

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given of a
Special Meeting of Council to be held at
the James Young Room, Lerderderg Library, Bacchus Marsh
on Wednesday 21 June 2017,
commencing at 5.00 p.m.

Members:

Cr. David Edwards (Mayor)	East Moorabool Ward
Cr. Tonia Dudzik (Deputy Mayor)	East Moorabool Ward
Cr. Paul Tatchell	Central Moorabool Ward
Cr. Jarrod Bingham	East Moorabool Ward
Cr. John Keogh	East Moorabool Ward
Cr. Tom Sullivan	West Moorabool Ward
Cr. Pat Toohey	Woodlands Ward

Officers:

Mr. Rob Croxford	Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Phil Jeffrey	General Manager Infrastructure
Mr. Satwinder Sandhu	General Manager Growth and Development
Mr. Danny Colgan	General Manager Community Services

Rob Croxford
Chief Executive Officer

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1. OPENING OF MEETING

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We respectfully acknowledge the traditional owners of this land, their spirits and ancestors.

3. PRESENT

4. APOLOGIES

5. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Under the Local Government Act (1989), the classification of the type of interest giving rise to a conflict is; a direct interest; or an indirect interest (section 77A and 77B). The type of indirect interest specified under Section 78, 78A, 78B, 78C or 78D of the Local Government Act 1989 set out the requirements of a Councillor or member of a Special Committee to disclose any conflicts of interest that the Councillor or member of a Special Committee may have in a matter being or likely to be considered at a meeting of the Council or Committee.

Definitions of the class of the interest are:

- a direct interest
 - (section 77A, 77B)
- an indirect interest (see below)
 - indirect interest by close association (section 78)
 - indirect financial interest (section 78A)
 - indirect interest because of conflicting duty (section 78B)
 - indirect interest because of receipt of gift(s) (section 78C)
 - indirect interest through civil proceedings (section 78D)
 - indirect interest because of impact on residential amenity (section 78E)

Time for Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

In addition to the Council protocol relating to disclosure at the beginning of the meeting, section 79 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) requires a Councillor to disclose the details, classification and the nature of the conflict of interest immediately at the beginning of the meeting and/or before consideration or discussion of the Item.

Section 79(6) of the Act states:

While the matter is being considered or any vote is taken in relation to the matter, the Councillor or member of a special committee must:

- (a) leave the room and notify the Mayor or the Chairperson of the special committee that he or she is doing so; and
- (b) remain outside the room and any gallery or other area in view of hearing of the room.

The Councillor is to be notified by the Mayor or Chairperson of the special committee that he or she may return to the room after consideration of the matter and all votes on the matter.

There are important reasons for requiring this disclosure immediately before the relevant matter is considered.

- Firstly, members of the public might only be in attendance for part of a meeting and should be able to see that all matters are considered in an appropriately transparent manner.
- Secondly, if conflicts of interest are not disclosed immediately before an item there is a risk that a Councillor who arrives late to a meeting may fail to disclose their conflict of interest and be in breach of the Act.

6. PRESENTATIONS / DEPUTATIONS

The Council has made provision in the business of the Special Meeting of the Council for the making of presentations or deputations to Council in relation to matters presented on the agenda for Council consideration.

Presentations or deputations are required to be conducted in accordance with the requirements contained within the **Presentation/Deputations Protocols and Procedural Guidelines**.

Persons wishing to make a presentation or deputation to the Council on a matter included in the agenda shall inform Council by 1pm on the Friday prior to the meeting by contacting the Chief Executive Officer’s Office and registering their name and agenda item being spoken to.

At the meeting the Mayor will invite the persons wishing to make a presentation or delegation to address the Council on the agenda item.

The person making the presentation or deputation is to stand and address the Council on the item. No debate on the item is permitted between the person making the presentation or delegation and the Council.

A maximum of three minutes per presentation or delegation will be allocated. An extension of time may be granted at the discretion of the Mayor.

Councillors, through the Mayor, may ask the person making the presentation or delegation for clarification of matters presented.

The Mayor may direct that a member of the gallery ceases speaking if the above procedure is not followed.

List of Persons making Presentations/Deputations other than in relation to a planning item listed on the agenda:

Item No	Description	Name	Position
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List of Persons making Presentations/Deputations to a planning item listed on the agenda:

Individuals seeking to make a presentation to the Council on a planning item listed on the agenda for consideration at the meeting will be heard by the Council immediately preceding consideration of the Council Officer’s report on the planning item.

Item No	Description	Name	Applicant/ Objector
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7. BUSINESS

7.1 Consideration of Submissions to the Proposed 2017/18 Annual Budget

Introduction

File No.: 07/01/015A
Author: Steve Ivelja
General Manager: Phil Jeffrey

Background

This report relates to the process for Council to adopt the 2017/18 Annual Budget in accordance with section 127 of the Local Government Act 1989 (The Act). The process includes giving public notice to allow 28 days for submissions to be made by members of the public and such submissions to be heard prior to Council adopting the 2017/18 Annual Budget.

Council commenced statutory procedures dealing with the 2017/18 Annual Budget at the Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 3rd May 2017. At this meeting, Council resolved to put on public display the Proposed 2017/18 Annual Budget that was considered at this meeting.

A public notice was published in "The Moorabool News" on Tuesday, 9th May 2017 and also in "The Courier" in Ballarat on Saturday, 13th May 2017. These public notices called for submissions to the proposed budget.

The proposed 2017/18 budget has been prepared in accordance with Section 127 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) and part 3 of the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014 (the Regulations).

As a result of this advertising process, a total of 32 written submissions were received by the stated cut-off 6th June 2017, and one received late on 13th June, for consideration by Council. Of the 32 submissions, 27 relate to Gordon Primary School. The following is a summary of the submissions that have been received:

