



***HEPBURN SHIRE COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL***

***WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL 2011, 6 PM
DAYLESFORD SENIOR CITIZENS
VINCENT STREET
DAYLESFORD***

MINUTES

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Wednesday 13th April 2011

Daylesford Senior Citizens
Vincent St, Daylesford
Commencing 6 pm

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KAYLENE CONRICK
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
8 APRIL 2011

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS:

We would like to acknowledge we are meeting on Jaara people country, of which members and elders of the Dja Dja Wurrung community and their forebears have been custodians for many centuries.

On this land the Jaara people have performed age old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal.

We acknowledge their living culture and their unique role in the life of this region.

2. OPENING OF MEETING: The Meeting opened at 6.00pm

PRESENT: Mayor Councillor Rod May; Deputy Mayor Councillor Sebastian Klein; Birch Ward Councillor Jon Barrell; Cameron Ward Councillor Tim Hayes; Creswick Ward Councillor Janine Booth; Creswick Ward Councillor Don Henderson; Holcombe Ward Councillor Bill McClenaghan.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive Officer Kaylene Conrick; General Manager Corporate Services Evan King; A/O General Manager Community Development, Kathleen Brannigan; Manager Finance Anthea Lyons.

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

“WE THE COUNCILLORS OF HEPBURN SHIRE
DECLARE THAT WE WILL UNDERTAKE ON EVERY OCCASION
TO CARRY OUT OUR DUTIES IN THE BEST INTERESTS
OF THE COMMUNITY
AND THAT OUR CONDUCT SHALL MAINTAIN THE STANDARDS
OF THE CODE OF GOOD GOVERNANCE
SO THAT WE MAY FAITHFULLY REPRESENT
AND UPHOLD THE TRUST PLACED IN THIS COUNCIL BY THE
PEOPLE OF HEPBURN SHIRE”

3. APOLOGIES: Nil

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Nil

5. OFFICERS REPORTS

5.1 PROPOSED RATING STRATEGY – HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS

GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

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

1 PURPOSE

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council is required to provide the opportunity for submitters to speak to their submissions at a Meeting of Council.

2 BACKGROUND

Council's *Proposed Rating Strategy* was on public exhibition in accordance with Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* for the period from 3 March 2011 to 1 April 2011.

3 ISSUE/DISCUSSION

Submissions closed at 5.00pm, on 1 April 2011 and 18 Submissions were received.

Submissions covered a variety of areas within the Proposed Rating Strategy and Councilors have received a copy of each submission.

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council is required to provide the opportunity for submitters to speak to their submissions at a Meeting of Council. All submitters were asked via a letter whether they would like this opportunity and were to reply by Friday 8 April.

Each speaker will be allowed (three) 3 minutes to address the main point(s) of their submission. Refer to attachment 1 for a list of speakers.

4 COUNCIL PLAN /LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE

Local Government Act 1989

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications noted in relation to the hearing of submissions.

6 RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications noted in relation to the hearing of submissions.

7 ENVIRONMENTAL/SOCIAL/ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no such implications noted in relation to the hearing of submissions.

8 COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The Proposed Rating Strategy was publicly advertised in the Ballarat Courier and Hepburn Advocate, seeking submissions from interested parties in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.

The Proposed Rating Strategy was available for inspection at the Hepburn Shire offices in Vincent St Daylesford, Duke St Daylesford, Albert Street Creswick, at Branch Libraries at Creswick, Daylesford and Clunes, Trentham news agency and on Council's website during the inspection period.

Any member of the public was able to make a written submission up until 5.00pm, on 1 April 2011, addressed to the Chief Executive Officer.

This submission process follows on from two other forms of community engagement. In October 2010, 2 community workshops were held on the principles of equity and fairness and on rating strategy proposals. Council then took the opportunity to seek further community input and decided to prepare a discussion paper where a number of ratepayers, groups and advisory committees were invited to provide feedback.

The feedback from the discussion paper, as well as feedback from the October workshops has been used to form the Proposed Rating Strategy.

Council intends to meet on Tuesday, 19 April 2011 to consider and determine upon the adoption of the Rating Strategy.

9 CONCLUSION

Council has provided the opportunity for those submitters who have previously indicated to Council they wish to be heard, to speak to their submissions.

SPEAKER	TIME
Introduction - Mayor	6.00pm
Graeme Rattray	6.10pm
David Sim, Daylesford & Hepburn Springs Business & Tourism Association.	6.13pm
Glenlyon Progress Association	6.16pm

10 CLOSE OF MEETING

Meeting closed at 6.17pm