

# Minutes

Special Council Meeting for  
Hearing Submissions  
Tuesday 30 May 2023

Video Conference (Zoom)  
Commenced at 6:00 pm

**Council:**

Cr Liz Pattison (Mayor)  
Cr Gary Allen  
Cr Paul Barker  
Cr Mike Bodsworth  
Cr Kate Gazzard  
Cr Rose Hodge  
Cr Adrian Schonfelder  
Cr Libby Stapleton  
Cr Heather Wellington

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# 1 Procedural Matters

## 1.1 Present

Cr Liz Pattison (Mayor)  
Cr Gary Allen  
Cr Paul Barker (Absent)  
Cr Mike Bodsworth  
Cr Kate Gazzard  
Cr Rose Hodge  
Cr Adrian Schonfelder  
Cr Libby Stapleton  
Cr Heather Wellington

Chief Executive Officer - Robyn Seymour  
General Manager Placemaking and Environment - Chris Pike  
General Manager Community Life - Gail Gatt  
Acting General Manager Strategy and Effectiveness - Damian Waight  
Acting Executive Manager - Strategic Projects and Partnerships - Darryn Chiller  
Manager Integrity and Governance - Jake Brown

## Speakers

Annette Dwyer

## 1.2 Opening

### Mayor Pattison opened the meeting.

The Surf Coast Shire local government area spans the traditional lands of the Wadawurrung People and the Gulidjan and Gadubanud Peoples of the Eastern Maar. The main Council offices in Torquay are on Wadawurrung Country. We wish to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands on which each person is attending or viewing this meeting today, and pay respect to Elders past and present. Council also acknowledges other First Nations People that may be attending the meeting today.

## 1.3 Pledge

### Mayor Pattison recited the pledge.

As Councillors we carry out our responsibilities with diligence and integrity and make fair decisions of lasting value for the wellbeing of our community and environment.

## 1.4 Apologies

Nil.

## **1.5 Conflicts of Interest**

Nil.

**Cr Allen entered the meeting at 6:06pm.**

**Cr Wellington entered the meeting at 6:07pm.**

## 2 Reports

### 2.1 Submissions to the Draft Budget Report 2023-24

<b>Council Plan</b>	<b>Theme Seven - Accountable and Viable Council</b>
<b>Author's Title:</b>	Strategy 18 - Establish a sustainable financial position.
<b>General Manager:</b>	Coordinator Management Accounting
<b>Division:</b>	Damian Waight, Acting General Manager Strategy and Effectiveness
<b>Department:</b>	Strategy and Effectiveness
<b>Attachments:</b>	Finance
	1. Hearing of Submissions to the Draft Budget Report 2023-24 [2.1.1 - 2 pages]

**Officer Conflict of Interest:** No officer declared a conflict of interest under the *Local Government Act 2020* in the preparation of this report.

**Status:** This report and attachments contains no confidential information under section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to facilitate the presentation of submissions made during the public exhibition of the Draft Budget Report 2023-24.

#### **Background**

At its meeting held on 26 April 2023, Council resolved to publicly exhibit the Draft Budget Report 2023-24 and publish a public notice inviting submissions in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy.

#### **Summary:**

- The Draft Budget Report 2023-24 was exhibited to the public between 27 April and 22 May 2023.
- The Draft Budget Report 2023-24 was on display at Council's Civic Centre and online via the Council website. Hard copies of relevant sections of the Draft Budget were also provided to individuals upon request.
- Submissions could be made online or in writing. The public exhibition period was advertised in local newspapers in the Surf Coast Shire and on Council's digital communication channels. Fourteen public submissions were received, and one submitter has requested to present their submission to Council.
- The organisation has also prepared a submission on matters that have arisen during the public exhibition period.

#### **Issues**

Council is required to prepare and adopt an annual Budget by 30 June each year in accordance with sections 94(1)(a) and 96 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act). The Budget must be prepared in accordance with the financial management principles included in section 96 of the Act. The Draft Budget Report 2023-24 has been developed in accordance with these sections.

Council's budget engagement plan includes receiving and considering public submissions prior to final adoption of the 2023-24 Budget Report.

