



**STRATHBOGIE SHIRE COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STRATHBOGIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD  
ON TUESDAY 27 JUNE 2017 AT THE EUROA COMMUNITY CONFERENCE CENTRE  
COMMENCING AT 5.00 P.M.**

<b>Councillors:</b>	Amanda McClaren (Chair)	(Lake Nagambie Ward)
	Malcolm Little	(Hughes Creek Ward)
	John Mason	(Seven Creeks Ward)
	Debra Swan	(Lake Nagambie Ward)
	Alistair Thomson	(Mount Wombat Ward)
	Graeme (Mick) Williams	(Seven Creeks Ward)

<b>Officers:</b>	Steve Crawcour - Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
	Roy Hetherington - Director, Asset Services (DAS)
	David Roff - Director, Corporate and Liveability (DCL)

**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  

Councillor Kate Stothers	(Honeysuckle Creek Ward)
Phil Howard - Director, Sustainable Development (DSD)	
4. Disclosure of Interests  

Nil
5. Petitions  

Nil
6. Reports of Council Officers
  - 6.1 Climate Change
  - 6.2 Infrastructure
  - 6.3 Private Enterprise
  - 6.4 Public Institutions
  - 6.5 Housing and Recreation
  - 6.6 Tourism
  - 6.7 Organisation

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7. Urgent Business
  
8. Closure of Meeting to the Public to consider matters listed for consideration in accordance with Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989
  
9. Confirmation of 'Closed Portion' Decision/s

An audio recording of this meeting is being made for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting, as per Local Law No. 1 - Meeting Procedure (2014) or as updated from time to time through Council Resolution



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### 6.7 ORGANISATION

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##### **Author & Department**

Director, Corporate and Liveability / Corporate and Liveability Directorate

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

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**

###### Council Plan:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act), Council has developed, in consultation with its community, the Draft 2017 – 2021 Council Plan. There were 37 submissions to the Draft 2017-21 Council Plan and these have been considered by Council.

The submissions received covered a range of matters and a summary is attached.

There were common themes in a number of areas and commentary on two of those follows :

###### Environmental Matters

**Sustainable Strathbogie 2030** is a proposal to reduce the number of 'strategies' in the environmental area and have one reference document, with targets, which will be monitored by the Reference Group. It will be an "umbrella" document which will pull together a range of sustainability initiatives some of which Council is already working on, and a number of which have been suggested through the Council Plan process. Its aim is to outline the principles, priorities and actions required to address council and community's on-the-ground approach to living sustainably into and beyond, the next decade. It will address our land use planning, natural heritage, the built environment, sustainable agriculture and collaborative partnerships. We will aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce municipal waste-to-landfill, manage our water resources sustainably, increase local biodiversity, and manage the impacts of a changing climate.

###### Grants Officer

The draft Council Plan and Budget both contain the item to employ a "Tourism, Arts and Culture Team Leader" who will manage and promote the grants programs. The grants program, including community grants will be coordinated by this position and supported by a new interactive grants web based software that is available for community use and is "user friendly". This is a program funded by the GVRCA (Shared Services). Also, the capital project grants are supported by a decentralised project team which provides resources to the grant portfolio. Community grants are also provided resources from the Liveability Directorate. In summary, a new streamlined system will be introduced and managed by the new Team Leader position that will adequately fill the obligations of a grants officer role and provide high level community support.

6.7.1 Draft 2017-2021 Council Plan and Draft 2017/2018-2021/2022 Strategic Resource Plan (cont.)

Following receipt of submissions and review by Councillors the following changes have been made :

New Actions

- Prepare a Sustainable Strathbogie 2030 Plan to bring together Council's response to a range of environmental issues
- Investigate opportunities to reduce the use of plastic bottles in the Shire
- Assist new landowners in land management through new residents kit , website and other means
- Review Council's Waste Management Strategy
- Investigate controls on landscapes as part of the Municipal Strategic Statement review
- Incorporate Gaming policy Statement into the MSS
- Ensure Seven Creeks Master Plan is used as a reference document in the Euroa Growth Strategy
- Review Council's Climate Adaptation Strategy

Amended Actions

- Develop an Action Plan to reduce the incidence of single use plastic bags in the Shire
- Continue to support landcare groups, CMNs to target weed and pest animal management on roadsides

Strategic Resource Plan:

In accordance with Section 126 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act), Council has developed the 2017-2018 Draft Strategic Resource Plan (SRP). Information in the SRP is based on the 2017/18 Draft Budget and Council's Long Term Financial Plan.

There were 37 submissions to the Draft 2017 – 2021 Council Plan and Draft 2017/2018 Strategic Resource Plan.

There have been minor changes to the Council Plan as a consequence of submissions.

