



Special Meeting of Council Agenda

to be held on **Wednesday 17 May 2017 at 6.30pm**
Richmond Town Hall

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Order of business

- 1. Statement of recognition of Wurundjeri Land**
- 2. Attendance, apologies and requests for leave of absence**
- 3. Declarations of conflict of interest (Councillors and staff)**
- 4. Council business reports**

1. Statement of Recognition of Wurundjeri Land

“Welcome to the City of Yarra.”

“Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri as the Traditional Owners of this country, pays tribute to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Yarra and gives respect to the Elders past and present.”

2. Attendance, apologies and requests for leave of absence

Anticipated attendees:

Councillors

- Cr Amanda Stone (Mayor)
- Cr Danae Bosler
- Cr Mi-Lin Chen Yi Mei
- Cr Misha Coleman
- Cr Jackie Fristacky
- Cr Stephen Jolly
- Cr Mike McEvoy
- Cr Daniel Nguyen

Council officers

- Ivan Gilbert (Acting Chief Executive Officer)
- Ange Marshall (Acting Director - Corporate, Business and Finance)
- Chris Leivers (Director - Community Wellbeing)
- Joanne Murdoch (Director - Advocacy and Engagement)
- Jane Waldock (Acting Director - Planning and Place making)
- Guy Wilson-Browne (Director - City Works and Assets)
- Fred Warner (Group Manager – People, Culture and Community)
- Mel Nikou (Governance Officer)

Leave of absence

- Cr James Searle

3. Declarations of conflict of interest (Councillors and staff)

4. Council business reports

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4.1 Presentation of Submissions to the Draft 2017- 21 Council Plan and Draft 2017-18 Budget	5	7	Ange Marshall – Acting Director Corporate Business and Finance

Public submissions procedure

The public submission period is an opportunity to provide information to Council, not to ask questions or engage in debate.

When the chairperson invites verbal submissions from the gallery, members of the public who wish to participate are to:

- (a) state their name clearly for the record;
- (b) direct their submission to the chairperson;
- (c) speak for a maximum of five minutes;
- (d) confine their remarks to the matter under consideration;
- (e) refrain from repeating information already provided by previous submitters; and
- (f) remain silent following their submission unless called upon by the chairperson to make further comment.

4.1 Presentation of Submissions to the Draft 2017- 21 Council Plan and Draft 2017-18 Budget

Trim Record Number: D17/55468

Responsible Officer: Chief Financial Officer

Purpose

1. To consider submissions to the draft 2017-21 Council Plan and 2017-18 draft Budget and to, in accordance with Section 223 of the *Local Government Act* 1989 (the Act), hear any person who wishes to speak in support of a written submission.

Background

2. Under Section 223 of (the Act), Council is required to:
 - (a) adopt a proposed Budget and Council Plan;
 - (b) give public notice outlining how the community can access a copy of the budget, timelines for submissions (at least 28 days) and the option to speak to their submission at a Council meeting;
 - (c) receive submissions;
 - (d) hear submissions at a Council meeting; and
 - (e) write to each submitter noting Council's decision on their submission.
3. Council formulates its proposed Budget and Council Plan around the general services a Council is expected to provide and additional, works, services, and programs Council determines on, from requests presented by community members and groups.
4. The proposed 2017-21 Council Plan and 2017-18 draft Budget were thus presented to the Ordinary Council meeting 4 April 2017 and authorised to be presented for the formal advertising and consultation process.
5. The proposed 2017-21 Council Plan and 2017-18 draft Budget were publicised via:
 - (a) a formal notice in The Age on Thursday 6 April 2017;
 - (b) a double page advertisement in the Melbourne Weekly Times;
 - (c) a double page spread in Yarra News, delivered to some 47,000 Yarra households and commercial properties;
 - (d) extensive information (including questions and answers) on Council's website, hot topics, and our dedicated online engagement portal;
 - (e) a detailed letter (including an additional question and answers fact sheet) mailed to all non-resident ratepayers;
 - (f) communications via Council's social media channels (Facebook and Twitter) and our customer service centres and libraries;
 - (g) E-news with links to members of our 14 advisory committees and registered members of our online engagement portal; and
 - (h) advertisements on community radio including non-English speaking radio programs and in community non-English speaking newspapers.
6. The proposed Council Plan and Budget have been available for public inspection for 35 days, from 6 April – 11 May 2017.

