



Special Meeting of Council Agenda

**to be held on Monday 23 May 2016 at 7.00pm
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 Roberto Colanzi (Mayor)
- Cr Geoff Barbour
- Cr Misha Coleman
- Cr Jackie Fristacky
- Cr Sam Gaylard
- Cr Simon Huggins
- Cr Stephen Jolly
- Cr Amanda Stone
- Cr Phillip Vlahogiannis

Council officers

- Vijaya Vaidyanath (Chief Executive Officer)
- Ivan Gilbert (Group Manager – CEO's Office)
- Andrew Day (Director - Corporate, Business and Finance)
- Chris Leivers (Director - Community Welling)
- Bruce Phillips (Director - Planning and Place Making)
- Guy Wilson-Browne (Director – City Works and Assets)
- Mel Nikou (Governance Officer)

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

4. Council business reports

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4.1	Presentation of Budget Submissions to the Proposed 2016/17 Budget	5	6	Phil Mason - Chief Financial Officer

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 Budget Submissions to the Proposed 2016/17 Budget

Trim Record Number: D16/74291

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate, Business and Finance

Purpose

1. To consider submissions to the proposed budget 2016/17 and to hear any person who wishes to speak in support of a written submission.

Background

2. Under Section 223 of the *Local Government Act* 1989 (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 presentations at a Council meeting; and
 - (e) to write to each submitter noting Council's decision on their submission.
3. The proposed 2016/17 budget was presented to the Ordinary Council meeting 5 April 2016.
4. The proposed 2016/17 budget was publicised via:
 - (a) a formal notice in *The Age* on Thursday 7 April 2016; and
 - (b) a full page advertorial in *The Leader* on Monday 11 April 2016.
5. Notices calling for public submissions were also placed in the following CALD newspapers from the week commencing 11 April, 2016: Greek (*Neos Cosmos*), Italian (*Il Globo*), Chinese, Vietnamese and Arabic - promoting proposed budget consultation, have your say and community info sessions.
6. The proposed budget has been available for public inspection for 30 days, from 6 April – 6 May 2016.

Consultation

7. The community were given a number of options for submitting feedback:
 - (a) formal submissions received via email, post, or in-person as stipulated under Sect 223 of the *Local Government Act*; and
 - (b) two open community information sessions were held at Richmond Town Hall on Thursday 21 April 2016.
8. People making formal submissions to the proposed Council budget can elect to be heard on their submission at the 23 May 2016 Special Council meeting.
9. Drawing upon feedback from the consultation the final revised budget will be presented at the 7 June Council meeting for adoption. Community consultation and discussion is important in testing that the ideas and direction in the Council Plan and the allocated funds in the budget resonate with our residents, businesses and stakeholders.
10. A summary of the received submissions has been attached to the report. Councillors will receive full copies of the detailed submissions to enable informed decision making.

Financial Implications

11. The 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

12. There are no economic impacts considered in this report.

Sustainability Implications

13. There are no sustainability impacts considered in this report.

Social Implications

14. There are no social impacts considered in this report.

Human Rights Implications

15. There are no human rights impacts considered in this report.

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

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Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

17. There are no Council Plan, Strategy or Policy implications.

Legal Implications

18. The requirements of the Local Government Act have been applied to the proposed budget preparation process, including: giving public notice of the submission period; receiving public submissions; Council hearing of submissions.

Other Issues

19. There are no other issues considered in this report.

Options

20. There are no other options considered in this report.

Conclusion

21. Council has received submissions and feedback on the 2016/17 proposed budget. Following a review of the submissions it is proposed that Council incorporate any potential amendments resulting from these suggestions and adopt the Budget 2016/17 at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 7 June 2016.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) receives and hears submissions on the proposed budget 2016/17 in accordance with Section 223 of the *Local Government Act* 1989;
 - (b) resolves that submissions received regarding the proposed budget 2016/17 be acknowledged, in writing, in accordance with section 223(1) (d) (ii) of the Act;
 - (c) considers making amendments to the proposed budget based on the feedback received; and
 - (d) notes that proposed amendments and matters arising from the submissions process will be referred for consideration and decision by Council on Tuesday 7 June 2016 in accordance with the Act.

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Attachments

1 Summary of Submissions

Attachment 1 - Summary of Submissions

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A total of 121 submissions have been received by Council as part of the public submission process of the draft budget for 2016/17. The submission period was open for 30 days and closed at 5.00pm on Friday 6 May 2015. Full submission details have been copied and distributed as confidential to Councillors for their further consideration.

A summary of the submission issues is as follows:

Topic Summary	Number of Submission/s Received
Funding for replacing the greens at Fitzroy Victoria Bowling and Sports Club	63
Request for removal of permit application fee for laneway gardens	10
Funding for commissioning a feasibility study for hydrotherapy pool study	10
Funding for the Art Acquisition program	4
Funding to implement closure of Station and Princes Street	4
Objection to development of bike lane in Rushall Reserve	3
Funding for introducing a pathway to diverting food waste	2
Funding for the restoration of Edinburgh Gardens War Memorial	2
General comments on reducing costs on services	1
Objecting against rates and levy charges	1
Funding allocation for Cubbies Adventure Playground	1
Funding allocation for grants / comments about the mural painted on the wall of the Bowling Club	1
Funding for 0.5 EFT Community Development Officer	1
Funding for community grant to support 'Kool Skools' in song writing, recording, and performance	1
Funding for completion of Wellington St Copenhagen Lane	1
Funding for developing a plan regarding planning, permits, developments for Langridge Ward	1
Funding for infrastructure works at Alphington Bowls Club	1
Funding for music and arts (grants)	1

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Funding for Project Respect to undertake strategic outreach activities to women working in brothels with the City of Yarra	1
Funding for protected bicycle lanes on key access roads	1
Funding for space relief including change rooms, improved turf management strategy for Citizens Park, risk management strategy	1
Funding for the redevelopment of the Panther Pavilion, Fairfield Park for paddle sports	1
Funding for the Wellington Centre to provide health care services to the community	1
Funding for two playgroup programs (including two employees) at the BANH	1
Funding for upgrade facilities in Citizen's Park including additional change rooms	1
Funding for upgrades to White Street Reserve in historical commemorative plaque, artwork, lighting, speed hump/raised pavement in intersection of Stephenson St and Dunn St	1
Redirect funds from roads and the North Fitzroy Community hub to improvements to planning controls, urban design master plans	1
Request funding for comfortable seating (60) in Collingwood Library meeting room	1
Request Funding for Jobs for Youth Campaign	1
General comments about the budget	2