A copy of the adopted Strathbogie Shire Council Council Plan and 2017/2018-2021/2022 Strategic Resource Plan will be appended to the Minutes of the meeting for identification purposes.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That Council adopts the Draft 2017 – 2021 Council Plan Strategic Indicators and Actions, as amended.**
- 2. That Council adopts the Draft 2017/2018-2021/2022 Strategic Resource Plan.**



6.7.1 Draft 2017-2021 Council Plan and Draft 2017/2018-2021/2022 Strategic Resource Plan (cont.)

RECOMMENDATION (cont.)

1. **That Council adopts the Draft 2017 – 2021 Council Plan Strategic Indicators and Actions, as amended.**
2. **That Council adopts the Draft 2017/2018-2021/2022 Strategic Resource Plan.**

17/17 **CRS SWAN/THOMSON** : *That the Recommendation be adopted, subject to the addition of the following third Recommendation -*

3. **That Council authorize the Chief Executive Officer to make minor administrative changes.**

**CARRIED**

**Background**

*Council Plan:*

The Draft 2017 – 2021 Council Plan was developed following community consultation which included conversation cafes, face-to-face meetings, public submissions period and a public meeting to hear submissions.

The Council Plan is a strategic document of Council that sets its Vision / Mission / Goals/Values/ Commitment to Engagement and Communication and Goals the (4) four year term of the Council. Key Strategies and 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 – Tuesday 2 May 2017
2. Public Exhibition period closed at 5pm Tuesday 6 June 2017
3. Submissions Hearing to receive/hear submissions on the Draft 2017 – 2021 Council Plan– Tuesday 13 June 2017
4. Council discussion on submissions and hearing thereof – Tuesday 20 June 2017
5. Special Council Meeting to adopt 2017 – 2021 Council Plan –Tuesday 27 June 2016
6. Present adopted 2017 – 2021 Council Plan to the Minister for Local Government by Thursday 30 June 2017.



6.7.1 Draft 2017-2021 Council Plan and Draft 2017/2018-2021/2022 Strategic Resource Plan (cont.)

The following actions in the Council Plan have been added as a result of submissions:

New Actions

- Prepare a Sustainable Strathbogie 2030 Plan to bring together Council's response to a range of environmental issues
- Investigate opportunities to reduce the use of plastic bottles in the Shire
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Amended Actions

- Develop an Action Plan to reduce the incidence of single use plastic bags in the Shire
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*Strategic Resource Plan:*

The SRP was exhibited during the same period as the Draft 2017 – 2021 Council Plan. The SRP outlines the resources required to achieve Council's strategic objectives expressed in the Council Plan. The purpose of the SRP is to:

- Establish a financial framework over the next 4 years to ensure Council's strategic objectives, as expressed in its Council Plan, are achieved;
- Provide an assessment of the resources (financial and non-financial) required to accomplish the objectives and strategies included in the Council Plan (non-financial resources are assumed to include human resources and Council's asset base, which are all referred to in various parts of the SRP);
- Establish a basis to measure Council's adherence to its policies and strategies; and
- Assist Council to comply with sound financial management principles, in accordance with the Local Government Act (1989) and to plan for the long-term financial sustainability of the municipality.

The SRP was developed considering the 2017/18 Budget and Long Term Financial Plan Modelling and has been amended to allow for Budget submissions.



6.7.1 Draft 2017-2021 Council Plan and Draft 2017/2018-2021/2022 Strategic Resource Plan (cont.)

**Alternative Options**

The processes undertaken in relation to advertising, consideration of submissions and adoption are legislated under the Local Government Act 1989. There are no alternative options.

**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 and key strategic documents. The Council Plan and SRP provide input into the preparation of the Budget and Council's long term financial planning.

**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 requirements.

**Financial / Budgetary Implications**

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

**Economic Implications**

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

**Environmental / Amenity Implications**

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

**Community Implications**

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

**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 Local Government Act 1989 requires Council to provide public notice with regard to the Council Plan and Strategic Resource Plan and to request submissions under S223 of the Act. This has occurred.

**Consultation**

Council's proposed Council Plan and Strategic Resource Plan were on public exhibition for the statutory period of 28 days. All submissions received have been considered as part of the process.





6.7.1 Draft 2017-2021 Council Plan and Draft 2017/2018-2021/2022 Strategic Resource Plan (cont.)

**Attachments**

Nil.

**Tabled Reports**

- 2017-2021 Strathbogie Shire Council Plan
- 2017/2018-2021/2022 Strathbogie Shire Strategic Resource Plan



## **6.7.2 Adoption of Budget and Declaration of Rates and Charges for the 12 Months Ending 30 June 2018**

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### **Summary**

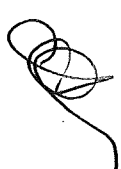
Council has now complied with the legislative requirements for the preparation and public notification of its Budget for the twelve (12) months ending 30 June 2018.

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1989, Council placed the budget on public exhibition for 28 days and sought community submissions under Section 223.

Ten submissions to the draft Budget were received and these have been considered by Council. As a result, a number of amendments to the advertised budget have been made and will be responded to individually.

