch Traders Association, a written response will be provided to the submitter.</b>
18	NA	Hugh Sullivan	In support of the budget but would like to see a change in the scope of a project Supportive of the extension of the Surf Parade Shared pathway, ideally all the way to Cape Paterson, which could create an iconic coastal asset improving our areas tourism potential.	<b>Noted, see response to Inverloch Traders Association, a written response will be provided to the submitter.</b>

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		<p>Is concerned that the “That will do” approach to design will inevitably lead to outrage if the project is completed as currently planned.</p> <p>Urges Council to reconsider the current design for the Veronica Street to Goroke Street shared pathway.</p>	

## Late submission

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19	NA Domenic Brusamarello President, Inverloch Tourism Association	<p>In support of the budget but would like to see a change in the scope of a project</p> <p>Seeking a change to the budget (delay of project)</p> <p>Seeking to delay and change the Surf Parade pathway extension from Veronica to Goroke Street.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That works surrounding the Surf Parade Shared Pathway are designed to meet and address the current and projected needs of the Inverloch community and its visitors of the next two decades. The current design does not meet current needs, let alone the future needs of a growing vibrant community.</li> <li>• The ITA / SPSPA proposed changes to the approved project ARE minor and ARE largely in accordance with the alignment and design of the Surf Parade Inverloch Shared Path Master Plan.</li> <li>• The ITA / SPSPA understands &amp; accepts that a realignment of the shared pathway to that of the existing Master Plan will cause a delay in the construction of the next stage of the Shared Pathway.</li> <li>• It is envisaged that this delay will be no longer than 12 to 18 months or less.</li> </ul>	<p>Council has completed a number of investigations, studies and reports, to date considering the pathway alignment including associated pathway assets like vegetated swales, parallel parking arrangement, threshold treatment and traffic calming devices.</p> <p>The proposed shared pathway alignment was developed taking this into consideration and through feedback from the community and local groups. All permits have been attained for the project.</p> <p>The current design aimed to achieve the best balance between minimising the impact of vegetation loss, minimising the impact to possible cultural heritage sites, minimising public safety risk, minimising the impact on parking and ensuring a functional shared path.</p> <p>At its ordinary Meeting of August 2017, Council resolved to construct future stages of the Surf Parade Path from Veronica St To Goroke Street generally in with the alignment and standards of the Surf Parade Inverloch Shared Path Masterplan</p> <p>Given the concerns raised with regards to the future design, Council could undertake further community consultation regarding the proposed future stages. Additional funds in the order of \$160,000 towards a review of the investigations, design, and permits would be required. Consent through DELWP would be sought through the planning permit process. Any changes to design could impact the construction budget, particularly if additional vegetation is to be removed and offsets purchased. This would not be known until a new design was adopted. Potentially this could take 12 to 18 months. Construction funds would then need to be applied for in the 2020/21 budget.</p> <p><b>As a result of the submission it is proposed to add \$160,000 to the 2018/19 Budget, enabling a review of the investigations, design and permits for the Surf Parade pathway, which will also involve further engagement with the community. Construction costs and borrowings will be deferred to 2019/20 and/or 2020/21. A written response will be provided to the submitter</b></p>
20	NA Peter McEntee	<p>In support of the budget but would like to see a change in the scope of a project</p> <p>Supportive of Council building the pathway from Veronica to Goroke Street, however keen for Council to do so:</p>	<p><b>Noted, see response to Inverloch Traders Association, a written response will be provided to the submitter.</b></p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Understanding the needs of today and the future 10 to 20 years”</li> <li>• “Understanding the depth and quality of the community consultation that is now on offer”</li> <li>• “Understanding the amount of years, studies, reports and expensive time wasting and repetition that has led to this project being so long overdue.”</li> </ul>	
21	NA	Inverloch 3996	<p>In excess of 330 comments were received from those utilising the Inverloch 3996 website. The Inverloch 3996 website sought to encourage users to complete a form that was automatically forwarded to Council concerning the construction of the next stage of the Surf Parade Shared Pathway to complement the existing works that have already been done and to support new works that meet the current and future needs of the broader community.</p> <p>The form included questions concerning why the path extension should be funded, whether the respondent was a resident, whether the additional car parking should be constructed as part of the proposed extension, along with room to provide additional comments.</p>	<b><i>Noted, see response to Inverloch Traders Association.</i></b>