

# Minutes

**Submitters Delegated Committee  
Wednesday 21 February 2024 at 7:00 PM  
Held online and livestreamed at [mrsc.vic.gov.au](https://mrsc.vic.gov.au)**



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**1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Macedon Ranges Shire Council acknowledges the Dja Dja Wurrung, Taungurung and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land and waterways. Council recognises their living cultures and ongoing connection to Country and pays respect to their Elders past, and present.

Council also acknowledges local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander residents of Macedon Ranges for their ongoing contribution to the diverse culture of our community.

**2 RECORDING AND LIVESTREAMING OF THIS COMMITTEE MEETING**

This meeting was recorded and streamed live on the internet, in accordance with Council's 'Live Streaming and Publishing Recordings of Meetings' policy, which can be viewed on Council's website.

**3 PRESENT**

Cr Annette Death (Mayor), Cr Janet Pearce (Deputy Mayor), Cr Jennifer Anderson, Cr Dominic Bonanno, Cr Rob Guthrie, Cr Geoff Neil, Cr Mark Ridgeway, Cr Christine Walker, Cr Bill West

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Bernie O'Sullivan (Chief Executive Officer), Adele Drago-Stevens (Director Corporate), Shane Walden (Director Assets and Operations), Maria Weiss (Director Community), Rebecca Stockfeld (Director Planning and Environment), Travis Harling (Manager Finance and Reporting), Lucy Olson (Senior Governance Officer - Council Business), Kaitlin Evans (Executive Assistant), Andy Bhatia (Service Desk Officer)

**4 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**6 PURPOSE OF SUBMITTERS DELEGATED COMMITTEE**

Council receives written submissions on a variety of matters which need to be considered by Council during the decision-making process. The Submitters Delegated Committee affords people who have made a submission a specific opportunity to appear in person to expand on their submission, if they wish to do so, for the nominated matters above as outlined in the instrument of delegation.

**7 ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

NIL

**8        REPORTS**

Twenty Three (23) speakers addressed the Committee in relation to the Draft Budget 2024/25 and the Council Plan 2021-2031 (Year Four):

- Ravi Sud - Zoom
- Brett Rees - Zoom
- Aaron Goldsworthy - Zoom
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- Nathan Fosnaugh - Zoom
- Ken Allender - Zoom
- Kathryn Lewis - Zoom
- Philip Flanagan - Zoom
- Annabel Sides - Zoom
- Andrew Towner - Zoom
- Jenny Stillman - Zoom
- Jenny Stillman - Zoom
- Marlene Kellet - Zoom
- Rhonda Shears - Zoom
- James O'Brien - Zoom
- Joe Leonello - Zoom
- Joe Leonello - Zoom
- Bob Bossner – Zoom (audio only)
- Rebecca Thorpe - Zoom
- Lyn Bayley - Zoom
- Michael Warner - Zoom
- Cassandra Simmons - Zoom

At 8:08pm, Cr Geoff Neil left the meeting, he returned at 8:14pm.

**8.1 HEARING OF SUBMITTERS IN RELATION TO THE BUDGET 2024/25 AND COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2031 (YEAR FOUR)****Summary**

Council invited the public to contribute to the development of the Budget 2024/25 and Council Plan 2021-2031 (Year Four) through a community engagement consultation process that ran from 24 October to 22 November 2023. Preparing Council's annual budget requires many inputs, and this opportunity was provided to ensure that Council understands the community's current priorities to strike the right balance and allowing the community to share ideas and feedback, to suggest or support projects, infrastructure, and initiatives year-round.

One hundred and eleven (111) submissions were received prior to the advertised closing period, and additional an additional three (3) were accepted as a late submissions in the following days.

The purpose of this meeting is to hear from those submitters who have expressed a desire to make a verbal presentation in support of their submission. Council will then consider the submissions as part of the Budget 2024/25 and Council Plan 2021-2031 (Year Four) at the Scheduled Council Meeting in May 2024.

**Committee Resolution**

Moved: Cr Jennifer Anderson  
Seconded: Cr Mark Ridgeway

**That the Committee:**

- 1. Notes the submissions received for inclusion in the Draft Budget 2024/25 and Council Plan 2021-2031 (Year Four) and the supporting verbal presentations;**
- 2. Notes that these submissions will be referred for determination at the Scheduled Council Meeting at which the draft Budget 2024/25 and Council Plan 2021-2031 (Year Four) are presented for adoption; and**
- 3. Notes that responses and recommendations on the submissions received will be prepared for Council's consideration at that meeting.**

**CARRIED**

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**The Meeting closed at 9:09pm.**