An attachment has been prepared to summarise submissions, which includes:

- **Table 1** – Order of Speakers listing the one submitter presenting their submission at this Council meeting.
- **Table 2** – Submission to the Draft Budget Report 2023-24 from the one person presenting at this Council meeting.
- **Table 3** – Submissions to the Draft Budget Report 2023-24 from thirteen people and organisations not presenting at this Council meeting.
- **Table 4** – An organisation submission to the Draft Budget Report 2023-24 from Officers covering matters identified during the public exhibition period.

Copies of all public submissions have been provided to the Councillors in full. Some submissions asked for funding support but did not nominate an amount required. Of those that did nominate funding amounts, the total requested is \$515,022.

### Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the submissions relating to the Draft Budget Report 2023-24.

### Council Resolution

**Moved Cr Hodge, Seconded Cr Stapleton.**

That Council receives and notes the submissions relating to the Draft Budget Report 2023-24.

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<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Cr Allen Cr Bodsworth Cr Gazzard Cr Hodge Cr Pattison Cr Schonfelder Cr Stapleton Cr Wellington	Nil	Nil

**Table 1 - Order of Speakers**

Draft Budget Report 2023-24	
Order of Speakers	Name
1	Annette Dwyer Submission ID 2

**Table 2 - Speaking at Hearing of Submissions**

Draft Budget Report 2023-24				
Submission ID Number	Submitter	Township	Summary of Submission	Requested Funds per Submission \$
<b>Speaking at Hearing of Submissions</b>				
2	Individual	Anglesea	Artwork Register and On-going Maintenance	Unspecified

**Table 3 - Not Speaking at Hearing of Submissions**

Draft Budget Report 2023-24				
Submission ID Number	Submitter	Township	Summary of Submission	Requested Funds per Submission \$
<b>Not Speaking at Hearing of Submissions</b>				
1	Individual	Torquay	Installation of Stage 2 Speed Humps in The Quay & Quay Neighbourhoods	\$ 100,000
3	Individual	Torquay	Request for Residential Rates to be Increased by 3%, not 3.5% as Drafted	Unspecified
4	Individual	Torquay	Christmas Decorations	Unspecified
5	Individual	Anglesea	Drainage Improvements at Aireys Inlet Top Shops	Unspecified
6	Individual	Torquay	Submission of Support - Budget Comment Regarding the Spring Creek Pedestrian Bridge / Ocean Views (Barwon Water Reserve) / Future Design	N/A
7	Individual	Torquay	Submission of Support - Budget Comment Regarding the Spring Creek Pedestrian Bridge / Ocean Views (Barwon Water Reserve) / Future Design	N/A
8	Anglesea & District Historical Society Inc.	Anglesea	Building Improvements at the Anglesea & District Historical Society Building	\$ 272,482
9	Individual	Torquay	Road Upgrade and New Pathway along Coombes Road, Torquay	Unspecified
10	Individual	Torquay	Road Upgrade along Coombes Road, Torquay	Unspecified
11	Individual	Torquay	Spring Valley Park Basketball Pad	\$ 69,000
12 - Late	Winchelsea Arboretum Trail Group/Growing Winchelsea Inc.	Winchelsea	Winchelsea Arboretum Trail Group Submission of Support	Unspecified
13 - Late	Growing Winchelsea Inc.	Winchelsea	Growing Winchelsea Inc. Submission of Various Items	Unspecified
14 - Late	Jan Juc Preschool Parent Advisory Group	Jan Juc	Jan Juc Preschool Bike Shelter Shed	\$ 73,540

**Table 4 - Organisation Submission to the Draft Budget Report 2023-24**

No.	Organisation Submission
	<b>Recurrent Operations</b>
1	<b>Rates and Charges</b> - Update to rates and charges with finalisation of supplementary rates and valuations from the Valuer-General.
	<b>Fees &amp; Charges</b>
2	<b>Statutory Fees and Penalty Unit Fees and Charges</b> - Update based on revised legislation/gazette released post display of Draft Budget Report.
	<b>Asset Renewal</b>
3	The road asset condition assessments are still in progress which has delayed the update to the asset renewal backlog. The asset renewal backlog will be updated in the first quarter of 2023-24 and made available to the public.
	<b>General</b>
4	Other minor improvements or corrections to formatting or presentation.

**Note:** No financial impact as a result of this Organisation submission.



### **3 Close of Meeting**

The Special Council Meeting for Hearing Submissions - 30 May 2023 closed at 6:13pm.