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1	<p>Gordon Primary School – Principal Russel Cowan</p> <p>Council has also received another twenty-six letters from various parents and students from Gordon Primary. All of these have been attached to the Council Report. They will all be considered as one submission.</p>	<p>I was astonished to review the draft budget and not see the proposed Gordon Primary School, Dicker Street improvements included.</p> <p>I'm sure that you would agree that child safety is of the highest importance and that the community would expect the Moorabool Shire to budget responsibly to account for this. We are a growing school with a predicted enrolment of 130 in 2018. Every year the issue continues to get worse. Since Phil Jeffery came to view the issue, from which the attached proposal was drawn up, we have an additional 20 families in the school.</p> <p>All parents at Gordon Primary School are required to monitor their children outside of the school gates. Given the poor design of footpath and road, near accidents are occurring with the parent in close proximity to their child. As stated in numerous letters and phone calls to Council, it is a matter of when, not if, that a severe accident takes place.</p> <p>Parents currently need to park in "No Parking" zones because there is not enough adequate parking provided on Dicker Street. In February 2016 I received a letter from the Moorabool Council stating that we were at capacity in regards to car parking. Given the continued school growth, I ask that you try to imagine the issue now. Put simply, there are not enough spaces to meet the demand at our beautiful school. Once again, this means that parents are parking and driving in a manner that puts student safety at risk.</p>	<p><i>A project to upgrade Dicker Street and formalise parking fronting the Gordon Primary School has been investigated and included in Council's long term capital program.</i></p> <p><i>During a site visit in early 2016, it was noted in our response in relation to on street parking that "although the parking area is reaching capacity, the parking and traffic movements functioned reasonably well".</i></p> <p><i>Subsequently, a concept plan of an upgrade option has been prepared and provided to the school for information.</i></p> <p><i>A number of the submissions refer to lack of line-marking. Lines cannot currently be installed at the frontage of the school given the unsealed flanks and therefore could only be done as part of an upgrade of the street.</i></p> <p><i>At the time of the investigation, it was also requested that 40km/hr time zones be installed in the side streets. Before doing so, the school was requested confirm in writing that access gates exist at these locations. This has only recently been confirmed which has now enabled Council to make application to VicRoads for a time-based 40km/h speed zones. Once approved, they will be installed accordingly.</i></p> <p><i>The school also previously proposed construction of a carpark within the school grounds to assist into the future. They were advised that Council would not fund anything within the school grounds however if state funds could be obtained, perhaps a joint project could be investigated.</i></p> <p><i>It is considered that there is merit for the project in future years given the growth in Gordon and the school itself. However, the project is not being recommended for funding in 2017/18 but will remain on the long term list for consideration in future years budgets.</i></p>

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2	<p>Deterioration of Ormond Road between Gleeson & Springbank Roads – Stephen Answerth</p>	<p>The condition of Ormond Road particularly toward the Gleeson Road end, has been allowed to further deteriorate to the point where it has become very dangerous. Local Barkstead residents are increasingly reporting 'near miss' incidents as a result of the road surface condition and the increase of trucks on this road.</p> <p>Large potholes, severe cracking and the breaking away of the sealed edges begun more than 12 months ago, following the repeated use of the road by logging trucks.</p> <p>The use of the road between Simpson Road and the Western Highway by B Double water tankers on a daily basis, has only exacerbated the problem.</p> <p>As Council is aware this increased use saw the rapid decline in road conditions at the Springbank & Ormond Roads intersection. The decay was so rapid</p>	<p><i>Council response to point (a)</i></p> <p><i>There is a section of road approximately 500m north of the intersection of Ormond Rd and Barkstead Rd plus about 300m south of the same intersection that has been marked for reconstruction through the Storm Recovery program. The scope of work will be like for like, that is sealed road construction but will be no wider than currently exists. The work will be undertaken in Summer after design and tendering is complete.</i></p> <p><i>In order to maintain safety, the section above will be patched in the short term.</i></p> <p><i>Council response to point (b)</i></p> <p><i>Ormond Road is a Local road within Moorabool Shire's rural area and provides an important route for local farms and businesses. General Access Vehicles (GAV) comply with mass and dimension requirements including a vehicle of maximum height of 4.3m, length 19m and gross vehicle mass limit of 42.5 tonnes, these vehicles can operate on any Council local road within Victoria</i></p>

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		<p>that the Council was forced to undertake major restorative works to correct the problem.</p> <p>Whilst the Council has recently seen fit to “patch up” the obvious problems, the underlying problem remains unresolved.</p> <p>This road was never designed to accommodate heavy vehicles, let alone B-Doubles. The road which is regularly exposed to flooding and many sections are barely wide enough for a car, the passing of an oncoming truck is a very daunting prospect</p> <p>VicRoads has confirmed with us, that Ormond Road (in its entirety) is owned by the Moorabool Shire Council. VicRoads has also confirmed that Ormond Road has not been designated for use by B Double trucks and can only be accessed by such trucks with a Council permit.</p> <p>The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (based in Queensland) has confirmed that they process permit applications (on behalf of drivers/companies that operate Heavy Vehicles). The applications are for heavy vehicle use on un-designated local roads and are granted/approved by the relevant Council. The permits issued are for 12 month periods after which time, the impact of the trucks can be gauged. The NHVR is not responsible for the road in any respect. It is Councils’ sole responsibility.</p> <p>It is hard to understand why the Council continues to issue permits to heavy vehicle operators for this section of the road. It would appear from the lack of inaction that the Council values the business interests of some, ahead of the safety of its residents. We would welcome the release of any road dilapidation report that has been prepared on behalf of Council that supports the continued issuing of permits.</p>	<p><i>without requiring a National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) permit.</i></p> <p><i>Advice from the NHVR is that there is potentially less damage caused by utilising B-Doubles, as it means that the actual number of trips can be reduced and therefore have less impact on the road as both vehicles have the same axle weights. A number of NHVR permits have been issued in the past to allow for logging activities and limited movements for delivery of farming equipment. There are currently 4 permits which are active and have been issued to use B-Doubles to support businesses within the area which is helping with the production of goods and growth of the economy. Based on current traffic data, the number of vehicles per day and percentage of heavy vehicles, does not warrant any upgrades or widening at this point in time.</i></p>

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		<p>The concerned residents of Barkstead call on the Council to:</p> <p>a) immediately upgrade the road to accommodate the vehicular traffic that currently uses it &</p> <p>b) suspend all heavy vehicle permits for this road, until such time as the road upgrade has been completed.</p>	
3	Gordon Main Street Reference Group – Scott Graham	<p>As per our submission, 23 March 2017, the Gordon Main Street Reference Group requests commitment, timing, resourcing and funding for;</p> <p>1. Moorabool Shire adopting the process being applied in Elaine to Gordon – a Civic Improvement Plan. This would include a focus for;</p> <p>a). Implementation of initial civic works focusing on Main Street trees and two seating areas</p> <p>b). Techniques to test and engage</p> <p>c). Installed in concert with scheduled civil/drainage works and roadway works for traffic calming</p> <p>2. The town of Gordon and its businesses and events are properly represented on an improved ‘Visit Moorabool Shire’ website.</p> <p>3. An appointed Economic Development/ Tourism Officer liaises with our Reference Group to determine and implement a set of initiatives with us that support businesses and the future of the township of Gordon.</p> <p>This submission is made in the context of;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An acknowledged lack of investment in Gordon - No investment in civic elements in Main Street - Increased rates base - A main Street with 7 plus businesses - Community Group with enthusiasm and wide support for initiatives advocating 	<p><i>Council staff have met with Scott Graham recently to discuss his interests. It was suggested that if Mr. Graham has an interest in Main Street and future design improvements that he should form a group and clarify the needs of that group to provide a wider set of views. Council staff have since met that group as well.</i></p> <p><i>Presently Council is preparing a streetscape masterplan/civic improvement plan for Elaine, as per the adopted Small Towns Strategy. That methodology, which has been presented to Council management, involves local small projects that enhance the visitor attraction, local amenity and identity of towns. It is a model which has merit in many towns, including Gordon. Funding of works on ground will be subject to completion of community engagement as well as budget bids.</i></p> <p><i>Any capital works undertaken in Gordon within the Main Street area should be informed by a streetscape masterplan/ civic improvement plan. The delivery of such a plan will involve a budget bid process and the costs of actions cannot be determined until the study is complete. Therefore, whilst there is scope to prepare the study in-house in 2017/18, any funded actions would need to be determined by Council in the budget process for 2018/19.</i></p> <p><i>There may be potential for delivery of works via grants and/or any civil works to be delivered by Council in the new financial year. A review of these options will occur shortly, noting that there a range competing projects across the Shire to consider.</i></p>

