



Special Meeting of Council Agenda

**to be held on Wednesday 6 June 2018 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 Daniel Nguyen (Mayor)
- Cr Misha Coleman (Deputy Mayor)
- Cr Danae Bosler
- Cr Mi-Lin Chen Yi Mei
- Cr Jackie Fristacky
- Cr Stephen Jolly
- Cr Mike McEvoy
- Cr James Searle
- Cr Amanda Stone

Council officers

- Vijaya Vaidyanath (Chief Executive Officer)
- Andrew Day (Director - Corporate, Business and Finance)
- Ivan Gilbert (Group Manager - CEO's Office)
- Lucas Gosling (Director - Community Wellbeing)
- Chris Leivers (Director – City Works and Assets)
- Bruce Phillips (Director - Planning and Place Making)
- Jane Waldock (Assistant Director - Planning and Place making)
- Mel Nikou (Governance Officer)

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

4. Council business reports

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4.1	2018/19 Draft Budget - Hearing of Submissions	5	7	Ange Marshall – Chief Financial Officer

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

Public submissions procedure

When you are invited by the meeting chairperson to make your submission, please come forward and take a seat at the microphone and:

- state your name clearly for the record;
- direct your submission to the chairperson;
- confine your remarks to the matter under consideration; and
- remain silent following your submission unless called upon by the chairperson to make further comment.

4.1 2018/19 Draft Budget - Hearing of Submissions

Trim Record Number: D18/84357

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate, Business and Finance

Purpose

1. To hear any person who wishes to speak in support of a written submission to the proposed 2018/2019 Budget in accordance with section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act).

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 (where submitters have requested that opportunity); and
 - (e) write to each submitter noting Council's decision and the reasons for it.
3. The process of development of the 2018/2019 draft Budget commenced in late 2017. This initial round of community consultation assisted Council to understand a range of community suggestions and priorities for the budget. This preliminary consultation included a community information campaign, including a dedicated website, social media campaign, printed notices and three community information sessions. The process proved very successful, with 150 submissions received.
4. Following this consultation, Council then formulated a draft Budget around the general services Council is expected to provide and additional works, services, and programs Council determined were priorities for the coming year, based in part on requests presented by community members and groups.
5. A draft 2018/2019 Budget was presented to the Ordinary Council meeting on 24 April 2018 and was adopted in principle, to be presented for the formal advertising and consultation process.

External Consultation

6. The proposed 2018/2019 Budget was publicised via:
 - (a) a formal public notice in The Age and Council's website on Friday 27 April 2018;
 - (b) Yarra News double page feature (to 55,000 addresses);
 - (c) Yarra Life (to 10,000 subscribers);
 - (d) Facebook promoted post and video (to 9,000 followers and beyond);
 - (e) Twitter video (to 5,000 followers);
 - (f) Your Say Yarra direct message (to 1,000 subscribers);
 - (g) Message to Advisory Committee representatives;
 - (h) Yarra Environment E-News and Yarra Business E-Bulletin;
 - (i) Radio announcements in key community languages;
 - (j) Updated on-hold message;
 - (k) Yarra website – news item;

- (l) Bright Signs (town halls, libraries, leisure centres); and
 - (m) Neighbourhood Houses (postcards).
7. The proposed 2018/2019 Budget has been available for public inspection for 29 days, from 27 April to 25 May 2018, with the community having 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 s223 of the Local Government Act; and
 - (b) open community information and feedback sessions were hosted by the Mayor at the following times and locations:
 - (i) 4.00pm, Wednesday 2 May at Yarra Youth Centre, Napier St Fitzroy;
 - (ii) 6.30pm, Thursday 17 May at Bargoonga Nganjin, St Georges Road Fitzroy North;
 - (iii) 11.00am, Saturday 19 May at Richmond Library, Church Street Richmond; and
 - (iv) 1.30pm, Saturday 19 May Collingwood Library, Stanton Street Abbotsford.
8. People making formal submissions to the proposed 2018/2019 Budget could elect to be heard on their submission at this Special Council meeting.
9. At the close of formal submissions on Friday 25 May 2018, Council had received 108 submissions. Of those submissions, 41 submitters have elected to be heard by Council.
10. Of the issues raised in the submissions, there are only 2 of significance with multiple submissions, and these are the canoe club and the youth centre at the Richmond Housing Estate. A summary of the issues raised in the submissions can be found at **Attachment 1**.

Internal Consultation (One Yarra)

11. The Governance branch has provided advice to ensure compliance with the legislative obligations of the Local Government Act 1989.

Financial Implications

12. 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

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

Sustainability Implications

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

Social Implications

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

Human Rights Implications

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

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

17. Select budget consultation materials (including Yarra News and promotional postcard) included translation information in key community languages. The consultation was also promoted via radio announcements on 3CR and 3ZZZ in key community languages.

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

18. Strategy 7.1 of the City of Yarra Council Plan 2017-2021 is "*ensure Council's assets and financial resources are managed responsibly to deliver financial sustainability.*" A comprehensive and responsible budget that is informed by Council's articulated policy objectives and informed by meaningful community consultation is essential to the achievement of this objective.

Legal Implications

19. The requirements of the Local Government Act 1989 have been applied to the proposed 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

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

Options

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

Conclusion

22. Council has received submissions and feedback on the proposed 2018/2019 Budget. This report provides an opportunity for submitters who requested an opportunity to be heard in relation to their submission to be invited to do so.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) hear oral submissions on the proposed 2018/2019 Budget in accordance with section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989; and
 - (b) note that submissions heard tonight and written submissions received through the statutory consultation phase will be considered by Council on 19 June 2018.

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Attachments

- 1 2018-19 Draft Budget - Submissions Summary - Council Meeting

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2018/19 Draft Budget

Public Submission Summary

**Submissions Closed 5:00pm
25 May 2018**



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Theme and Issues Summary

Row Labels	Count of Issue
Environment	1
Street Planting	1
Leisure	74
Canoe Club Pavilion support for upgrade of facility	32
Requesting Richmond Public Housing Youth Space facilities	41
Jack Dyer Pavilion	1
Traffic	1
Traffic calming works	1
Wellbeing	4
Health and Leisure services	1
Provide outdoor gym infrastructure	2
Increase Social justice and drugs funding	1
Planning	8
Economic development Bridge Rd, Victoria St	6
Heritage	1
Gleadell Street Improvements	1
Waste	5
Waste Levy	1
Improve waste recycling	3
Reduce waste collection frequency	1
Arts	9
Community Grants Funding	1
Community Art facilities improvements	1
Event Funding request	6
Reduce Expenditure	1
Sustainable Transport	7
Reduce vehicle infrastructure spending	1
Infrastructure, Safety	1
Improve road safety	1
Improve pedestrian safety	2
Reduce Expenditure	1
Infrastructure	1
Gambling	1
Gambling Alliance funding grant	1
Expenditure	6
Reduce administration costs	1
General support	1
Rushall Reserve expenditure	1
Reduce Expenditure	2
User pays approach	1
Public Housing	1
Support for Public Housing advocacy campaign	1
Grand Total	117