As a result of submissions the following changes have been made:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Operating Expense Ongoing</b>	<b>Operating Expense One off</b>	<b>Capital Expense</b>	<b>Total</b>
Strathbogie Park Shelter		15,000		15,000
Violet Town Mens Shed relocation			10,000	10,000
Adjust Shadforth Master Plan			(10,000)	(10,000)
Kirkland Avenue footpath between White and Scobie Streets			86,000	86,000
Violet Town Bowls Club joint shed project		15,000		15,000
Maintenance contribution Memorial Oval Euroa	4,000			4,000
Mowing Ruffy and Tablelands Community Centre	2,500			2,500
Line marking Strathbogie	5,000			5,000
Kirkland Ave pedestrian crossing at Bury Street			11,000	11,000
Livingstone Street Path			20,000	20,000
Arts Culture Tourism Strategy		40,000		40,000
Nagambie Recreation Amenities upgrade			50,000	50,000
Planning compliance costs		60,000		60,000
Assets legal costs		10,000		10,000
Swimming Pools – uniform signage, soft fall		10,000		10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,500</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>167,000</b>	<b>328,500</b>



6.7.2 Adoption of Budget and Declaration of Rates and Charges for the 12 Months Ending 30 June 2018 (cont.)

Further amendments have been necessitated by changed circumstances following the budget advertising and expected 2017/2018 carryovers.

A summary of amendments is provided below:

Reconciliation of Advertised Budget to Adopted Budget	Operating Result 2017/18	Cash 2017/18	Capital Expenditure 2017/18
<b>Advertised Budget</b>	<b>3,201</b>	<b>(3,432)</b>	<b>13,089</b>
Transfer R2R Funding from 2017/18 to 2016/17	(1,080)	(1,080)	
Adjust ICT Employee Costs	(35)	(35)	
Landfill rehabilitation costs		(657)	
SES - changed funding arrangements	13	13	
VGC - confirmed grant allocations	(103)	(103)	
VGC - prepayment of 2017/18 allocation in 2016/17	(2,560)	(2,560)	
Workcover rates - amend from 1.71% to 2.10%	(32)	(32)	
Amend EB increment from 2.25% to 2.15%	8	8	
Remove Service System Resourcing Grant - not applicable	(33)	(33)	
Interest on investments	27	27	
Building Surveyor Contract	6	6	
VEC - Election Fines	20	20	
School Crossing Subsidy	12	12	
Immunisation - Meningococcal	(3)	(3)	
Under Excess Insurance Claims	25	25	
Health and Wellbeing	(5)	(5)	
Memorial Oval Netball Court - Cost	(200)	(200)	
Memorial Oval Netball Court - Contribution Euroa FNC	50	50	
Road Maintenance - adjust additional provision re 0 to 1 standard	10	10	
Capital Grants carried forward from 2016/17 - Avenel Hall	300	300	
Contributions carried forward from 2016/17 - Violet Town Bowls Club Shed	15	15	
Violet Town Oval Toilets	100	100	
Changes to Capital Works carried forward from 2016/17 - see below		(1,112)	1,112
<b>Adopted Budget</b>	<b>(264)</b>	<b>(8,666)</b>	<b>14,201</b>

6.7.2 Adoption of Budget and Declaration of Rates and Charges for the 12 Months Ending 30 June 2018 (cont.)

<b>Changes to Capital Works carried forward from 2016/17</b>						
<b>Capital Works Area</b>				<b>Update 31.5.17</b>	<b>Advertised Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
				<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
<b>Buildings</b>						
Nagambie Glass Square Bowling Club Rooms - accessible toilet				30	0	30
Nagambie Glass Square Tennis Club Rooms - accessible toilet				20	0	20
Violet Town Bowls Club Shed				30	0	30
Avenel Hall				250	300	(50)
Euroa Swimming Pool - Roof over Change Rooms				40	0	40
<b>Total buildings</b>				<b>370</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Roads</b>						
Pavement Rehabilitation Program				100	0	100
Euroa Primary School / Campbell St				150	250	(100)
<b>Total Roads</b>				<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Bridges</b>						
Avenel Longwood Road Bridge No 63				165	0	165
Avenel Longwood Road Bridge No 59				204	0	204
McCrackens Rd Bridge No 125				140	0	140
Carters Rd Bridge No 55				140	0	140
Bonds Lane Bridge No 42				80	0	80
Dip Lane Bridge No 142				40	0	40
Dip Lane Bridge No 143				50	0	50
Halsalls Lane Bridge No 58				104	0	104
Griffin Rd Bridge No 42				84	0	84
<b>Total bridges</b>				<b>1,007</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,007</b>
<b>Drainage</b>						
Create Easements for Flood Levees				15	0	15
<b>Total drainage</b>				<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Parks, open space and streetscapes</b>						
Livingstone St Walking Track				20	0	20
<b>Total parks, open space and streetscapes</b>				<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Total Capital Works carried forward from 2016/17</b>				<b>1,662</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>1,112</b>

In accordance with Section 130 of the Local Government Act 1989, Council is required to adopt the budget by 30 June 2017, and give public notice of its decision. A copy of the adopted Strathbogie Shire Council 2017/2018 Budget will be appended to the Minutes of the meeting for identification purposes.



