



MINUTES

Special Council Meeting Wednesday, 21 May 2025

Date: Wednesday, 21 May 2025

Time: 3.00pm

**Location: Council Chambers, 15 Stead Street, Ballan &
Online**

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1 OPENING OF MEETING AND PRAYER

The Mayor opened the meeting at 3.00pm.

Cr Tom Sullivan raised a point of order regarding the adequacy of notice provided to Councillors for the meeting, querying whether it complied with the relevant provisions of the local laws.

The Manager Governance & Civic Support advised that in accordance with the Governance Rules adopted at the 1 November 2023 Ordinary Meeting of Council, the appropriate notice had been given, noting that under exceptional circumstances a shorter notice period is permissible.

Cr Sullivan also raised a point of order concerning the validity of the rescission notice listed in the agenda, on the basis that no decision had been made on Item 7.3 at the Special Meeting of Council held on 14 May 2025.

The Manager Governance & Civic Support clarified that a decision on Item 7.3 was recorded in the Minutes of the meeting, and that Council decisions may be either affirmative or negative.

Councillor Ward read the Prayer.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Councillor Venditti-Taylor read the Acknowledgement of Country.

3 PRESENT

Cr Paul Tatchell, Mayor

Cr Rod Ward, Deputy Mayor

Cr Moira Berry

Cr Jarrod Bingham

Cr Sheila Freeman

Cr John Keogh

Cr Ally Munari

Cr Tom Sullivan

Cr Steven Venditti-Taylor

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Derek Madden

Chief Executive Officer

Mr David Jackson

General Manager Customer & Corporate Services

Mr Phil Jeffrey

General Manager Community Assets & Infrastructure

Ms Leigh McCallum

General Manager Community Strengthening

Mr Henry Bezuidenhout

Executive Manager Community Planning & Development

Mr Joseph Spiteri

Manager Governance & Civic Support

Mr James Hogan	Chief Financial Officer
Ms Leanne Manton	Manager Customer & Communications
Ms Robyn Head	Co-ordinator Financial Services
Ms Genevieve Clark	Co-ordinator Communications

4 APOLOGIES

Nil

5 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS

Nil

7 NOTICES OF RESCISSION**7.1 NOTICE OF RESCISSION - CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED 2025/26 ANNUAL BUDGET**

Author: Angela Menzies, Governance Officer

Authoriser: Derek Madden, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

I, Councillor Jarrod Bingham, give notice that at the next Special Meeting of Council to be held on 21 May 2025, I intend to move the following rescission motion:

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jarrod Bingham

Seconded: Cr Rod Ward

That:

1. The resolution for Item 7.3 - Consideration of the Proposed 2025/26 Annual Budget that was considered at the Special Meeting of Council on 14 May 2025 be rescinded.
2. The original recommendation as proposed by Officers be put back to Council for consideration, being:

That Council:

1. In accordance with section 94 of the Local Government Act 2020, place the Draft 2025/26 Annual Budget on public exhibition.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to give public notice and make available for public inspection the Draft 2025/26 Budget.
3. Invite submissions and feedback on the 2025/26 Proposed Budget until 5pm on Thursday 5 June.
4. Invite submissions and feedback on the composition of proposed rates and charges included in the Draft 2025/26 Annual Budget until 5pm on Thursday 5 June.
5. Considers any submissions at a Special Meeting of Council to be held on Wednesday 11 June 2025 to be held in the Council Chambers, 15 Stead Street, Ballan commencing at 6pm; and
6. Endorses, subject to changes to the proposed Annual Budget 2025/26 after consideration of all submissions, to notify and place on public notice its intention to adopt the 2025/26 Annual Budget on Wednesday 25 June 2025 at a Special Meeting of Council, at a venue to be determined.

CARRIED

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

9 MEETING CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 3.35pm

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CHAIRPERSON