



STRATHBOGRIE SHIRE COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Strathbogrie Shire Council will be held on Tuesday 2 May 2017 at the Nagambie Lakes Regatta Centre commencing at 5.00 p.m.

Councillors:	Amanda McClaren (Chair)	(Lake Nagambie Ward)
	Malcolm Little	(Hughes Creek Ward)
	John Mason	(Seven Creeks Ward)
	Kate Stothers	(Honeysuckle Creek Ward)
	Debra Swan	(Lake Nagambie Ward)
	Alistair Thomson	(Mount Wombat Ward)
	Graeme (Mick) Williams	(Seven Creeks Ward)

Officers:	Steve Crawcour - Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
	Phil Howard - Director, Sustainable Development (DSD)
	Roy Hetherington - Director, Asset Services (DAS)
	David Roff - Acting Director, Corporate and Liveability (ADCL)

BUSINESS

1. Welcome
2. Acknowledgement of Traditional Land Owners
*'I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are meeting.
I pay my respects to their Elders, past and present'*
3. Apologies
4. Disclosure of Interests
5. Reports of Council Officers
 - 5.1 Climate Change
 - 5.2 Infrastructure
 - 5.3 Private Enterprise
 - 5.4 Public Institutions
 - 5.5 Housing and Recreation
 - 5.6 Tourism
 - 5.7 Organisation

Steve Crawcour
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

27 April 2017

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5.7 ORGANISATION

5.7.1 Draft 2017 – 2021 Strathbogie Shire Council Plan, Actions and Strategic Indicators and Strategic Resource Plan - Preparation of Plan for Exhibition and Comment

Author / Department

Chief Executive Officer / Executive Services Directorate

Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest in relation to advice provided in this report

The author of this report and officers/contractors providing advice in relation to this report do not have a direct or indirect interest, as provided in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989.

Summary

Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1989 (*the Act*) states that:

- (1) A Council must prepare and approve a Council Plan within the period of 6 months after each general election or by the next 30 June, whichever is later.
- (2) A Council Plan must include –
 - (a) the strategic objectives of the Council;
 - (b) strategies for achieving the objectives for at least the next 4 years;
 - (c) strategic indicators for monitoring the achievement of the objectives;
 - (d) a Strategic Resource Plan containing the matters specified in section 126;
 - (e) any other matters which are prescribed by the regulations.

Therefore, in accordance with the *Act*, Council has developed its Draft Council Plan for 2017–2021 ready for community consultation. This new Plan sets out the objectives and strategies that Council, on behalf of the Strathbogie Shire community, is committed to delivering over the four years ending 30 June 2021.

The draft Council Plan has now been prepared and is available to the public for review and comment / submissions. Copies of the document will be available for inspection at the following locations from Wednesday 10 May 2017:-

- Avenel Post Office, Queen Street, Avenel
- Euroa Council Offices, Corner Binney and Bury Streets, Euroa
- Euroa Library, 62 Binney Street, Euroa
- Nagambie Library, 352 High Street, Nagambie
- Violet Town Library, Cowslip Street, Violet Town
- Strathbogie Store / Post Office, Main Street, Strathbogie

Any person has a right to make a submission under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 on the proposed Council Plan. Persons wishing to be heard in support of their submissions must so indicate in their written submission.

5.7.1 Draft 2017 – 2021 Strathbogie Shire Council Plan, Actions and Strategic Indicators
- Preparation of Plan for Exhibition and Comment (cont.)

The closing date for submissions is Tuesday 6 June 2017 at 5.00 p.m. A Special Meeting of Council will be held at the Euroa Community Conference Centre on Tuesday 13 June 2017 commencing at 5.00 p.m. to receive written submissions and for persons wishing to be heard in support of their submission.

Copies of the Draft 2017-2021 Shire of Strathbogie Council Plan and Strategic Resource Plan have been distributed to Councillors for their information. Copies of the documents are tabled for identification purposes, and will be appended to the Minutes of the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

1. **That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to give public notice of the proposed Draft 2017-2021 Strathbogie Shire Council Plan, and draft 2017-2021 Strategic Resource Plan, in accordance with Sections 125, 126 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.**
2. **That Council receives/hears any submissions on the Draft 2017-2021 Plan at a Special Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 13 June 2017, commencing at 5.00 p.m. at the Euroa Community Conference Centre.**
3. **That Council adopt the Strathbogie Shire 2017-2021 Council Plan at a Special Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 27 June 2017, commencing at 5.00 p.m. at the Euroa Community Conference Centre.**

Background

Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1989 (*the Act*) states that:

- (1) A Council must prepare and approve a Council Plan within the period of 6 months after each general election or by the next 30 June, whichever is later.
- (3) A Council Plan must include –
 - (a) the strategic objectives of the Council;
 - (b) strategies for achieving the objectives for at least the next 4 years;
 - (c) strategic indicators for monitoring the achievement of the objectives;
 - (d) a Strategic Resource Plan containing the matters specified in section 126;
 - (e) any other matters which are prescribed by the regulations.