Consultation

7. The community were given a number of options for submitting feedback:

- (a) formal submissions received via email, online on Council's website, post, or in-person as stipulated under Sect 223 of the Local Government Act; and
 - (b) five open community information sessions were held at the following times and locations:
 - (i) Wednesday 19 April, Edinburgh Gardens Community Centre, Fitzroy 6.00pm – 8.00pm;
 - (ii) Friday 21 April, Studio 1 GTV 9, Richmond 12.00pm - 2.00pm;
 - (iii) Thursday 27 April, Fitzroy Town Hall, 6.00pm – 8.00pm;
 - (iv) Saturday 29 April, Collingwood Senior Citizens Centre 10.00 am – 12.00pm;
 - (v) Thursday 4 May, Richmond Town Hall 6.00pm – 8.00pm.
8. People making formal submissions to the proposed Council budget could elect to be heard on their submission at the Special Council meeting on 17 May 2017.
9. After considering submissions from the consultation process, the proposed Council Plan and Budget will be presented at the 6 June Council meeting for adoption.
10. A summary of the submissions processed has been provided as Attachment 1. The summary reflects submissions processed as at 4 May 2017. The submission period was open until 11 May 2017, and there was a significant volume of submissions received in the week between the original closing date, and 11 May. These submissions were still being processed at the time of writing this report. Full copies of all of the submissions will be made available to Councillors prior to the Special Council meeting.
11. At the time of writing the report Council has received approximately 1,000 submissions. (This is a substantial increase compared to a total of 135 submissions received during last year's budget consultation and 52 submissions received in 2013).
12. Of note is that there:
- (a) have to date been 2,409 visits to Yarra's corporate website and Your Say Yarra online portal, with 973 informed visitors, 550 visitors making a submission, and 720 visitors downloading documents;
 - (b) were five 'drop-in' information sessions (as noted above) = 50 attendees; and
 - (c) has been a total reach across all of Council's social media platforms = 78,303
13. The vast majority of the submissions, at the time of writing this report, are in response to the proposed Waste Service Charge (452 in opposition, 20 in support with the balance of submissions either requesting further information or not stating a position). The second most popular issue submitters raised was requesting funding be allocated in the Budget for LAPMS work (36 submissions) particularly in Scotchmer and Princes Hill.

Financial Implications

14. The Council Plan and Budget process is guided by legislation and has major financial implications for Council's current and future operations and financial direction into the future.

Economic Implications

15. There are no economic impacts to be considered in this report.

Sustainability Implications

16. There are no sustainability impacts to be considered in this report.

Social Implications

17. There are no social impacts to be considered in this report.

Human Rights Implications

18. There are no human rights impacts to be considered in this report.

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

19. The following communications with CALD communities as part of the Section 223 Council Plan and Budget consultation process and:
 - (a) as noted above, advertisements were broadcast on community radio including non-English speaking radio programs and in community non-English speaking newspapers;
 - (b) access to an interpreter service was available at the open community information sessions; and
 - (c) standard translation panel was included on a range of advertising and promotional material.

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

20. The Council Plan 2017-21 will replace the existing Council Plan 2013-17. The new Council Plan has been influenced by existing strategies and policies and will in turn influence subsequent strategy and policy development.

Legal Implications

21. The requirements of the *Local Government Act* 1989 have been applied to the proposed Council Plan and Budget preparation process, including: giving public notice of the submission period; receiving public submissions; and hearing those submissions who specifically requested to present verbally.

Other Issues

22. There are no other issues to be considered in this report.

Options

23. There are no other options to be considered in this report.

Conclusion

24. Council has received submissions and feedback on the 2017-18 proposed Budget and Council Plan 2017-21. Following consideration of submissions, it is proposed that Council adopt the 2017-21 Council Plan and 2017-18 Budget at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 6 June 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) receive and note written and oral submissions on the proposed 2017-21 Council Plan and 2017-18 draft Budget in accordance with Section 223 of the *Local Government Act* 1989 received during the submission period;
 - (b) resolves that submissions received regarding these documents be acknowledged, in writing, in accordance with section 223(1) (d) (ii) of the Act; and
 - (c) note that any matters arising from the submissions process will be referred for consideration and decision by Council on Tuesday 6 June 2017 in accordance with the Act.