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		<p>- A lack of Moorabool Shire commitment to planning, scheduling and funding</p>	<p><i>Concerning meeting with Council's Economic Development Officer, it is intended that town identity, marketing and on-line activity to market towns like Gordon will be a higher priority in 2017/18 – as it is across the Shire.</i></p> <p><i>Notwithstanding the above, an allocation for Gordon Main Street is included in the draft budget for civil design.</i></p>
4	<p>Bennett Street Pedestrian Crossing – Ross Dickson</p>	<p>Email sent to Tonia Dudzik. Hi Tonia. Myself and quite a lot of the general Bacchus Marsh community would like to request that there be a motion put forward for a budget submission for Council funding for a pedestrian crossing put in Bennett Street, Bacchus Marsh to aid the elderly, blind people, parents and kindergarten children, as well as primary school children in crossing the road from Rotary Park to the Coles Shopping Centre safely, as Bennett Street is becoming and has been for quite a while increasingly busy.</p>	<p><i>The pedestrian crossing in Bennett Street, Bacchus Marsh has been included in the Proposed Budget for 2017/18.</i></p>
5	<p>Kate Sharkey</p>	<p>In the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 3 May a proposal to conduct a formal rating strategy review was put forward as part of the 2017/18 budget. The resolution was not to carry out a rating strategy review.</p> <p>QUESTIONS</p> <p>Are Council able to justify to rate payers the reasons for why this important document is not being reviewed? It would be assumed the rating strategy lays down the foundations to ensure Council are being accountable and transparent with regards to rates collected.</p>	<p><i>At the Ordinary Meeting on the 3rd May 2017, Council resolved to adopt the existing rating differentials for a further 12 month period encompassing the 2017/18 Rating year. In addition to this, it resolved to undertake an internal review of the Rating Strategy in 2017/18.</i></p> <p><i>Under this option, a more simplified Rating Strategy review will be conducted in 2017/18 based on its existing differential rate categories to model the impact of altering the rate differentials across different categories to achieve a more equitable sharing of the rating burden.</i></p>

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		<p>Can Council justify why a rating strategy review has an estimated cost of \$100k attached to it? Can Council explain what the responsibilities of the Finance Department are if one of them is not to review these documents.</p>	<p><i>The review will be conducted in house with the modelling tools previously developed by staff to ensure it comes at no additional cost to Council.</i></p> <p><i>In addition to this, the imposition of rate capping in recent times means that if councils chooses to stay within the rate cap, average rate increases going forward will likely increase at a rate of CPI. On that basis, it is arguable whether Council will derive significant additional benefit from undertaking a full Rating Strategy review in 2017/18.</i></p> <p><i>Due to the specialist nature of the role and the complexity of various issues surrounding the Rating Strategy, an expert specialist consultant with experience in the facilitation and production of Rating Strategies is required. Whilst the Finance department has technical expertise in the production of financial models and the manipulation of complex data sets, it does not have the technical expertise to facilitate detailed discussions about matters that impact land use, planning, valuation, legal, land zoning and associated matters.</i></p> <p><i>As a result, if Council were to progress down this path it would require an expert consultant be engaged to undertake a Rating Strategy review.</i></p>
6	Gordon Main Street Reference Group – Scott Graham	<p>Prior to representing our submission at Council session regarding the 2017/18 budget could you please outline how the \$70K from 2016/17 budget (as taken from page 21 of 2016/17 budget document) was spent and how it benefitted small businesses in Gordon?</p>	<p><i>The net cost of \$70,000 mainly contains the costs of grants distributed to community groups to help fund community events. These events include Ballan Autumn Festival, Bacchus Marsh Strawberries and Cherries Festival, Blackwood Festival of Music, and the David Calleja Memorial Car Show.</i></p> <p><i>If there are proposed events taking place in Gordon in the near future these grants could be an option.</i></p> <p><i>Other costs relate to the operation of the Visitor Information Centre. Also, the cost of advertising and promotion of Moorabool Shire Council and its various events.</i></p>

The following parties have indicated their intention to be heard in support of their written submissions:

- Tanya Bostock - on behalf of Gordon Primary joint submission
- Allison Giofches - on behalf of Gordon Primary joint submission
- Kate Sharkey - 315 Sharkey Road, Balliang East

Policy Implications

The 2013 – 2017 Council Plan provides as follows;

Key Result Area	Continuous Improvement in Council Services
Objective	Sound, long term financial management
Strategy	Develop and maintain a long term financial planning, management and reporting system, which ensures resources to deliver services and manage Council's assets.

The proposal is consistent with the 2013-2017 Council Plan.

Financial Implications

The 2017/18 Budget contains details of the financial resources required to deliver the 2013 - 2017 Council Plan.

Communications Strategy

Following adoption of the 2017/18 Annual Budget, advertisement of the adoption of the budget will be provided through a public notice in local newspapers and the full 2017/18 Annual Budget document will be posted on the website.

Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006

In developing this report to Council, the officer considered whether the subject matter raised any human rights issues. In particular, whether the scope of any human right established by the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities is in any way limited restricted or interfered with by the recommendations contained in the report. It is considered that the subject matter does not raise any human rights issues.

Officer's Declaration of Conflict of Interests

Under section 80C of the Local Government Act 1989 (as amended), officers providing advice to Council must disclose any interests, including the type of interest.

General Manager – Phil Jeffrey

In providing this advice to Council as the General Manager, I have no interests to disclose in this report.

Author – Steve Ivelja

In providing this advice to Council as the Author, I have no interests to disclose in this report.

Conclusion

Council's consideration of budget submissions is a statutory step necessary to formally adopt the 2017/18 Annual Budget for Moorabool Shire Council and forward it to the Minister.