6.7.2 Adoption of Budget and Declaration of Rates and Charges for the 12 Months Ending 30 June 2018 (cont.)

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the budget, as amended, for the year ending 30 June 2018, be adopted.
2. That the Rates and Charges for the year ending 30 June 2018 be declared in accordance with the following recommendations:

1. Amount Intended To Be Raised

An amount of \$18,445,095 (or such other amount as is lawfully raised as a consequence of this resolution) be declared as the amount which Council intends to raise by general rates, the municipal charge and the annual service charge (described later in this Resolution), which amount is calculated as follows:

General Rates	\$14,271,550
Municipal Charge	\$ 1,793,186
Annual Service Charges	\$ 2,380,359

2. General Rates

- 2.1 A general rate be declared in respect of the 2017/2018 Financial Year.
- 2.2 It be further declared that the general rate be raised by the application of differential rates.
- 2.3 A differential rate be respectively declared for rateable land having the respective characteristics specified below, which characteristics will form the criteria for each differential rate so declared:

***Residential Land***

All land used primarily for residential purposes or obviously adapted to being used primarily for residential purposes but excluding farm Land.

***Vacant Residential Land***

All vacant land which may be used primarily for residential purposes or obviously adapted to being used primarily for residential purposes but excluding farm Land.

***Farm Land***

Any land zoned Farming under the Strathbogie Planning Scheme which is not less than 40 hectares in area and is not classified as having a commercial or industrial use.

6.7.2 Adoption of Budget and Declaration of Rates and Charges for the 12 Months Ending 30 June 2018 (cont.)

Land situated within the Farming zone of less than 40 hectares in area may be considered for the farm differential rate, subject to satisfying Council's criteria for recognition as a bone fide farming activity.

***Commercial / Industrial Land***

All land used primarily for commercial or industrial purposes or obviously adapted to being used primarily for commercial/industrial purposes.

***Vacant Commercial / Industrial Land***

All vacant land which may be used primarily for commercial or industrial purposes or obviously adapted to being used primarily for commercial/industrial purposes.

- 2.4 Each differential rate will be determined by multiplying the Capital Improved Value of each rateable land (categorised by the characteristics described in paragraph 2.3) by the relevant percentages indicated in the following table:

<b><i>Category</i></b>	<b><i>Percentage</i></b>
<b>Residential Land</b>	<b>0.5340485% (or 0.00534085 cents in the dollar of the Capital Improved Value)</b>
<b>Vacant Residential Land</b>	<b>0.934585% (or 0.00934585 cents in the dollar of the Capital Improved Value)</b>
<b>Farm Land</b>	<b>0.4539412% (or 0.004539412 cents in the dollar of the Capital Improved Value)</b>
<b>Commercial / Industrial Land</b>	<b>0.6408582% (or 0.006408582 cents in the dollar of the Capital Improved Value)</b>
<b>Vacant Commercial/Industrial Land</b>	<b>1.215019% (or 0.01215019 cents in the dollar of the Capital Improved Value)</b>

6.7.2 Adoption of Budget and Declaration of Rates and Charges for the 12 Months Ending 30 June 2018 (cont.)

**2.5 It be recorded that Council considers that each differential rate will contribute to the equitable and efficient carrying of Council functions, and that:**

**2.5.1 the respective objectives of each differential rate be those specified in the Schedule to this Resolution**

**2.5.2 the respective types or classes of land which are subject to each differential rate be those defined in the Schedule to this Resolution**

**2.5.3 the respective uses and levels of each differential rate in relation to those respective types and classes of land be those described in the Schedule to this Resolution; and**

**2.5.4 the relevant:**

**(a) uses of;**

**(b) geographical locations of;**

**(c) planning scheme zoning of; and**

**(d) types of buildings on**

**the respective types or classes of land be those identified in the Schedule to this Resolution**

**2.6 It be confirmed that no amount is fixed as the minimum amount payable by way of general rate in respect of each rateable land within the municipal district.**

**2.7 In accordance with section 4 of the *Cultural and Recreational Land Act* 1963, the amount of rates payable in respect of each rateable land to which that Act applies be determined by multiplying the Capital Improved Value of the land by 0.2670242 cents in the dollar of Capital Improved Value.**

**3. Municipal Charge**

**3.1 A Municipal charge be declared in respect of the 2017/2018 Financial Year.**

**3.2 The municipal charge be declared for the purpose of covering some of the administrative costs of Council.**

6.7.2 Adoption of Budget and Declaration of Rates and Charges for the 12 Months Ending 30 June 2018 (cont.)

3.3 The municipal charge be in the sum of \$266 for each rateable land (or part) in respect of which a municipal charge may be levied.

