



HEPBURN SHIRE COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
MINUTES

MONDAY 25 MAY 2015

DAYLESFORD SENIOR CITIZENS' ROOM  
76 VINCENT STREET  
DAYLESFORD

6:00PM

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Confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of Council  
held on Tuesday 16 June 2015

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Redwood AM", is written over a horizontal line.

Chair, Mayor Cr Kate Redwood AM

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AARON VAN EGMOND  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
25 MAY 2015

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.

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2. **OPENING OF MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Councillor Kate Redwood AM, Deputy Mayor Councillor Neil Newitt, Birch Ward Councillor Pierre Niclas, Coliban Ward Councillor Sebastian Klein, Holcombe Ward Councillor Bill McClenaghan.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive Officer Aaron van Egmond, General Manager Corporate Services Grant Schuster, General Manager Infrastructure Bruce Lucas, Manager Finance and Information Technology Trafford Thompson, Governance and Corporate Support Officer Mary Dancuk.

**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

Creswick Ward Councillor Don Henderson, Creswick Ward Councillor Greg May.

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4. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

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## 5. OFFICER'S REPORTS

### 5.1. PROPOSED BUDGET 2015/16 – HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

*In providing this advice to Council as the General Manager Corporate Services, I Grant Schuster have no interests to disclose in this report.*

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to provide an opportunity for Proposed Budget 2015/16 submitters to speak to their submission at a formal meeting of Council. This opportunity is provided in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*.

#### BACKGROUND

The Proposed Budget 2015/16 has been on public exhibition in accordance with Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* for the period 22 April 2015 to 21 May 2015.

#### ISSUE / DISCUSSION

Submissions closed at 5pm on Thursday 21 May 2015.

Two submissions were received on the Proposed Budget 2015/16. Submissions covered the following topics:

- Other project to be considered for funding – Clunes Caravan Park Fencing
- Rates for certified organic and biodynamic farms should be given the Trust for Nature rate.

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. Those who indicated in their submission they wish to be heard will have the opportunity to speak.

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

#### COUNCIL PLAN / LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE

*Local Government Act 1989*

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

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

### **ENVIRONMENTAL / SOCIAL / ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS**

There are no environmental, social or economic implications noted in relation to the hearing of submissions.

### **COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

As per the Hepburn Shire Community Engagement Framework, level 3 engagement has been undertaken.

The Proposed Budget 2015/16 was publicly advertised in the local newspapers seeking submissions from interested parties in accordance with Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

The Proposed Budget 2015/16 was available from Wednesday 22 April 2015 at Council's offices in Daylesford, Creswick and Clunes, at all Hepburn Library branches and from Council's website [www.hepburn.vic.gov.au](http://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au).

Any person was able to make a submission to the Council on any proposal contained in the Proposed Budget 2015/16 or submit a new proposal. Submissions received by the Council before 5pm on Thursday 21 May 2015 will be considered for impact on the budget.

As part of Council's budget consultation process, Council held five budget information sessions in Daylesford, Creswick, Clunes, Trentham and Glenlyon during late April and early May.

The public notice and additional information was included in *The Advocate* on Wednesday 22 April 2015 and *The Courier, Ballarat* on 25 April 2015.

At the Council Meeting scheduled for 6pm on Tuesday 16 June 2015 to be held in the Daylesford Senior Citizens' Room, Council will formally meet to consider and adopt the Proposed Budget 2015/16.

### **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.

**ATTACHMENT 1 - LIST OF SPEAKERS**

***Please note:** The opportunity to address this Council Meeting is for speaking to individual Proposed Budget Submissions only. This is different from Public Participation Time at Ordinary Meetings of Council, where questions may be asked and answered.*

*Council will not provide a response to budget submissions at this meeting.*

Speaker	Time	
Dee/Matt Russell	6:10pm	<b>Did not attend</b>
Liz Burns	6.13pm	

Ms Liz Burns who attended addressed the Council Meeting in support of her submission.

**MOTION**

5.2. *That Council extends the meeting time until 6:15pm.*

**Moved:** Councillor Sebastian Klein  
**Seconded:** Councillor Pierre Niclas  
**Carried.**

6. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 6:15pm.

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