Recommendation:

1. That Council receives the following submissions:

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3	Gordon Main Street Reference Group – Scott Graham	<p>As per our submission, 23 March 2017, the Gordon Main Street Reference Group requests commitment, timing, resourcing and funding for;</p> <p>1. Moorabool Shire adopting the process being applied in Elaine to Gordon – a Civic Improvement Plan. This would include a focus for;</p> <p>a). Implementation of initial civic works focusing on Main Street trees and two seating areas b). Techniques to test and engage c). Installed in concert with scheduled civil/drainage works and roadway works for traffic calming</p> <p>2. The town of Gordon and its businesses and events are properly represented on an improved ‘Visit Moorabool Shire’ website.</p> <p>3. An appointed Economic Development/ Tourism Officer liaises with our Reference Group to determine and implement a set of initiatives with us that support businesses and the future of the township of Gordon.</p> <p>This submission is made in the context of;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An acknowledged lack of investment in Gordon - No investment in civic elements in Main Street - Increased rates base - A main Street with 7 plus businesses - Community Group with enthusiasm and wide support for initiatives advocating - A lack of Moorabool Shire commitment to planning, scheduling and funding 	<p><i>Council staff have met with Scott Graham recently to discuss his interests. It was suggested that if Mr. Graham has an interest in Main Street and future design improvements that he should form a group and clarify the needs of that group to provide a wider set of views. Council staff have since met that group as well.</i></p> <p><i>Presently Council is preparing a streetscape masterplan/civic improvement plan for Elaine, as per the adopted Small Towns Strategy. That methodology, which has been presented to Council management, involves local small projects that enhance the visitor attraction, local amenity and identity of towns. It is a model which has merit in many towns, including Gordon. Funding of works on ground will be subject to completion of community engagement as well as budget bids.</i></p> <p><i>Any capital works undertaken in Gordon within the Main Street area should be informed by a streetscape masterplan/ civic improvement plan. The delivery of such a plan will involve a budget bid process and the costs of actions cannot be determined until the study is complete. Therefore, whilst there is scope to prepare the study in-house in 2017/18, any funded actions would need to be determined by Council in the budget process for 2018/19.</i></p>

			<p><i>There may be potential for delivery of works via grants and/or any civil works to be delivered by Council in the new financial year. A review of these options will occur shortly, noting that there a range competing projects across the Shire to consider.</i></p> <p><i>Concerning meeting with Council’s Economic Development Officer, it is intended that town identity, marketing and on-line activity to market towns like Gordon will be a higher priority in 2017/18 – as it is across the Shire. Notwithstanding the above an allocation for Gordon Main Street is included in the draft budget for civil design.</i></p>
4	Bennett Street Pedestrian Crossing – Ross Dickson	<p>Email sent to Tonia Dudzik.</p> <p>Hi Tonia. Myself and quite a lot of the general Bacchus Marsh community would like to request that there be a motion put forward for a budget submission for Council funding for a pedestrian crossing put in Bennett Street, Bacchus Marsh to aid the elderly, blind people, parents and kindergarten children, as well as primary school children in crossing the road from Rotary Park to the Coles Shopping Centre safely, as Bennett Street is becoming and has been for quite a while increasingly busy.</p>	<p><i>The pedestrian crossing in Bennett Street, Bacchus Marsh has been included in the Proposed Budget for 2017/18.</i></p>
5	Kate Sharkey	<p>In the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 3 May a proposal to conduct a formal rating strategy review was put forward as part of the 2017/18 budget. The resolution was not to carry out a rating strategy review.</p> <p>QUESTIONS</p> <p>Are Council able to justify to rate payers the reasons for why this important document is not being reviewed? It would be assumed the rating strategy lays down the foundations to ensure Council are</p>	<p><i>At the Ordinary Meeting on the 3rd May 2017, Council resolved to adopt the existing rating differentials for a further 12 month period encompassing the 2017/18 Rating year.</i></p>

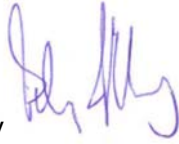
		<p>being accountable and transparent with regards to rates collected.</p> <p>Can Council justify why a rating strategy review has an estimated cost of \$100k attached to it? Can Council explain what the responsibilities of the Finance Department are if one of them is not to review these documents.</p>	<p><i>In addition to this, it resolved to undertake an internal review of the Rating Strategy in 2017/18.</i></p> <p><i>Under this option, a more simplified Rating Strategy review will be conducted in 2017/18 based on its existing differential rate categories to model the impact of altering the rate differentials across different categories to achieve a more equitable sharing of the rating burden. The review will be conducted in house with the modelling tools previously developed by staff to ensure it comes at no additional cost to Council.</i></p> <p><i>In addition to this, the imposition of rate capping in recent times means that if councils chooses to stay within the rate cap, average rate increases going forward will likely increase at a rate of CPI. On that basis, it is arguable whether Council will derive significant additional benefit from undertaking a full Rating Strategy review in 2017/18.</i></p> <p><i>Due to the specialist nature of the role and the complexity of various issues surrounding the Rating Strategy, an expert specialist consultant with experience in the facilitation and production of Rating Strategies is required. Whilst the Finance department has technical expertise in the production of financial models and the manipulation of complex data sets, it does not have the technical expertise to facilitate detailed discussions about matters that impact land use, planning, valuation, legal, land zoning and associated matters.</i></p>
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			<i>As a result, if Council were to progress down this path it would require an expert consultant be engaged to undertake a Rating Strategy review.</i>
6	Gordon Main Street Reference Group – Scott Graham	Prior to representing our submission at Council session regarding the 2017/18 budget could you please outline how the \$70K from 2016/17 budget (as taken from page 21 of 2016/17 budget document) was spent and how it benefitted small businesses in Gordon?	<i>The net cost of \$70,000 mainly contains the costs of grants distributed to community groups to help fund community events. These events include Ballan Autumn Festival, Bacchus Marsh Strawberries and Cherries Festival, Blackwood Festival of Music, and the David Calleja Memorial Car Show. If there are proposed events taking place in Gordon in the near future these grants could be an option. Other costs relate to the operation of the Visitor Information Centre. Also, the cost of advertising and promotion of Moorabool Shire Council and its various events.</i>

2. That having considered the public submissions, the adoption of the 2017/18 Annual Budget, including any amendments required, is referred to the Ordinary Meeting of Council of Wednesday 5 July 2017 to be held at 5.00pm in the James Young Rooms, Lerderderg Library, Bacchus Marsh.
3. That following the adoption of the 2017/18 Annual Budget, responses are provided to each Submitter.

Report Authorisation

Authorised by:



Name: Phil Jeffrey
Title: General Manager Infrastructure
Date: Thursday 15 June 2017

Attachment - Item 7.1

Attention, Steve Ivelja Acting General Manager Infrastructure.

