



HEPBURN SHIRE COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
MINUTES

TUESDAY 7 JUNE 2016

DAYLESFORD SENIOR CITIZENS' ROOM
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6:00PM

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AARON VAN EGMOND
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
7 JUNE 2016

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**

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR NEIL NEWITT, COUNCILLOR KATE REDWOOD AM, COUNCILLOR PIERRE NICLAS, COUNCILLOR DON HENDERSON, COUNCILLOR BILL MCCLENAGHAN, COUNCILLOR SEBASTIAN KLEIN, COUNCILLOR GREG MAY

IN ATTENDANCE: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AARON VAN EGMOND, GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES GRANT SCHUSTER, GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY SERVICES KATHLEEN BRANNIGAN, GENERAL MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE BRUCE LUCAS AND MANAGER FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TRAFFORD THOMPSON

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. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

5. OFFICER'S REPORTS

5.1. PROPOSED BUDGET 2016/17 – 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 2016/17 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 2016/17 has been on public exhibition in accordance with Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* for the period 27 April 2016 to 25 May 2016.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

Submissions closed at 5pm on Wednesday 25 May 2016.

Ten submissions were received on the Proposed Budget 2016/17:

Submitter	Topic of submission
Kath Milne <i>on behalf of</i> Clunes Football Netball Club	Appreciation for inclusion of Clunes Netball Court Lighting
Name not supplied	Footpath expansion program to include Walking / Cycling track in Creswick from the Ballarat Rd service road to Semmens Ave to allow access from the new path to the service road, approx 75m
Julie Moran <i>on behalf of</i> Creswick & District Aquatic Centre Inc	Support for Creswick swimming pool consultancy, in favour of a heated facility and stating no support for expenditure on an outdoor at Calemben Park
Kenneth Kronberger	Signage identifying Creswick Creek and support for proposed Creswick Adventure Park at the nominated location
Kenneth Kronberger	Cushing Ave Creswick be given special consideration for inclusion in the 2016/17 Tree Planting Program
Kenneth Kronberger	Drinking fountain in Creswick
Kenneth Kronberger	\$1000 be provided for laboratory testing of the water emitting from the 'South Street Spring' in Creswick, also known as Tait's Spring
Liz Burns	Certified organic and biodynamic farms be rated as Trust for

Submitter	Topic of submission
	Nature or available for a rebate
Edward Weislitzer <i>on behalf of</i> Trentham Community FORUM Inc	Seeking Council commitment in 2016/17 of \$500,000 (total of \$1,000,000) for the Trentham Hub (\$300,000 currently proposed)
	Engagement of Council with Trentham Community FORUM Inc to address Town Planning matters
	Extending sporting facilities in Trentham and participation of Trentham Community FORUM Inc in master planning
	Open Space Levy allocations be subject to a consultation process
	Watering system for the Trentham Oval
	Equity considerations to be given in finalising the 2016/17 Budget
Debra & Jürgen Rhyon	Community Planning facilitator to support townships within the shire to each develop a Community Plan

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.

Several speakers advised that they did not wish to speak as they would not add anything further to that which had been submitted.

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

The Proposed Budget 2016/17 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 2016/17 was available from Wednesday 27 April 2016 at Council's offices in Daylesford, Creswick and Clunes, at all Hepburn Library branches and from Council's website www.hepburn.vic.gov.au.

Any person was able to make a submission to the Council on any proposal contained in the Proposed Budget 2016/17 or submit a new proposal. Submissions received by the Council before 5pm on Wednesday 25 May 2016 will be considered for impact on the budget.

All submitters, other than the unnamed submission, were contacted to confirm if they wanted to be heard in favour of their submission.

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

The public notice and additional information was included in *The Courier, Ballarat* on 23 April 2016 and *The Advocate* on Wednesday 27 April 2016.

At the Council Meeting scheduled for 6pm on Tuesday 21 June 2016 to be held in the Daylesford Senior Citizens' Room, Council will formally meet to consider and adopt the Proposed Budget 2016/17.

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	
Edward Weislitzer <i>on behalf of</i> Trentham Community FORUM Inc		

MOTION

That we extend the time for the speaker to have five minutes to present.

Moved: Councillor Sebastian Klein

Seconded: Councillor Kate Redwood AM

Carried.

Mr Weislitzer spoke about:

- membership of the Trentham Community FORUM Inc.
- appreciation of Council activity
- options for meeting with representatives of Council to cover items in more detail
- Trentham Community Hub and the need to understand the majority.
Appreciative of the \$800,000 total commitment from Council, and asked for this to be increased to \$1,000,000.
- planning for child care in Trentham and its importance
- Open Space levy allocations and working with the community to decide on priorities

6. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 6:11pm
