

Hepburn

SHIRE COUNCIL

HEPBURN SHIRE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL MINUTES

TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2017

DAYLESFORD SENIOR CITIZENS' ROOM
76 VINCENT STREET
DAYLESFORD
6:00PM

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Confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of Council
held on Tuesday 20 June 2017



Chair, Mayor Cr Sebastian Klein

MINUTES

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Daylesford Senior Citizens' Room
76 Vincent Street, Daylesford
Commencing 6:00PM

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AARON VAN EGMOND
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
6 JUNE 2017

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:

Mayor Sebastian Klein, Cr John Cottrell, Cr Don Henderson, Cr Kate Redwood, Cr Neil Newitt

IN ATTENDANCE:

Aaron van Egmond Chief Executive Officer, Grant Schuster General Manager Corporate Services, Kathleen Brannigan General Manager Community Services, Bruce Lucas General Manager Infrastructure, Trafford Thompson Manager Finance and IT

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**

Cr Fiona Robson, Cr Greg May

4. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Cr Klein declared an indirect conflict of interest due to residential amenity with the Trentham FORUM submission.

Cr Cottrell declared a direct conflict of interest as he lives on Swords Road which is the subject of one of the submissions.

5. OFFICER'S REPORTS

5.1. PROPOSED COUNCIL PLAN 2017-2021, STRATEGIC RESOURCE PLAN 2017-2021, PROPOSED BUDGET 2017/2018 AND ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN (VERSION 5) – HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

In providing this advice to Council as the Manager Finance and Information Technology, I Trafford Thompson have no interests to disclose in this report.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to provide an opportunity for submitters to speak to their submissions in response to the Proposed Council Plan 2017-2021, Strategic Resource Plan 2017-2021, Budget 2017-2018, or Road Management Plan (Version 5) at a formal meeting of Council.

BACKGROUND

The Proposed Council Plan 2017-2021, Proposed Strategic Resource Plan 2017-2021, Proposed Budget 2017-2018 and Road Management Plan (Version5) have been on public exhibition in accordance with Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* for the period 26 April 2017 to 24 May 2017.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

Submissions closed at 5pm on Wednesday 24 May 2017 for each document on display, except for the Road Management Plan which closed on 1 June 2017 due to the need for public notification in the Government Gazette.

Six submissions were received during the Section 223 public exhibition period. In addition, one budget submission was received prior to the commencement of the public exhibition period relating to an item not in the budget, which we have included for completeness. Details provided by submitters have been made available to Councillors for the June Council Briefing. A summary of submissions received is provided below.

Submitter	Document	Topic of submission
Alicia Kay and Peter Douglas <i>on behalf of ARTOBER</i>	Budget	Seeking a three-year funding arrangement of \$8,000 per annum for support and growth of ARTOBER.
Bill McClenaghan	Budget	Specific items identified were the Hepburn Hub, bioenergy facility and the staff enterprise agreement.

Submitter	Document	Topic of submission
Bill McClenaghan	Council Plan	Sustainable financial management
Tony Mohr on behalf of Alliance for Gambling Reform	Budget	Seeking a \$25,000 contribution to the Alliance for Gambling Reform.
Tracey O'Neill on behalf of Hepburn Football Netball Club	Budget	Seeking \$50,000 for new female toilet / changing facilities at Laurie Sullivan Reserve, Hepburn Springs, located within the Neighbourhood Safe Place structure.
Edward Weislitzer, President, and Helen Macdonald, Deputy President, of the Trentham FORUM	Budget	Trentham projects and priorities
Graeme and Joan Rattray (received prior to advertising period)	Budget	Tree removal and road widening of Holcombe and Swords Road Glenlyon

No submissions were received in relation to the Strategic Resource Plan or the Road Management Plan (version 5).

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

The Proposed Council Plan 2017-2021, Strategic Resource Plan 2017-2021, Budget 2017-2018 and Road Management Plan (Version 5) were publicly advertised in the local newspapers and Council's website seeking submissions from interested parties in accordance with Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*. In addition, the Road Management Plan (Version 5) was also published in the Government Gazette.

These proposed Council documents were available from Wednesday 26 April 2017 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 could make a submission to the Council on any proposal contained in the documents or to submit a new proposal. Submissions received by the Council before 5pm on Wednesday 24 May 2017 (RMP, 1 June 2017) will be considered by Council.

All submitters who did not express that they wanted to address Council, were contacted to confirm if they wanted to be heard in favour of their submission at this Special Council Meeting.

As part of Council's budget and Council Plan consultation process, Council held five information sessions in Trentham, Creswick, Glenlyon, Clunes and Daylesford during May. The public notice and additional information was included in *The Advocate* on Wednesday 26 April 2017.

At the Council Meeting scheduled for 6pm on Tuesday 20 June 2017 to be held in the Daylesford Senior Citizens' Room, Council will formally meet to consider and adopt the Proposed Council Plan 2017-2021, Strategic Resource Plan 2017-2021, Budget 2017-2018 and Road Management Plan (Version 5).

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.

SPEAKERS

Alecia Kay addressed Council in support of the ARTOBER submission

Bill McClenaghan addressed Council in support of his submissions

Tracey O'Neil addressed Council in support of the Hepburn Football Netball Club submission

Prior to hearing the address in support of the submission by the Trentham FORUM, Cr Klein declared an indirect conflict of interest due to residential amenity due to living next door to the proposed Trentham Hub location and left the room at 6:18pm.

Cr Cottrell assumed the chair

MOTION

5.1.1. *That the substitute person for the Trentham FORUM submission be heard in Helen Macdonald's place.*

Moved: Cr Don Henderson

Seconded: Cr Neil Newitt

Carried

Sandy MacKinlay addressed Council in support of the Trentham FORUM submission

Cr Klein returned to the meeting at 6:23pm and resumed the chair

Cr Cottrell declared a direct conflict of interest as he lives on Swords Road which is the subject of Mr Rattray's submission and left the room at 6:25pm

Graeme Rattray addressed Council in support of his submission

Cr Cottrell returned to the room at 6:26pm

MOTION

That Council:

5.1.2. *Thanks members of the public who spoke in support of their submissions at the meeting, and*

5.1.3. *Notes all submissions made.*

Moved: Cr Kate Redwood

Seconded: Cr Don Henderson

Carried

6. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 6.31pm

ATTACHMENT 1 - LIST OF SPEAKERS

***Please note:** The opportunity to address this Council Meeting is for speaking to individual Proposed Budget and Council Plan 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 and Council Plan submissions at this meeting.

	Speaker
1	Alicia Kay on behalf of ARTOBER
2	Bill McClenaghan – Budget Submission
3	Bill McClenaghan – Council Plan Submission
4	Tracey O’Neil on behalf of Hepburn Football Netball Club
5	Helen Macdonald, Deputy President of the Trentham FORUM
6	Graeme Rattray – Tree removal and road widening of Holcombe and Swords Road Glenlyon