I am writing to you in regards to the safety issue regarding the Gordon Primary Schools car park and surrounding roads.

This morning at approximately 8.50am (13.06.2017) during school drop off I witnessed a disturbing and scary incident directly in front of the Primary School on Dicker Street.

A parent was forced to park on the opposite side of the road to drop their child off at school due to a lack of parking in front of the school. This parent was forced to park in a 'no standing zone'.

A child exited the vehicle and walked to the rear of the vehicle to cross the road to enter the school gate.

My observation of the child's age was no older than 7 years old.

The child crossed the road unattended and was in the middle of the road when a vehicle approached. The child panicked and did not know what to do.

Thankfully the approaching driver was aware of the frightened child and stopped immediately and waved the child across the road to safety.

The person driving the car continued ahead and found a car park that had recently become available. This parent was clearly distressed by what had just happened, as was myself and other parents that witnessed the incident.

Not 30 seconds later, we witnessed another driver clearly traveling above the speed limit on the same road. We were thankful that the incident had happened when it did and not a second later.

This incident today could have been a terrible tragic accident, affecting many people.

I continuously observe many dangerous situations on this strip of road directly in front of the Gordon Primary School.

It angers me that the speed limit surrounding the school has not been reduced.

How can a school of more than 100 students have such a small amount of car parking?

It astonishes me that the footpath in front of the school is easily mountable by cars when parking, making this a death trap for children standing on this footpath and exiting the school. A child should feel safe on a footpath, not have to be aware if a car has pulled in too far!

Almost everyday, morning and afternoon, I witness a large four wheel drive vehicle with a large spare tyre attached to the back door of the vehicle, reverse into the disabled car park directly in front of the school. The spare tyre protrudes half way over the footpath, clearly making this a danger for small children on the footpath exiting the school.

Something needs to be done before a child is hurt or killed.

I have witnessed first hand how it feels to be involved in a road trauma involving a car and a pedestrian. I have unfortunately learnt that driving at a small speed can kill a person, it only takes a split second, and a tragic moment can change lives forever. Due to this horrible incident in my life, I am forever changed. It has heightened my awareness of dangerous situations and for many years now this car park and road has made me extremely uneasy, there must be something that can be done to make these roads safer for our children.

I ask that you listen to the parents of Gordon Primary School and help us keep our children safe.

I would very much like to attend the next Council Meeting for our voice to be heard.

Thank you for reading.

Regards

Allison Giofches

As a parent of two children attending Gordon Primary School and also as a local Moorabool resident and rate payer, I am making this submission to the Moorabool Shire Council to express my utter disappointment with the local council for not including funding in their draft 2017/2018 budget for the proposed Gordon Primary School Dicker Street improvements.

Gordon Primary is growing at a rapid rate. In March 2016, our school principal Mr Russell Cowan arranged for representatives from the local council to attend an on-site meeting to discuss concerns around traffic and parking arrangements for Gordon Primary School. The council observed and acknowledged in writing that the parking area is "reaching capacity" (this was over a year ago) and committed to developing a number of street layout options that would guide future considerations for parking arrangements.

Since the initial meeting between the school principal and local council representatives in March 2016, drawing proposals were drawn up by the council. *Despite this the Moorabool council have chosen not to include funding for these upgrades in their proposed draft budget for 2017/2018.* Since then the school has had a further 20 families join the school.

I as a parent believe the council is failing to protect the road safety of its younger community members.

Not only is there no planned car park upgrades, we have an unmanned school crossing and footpaths only to one side of the road. What happened to the planned footpaths from Main Street to the school to allow for children to walk or ride to school safely as outlined in former Gordon Structure plans???

In reaction to Moorabool Shire Council not including funding for the Gordon Primary School car park upgrades in their 2017/2018 budget and to reduce speed zones around the school area to 40 km's per hour, I have commenced a petition to gauge reactions from local residents. I wish to submit the signed petition (of currently over 100 signatures) to council at the next special council hearing on Wednesday 21st June.

Regards

Tanya Bostock

MOORABOOL SHIRE COUNCIL
CENTRAL RECORDS

29 MAY 2017

File No. 07/01/016A

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Moorabool Shire Council
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I monitor my child outside of the school gates. With the increased traffic, I have to be extremely vigilant to ensure that my child remains safe.

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I ask that you review the budget to include this plan, putting student and child safety first:



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[Signature]
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*Pathetic Moorabool shire !!
This wouldnt happen in Ballan*

*One disgusted set of parents
B. J. [Signature]*

HELLO,

IN REGARDS TO THE TRAFFIC/CHILDREN HAZARD AROUND GORDON SCHOOL:

- THE COUNCIL HAVE A DUTY OF CARE TO REMOVE/MINIMIZE ALL HAZARDS + RISKS INVOLVING ACCESS/PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL.
- THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL NEAR MISSES INVOLVING CHILDREN AND OR VEHICLES.
- TRAFFIC CONTROL/SUPERVISION IS FOR GUIDING VEHICLES + PEDESTRIANS SAFELY, THROUGH OR AROUND THE HAZARD AREA, AND IS STANDARD BEST PRACTICE WHEN ALTERNATIVE MEASURES ARE NOT DEEMED "REASONABLY PRACTICABLE."
- WHY REMOVE THE TRAFFIC SUPERVISOR WHEN THERE WAS PREVIOUSLY ONE THERE ?? THE TOWN + THE SCHOOL ARE GROWING AND ONLY GETTING BIGGER, AND THE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE SIT THERE UNUSED.
- WHEN IT COMES TO DECISIONS REGARDING CHILDREN AND SAFETY, DUE DILLIGENCE MUST BE EXERCISED. I DOUBT IT WAS IN THIS CASE.

REGARDS



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ANGELA BURGOYNE
PO Box 239
GORDON
VIC 3345

- 6 JUN 2017

25/5/17

To whom it may concern,

File No. 07/01/016A

We need carparks at our school! I am writing to complain about our horrendous school carparks!

There's absolutely not enough space in our disgraceful carpark at Gordon Primary School. Parents are forced to use the staff carpark so the staff can't get out. There are almost minor accidents because there is one road that can barely fit one car let alone two. Parents of students are forced to park in unsafe areas which means students are crossing roads on their own.

There is no lines at all in the unsafe carpark! The lines in carparks are important to all cars, that's why we need some! Cars rear ends are sticking out in the road because the car parking spot isn't the right size. Cars aren't parking appropriately so other cars are not able to park. People are parking too close to each other and the doors are banging into other cars. and doing more damage than there already was.

It's dangerous for everybody in the carpark especially animals because some aren't very fast. The speed limit is too high so it's hard to stop quick enough.

yours sincerely

Alyssa Tegg

grade 5 G.P.S

25/5/17

Dear Moorabool Shire Council

I am writing to complain about our disgraceful carpark that needs to be fixed immediately.

