



**Bass Coast Shire Council
Minutes for Special Meeting
Wednesday, 30 May 2018
Council Chamber
Bass Coast Civic Centre
Baillieu Street East
Wonthaggi
4.30pm**

- 1. These minutes are due to be confirmed on 20 June 2018**
- 2. Any decision included in these minutes is subject to change resulting from a rescission motion passed by Council.**

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Meeting commenced

The meeting commenced at 4.30pm.

Acknowledgement: Cr Geoff Ellis read the acknowledgement.

Statement: Cr Julian Brown read the Councillor Statement.

A Present and Apologies

Councillors: Cr Pamela Rothfield, Island Ward (Mayor)
Cr Brett Tessari, Bunurong Ward (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Julian Brown, Bunurong Ward
Cr Les Larke, Bunurong Ward
Cr Michael Whelan, Island Ward
Cr Geoff Ellis, Western Port Ward
Cr Bruce Kent, Western Port Ward
Cr Clare Le Serve, Western Port Ward

Officers in Attendance:

Mr Paul Buckley, Chief Executive Officer
Mr Mark Brady, General Manager Finance and Organisation
Development
Mr David Elder, General Manager Healthy Communities and
Governance
Ms Felicity Sist, General Manager Infrastructure and Environment
Ms Allison Jones, General Manager Advocacy, Character and
Economy
Mrs Lee-Anne Harmer, Governance Officer

Apologies: Cr Stephen Fullarton, Island Ward

B Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

Reports Requiring Council Decision

C Reports Requiring Council Decision

C.1 Hearing of submissions in relation to the proposed 2018/2019 Budget.

File No:	CM18/381
Division:	Finance and Organisation Development
Council Plan Strategic Objective:	Governance
	We are responsive, open, transparent and financially sustainable

Declaration

The author has no direct or indirect interests in relation to this report.

Summary

The proposed 2018/2019 Annual Budget was approved by Council Resolution 18 April 2018 to be released for public consultation. The proposed budget provides for an average increase in general rates of 2.25% consistent with the State Government imposed rate cap for 2018/2019. The budget retains alignment with the Long Term Financial Plan and continues the refocusing of finances from the delivery of day to day services to investing in the future of the Shire through capital upgrades and renewal of its existing infrastructure base.

Council gave public notice of the proposed 2018/2019 Budget in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989. Weekly advertisements were placed in the South Gippsland Sentinel-Times and the Phillip Island & San Remo Advertiser from the week beginning 23 April 2018 through to and including the week beginning 14 May 2018.

The proposed Budget was made available for inspection and members of the public have had the opportunity to make written submissions under Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*. The proposed Budget was open for submissions from 19 April 2018 until 5.00 p.m. 22 May, 2018.

Council has received 17 written submissions – full copies of which have been distributed to Councillors.

Of those submissions received, 8 have requested to be heard in person.

Time	Presenter
4.30pm	Leon Sweeney
4.40pm	Deborah Holland
4.50pm	Linda Pettit
5.00pm	Anne Schade

5.10pm	Mary Schooneveldt and Nola Thorpe
5.20pm	Maurice Schinkel
5.40pm	Allan Willoughby Corinella Boating and Angling Club
5.50pm	Rebecca Wilson YES Youth Hub Bass Coast Steering Committee

Strategic Basis

The proposed Budget provides the authorising environment and funding to deliver year two of the Council Plan.

Finances

The costs associated with the exhibition period and review of submissions has been factored into the operating budget of the Finance Department. The main costs are internal resources associated with hosting the consultation and the cost of advertising within the local newspapers.

Stakeholders

All residents, ratepayers, visitors, businesses and other government agencies have an interest in the proposed Budget.

The proposed Budget was available on Council's website at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/abetterbasscoast and at any of the Customer Service Centres.

Drop in sessions for people to come along and have a chat about the proposed documents were held at:

- **Cowes** – Monday, 30 April, Cowes Cultural Centre Hall, 91-97 Thompson Ave from 6.30pm to 7.30pm
 - No people attended
- **Grantville** – Tuesday, 1 May at Grantville Hall, 1470 Bass Hwy from 6.30pm to 7.30pm
 - 1 person attended
- **Wonthaggi** – Monday, 7 May at the Old Wonthaggi Library, Cnr Watt Street and McBride Avenue from 6.30pm to 7.30pm
 - 2 people attended
- **Facebook** – Tuesday, 8 May at www.facebook.com/basscoastshire from 6.30pm to 8.00pm
 - Sixty (60) individuals posting 104 comments/questions
 - Total Reach – 4,924
 - Total Impressions - 7,383
 - Number of clicks – 1,022

- Number of people who clicked – 484

Statutory Requirements/Codes/Standards/Policies

Under Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* the Council is required to place on public exhibition and provide the opportunity for members of the public to make comment. The Proposed 2018/2019 Annual Budget was placed on public exhibition from 19 April, 2018 until 5.00 p.m. 22 May, 2018.

The provisions of sections 127, 158 and 161 of the *Local Government Act 1989* apply to the budget process. Clauses 8 and 9 of the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014* also apply.

Other Options

The *Local Government Act 1989* requires Council to prepare an Annual Budget. Council could choose not to receive submissions to the proposed Budget but it would be in breach of the Act.

Officer's Conclusion and Recommendation

Council has worked with the community to ensure their aspirations and feedback have been considered in the Proposed 2018/2019 Annual Budget. The proposed Budget having been on public exhibition between 19 April – 22 May 2018.

As a result of the submission process we have received 17 submissions and this meeting will hear 8 people who wish to speak to their submissions.

Following this meeting the Council will consider any changes to the Proposed 2018/2019 Annual Budget to be presented to the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 20 June 2018.

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Receive and review the submissions for the proposed 2018/2019 Annual Budget and hear any people who have requested to speak to their submission**
- 2. Consider any changes to the proposed 2018/2019 Annual Budget once having reviewed and heard submissions to the proposed 2018/2019 Annual Budget.**

Attachments

AT-I Draft Budget Submissions 97 Pages

Meeting adjourned 5.16pm

Meeting resumed 5.40pm

Council Decision**Moved: Cr. Clare Le Serve / Seconded: Cr. Brett Tessari****Council heard 7 submissions:**

Presenter
Ken Hailey Cowes East Foreshore Preventative Action Group
Deborah Holland San Remo and Phillip Island Entrance Working Group
Anne Schade
Mary Schooneveldt and Nola Thorpe
Maurice Schinkel
Dom Brusamarello - President and Gary Taylor - Communications Officer Inverloch Tourism Association Peter McEntee - Bass Coast Board Riders, Penny Gordon - Swell Mamas & Local Resident Group and Stephen Carr - Local Resident Group Surf Parade Shared Pathway Alliance
Rebecca Wilson YES Youth Hub Bass Coast Steering Committee Wendy Major Local Learning and Employment Network

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Mayoral Announcement Of Next Meeting Of Council

The next **Community Connection Session** will be held on 13 June 2018 in the Bass Coast Civic Centre Council Chamber, Baillieu Street East, Wonthaggi commencing at 3.00pm.

The next **Ordinary Council meeting** will be held on 20 June 2018 in Bass Coast Civic Centre Council Chamber, Baillieu Street East, Wonthaggi commencing at 5.00pm.

Meeting closed

The meeting closed at 6.17pm