



STRATHBOGRIE SHIRE COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Strathbogrie Shire Council will be held virtually on Tuesday 8 June 2021, commencing at 4.00 p.m.

Chair:	Melanie Likos (Deputy Mayor)	<i>(Lake Nagambie Ward)</i>
Councillors:	Laura Binks	<i>(Mount Wombat Ward)</i>
	Sally Hayes-Burke	<i>(Seven Creeks Ward)</i>
	Kristy Hourigan	<i>(Seven Creeks Ward)</i>
	Paul Murray	<i>(Hughes Creek Ward)</i>
Officers:	Julie Salomon	Chief Executive Officer <i>(CEO)</i>
	David Roff	Director, Corporate Operations <i>(DCO)</i>
	Amanda Tingay	Director, Community and Planning <i>(DCP)</i>
	Dawn Bray	Executive Manager, Governance and Customer Service <i>(EMGCS)</i>
	Kristin Favaloro	Executive Manager, Communications and Engagement <i>(EMCE)</i>
	Upul Sathurusinghe	Manager, Finance <i>(MF)</i>

Meetings conducted by Strathbogrie Shire Council will, again, be held virtually, using Teams, and live streamed on our website at www.strathbogrie.vic.gov.au. This ensures we are meeting the Victorian Government's direction that Council meetings must move online.

We encourage all community members to watch the meeting online, given we have had to close the public gallery until further notice.

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 Chris Raeburn (Mayor)
Councillor Reg Dickinson
4. Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest
5. Officer Reports
6. Confidential Business

Julie Salomon
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

4 June 2021

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5. REPORTS

5.1 Draft 2021/22 Budget Report, Draft 2021/22 Revenue and Rating Plan and Draft 2021/22 Fees and Charges - Receiving / Hearing of Submissions

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate Operations

Responsible Director: Director Corporate Operations / Corporate Operations Department

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to receive / hear submissions made under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 ("The Act") in relation to the Draft 2021/22 Budget Report, the draft 2021/22 Revenue and Rating Plan and the draft 2021/22 Fees and Charges.

The closing date for submissions was Monday 24 May 2021 at 5.00 p.m.

There were fifty-nine (59) submissions received for the 2021/22 Draft Budget and Revenue and Rating Plan. Nineteen submitters (19) requested to speak to their Budget submissions, (some in relation to more than one submission). Copies of all submissions have been distributed to Councillors for their information and are tabled for identification purposes.

It is noted there were no submissions received for the draft 2021/2022 Fees and Charges.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to –

- 1. Note that there were fifty-nine submissions received in response to the public advertisement of the Draft 2021/22 Budget, Draft 2021/22 Rating and Revenue Plan and Draft 2021/22 Fees and Charges;***
- 2. Hear those who wish to be heard in support of their written submissions; and***
- 3. Formally consider all received submissions and the adoption of the Draft 2021/22 Budget, Draft 2021/22 Rating and Revenue Plan and Draft 2021/22 Fees and Charges at an Extraordinary Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 29 June 2021 at the Euroa Community Conference Centre, commencing at 5.00 pm.***

5.1 Draft 2021/22 Budget Report, Draft 2021/22 Revenue and Rating Plan and Draft 2021/22 Fees and Charges
- Receiving / Hearing of Submissions (cont.)

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The review of the proposed 2021/22 Budget, 2021/22 Revenue and Rating Plan and 2021/22 Fees and Charges was considered by Council at the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20 April 2021. Subsequent to that meeting, public notice of the proposed Budget, Revenue and Rating Plan, and Fees and Charges was given in local newspapers, calling for submissions under Section 223 of the Act. Submissions in writing were invited until 5.00 p.m. on Monday 24 May 2021. The proposed Budget, Revenue and Rating Plan, and Fees and Charges were made available for inspection and accessible on Council's website.

ISSUES, OPTIONS AND DISCUSSION

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations

The proposal is to hear submissions from the community in regard to a range of issues identified in the Budget and Revenue and Rating Plan - ranging from rate levels, service delivery and capital works. Following the hearing of submissions, Council will determine a position on them at the 29 June 2021 Extraordinary Council meeting.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making.

Council's Draft 2021/22 Budget Report, draft 2021/22 Revenue and Rating Plan and draft 2021/22 Fees and Charges have been on public exhibition for the statutory period of at least 28 days and submissions were invited from the community.

The 2021/22 Draft Budget provides funding allocations and support for nominated projects to proceed in both operational and capital works budgets, and, where appropriate, further community consultation will occur throughout the year specific to each project.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The author of this report considers that the report is consistent with Council Policies and key strategic documents. Specifically, the proposed Budget and Revenue and Rating Plan are prepared in the context of Council's long-term financial planning.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law.

The Local Government Act 1989 requires that Council give public notice of the proposed Budget and invite submissions under Section 223 of the Act. The Act requires that Council must adopt the Budget by 30 June 2021.

5.1 Draft 2021/22 Budget Report, Draft 2021/22 Revenue and Rating Plan and Draft 2021/22 Fees and Charges
- Receiving / Hearing of Submissions (cont.)

Conflict of Interest Declaration

All officers, and/or contractors, involved in the preparation of this report have signed a written declaration that they do not have a conflict of interest in the subject matter of this report.

Transparency

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

The Budget process has been the subject of extensive promotion, consultation and a significant number of submissions have been received

FINANCIAL VIABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured.

The Budget, Revenue and Rating Plan, and Fees and Charges are significant documents in ensuring the financial viability of Council.

Funding provided by the Budget allows for service delivery and maintenance and upgrade of Council's asset base.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted.

Economic

The Budget make provisions for a number of economic development initiatives.

Social

The Budget address issues of:

- (a) sense of community – e.g. cultural activities, stakeholder participation, recognition of diversity, cultural heritage or social cohesion;
- (b) community services – e.g. range and quality of services for different groups (children and families, young people, elderly people and people with disabilities), accessibility of services or cost of services;
- (c) community health and well-being – e.g. recreation facilities, public safety, health services and facilities or public health implications;
- (d) transport – e.g. safety for travellers, emissions and fuel consumption, public transport usage, walking and cycling or transportation needs of all people

through provision of services as well as community facilities.

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- Receiving / Hearing of Submissions (cont.)

Environmental/Climate change

The Budget provides funding for initiatives in sustainability including water reuse and alternative energy.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVMENT

Investments in information technology and an ongoing process of systems review contributes to innovation or continuous improvement

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

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

CONCLUSION

Council should hear the submissions prior to adopting a position in order to finalise the Budget, Revenue and Rating Plan, and Fees and Charges.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

TABLED DOCUMENT

Submissions to draft 2021-22 Budget and draft 2021/22 Revenue and Rating Plan

6. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil.

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