3.4 It be confirmed that the municipal charge is declared in respect of all rateable land within the municipal district in respect of which a municipal charge may be levied.

4. Annual Service Charge

4.1 An annual service charge be declared in respect of the 2017/2018 Financial Year.

4.2 An annual service charge be declared for the collection and disposal of refuse from land.

4.3 The annual service charge be in the sum of, and be based on the criteria, set out below but dependent upon which option is chosen:

4.3.1 for the collection and disposal of domestic refuse, recyclables and organics from residential premises, \$515 per annum;

4.3.2 for the collection and disposal of domestic refuse (80 and 120 litre bins), and organics from farms (80 and 120 litre bins), \$349 per annum;

4.3.3 for the collection and disposal of recyclables from farm premises, \$166 per annum;

4.3.4 for the collection and disposal of waste from commercial premises (120 litre bins), \$349 per annum; and

4.3.5 for the collection and disposal of waste from commercial premises (240 litre bins), \$699 per annum.

in respect of each rateable land (or part) to which the service of collection and disposal is made available.

4.4 An annual service charge be declared for a Roadside Tree Management Program, \$26 per annum in respect of each rateable land (or part)



6.7.2 Adoption of Budget and Declaration of Rates and Charges for the 12 Months Ending 30 June 2018 (cont.)

**5. Rebates & Concessions**

***Pensioner Rebate***

5.1 It also be recorded that Council grants to each owner of rateable land who is an "eligible recipient" within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 1986*, a rebate as determined by the Victorian State Government, in respect of each rateable land owned by him or her.

5.2 The rebate described in paragraph 5.1 be granted to assist the proper development of the municipal district, and to achieve the following community benefit:

5.2.1 to provide a concession to ratepayers whose circumstances may limit their capacity to pay.

***Elloura Resort Rebate***

5.3 It be recorded that Council grants a rebate to each owner of rateable land within the Elloura Resort who qualifies for a rebate under the Owners Corporation No. ("Elloura") Agreement.

5.4 The rebate be granted to assist the proper development of part of the municipal district, and to achieve the following community benefit:

5.4.1 The rebate will facilitate the demand for increased levels of service to residents of the Elloura Resort without requirement for additional or redeployed Council resources. The cost of increased service levels will be fully funded by residents of the Elloura Resort.

5.5 The amount of the rebate granted to an owner of rateable land who qualifies under the Elloura Resort Rebate Policy be an amount determined in accordance with the Elloura Resort Rebate Policy.

**First Home Buyers Rebate**

It be recorded that Council intends to grant a rebate of two years rates to each owner who qualifies for the Victorian Government First Home Owners Grant, on the following basis :

- Proof of approval for State First Home Buyers Grant (\$20,000) to be provided
- Council will excuse the rates and municipal charge for a period of two years from commencement of the first full financial year in which the rates are payable by the new owner.

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- **The First Home Buyers Grant is granted:**
  - > For a newly built home sold for the first time – applied from the date of contract of purchase
  - > For a house and land package – applied from date of contract of purchase
  - > For a vacant block which new home is to be built – applied from the date of contract to build house
  - > Maximum value of property is \$750,000

**6. Payment**

6.1 All rates and charges to be paid in four instalments, in accordance with Section 167 (1) and (2) of the Local Government Act 1989.

6.2 Unless Council resolves otherwise, no person be allowed to pay rates and charges as a lump sum other than in accordance with paragraph 6.

**7. Consequential**

7.1 It be confirmed that, subject to sections 171 and 172 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council will require a person to pay interest on any rates and charges which:

7.1.1 that person is liable to pay;

7.1.2 have not been paid by the date specified for their payment

7.2 The Director, Corporate and Liveability be authorised to levy and recover the general rates, municipal charge and annual service charge in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*.

18/17 **CRS THOMSON/LITTLE** : *That the Recommendation be adopted, subject to the addition of the following eighth Recommendation -*

8. **That Council authorize the Chief Executive Officer to make minor administrative changes**

**CARRIED**

**Background**

The proposed budget was considered by Council at a Special Council meeting held on Tuesday 2 May 2017. Subsequent to that meeting, public notice of the proposed budget was given in local newspapers calling for submissions under Section 223 of the Act. The proposed budget was made available for inspection at various locations throughout the Shire and on Council's website.

10 submissions were received and noted at a Special Meeting of Council on Tuesday 13 June 2017. They were subsequently reviewed by Council.

