



Special Meeting of Council Agenda

**to be held on Wednesday 19 July 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
- Cr James Searle

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 Wellbeing)
- Joanne Murdoch (Director - Advocacy and Engagement)
- Bruce Phillips (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)

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

4. Council business reports

Item		Page	Rec. Page	Report Presenter
4.1	Presentation of Submissions to the amended draft 2017/18 Budget	5	7	Julie Wyndham – Manager Corporate Planning and Performance Ange Marshall – Chief Executive 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 Submissions to the amended draft 2017/18 Budget

Trim Record Number: D17/92895

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate, Business and Finance

Purpose

1. To consider submissions to the amended draft 2017/18 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. Council received and heard submissions on the draft Council Plan 2017-21 and original draft Budget including the waste services charge on 17 May 2017. This report is focussed on the submissions that have been received for the amended draft 2017/18 Budget.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. The amended draft 2018/17 Budget was presented to the Ordinary Council meeting 6 June 2017 and resolved to be presented for the formal advertising and consultation process.
6. The amended draft 2017/18 Budget was publicised via:
 - (a) a formal notice in The Age on Friday 9 June 2017;
 - (b) a full page advertisement in the Melbourne Weekly Times;
 - (c) a three 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, and our dedicated online engagement portal;
 - (e) communications via Council's social media channels (including a paid Facebook campaign) and our customer service centres and libraries;
 - (f) E-news with links to members of our 14 advisory committees and registered members of our online engagement portal;
 - (g) advertisements on community radio including non-English speaking radio programs and in community non-English speaking newspapers; and
 - (h) two public information sessions featuring Council's Mayor, Chief Executive Officer and other senior officers.
7. The amended draft Budget has been available for public inspection for 33 days from 9 June to 11 July.

External Consultation

8. 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) two open community information sessions were held at the following times and locations for the amended draft 2017-18 Budget:
 - (i) Saturday 24 June at 2.00 pm at Bargoonga Nganjin, North Fitzroy; and
 - (ii) Wednesday 5 July at 6.00 pm Collingwood Town Hall.
9. People making formal submissions to the proposed Council budget could elect to be heard on their submission at the Special Council meeting on 19 July 2017.
10. After considering submissions from the consultation process, the proposed Council Plan and Budget will be presented at the 1 August Council meeting for adoption.
11. A summary of the submissions processed is provided as Attachment 1. The summary reflects all submissions processed as at 11 July 2017.
12. A full copy of all of the submissions has been uploaded to Boardbooks with a hard copy placed in the Councillors' Lounge.
13. A number of late submissions were received and have been included in the package of submissions, however not referenced in the attachment and data as they were not received by the cut-off time.
14. Council has received 88 submissions covering 156 issues on the amended draft 2017/18 Budget.

Internal Consultation (One Yarra)

15. Managers contribute to the development of the draft budget through preparation of their recurrent, capital and new initiative project budgets.

Financial Implications

16. 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

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

Sustainability Implications

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

Social Implications

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

Human Rights Implications

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

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

21. 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

22. 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

23. 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

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

Options

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

Conclusion

26. Council has received submissions and feedback on the amended draft 2017/18 Budget and Council Plan 2017-21. Following consideration of submissions, on Wednesday 19 July, it is proposed that Council adopt the 2017-21 Council Plan and 2017-18 Budget at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 1 August 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 1 August 2017 in accordance with the Act.

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Attachments

- 1 Submissions Summary to Alternate Proposed Budget

Attachment 1 - Submissions Summary to Alternate Proposed Budget

2017-18 Amended Budget Submissions Summary

Summary of Submissions

Row Labels	Count of Issue
Advocacy	3
Reduce advocacy	3
Budget	56
Change rating system	1
Funding for public housing project	1
Opposition to previous waste charge	4
Opposition to rate increase	1
Reduce IT budget	1
Sell 345 Bridge Road	1
Support for alternate budget	6
Support for previous waste charges	5
Reduce arts budget	1
Reduce staffing costs	2
Opposition to Fairfield Park Boathouse tearoom funding	1
Support for alternate budget query Councillor expenditure	1
Reduce Council expenditure	20
Transparency of budget document	1
Increase Council efficiency savings target	1
Reallocate Rushall Reserve budget funding	7
Increase income streams	1
Improve financial management	1
Diversity	8
Opposition to supporting diversity	1
Support for previous Waste Charge and affordable housing	1
Support for homelessness initiatives	1
Opposition to Stolen Generations Marker	3
Opposed to continued funding of Victoria street project	1
Opposition to community flag raising	1
Environment	3
Rubbish dumping	1
Support for street tree planting	1
Support for reducing food waste	1
Infrastructure	7
Reduce Road assets budget	2
Over servicing infrastructure maintenance roads and footpaths	1
Over servicing infrastructure maintenance	1
Support to increase capital expenditure	1
Street sweeping	1
Road and footpath asset repair charges for developers	1
Planning	20
Richmond High School	1
Reduce construction enforcement budget	1
Introduce user pay services	1
Fund development of city-wide Master Plan	13
Heritage	1
Increase fees and charges	1
Compulsory Public Art funding	1
Bridge Road development	1
Leisure facilities	17
Request to fund redevelopment of the Carlton Bocce Court as a Community Garden	13
Leisure centre price increases	1
Increase number of Leisure facilities	1
Funding for Citizens Park improvements	1
Improve of facilities	1

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Row Labels	Count of Issue
Traffic Management	2
Request to fund LAPMS work in Scotchmer (LAPM 4)	1
Support for LAPM's	1
Sustainability	24
Waste minimisation	2
Increase bicycle infrastructure	1
Environmental sustainability	17
Opposition to bicycle infrastructure expenditure	3
Sustainable transport	1
Services	16
Increase parking enforcement	1
Outsource services	3
Support for Library services	1
Support for childcare funding	1
Opposition to needle exchange	1
Outsource parking enforcement service	1
Increase graffiti removal services	1
Increase Aged services council transport	1
Additional fees for dog owners	1
Support community centres	2
Fund community services	2
Support for Community art s precincts	1
Grand Total	156

Connection with Yarra	Count
I live	67
I live, I own a business	1
I live, I work	6
I live, I work, I own a business	1
I live, Other	1
I work	1
I work, I own a business, I visit, I own a property, but live elsewhere	1
(blank)	
I work, I visit, Other	1
Grand Total	79