



Ararat Rural City

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2017



Ararat Rural City

31 May 2017

Dear Councillors,

You are cordially advised and invited to attend a Special Council Meeting, which will be held at the Alexandra Oval Community Centre, 1 Waratah Avenue, Ararat on ***Tuesday 6 June 2017*** commencing at ***6.00pm***.

BUSINESS:

- 1 **Traditional Acknowledgement/Prayer**
- 2 **Apologies**
- 3 **Disclosure of Interests**
- 4 **Officer's Reports**

Your attendance is respectfully requested.

Yours sincerely,

ANDREW EVANS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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1 – TRADITIONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT / PRAYERS

TRADITIONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND ON WHICH WE MEET TODAY, AND PAY OUR RESPECTS TO THEIR ELDERS, PAST AND PRESENT.

OPENING PRAYER

ALMIGHTY GOD, WE HUMBLY ASK YOU TO HELP US, AS ELECTED COUNCILLORS OF THE ARARAT RURAL CITY COUNCIL. GUIDE OUR DELIBERATIONS. PROSPER WHAT IS YOUR WILL FOR US, TO YOUR HONOUR AND GLORY AND FOR THE WELFARE AND BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE WHOM WE SERVE IN THE ARARAT RURAL CITY.

COUNCILLORS OATH

WE WILL UNDERTAKE THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF THE ARARAT RURAL CITY COUNCIL AND FAITHFULLY AND IMPARTIALLY CARRY OUT THE FUNCTIONS, POWERS, AUTHORITIES AND DISCRETIONS VESTED IN US UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989 OR ANY OTHER ACT TO THE BEST OF OUR SKILL AND JUDGMENT.

2 – APOLOGIES

MOTION (if required)

That the apology of Cr Gwenda Allgood be accepted.

3 – DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Disclosure of Interests are to be made immediately prior to any relevant item being discussed.

Local Government Act 1989 Section 79 (2)

A Councillor or member of a special committee who has a conflict of interest and is attending the meeting of the Council or special committee must make a full disclosure of that interest -

- (a) by either -
 - (i) advising the Council or special committee at the meeting of the details required under paragraph (b) and (c) immediately before the matter is considered at the meeting; or
 - (ii) advising the Chief Executive Officer in writing of the details required under paragraphs (b) and (c) before the meeting; and
- (b) classifying the type of interest that has given rise to the conflict as either -
 - (i) a direct interest: or
 - (ii) an indirect interest and specifying the particular kind of indirect interest under section 78, 78A, 78B, 78C, 78D or 78E; and
- (c) describing the nature of the interest; and
- (d) if the Councillor or member advised the Chief Executive Officer of the details under paragraph (a) (ii), the Councillor or member must make a disclosure of the class of interest only to the meeting immediately before the matter is considered at the meeting.

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ITEM 4.1 **DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN INCORPORATING THE STRATEGIC RESOURCE PLAN 2017 – 2021**
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CORPORATE STRATEGY, RISK AND GOVERNANCE

Introduction

At its Ordinary meeting held on 2 May 2017, Council considered the Draft Council Plan 2017-2021 and resolved:

That Council:

- 1 *Having revised the draft Council Plan 2017-2021, incorporating the Strategic Resource Plan, in accordance with Section 125 and 126 of the Local Government Act 1989 adopt the draft document;*
- 2 *Under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 make the draft Council Plan 2017-2021 incorporating the Strategic Resource Plan available for public exhibition;*
- 3 *Invite interested persons to make a written submission relating to the revised Council Plan 2017-2021 with written submissions to be received at the Municipal Offices, Ararat Rural City Council, 59 Vincent Street, Ararat not later than 5.15pm on Friday 2 June 2017;*
- 4 *Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to administer the Section 223 process; and*
- 5 *Should any person wish to be heard in support of their written submission, that they be heard by Council at a Special Council Meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Tuesday 6 June 2017.*

Discussion

Advertising of the Draft Council Plan 2017-2021 was undertaken in the Ararat Advertiser on Friday 5 May 2017. The public notice invited submissions on the Draft Council Plan 2017-2021.

Three drop in community information BBQ sessions were held on 23 May 2017 in Lake Bolac, Moyston and Ararat and a further session on Friday 26 May 2017 in Elmhurst to discuss the proposed Draft Council Plan 2017-2021, Draft Budget 2017/2018 and the Rating Strategy 2017. A large number of ratepayers and residents attended these sessions.

At the time of writing this report six submissions had been received in relation to the Draft Council Plan 2017-2021. Four of the six submissions received related to the Rating Strategy and these have been incorporated in Attachment 4.2. The two submissions relating the Council Plan 2017-2021 are available in Attachment 4.1.

POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS ARISING FROM THIS ISSUE

Council plan reference

5.1 Good governance through leadership

Financial and resource implications

The implications of the Draft Council Plan 2017-2021 have been considered in the 2017-2018 Budget, and the Strategic Resource Plan 2017-2021.

Risk implications

The primary objective of Council is to endeavour to achieve the best outcomes for the local community having regard to the long term and cumulative effects of decisions. The proposed Council

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Plan and Strategic Resource Plan manages the financial risks faced by Council, ensuring that decisions are made and actions taken having regard to their financial effects on future generations.

Statutory Implications

Potential breach of Sections 125 and 126 of the Local Government Act 1989 if the Draft Council Plan 2017-2021 and Strategic Resource Plan are not adopted by 30 June 2017.

Community Implications

The development and adoption of the Council Plan 2017-2021 and the Strategic Resource Plan provides clear strategic direction for Council and Community for the next twelve months.

Environmental Implications

Environmental, social and economic impacts of the Council Plan 2017-2021 have been considered in the development of this strategic document.

Internal/external consultation

External Consultation with residents and ratepayers through the community engagement process. Internal consultation with the Management and Executive group.

Options

Council can refer the Draft Council Plan 2017-2021, incorporating the Strategic Resource Plan to the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 27 June 2017 for adoption.

Attachments

Submissions relating to the Council Plan 2017-2021 are included in Attachment 4.1.

Conclusion

The pillars, key strategies, activities and initiatives in the Council Plan aim to meet these needs and continue to deliver on Council's vision, mission and values.

The Council Plan, incorporating the Strategic Resource Plan, was put on public display for a period of 28 days in accordance with section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.

Written submissions closed at 5.15pm on Friday 2 June 2017 and two submissions have been received.

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1 Receive all submissions in relation to the Draft Council Plan 2017-2021; and**
- 2 Consider the Draft Council Plan 2017-2021 at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 27 June 2017.**

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ITEM 4.2 SUBMISSIONS TO DRAFT BUDGET 2017-2021/RATING STRATEGY 2017
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ASSETS, FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

Introduction

At its Special Council meeting held on 2 May 2017, Council considered the proposed Budget and the Draft Rating Strategy, and resolved to give notice of the Draft Budget 2017-2018 and the Draft Rating Strategy 2017, and call for submissions.

Discussion

The Draft Budget was advertised in the Ararat Advertiser on Friday 5 May 2017. The advertisement called for written submissions and set out how submissions were to be made. Submissions closed on 2 June 2017 at 5.15pm. Council also resolved on 2 May 2017 to adopt in principle the 2017 Rating Strategy, place the proposed strategy on public exhibition, and consider submissions as part of the 2017/2018 budget process.

Three drop in community information sessions were held on 23 May 2017 in Lake Bolac, Moyston and Ararat and a further session on Friday 26 May 2017 in Elmhurst to discuss the proposed Draft Council Plan 2017-2021, Draft Budget 2017/2018 and the Rating Strategy 2017. A large number of ratepayers and residents attended these sessions.

At the time of writing this report, Council had received 245 written submissions by email or in the post. There were also 169 written submissions received via the “Have Your Say” page on Council’s website. There are 54 people who have requested to be heard to support their submissions.

If further written submissions are received before Friday 2 June 2017, they will be presented to Councillors at the Special Council meeting on 6 June 2017. Any ratepayers who wished to be heard in support of their submission on the Draft Budget 2017/2018 and/or the Draft Rating Strategy will be advised to attend the Special Council meeting.

Council will consider the proposed Budget, the proposed Rating Strategy, and the submissions received during its Ordinary Council Meeting to be held Tuesday 27 June 2017.

Options

Receive submissions to the Draft Budget 2017/2018 and the Draft Rating Strategy 2017, and consider all submissions at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 27 June 2017.

Attachments

Submissions are included in Attachment 4.2 (1 document outlining the submissions received via post and email submissions and 1 document outlining submissions received via the website).

Conclusion

The Draft Budget 2017/2018 and Draft Rating Strategy 2017 has been prepared over a considerable period of time, with significant input from Councillors and Council officers. The draft budget and draft rating strategy have been placed on public display, calling for submissions on any issues raised in the draft budget and the draft rating strategy.

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Written submissions closed at 5.15pm on Friday 2 June 2017 with 414 being received. Fifty four people who made submission have requested to be heard.

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1 Receive all submissions in relation to the Draft Budget 2017/2018 and the Draft Rating Strategy 2017; and**
- 2 Consider the Draft Budget 2017/2018, the Draft Rating Strategy 2017, and all submissions at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 27 June 2017.**