MOORABOOL SHIRE COUNCIL
CENTRAL RECORDS

- 6 JUN 2017

File No. 07/01/016A

There's absolutely not enough space in the disgusting carpark at Gordon Primary School. The main carpark gets flooded with cars so fast that parents need to park in the staff carpark.

There are no lines at all in the unsafe carpark. Cars are parking crooked and close so doors will hit other cars. Cars are unable to leave because there are no lines to show where the cars are meant to park appropriately.

There are absolutely no foot paths.
Children and parents are never safe walking
around the school because there are steep,
damp ditches all the way around.

The car park is way too dangerous for
a child to cross. We have even had some
accidents in the past. No one can cross
this disgusting car park.

We need this disgraceful, messed up
car park fixed right now.

Sincerely Bryan from Gordon Primary
Primary School grade 4 Victoria

There is not a line to be seen in this disgustingly horrible carpark. Cars do not know where on earth they are supposed to park, so they just park wherever they can, and sometimes that is right in the middle of the road!

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Not just the carpark is unsafe, but around the outside of the school is too! Only the miniscule bit of carpark but the front is 100kph but around the sides of the school is 50kph! If a child was hit by a car going that fast, it would be fatal!!

So don't think our school doesn't deserve safety, as much as all the

other schools, because we do! Our school needs this carpark just as much as any other organization needs whatever they need. So give our carpark now... or else!!!

Yours Sincerely,
Carl Carly from Gordon
Primary School, Gr 4/5

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To Whom It May Concern

We must have our carpark fixed. In
this years budget, have a look at
are discafull carpark!

We need lines in our carpark doors
to hit a door cars with doors this
causes damage and money to fix. Lines help
cars/people park properly.

We need more space in our car park
its too tight, when one car goes one
way and another goes the other
scratch goes the car and they will not
be happy.

conclusion

People don't like damaged cars
too small to get out and scamp cars

small scrap FIX UP ARE
CAR PARK THIS YEAR!!!

G.P.S grade 4/5 by code 9

- 6 JUN 2017

File No. 07/01/016A 25/5/17

To Moorabool Shire council

I am complaining about our disgraceful
disgraceful car park and no money so
we need it fixed NOW RIGHT NOW
at Gordon Primary School OK GOT IT!

There is absolutely NOT enough space
in our disgraceful car park at G
Gordon Primary School.

This could cause a accident and parents
park in unsafe places and in the
staff car park and its hard for
staff to get in and out.

Theres no lines at all in are unsafe
car park!

some cars park bad and close and

doors can hit each other and we
DONT WANT THAT DO WE!

The speed is 50! it needs to be
40! because if a kid gets hit it
can be really bad and so 40 is better.
so make it 40 that would be a
lot better only around the school
that is.

So give us some money so
we can fix our roads at Gordon
Primary School this year in 2017
that year.

yours sincerely
Jack Murden grade 4 g.p.s.

- 6 JUN 2017

File No. 07/01/016A.

Dear Moorabool Shire,

I'm writing to complain about our disastrous carparks so you need to amend the budget to fund our carpark this year!

There is absolutely not enough space in our disastrous carpark at Gordon primary school. Because of the tiny carparks parents park in the staff car park which causes staff to get trapped.

There's no lines at all in the unsafe carpark at Gordon primary school. Since there is no lines people park wonky or don't know where to park. If we have lines people will have more room to park and they won't use the staff carpark!

Our school zones are extremely dangerous only at the front of the school is 40 kilometres but the rest is 50. If our car-parks aren't big enough people park on the no parking spots. If a child is going down to their car they could get hit by a speeding car that is unable to stop.

If you don't fund our car parks this year you better be ready for some letters and complaints so you must do it this year.

Sincerely Jackson Gordon ps.

- 6 JUN 2017

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There are absolutely no lines whatsoever!
You may not believe this but you must, in our
carpark parents are taking up two spaces
which comes to no space, sometimes the cars
are so bunched up that people can't get out of
their cars. Often there are big cars and they
park slightly on the road or path!

This carpark is getting crazy and you
must fix it up I'm not kidding you
have to give us money too, amend your
2017 budget because we need this. If you
don't fix up our carpark you'll regret it!!

Sincerely, Madison Smith grade 4
Gordon Primary school.

- 6 JUN 2017

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To Moorabool Shire council

I'm here to complain about our car park because it is horrendous we need it to be upgraded this year.

There's ^{lives} no safety at all in the unsafe car park at Gordon Primary School. The cars might park wonky and other cars can't fit.

There is no space in our disgraceful car park at all. Some people have to park in unsafe areas because there is not enough Page 54 of 82 we

NEED MORE SPACE!!!

!!

your sency

from Riley grade 4 QPS

25/05/17

To the Moorabool Shire council we have - 6 JUN 2017 have
out

We have to have our disgraceful car park.
Fixed by you it's so bad it looks like a junk yard
when all the cars are parked crooked.

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There's absolutely not enough space in our horrendous
carpark at Gordon primary school.

Parents are forced to park in unsafe areas
where there's risking their kids' lives every
time they set foot on the bitumen. And it's
all because you won't bother to put some
money towards our carpark. Every one would
be able to park safe if we had more
room in the car park at Gordon primary.

There's no lines in our carpark which is
making parents park bad. Parents don't have
a clue where to park because they have
no lines where there's parking which means
there's no indication where to park. That could
cause an accident.

There's no paths to walk on which is dangerous
for kids. When kids get out of their cars they
don't have any paths to walk on which
means they could get run over. Do you
want that.

We have to reduce the speed to 40 km/h all around

the school. Do you want a kid to walk across
the road and get hit by a car because
our school zone isn't reduced to 40km. It isn't
fair that we don't get some money to amend
our school curpark.

You have to fix our curpark!! please amend
the budget to make our curpark happen

Your sincerely sid grade five gpus

6 JUN 2017

To Moorabool shire council

File No.

07/01/016A
25/5/17

I Demand you to put some of the budget to go to our disgraceful carpark to make it a phenomenal epic carpark
PS. DO IT THIS YEAR LIKE YOU SAID YOU WOULD!!!!

There's absolutely not enough space in our disgraceful carpark at Gordon Primary School!! All of our parents keep on just being able to dodge cars so they don't have an accident. Parents are nearly always parking in unsafe areas because there's hardly any space in our carpark. You could probably be able to, LIKE YOU SAID YOU WOULD!!

There's no lines at all in the unsafe

carpark at Gordon Primary School!
Some cars don't know that their
to close the door hits a other cars
and they don't even really know where
to park because there's no LINES!!!
If we had lines we'd know
where to park and to be safe
to not hit any cars which probably
won't.