5.7.1 Draft 2017 – 2021 Strathbogie Shire Council Plan, Actions and Strategic Indicators

- Preparation of Plan for Exhibition and Comment (cont.)

Therefore, in accordance with the *Act*, Council has developed its Draft 2017-2021 Council Plan and Strategic Resource Plan ready for community consultation. These new Plans set out the objectives and strategies that Council, on behalf of the Strathbogie Shire community, is committed to delivering over the four years ending 30 June 2021. Council's Draft Strategic Resource Plan is based on the previous Council's Long Term Financial Plan and is currently being reviewed as part of the consideration for the draft 2017-2018 Budget.

The Council Plan is a strategic document of Council that sets its Vision / Mission / Goals and Objectives for the (4) four year term of the Council. The Actions that sit under each Goal ensure the organisation delivers what the Council has set as its long term strategic vision for its community.

The program dates for this Draft 2017–2021 Council Plan are as follows:

1. Adopt the Draft 2017–2021 Council for Public Exhibition – 2 May 2017
2. Public Exhibition period closes at 5 pm Tuesday 6 June 2017
3. Submissions Hearing to receive/hear submissions on the Draft 2017–2021 Council Plan – Tuesday 13 June 2017
4. Special Council Meeting to adopt 2017–2021 Council Plan – Tuesday 27 June 2017
5. Present adopted 2017–2021 Council Plan to the Minister for Local Government by Friday 30 June 2017.

Alternative Options

The author and other officers providing advice in relation to this report have considered potential alternatives. No feasible alternatives have been identified as it is a requirement of the Local Government Act 1989

Risk Management

The author of this report considers that there are no significant Risk Management factors relating to the report and recommendation.

Strategic Links – policy implications and relevance to Council Plan

The author of this report considers that the report is consistent with Council Policies, key strategic documents and the current Council Plan.

Best Value / National Competition Policy (NCP / Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (CCA) implications

The author of this report considers that the report is consistent with Best Value, National Competition Policy and Competition and Consumer Act 2010 requirements.

Financial / Budgetary Implications

The author has advised that the actions identified in the Draft 2017–2021 Council Plan are funded through the 2017 /18 Draft Budget.

Economic Implications

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no significant economic implications for Council or the broader community.

5.7.1 Draft 2017 – 2021 Strathbogie Shire Council Plan, Actions and Strategic Indicators
- Preparation of Plan for Exhibition and Comment (cont.)

Environmental / Amenity Implications

The author has identified environmental benefits through the initiatives detailed in the Draft 2017–2021 Council Plan.

Community Implications

The author of this report has identified significant community and / or social benefits for the community as detailed in the Draft 2017–2021 Council Plan.

Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006

The author of this report considers that the recommendation does not limit any human rights under the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.

Legal / Statutory Implications

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no legal or statutory implications which require the consideration of Council.

Consultation

The community will have an opportunity under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 to make comments / submissions on the Draft 2017–2021 Council Plan.

Attachments

Nil

5.7.2 Draft 2017/2018 Strathbogie Shire Council Budget **- Preparation of Budget for Exhibition and Comment**

Author & Department

Acting Director, Corporate and Liveability / Corporate and Liveability Directorate

Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest in relation to advice provided in this report

Officers providing advice in relation to this report do not have a direct or indirect interest, as provided in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989.

Summary

In accordance with the requirements of Section 127 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act), Council has prepared a budget for the financial year ending 30 June 2018.

Copies of the draft Budget have been circulated to Councillors for their information. A copy of the draft Budget will be tabled at the meeting for identification purposes, and will be appended to the Minutes of the meeting.

A resolution of Council is now required to give public notice that the budget will be available for inspection, in accordance with Section 129 of the Act.