6.7.2 Adoption of Budget and Declaration of Rates and Charges for the 12 Months Ending 30 June 2018 (cont.)

The Budget contains the following initiatives:

Operating

- 2% increase in rates , 3% on waste charges
- Commencement of a rate rebate scheme to encourage first home buyers through a two year rate free period on purchase of a home
- Arts Culture and Tourism Team leader position
- Preparation of an Arts Culture and Tourism Strategy
- Preparation of Sustainable Strathbogie 2030 , a document which will bring together a number of environmental initiatives in the one document
- Completion of the Euroa Growth Plan

Capital

- This includes some items carried over from 2016/17
- Commencement of an ongoing program with an investment of \$400,000 to upgrade roads to Class 1 in the Road Management Plan so that they can be maintained on an ongoing basis. This funding is complemented by additional maintenance and renewal funding for these roads over time .In the coming year 66.9 km will be reclassified. Of these,33.6 km will be upgraded in 2017/18 to be able to be maintained at the Road Management Plan Standard and a further 33.3 km will now receive maintenance at the Road Management Plan standard ( A list of these roads is attached.
- Provision of \$100,000 for emergency works on unsealed roads as required
- Provision of \$150,000 to increase the frequency of maintenance grading
- In order to undertake the above works , Council will lease an additional grader
- Toilets High Street Nagambie , Brock Street Euroa , Violet Town Oval
- Completion of Avenel Hall
- Birkett Street railway pedestrian crossing
- Upgrade to Nagambie Locksley Road/McDonalds Road intersection \$754,000 (State 500,000)
- Road reseals \$1,120,000
- Road Rehabilitation \$1,309,000
- Resheeting of gravel roads \$460,000
- Bridgeworks of \$3,443,000 including Merton Strathbogie Rd , Leckies Road , Ross Road,Sheans Road , Avenel Longwood Road (3 bridges)
- Euroa Flood levee \$180,000
- Footpaths and cycle ways \$303,000 including Kirkland Ave Euroa
- Drainage \$747,000 including Euroa Mansfield Road and Campbell Street Euroa (subject to Special Charge Scheme)



6.7.2 Adoption of Budget and Declaration of Rates and Charges for the 12 Months Ending 30 June 2018 (cont.)

The Budget and Long Term Financial Plan produces the following indicators which are considered prudent :

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Adjusted Underlying Result	-6.6%*	4.5%	2.5%	1.3%
Working Capital Ratio	137.9%	153.8%	151.4%	142.5%
Debt as % of Revenue	3.7%	2.9%	2.0%	1.4%
Asset Renewal expenditure/Depreciation	196.6%	102.6%	102.9%	102.1%
Capital Works Expenditure	14,542,000	7,216,000	7,321,000	7,624,000
Cash and Investments	5,291,000	5,613,000	5,487,000	5,046,000
Cash Flow from Operations	5,728,000	6,761,000	6,870,000	7,024,000

\*affected by prepayment of 50% of Financial Assistance Grant to Council in 2016/17

**Alternative Options**

The processes undertaken in relation to the budget advertising, consideration of submissions and budget adoption are legislated under the Local Government Act 1989. There are no alternative options.

**Risk Management**

A well planned budget will reduce the risk that Council will not be able to provide the services expected and required by the community. Council is required under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, to adopt a budget each year.

**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 Council Plan. Specifically, the proposed budget is prepared in the context of the Council Plan and Council's long term financial planning.

**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 requirements.

**Financial / Budgetary Implications**

Ten submissions to the budget were received and a number of amendments to the advertised budget have been made. The amendments have been necessitated by changed circumstances following the budget advertising. The amendments are primarily of a timing nature and as a result of budget submissions and expected 2017/2018 carryovers.

**Economic Implications**

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

6.7.2 Adoption of Budget and Declaration of Rates and Charges for the 12 Months Ending 30 June 2018 (cont.)

**Environmental / Amenity Implications**

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

**Community Implications**

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

**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 Local Government Act 1989 requires that Council adopt the budget by 30 June 2017 or by 31 August if it needs to.

**Consultation**

Council's proposed budget was on public exhibition for the statutory period of 28 days and submissions were invited from the community. Ten submissions were received and noted at a Special Meeting of Council on Tuesday 13 June 2017.

**Attachments**

- Schedule 1 – Residential Land
- Schedule 2 – Vacant Residential Land
- Schedule 3 – Farm Land
- Schedule 4 – Commercial / Industrial Land
- Schedule 5 – Vacant Commercial / Industrial Land
- Schedules 6 & 7 – Road Upgrade Program

**Tabled Report**

2017/2018 Strathbogie Shire Council Budget

The adopted Strathbogie Shire Council 2017/2018 Budget will be appended to the Minutes for identification purposes.

## **SCHEDULE 1**

### **RESIDENTIAL LAND**

**Objective:**

To ensure that all rateable land makes an equitable financial contribution to the cost of carrying out the functions of Council, including the:

1. Construction and maintenance of public infrastructure;
2. Development and provision of health and community services; and
3. Provision of general support services.

**Types and Classes:**

Rateable land having the relevant characteristics described in the Resolution.

**Use and Level of Differential Rate:**

The differential rate will be used to fund some of those items of expenditure described in the Budget adopted by Council.

The level of the differential rate is the level which Council considers is necessary to achieve the objectives specified above.

**Geographic Location:**

Wherever located within the municipal district.