The speed zones around Gordon
Primary is pretty dangerous because
it's 50kph instead of 40kph SO
CHANGE IT!! It would probably be
safer if it was 40kph so just
DO IT!!

SO agree agree with Gordon
Primary because our carpark is dangerous!
Name: _____ Kaitlyn Gray Gordon Primary School

- 6 JUN 2017

File No. 07/01/016A · 2515117

Dear Moorabool Shire Council,

I'm writing to complain about the tiny carpark, we have to put up with this disgraceful carpark! You need to amend the budget this year for our carpark!

There's absolutely not enough space in our disgraceful carpark at Gordon Primary School! Parents have to park in the staff carpark which makes it ten times as harder for the staff get out, it's already hard enough to get out as it is!

There are so many times when parents are parking in unsafe areas where it's not safe for children, parents some-
times have to park in no standing zones, some parents have to park on the side of the road far, far away!

- 6 JUN 2017

25/5/17

File No. 07/01/016A

To Whom It May Concern,
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There is nowhere near enough space in our catastrophic carpark which **MUST BE FIXED!!!**

Parents have parking in the stage carpark which causes these poor people to get stuck in. In the main carpark and the stage carpark are full, where do the parents park? They park in no parking zones and even in peoples driveways. That is not safe!!

23 MAY 2017

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Budget Submission
Moorabool Shire Council
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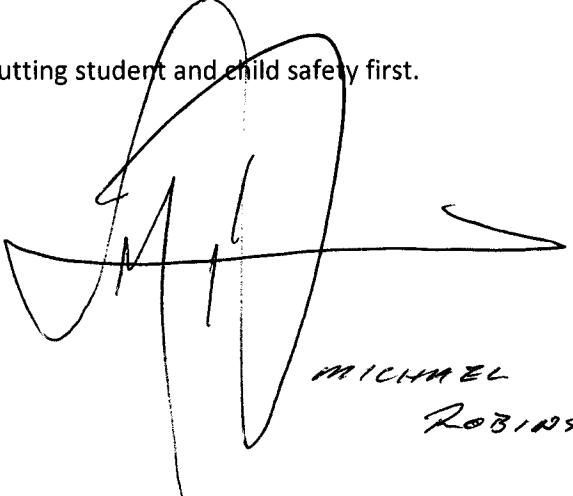
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Regards
Russel Cowan
(Principal)



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Mr Russel Cowan
Principal
Gordon Primary School
By email: cowan.russel.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

8 June 2016
REF: PJ:ld
RN:

Dear Mr Cowan,

Car Parking Improvements; Gordon Primary School

I refer to our recent site meeting and Council's interim response dated 4 March 2016, in relation to the traffic and parking arrangements at the Gordon Primary School, and provide a further update.

With regard to car parking at the front of the school, various concept layout plans for the formalisation of existing parking have been developed. A copy of a concept plan that includes 45 degree angled parking on both sides is attached for your information. Although this requires further design and refinement, something along these lines appears to be achievable.

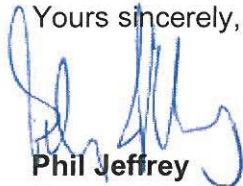
The next phase of such a project is to estimate its cost and add it to Council's long term Capital Improvement Program for consideration as part of the annual budget process. The project will be included on the long term program but will compete against a long list of other projects as you might appreciate, and as such, an implementation timeframe cannot be provided at this time. If there is an opportunity to discuss a joint funding arrangement with the Department of Education and Training, we would be keen to pursue this accordingly.

In relation to speed zones along Gladstone Street and Hopwood Street adjacent to the school, the default speed limit along these roads is 50km/h. Traffic counters were placed on the roads adjacent the school that indicated the 85%ile speed (the speed at which 85% of vehicles travelled at or below) along Gladstone Street is 34km/h, and along Hopwood Street is 37km/h. In traffic engineering terms, this would not prompt further action by Council.

To implement 40km/hr speed zones in these streets, the guidelines state that the school must have boundary gates that are used for student access. If the school can confirm in writing where such gates exist, Council will make application to VicRoads for a time-based 40km/h speed zones where the access points are located. Once approved, they will be installed accordingly.

If you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact John Miller, Manager Asset Management, on 5366 7100.

Yours sincerely,



Phil Jeffrey
General Manager Infrastructure

The Chief Executive,

29/05/2017

Re: Deterioration of Ormond Road between Gleeson & Springbank Roads

The condition of Ormond Road particularly toward the Gleeson Road end, has been allowed to further deteriorate to the point where it has become very dangerous. Local Barkstead residents are increasingly reporting 'near miss' incidents as a result of the road surface condition and the increase of trucks on this road.

Large potholes, severe cracking and the breaking away of the sealed edges begun more than 12 months ago, following the repeated use of the road by logging trucks.

The use of the road between Simpson Road and the Western Highway by B Double water tankers on a daily basis, has only exacerbated the problem.

As council is aware this increased use saw the rapid decline in road conditions at the Springbank & Ormond Roads intersection. The decay was so rapid that the council was forced to undertake major restorative works to correct the problem.

Whilst the council has recently seen fit to "patch up" the obvious problems, the underlying problem remains unresolved.

This road was never designed to accommodate heavy vehicles, let alone B-Doubles. The road which is regularly exposed to flooding and many sections are barely wide enough for a car, the passing of an oncoming truck is a very daunting prospect

VicRoads has confirmed with us, that Ormond Road (in its entirety) is owned by the Moorabool Shire Council. VicRoads has also confirmed that Ormond Road has not been designated for use by B Double trucks and can only be accessed by such trucks with a council permit.

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (based in Queensland) has confirmed that they process permit applications (on behalf of drivers/companies that operate Heavy Vehicles). The applications are for heavy vehicle use on un-designated local roads and are granted/approved by the relevant council. **The permits issued are for 12 month periods after which time, the impact of the trucks can be gauged. The NHVR is not responsible for the road in any respect. It is councils' sole responsibility.**

It is hard to understand why the council continues to issue permits to heavy vehicle operators for this section of the road. It would appear from the lack of inaction that the council values the business interests of some, ahead of the safety of its residents. We would welcome the release of any road dilapidation report that has been prepared on behalf of council that supports the continued issuing of permits.

The concerned residents of Barkstead call on the council to:

- a) Immediately upgrade the road to accommodate the vehicular traffic that currently uses it &
- b) suspend all heavy vehicle permits for this road, until such time as the road upgrade has been completed.
- c) Yours sincerely,

Concerned Residents of Barkstead Contact: Steve Answerth 0419 523 544

7.2 Consideration of Submissions for the proposed Council Plan 2017-2021

Introduction

File No.: 02/02/002
Author: John Whitfield
Chief Executive Officer: Rob Croxford

Background

Part 6, Section 125 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) says that a Council must prepare and adopt a Council Plan within the period of 6 months after each general election or by the next 30 June, whichever is the later. This year the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning using its powers under Section 125(4) of the Act have extended that deadline to 31 August 2017.