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Attachments

- 1 Summary of Submissions

Attachment 1 - Summary of Submissions

Summary of Submissions

Draft 2017/18 Budget	84	
Alternate revenue stream		1
Request to investigate feasibility of commemorative plaques on park benches		1
Consultation process	5	
Comment regarding distribution of Yarra News		3
Comment that the online submission process should only be open to rate payers		1
Student request to look at Council's engagement activities		1
Council expenditure	2	
Queries regarding Council expenditure		1
Support for Council expenditure cuts		1
Gambling	7	
Request for Yarra to become a member of the Leadership Group of Councils with the Alliance for Gambling Reform		6
Support for Council's Gambling Policy and funding of \$25,000 to Alliance for Gambling Reform		1
Graffiti	2	
Request to fund graffiti removal		2
Leisure Services	2	
Definition of "Family" membership		1
Request to fund Hydrotherapy Pool		1
Open Space	4	
Request to fund playground upgrade in Curtain Square		1
Request to fund works at Citizens Park		1
Request to fund works on Golden Bicentennial Park in Burnley		1
Support for new Charles/Mollison Park		1

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Draft 2017/18 Budget (continued)		
Planning matters	2	
Opposition to Queens Parade development		1
Request to fund an independent public enquiry into planning decisions		1
Sporting Facilities	16	
Request to fund redevelopment of the Carlton Bocce Court as a Community Garden		13
Request to fund Roller Hockey facilities		1
Request to fund upgrade at Alphington Bowls Club		1
Request to fund works at Ivanhoe Northcote Canoe Club		1
Sustainable Transport	4	
Request that cyclists are charged a registration fee		1
Request to increase funding for sustainable transport alternatives		3
Traffic Management	36	
Request to fund increased traffic management Johnston Street/Trenerry Crescent		1
Request to fund LAPMS work in Abbotsford (LAPM 13)		1
Request to fund LAPMS work in Abbotsford (LAPM 13) and North Fitzroy		1
Request to fund LAPMS work in Clifton Hill and North Fitzroy		1
Request to fund LAPMS work in Cremorne		1
Request to fund LAPMS work in Princes Hill (LAPM 1)		16
Request to fund LAPMS work in Scotchmer (LAPM 3)		14
Request to fund LAPMS work to encourage walking and cycling		1
Various	3	
Query regarding the transparency of staff bonuses		1
Request to fund improved Green Waste services		1
Request to fund Road Works on Parkville Street		1

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Draft Council Plan 2017-21	34	
Compliance issues		4
Request to increase compliance activity on a range of issues		1
Request to increase compliance activity on noise related issues		2
Request to review level of footpath trading in Brunswick Street		1
Leisure Services		1
Comments regarding the quality and standard of Leisure facilities		1
Library Services		2
Request to increase the profile of libraries in the Council Plan		1
Support for Libraries		1
Neighbourhood Houses		2
Request to continue to fund neighbourhood houses		1
Support for Neighbourhood Houses		1
Open Space		2
Opposition to investigating feasibility of replacing roads and paved surfaces with permeable surfaces		1
Support for the Atherton Gardens Estate oval		1
Planning matters		2
Comments regarding the impact of increased development		1
Request to urgently review zoning		1
Sustainable Transport		2
Comment supporting Council's sustainable Transport agenda		1
Request to increase funding for sustainable transport alternatives		1
Urban Design		2
Request to fund a plaza/piazza in Clifton Hill		1
Request to fund additional seating in Clifton Hill		1
Various		17
Opposition to a Medically Supervised Injecting Facility		1

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Draft Council Plan 2017-21 (continued)			
Opposition to allocating funding to broadcasting Council meetings			1
Opposition to developing a Council social justice/human rights charter			1
Opposition to developing a program of events in partnership with Traditional Owners			1
Opposition to expanding funding to community led activities and events			1
Opposition to expanding support for arts initiatives			1
Opposition to implementing an Innovation Hub			1
Request to continue to fund childcare			1
Request to fund additional community spaces in Clifton Hill			1
Support for community volunteering			1
Support for improved mental health services			1
Support for indigenous culture, art and plants			1
Support for joint use agreements for shared use community facilities			1
Support for promoting benefits of doing business locally but at low/no additional cost			1
Support to improve vibrancy of retail strips and encourage small businesses to invest			1
Support to increase aged care groups			1
Support to protect heritage and local neighbourhood character			1

Waste Service Charge	497		
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No position stated			1
Opposition to the Waste Charge			220
Opposition to the Waste Charge and support for Council expenditure cuts/alternate revenue raising			231
Query regarding application of the Waste Charge			25
Support for the Waste Charge			20