**Use of Land:**

Any use permitted under the Strathbogie Planning Scheme.

**Planning Scheme Zoning:**

The zoning applicable to each rateable land within this category, as determined by consulting maps referred to in the Strathbogie Planning Scheme.

**Types of Buildings:**

All buildings which are now constructed on the land or which are constructed prior to the expiry of the 2017/2018 Financial Year.



## **SCHEDULE 2**

### **VACANT RESIDENTIAL LAND**

**Objective:**

To ensure that all rateable land makes an equitable financial contribution to the cost of carrying out the functions of Council, including the:

1. Construction and maintenance of public infrastructure;
2. Development and provision of health and community services; and
3. Provision of general support services.

**Types and Classes:**

Rateable land having the relevant characteristics described in the Resolution.

**Use and Level of Differential Rate:**

The differential rate will be used to fund some of those items of expenditure described in the Budget adopted by Council.

The level of the differential rate is the level which Council considers is necessary to achieve the objectives specified above.

**Geographic Location:**

Wherever located within the municipal district.

**Use of Land:**

Any use permitted under the Strathbogie Planning Scheme.

**Planning Scheme Zoning:**

The zoning applicable to each rateable land within this category, as determined by consulting maps referred to in the Strathbogie Planning Scheme.

**Types of Buildings:**

All buildings and other improvements which are now constructed on the land or which are constructed prior to the expiry of the 2017/2018 Financial Year and whose total value does not exceed \$20,000.

### **SCHEDULE 3**

#### **FARM LAND**

**Objective:**

To ensure that all rateable land makes an equitable financial contribution to the cost of carrying out the functions of Council, including the:

1. Construction and maintenance of public infrastructure;
2. Development and provision of health and community services; and
3. Provision of general support services.

**Types and Classes:**

Rateable land having the relevant characteristics described in the Resolution.

**Use and Level of Differential Rate:**

The differential rate will be used to fund some of those items of expenditure described in the Budget adopted by Council.

The level of the differential rate is the level which Council considers is necessary to achieve the objectives specified above.

**Geographic Location:**

Wherever located within the municipal district.

**Use of Land:**

Any use permitted under the Strathbogie Planning Scheme.

**Planning Scheme Zoning:**

Rural Zone under the Strathbogie Planning Scheme.

**Types of Buildings:**

All buildings which are now constructed on the land or which are constructed prior to the expiry of the 2017/2018 Financial Year.



## **SCHEDULE 4**

### **COMMERCIAL / INDUSTRIAL LAND**

**Objective:**

To ensure that all rateable land makes an equitable financial contribution to the cost of carrying out the functions of Council, including the:

1. Construction and maintenance of public infrastructure;
2. Development and provision of health and community services; and
3. Provision of general support services.

**Types and Classes:**

Rateable land having the relevant characteristics described in the Resolution.

**Use and Level of Differential Rate:**

The differential rate will be used to fund some of those items of expenditure described in the Budget adopted by Council.

The level of the differential rate is the level which Council considers is necessary to achieve the objectives specified above.

**Geographic Location:**

Wherever located within the municipal district.

**Use of Land:**

Any use permitted under the Strathbogie Planning Scheme.

**Planning Scheme Zoning:**

The zoning applicable to each rateable land within this category, as determined by consulting maps referred to in the Strathbogie Planning Scheme.

**Types of Buildings:**

All buildings and other improvements which are now constructed on the land or which are constructed prior to the expiry of the 2017/2018 Financial Year.

## **SCHEDULE 5**

### **VACANT COMMERCIAL / INDUSTRIAL LAND**

**Objective:**

To ensure that all rateable land makes an equitable financial contribution to the cost of carrying out the functions of Council, including the:

1. Construction and maintenance of public infrastructure;
2. Development and provision of health and community services; and
3. Provision of general support services.

**Types and Classes:**

Rateable land having the relevant characteristics described in the Resolution.

**Use and Level of Differential Rate:**

The differential rate will be used to fund some of those items of expenditure described in the Budget adopted by Council.

The level of the differential rate is the level which Council considers is necessary to achieve the objectives specified above.

**Geographic Location:**

Wherever located within the municipal district.

**Use of Land:**

Any use permitted under the Strathbogie Planning Scheme.

**Planning Scheme Zoning:**

The zoning applicable to each rateable land within this category, as determined by consulting maps referred to in the Strathbogie Planning Scheme.

**Types of Buildings:**

All buildings and other improvements which are now constructed on the land or which are constructed prior to the expiry of the 2017/2018 Financial Year and whose total value does not exceed \$20,000.