On Wednesday 3 May 2017, Council resolved to place the Draft Council Plan 2017-2021 inclusive of the Strategic Resource Plan on public exhibition seeking submissions in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.

A communications plan was developed to advise the community via Council's website, local and regional newspapers, Councils community consultation website: haveyoursay.com.au and with hard copies available at all Council offices. The public submission period commenced on Friday 5 May and closed on Tuesday 6 June 2017.

In accordance with Section 223 of the Act, Council is required to formally consider any submissions and allow the submitter should they request to, to address Council in relation to their submission.

Proposal

This report is presented to Council at the conclusion of the public submission period for the proposed Council Plan 2017-2021 including the Strategic Resource Plan.

In line with Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, one submission has been received and is attached to this report.

The following is the submission that was received:

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Policy Implications

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Key Result Area	Representation and Leadership of our Community
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Strategy	Ensure policies and good governance are in accordance with legislative requirements and best practice.

The proposal to consider submissions in relation to the proposed Council Plan 2017-2021 is consistent with the 2013-2017 Council Plan.

Financial Implications

The four-year forecast is Council's accountability to the community in the way it will deliver on the four Strategic Objectives as set out in the Council Plan 2017-2021 being:

1. Providing good governance and leadership
2. Minimising environmental impact
3. Stimulating economic development
4. Improving social outcomes

The Strategic Resource Plan for each financial year is subject to final determination as part of Council's Annual Budget Process.

Council considered submissions to the Annual Budget in the Agenda item immediately prior to this one. Changes to the budget as resolved by the Council will be incorporated into the Strategic Resource Plan of the Council Plan prior to it coming to Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 5 July 2017 for adoption.

Communications Strategy

The public submission period was conducted for no less than 28 days; from May 5, 2017 closing on June 6, 2017.

In accordance with *the Local Government Act* 1989, the proposed Council Plan 2017-2021 and Strategic Resource Plan will progress through the following adoption process:

Timetable for the Consultation and Adoption of the Council Plan 2017-2021 including the Strategic Resource Plan	
Consider Public Submissions as per Section 223 (1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1989 for proposed Council Plan 2017-2021 and Strategic Resource Plan at a Special Meeting of Council.	Wednesday 21 June
Formally adopt the Council Plan 2017-2021 and Strategic Resource Plan	Wednesday, 5 July
Public Notice of Adoption of Council Plan and Strategic Resource Plan	Saturday 8 July
Submit Council Plan 2017-2021 and Strategic Resource Plan to Minister for Local Government by:	Monday 31 July

Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006

In developing this report to Council, the officer considered whether the subject matter raised any human rights issues. In particular, whether the scope of any human right established by the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities is in any way limited, restricted or interfered with by the recommendations contained in the report. It is considered that the subject matter does not raise any human rights issues.

Officer's Declaration of Conflict of Interests

Under section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* (as amended), officers providing advice to Council must disclose any interests, including the type of interest.

Chief Executive Officer – Rob Croxford

In providing this advice to Council as the Chief Executive Officer, I have no interests to disclose in this report.

Author – John Whitfield

In providing this advice to Council as the Author, I have no interests to disclose in this report.

Conclusion

Council's consideration of Council Plan submissions is a statutory requirement necessary to formally adopt the Council Plan 2017-2021 for Moorabool Shire Council and forward the Plan to the Minister.

As a result of the public submission process, in accordance with section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989, Council received one public submission.

The Council Plan will be updated to reflect the adopted Budget.

Recommendation:

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3. That following the adoption of the Council Plan 2017-2021, a response is provided to Mr Newton.

Report Authorisation

Authorised by:

Name: Rob Croxford
Title: Chief Executive Officer
Date: Friday 9 June 2017



Attachment - Item 7.2

Your Details

Existing Contact

Raymond Newton

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1. As a Committee Chair of arguably, The Shire of Moorabool's largest Community & Sporting organisation, Darley Football Netball Club Incorporated (DFNC), I submit that the failure of council to make any provision in the Draft Council Plan for improvements and upgrades to facilities at Darley Park is negligent towards the existing and growing demographic of users of the club and ignorant of the dire need for improvements urgently required be made by Council to bring the club facilities in line with what should be regarded as the base standard for such facilities users.
2. DFNC is represents a huge portion of the community of Darley and Bacchus Marsh with regard to sports participants, coaches, trainers, supporters, spectators, members, volunteers a sponsors (local businesses). The operations at Darley Park have historic community significance and the location is ideal for the purposes of the club. The club demographic includes all sectors of the shire community – youth, elderly persons, disabled persons, indigenous person, females and males.
3. The facilities at Darley Park – being the clubrooms, change rooms, ablution areas, amenities areas, security and exterior scape have become increasingly unsuitable for their present and anticipated future use. Generally speaking, facilities are old and in poor condition. Rooms are too small for their intended purpose. Shower and toilet facilities are unsuitable for current purpose and would breach any topical health and safety regulations.
4. The poor standard of facilities fails to lend itself to the safe and correct use DFNC should rightly expect to have. We are restricted in our ability to grow as the community demand on our club increases. A growing number of netballers joining our club have unsuitable facilities for change rooms, ablution areas, playing areas, team shelter and spectators' shelter and viewing provisions.
5. At a time when DFNC is planning the introduction of women's AFL operations, we have no facilities suitable for sportswomen despite the growing community demand. Showers and toilets are not female friendly, they are not suitable for the disabled and are not compliant with health and safety regulations.
6. The netball and football playing areas have insufficient lighting for night games which hampers the ability to cater for fixture changes throughout the season and restricts the club's plans to introduce extra teams – such as the women's AFL as we are encouraged to do by the AFL Vic Country leagues' administration and as we are pressured to do by the growing interest from the community.
7. This submission is for council to review its omission of allocating funds to upgrade facilities at Darley Park in favour of its plans to revitalise the Racecourse Complex. Darley Park is unsuitable for its current and future use now and must take precedence over a futuristic community development.

8. FURTHER BUSINESS AS ADMITTED BY UNANIMOUS RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

9. CLOSED SESSION OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**Recommendation:**

That pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1989, the meeting now be closed to members of the public to enable the meeting to discuss matters, which the Council may, pursuant to the provisions of Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) resolve to be considered in Closed Session, being a matter contemplated by Section 89(2) of the Act, as follows:

- (a) personnel matters;
- (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer;
- (c) industrial matters;
- (d) contractual matters;
- (e) proposed developments;
- (f) legal advice;
- (g) matters affecting the security of Council property;
- (h) any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person;
- (i) a resolution to close the meeting to members of the public

10. MEETING CLOSURE