Submissions on the proposed budget will be invited in accordance with Section 223 of the Act. Submissions will close at 5.00 pm on Tuesday 6 June 2017. A Special Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 June 2017 to receive / hear submissions to the draft Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the draft Budget annexed to this resolution and initialled by the Mayor for identification be the budget prepared by Council for the purposes of Section 127 of the Local Government Act 1989.**
- 2. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to give public notice of the preparation of such budget, in accordance with Sections 129 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989. Submissions will close at 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday 6 June 2017.**
- 3. That Council receive / hear any submission on any proposal (or proposals) contained in such budget, made in accordance with Sections 129 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989, at a Special Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 13 June 2017, commencing at 5.00 p.m. at the Euroa Community Conference Centre.**

5.7.2 Draft 2017/2018 Strathbogie Shire Council Budget
- Preparation of Budget for Exhibition and Comment (cont.)

4. **That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to undertake minor editorial changes, if required.**
5. **That the 2017/2018 Strathbogie Shire Council Budget be adopted at a Special Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 27 June 2017, commencing at 5.00 p.m. at the Euroa Community Conference Centre.**

Background

In accordance with the requirements of Section 127 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act), Council has prepared a budget for the financial year ending 30 June 2018.

In preparing the 2017/2018 Draft Budget, the Council has considered many factors in an effort to continue to balance community expectations and benefits with financial responsibilities. The Council is pleased to place on public display a draft budget that works hard to maintain existing service levels and deliver strong investment in capital works across the municipality. The Council will continue to provide significant funding for renewal works on our ageing and outdated infrastructure, based on the requirements of the Road Management Plan and taking into account financial constraints.

The Council is proposing a 2.0 per cent increase in the total declared rates and charges revenue for 2017/2018. This increase is in line with the State Government requirement under the 'Fair Go Rates' legislation. This level allows us to maintain existing service levels, fund a number of significant new initiatives and continue to allocate sufficient funds for the continuing strategic renewal of Council's infrastructure.

The 2017/2018 Draft Budget provides for a \$13.08 million capital works program with the following highlights:

- Roads (\$5.94 million) - including resealing, resheeting and rehabilitation.
- Bridges (\$2.44 million)
- Drainage (\$1.26 million)
- Footpaths (\$0.186 million)
- Plant and Machinery (\$0.98 million)
- Buildings (\$1.412 million)

5.7.2 Draft 2017/2018 Strathbogie Shire Council Budget
- Preparation of Budget for Exhibition and Comment (cont.)

The 2017/2018 Budget provides for expenditure of \$24.9 million on services including:

- Libraries And Arts (\$0.317 million)
- Maternal and Child Health (\$0.201million)
- Emergency Services (\$0.296 million)
- Waste Management (\$2.37 million)
- Municipal Buildings (\$1.24 million)
- Swimming Pools and Beaches (\$0.414 million)
- Tourism and Events (\$0.716 million)
- Planning (\$0.87 million)
- Parks and Reserves Maintenance (\$1.592 million)
- Roads and Bridges Maintenance (\$10.033 million)
- Saleyards (\$0.219 million)
- Youth Services (\$.187 million)
- Animal Management (\$0.246 million)

Alternative Options

Not applicable.

Risk Management

The author of this report considers that there are no significant Risk Management factors relating to the report and recommendation.

Strategic Links – policy implications and relevance to Council Plan

The report is consistent with Council Policies, key strategic documents and the Council Plan.

Best Value / National Competition Policy (NCP / Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (CCA) implications

The report is consistent with Best Value, National Competition Policy and Competition and Consumer Act 2010 requirements.

Financial / Budgetary Implications

The budget is fiscally responsible and is prepared in accordance with the objectives of the Council Plan, Strategic Resource Plan and Long Term Financial Plan.

Economic Implications

The budget will provide long term economic benefit through increased investment in the renewal of community infrastructure assets.

Environmental / Amenity Implications

The budget has a number of initiatives which will provide positive environmental outcomes

5.7.2 Draft 2017/2018 Strathbogie Shire Council Budget
- Preparation of Budget for Exhibition and Comment (cont.)

Community Implications

The 2017/2018 draft budget has been prepared using the current Council Plan and associated priorities and the long term strategic financial plan as the basis for Council decision making during the budget setting process.

The Council will, as of Wednesday 10 May 2017, place the statutory public notices in local newspapers advising that documents are now available for inspection and that written submission are being sought in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.

Submissions will close at 5.00pm on Tuesday 6 June 2017.

Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006

The recommendations do not limit any human rights under the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.

Legal / Statutory Implications

The recommendations have no further legal or statutory implications which require the consideration of Council.

Consultation

The budget will be advertised in the community and opportunity provided for submissions in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989

Attachments

Nil

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT P.M.