**SCHEDULE 6**  
**ROAD UPGRADE PROGRAM**

APPENDIX	ROADS TO BE UPGRADED AND RECLASSIFIED CLASS 1		
ROAD OR STREET	FROM	TO	LENGTH
Grimes Street	Longwood Ruffy Road	Scobie Road	245
Smythe St	Faithfull Road	Symons Street	120
Beacon Lane	Nagambie-Locksley Road	End of Road	220
Harringtons Road	Pine Lodge Rd	Pine Lodge Rd + 350	350
Summer Road	Murchison Violet Town Road	Murchison Violet Town Road + 530	530
Black Swamp Lane	Cahill Road	Bunganail Road	845
Bellew Lane	High Street	End of Road	30
Kelvin View School Road	Kelvin View Road	Euroa-Strathbogie Road	1,165
Meakins Avenue	Murray Street	Ends at Gate	85
Scouler Road	Golburn Weir Murchison	End of Road	185
Repeater Road	Avenel-Longwood Road	End of Road	2,090
Morrissy Lane	Morningside Road	Eliza Park	870
Downs Road	Croxfords Road + 4780	Panters Road	300
Collier Road	End Seal	Gate/End Road	1,705
Wakenshaws Road	Polly McQuinns Road	Polly McQuinns Road + 130	130
Hoskin Lane	Shiffner Street	Shiffner Street + 400	400
Organs Lane	Byers Road	End of Road	830
Hills Road	Pranjip Road	Curries Road	1,760
Kennedy Lane	Segafredos Lane	End of Road	430
Angle Road	Cullens Road	Carters Road + 4790	10,340
Morgan Street	Tabilk Monea Road	Cuthbert Street	370
Wilkinsons Lane	Walters Road + 740	End of Road	445
Berrys Lane	Hume Highway + 590	End of Road	1,040
Doxeys Lane	Upton Road	Tree Arches Road	1,100
Creamery Road	Boho Church Road	Boho Church Road + 470	470
Garside Lane	Moglonemby Hall Road	End of Road	450
Shields Lane	Mt Wombat Road	End of Road	155
Airstrip Road	Drysdale Rd	Airport Gates	545
Long Gully Road	Harrys Creek Road + 700	Harrys Creek Road + 1760	1,060
Downs Road	Croxfords Road	Paynters Road + 900	2410
Noye Lane	Buntings Hill Road	End of Road	430
Kellys Lane	Creightons Creek Road	End of Road	455
Baker Lane	Upton Road	End of Road	410
Barn Lane	Balmattum Rd	Balmattum Rd + 240	240
Curries Road (N W of Euroa)	Hills Road	Hills Road + 1000	1,000
Crosbie Lane	Woolshed Road	End of Road	760
Mt Wombat Road	Mount Wombat Road + 1225	Beatties Road	1,125

**SCHEDULE 7**  
**ROAD UPGRADE PROGRAM**

APPENDIX	ROADS TO BE RECLASSIFIED CLASS 1		
ROAD OR STREET	FROM	TO	LENGTH
Camerons Road	Bridge Road	Feltrim Road	1,615
Cook Road	Roach Road	Depot Lane	1,615
Coulter Lane	Wahring-Euroa Road	End at Railway Line	157
Davey Road	Grimwade Road	Grimwade Road + 210	210
Fergusons Lane (Strathbogie)	Galls Gap Road	End of Road	400
Hobart Street	Nolans Rd	Hill Close	250
Moffitt Road	Bailiffs Rd	Noonans Road	1,760
Moran Court	South Costerfield Graytown Road	End of Road	500
Noonan Street	Palmer Road	Clancy Road	1,610
Nugget Court	Nagambie-Rushworth Road	End of Road	280
OShea Lane	Murchison Violet Town Rd	Murchison Violet Town Rd + 310	310
Pummeroy Lane	Shepparton Violet Town Road	Shepparton Violet Town Road +140	250
Stringers Road	Old Euroa Road	Riggs Creek Road	595
Thorndyke Drive	Temple Court	End	150
Wadesons Road	Wilbrahams Road	End of Road	1,110
Wonnangatta Lane	Quailes Lane	Gate/End Road	250
Boyle Road	Kellys Lane	End of Road	870
Bunganail Road	Peppercorn Rd	McDonalds + 980	1,405
Burkes Road	Longwood Shepparton Road	Longwood Shepparton Road + 2395	2,395
Curries Road (N W of Euroa)	Arcadia Two Chain Road	Geodetic Road + 475	7,830
Sargoods Road	Church Lane	End of Road	1,510
Strathaird Road	Shepparton Violet Town Road	Lehmann Road + 1105	2,355
Gibson Lane	Balmattum North Road	Road Reserve	620
Marmo Lane	Boundary Hill Road + 1225	End of Road	795
Mooks Lane	Bartons Lane	End of Road	450
Pinniger Street	Queen Street	End of Seal	80
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Sullivan Lane	Wood Road	Drysdale Road	2,500
Tait Lane	Harringtons Road	End of Road	225
Tidboald Road	Deanes Road	End of Road	310
Worland Road	Angle Road	Angle Road + 830	830

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.20 P.M.**

Confirmed as being a true and accurate record of the Meeting



Chair

18/07/2017  
Date



