



Ararat Rural City

AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 10 June 2020

To be held in the Alexandra Oval Community Centre
1 Waratah Avenue, Ararat

Commencing at 6.00pm

Council:

Cr Jo Armstrong (Mayor)

Cr Gwenda Allgood

Cr Bernardine Atkinson

Cr Peter Beales

Cr Bill Braithwaite

Cr Frank Deutsch

Cr Fay Hull

Our Vision

Our communities, our opportunities

Our Mission Statement

We will demonstrate leadership through social responsibility, openness and transparency by actively working with our community to achieve shared goals.

Our Values

Respect - Respect for each other and the wider community.

Excellence - Striving for ongoing professionalism and organisational excellence.

Passion - Passion for our people, community and services.

A recording of this meeting is being made for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of the minutes of the Council Meeting.

The recording is being streamed live via Facebook, to improve transparency between council and the community and give more people the opportunity to view what decisions are being made.

Recordings of Council Meetings (excluding closed sessions) are made available on Council's website.

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SECTION 1 – PROCEDURAL MATTERS

As per the guidelines issued by the Minister for Local Government, from 1 May 2020 to 1 November 2020 (the prescribed period) Councils do not need to provide for members of the public to physically attend meetings. Providing public access to livestreamed events satisfies the public attendance test during the prescribed period.

1.1 LIVE STREAMING

Council is keen to engage with members of the community and live streams the formal Council Meetings to make them accessible. The stream will be available to view on Ararat Rural City Council's Facebook page from 6pm and on Council's website, www.ararat.vic.gov.au from Thursday morning following the Council Meeting.

You do not require a Facebook account to watch the live broadcast, simply enter www.facebook.com/araratruralcitycouncil into your address bar.

1.2 TRADITIONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/OPENING PRAYER/COUNCILLORS PLEDGE

Traditional acknowledgement

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet today, and pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.

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 Pledge

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.

1.3 APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDATION (if required)

That the apology of Cr be accepted.

1.4 DECLARATION OF 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.

Local Government Act 1989 Section 80C) A person who is providing advice or a report to a meeting of the Council or a special committee, and who has a conflict of interest in a matter to which the advice or report relates, must disclose the constituting the conflict of interest when providing the advice or report and before the advice or report is considered by the Council or the committee.

Those people who have requested to speak to their submission will be allocated a maximum of three (3) minutes to present their submission to Council.

SECTION 2 – REPORTS REQUIRING COUNCIL DECISION

2.1 SUBMISSIONS TO DRAFT BUDGET 2020/2021

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DEPARTMENT: CEO'S OFFICE
REFERENCE: 20114038

OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest.

No person involved in the preparation of this report has a conflict of interest requiring disclosure.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the Council meeting held on 6 May 2020, Council considered the Draft Budget 2020/2021, and resolved to adopt in principle the Draft budget 2020/2021, place the proposed budget on public exhibition, and consider submissions as part of the 2020/2021 budget process.

DISCUSSION

The Draft Budget 2020/2021 was advertised in the Ararat Advocate on Friday 8 May 2020, calling for written submissions. Submissions closed at 5 June 2020 at 5.15pm.

The Draft Budget 2020/2021 has been prepared over a considerable period of time, with significant input from Councillors and Council officers.

At the close of the submission period Council had received fourteen submissions relating to the Draft Budget 2020/2021, with six people requesting to speak to their written submission at the Council meeting.

Any person/s who wished to be heard in support of their submission will be advised to attend the Council meeting.

Council will consider the proposed Budget and the submissions received at the Council Meeting to be held Wednesday 17 June 2020.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Alignment to Council Plan Strategic Objectives

5.1 Good governance through leadership

Budget Implications

None identified.

Policy/Relevant Law

Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 provides a person the right to make a submission to the Council on the Draft Budget.

Sustainability Implications

Not applicable.

Risk Assessment

No risk implications identified.

Innovation and Continuous Improvement

Not applicable.

Stakeholder Collaboration and Community Engagement

The Draft Budget 2020/2021 has been prepared over a considerable period of time, with significant input from Councillors and Council officers.

The Draft Budget has been placed on public exhibition, calling for submissions on any issues raised in the Draft Budget 2020/2021.

Written submissions closed at 5.15pm on Friday 5 June 2020, fourteen submissions were received, with six people indicating they wish to be heard by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1 Receive all submissions in relation to the Draft Budget 2020/2021;**
- 2 Consider the Draft Budget 2020/2021, and all submissions at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 17 June 2020.**

ATTACHMENTS

Submissions are provided for information in Attachment 2.1.

**2.2 SUBMISSIONS TO DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN
INCORPORATING THE STRATEGIC RESOURCE PLAN 2017–2021**

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DEPARTMENT: CEO'S OFFICE
REFERENCE: 20114037

OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest.

No person involved in the preparation of this report has a conflict of interest requiring disclosure.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the Council meeting held on 6 May 2020, Council considered the Draft Revised Council Plan 2017-2021 and resolved to adopt the draft Council Plan 2017-2021, incorporating the Strategic Resource Plan and make available for public exhibition.

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.

DISCUSSION

Advertising of the Draft Council Plan 2017-2021 was undertaken in the Ararat Advertiser on Friday 8 May 2020. The public notice invited submissions on the Draft revised Council Plan 2017-2021.

At the close of the submission period one submission was received in relation to the Draft Revised Council Plan 2017-2021.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Alignment to Council Plan Strategic Objectives

5.1 Good governance through leadership

Budget Implications

The implications of the Council Plan 2017-2021 have been considered in the 2020/2021 Budget, and the Strategic Resource Plan.

More detailed information is contained in the Strategic Resource Plan and Budget document.

Policy/Relevant Law

Potential breach of Sections 125 and 126 of the Local Government Act 1989 if the revised Council Plan 2017-2021 and Strategic Resource Plan in the prescribed time.

Sustainability Implications

Not applicable.

Risk Assessment

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 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.

Innovation and Continuous Improvement

Not applicable.

Stakeholder Collaboration and Community Engagement

The Council Plan 2017/2021 has been prepared over a considerable period of time, with significant input from Councillors and Council officers.

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 5 June 2020 with one submission being received.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1 Acknowledge that there was one submission received in relation to the Draft Revised Council Plan 2017-2021; and**
- 2 Consider the revised Council Plan 2017-2021 at the Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 17 June 2020.**

ATTACHMENTS

The Submission is provided for information in Attachment 2.2.