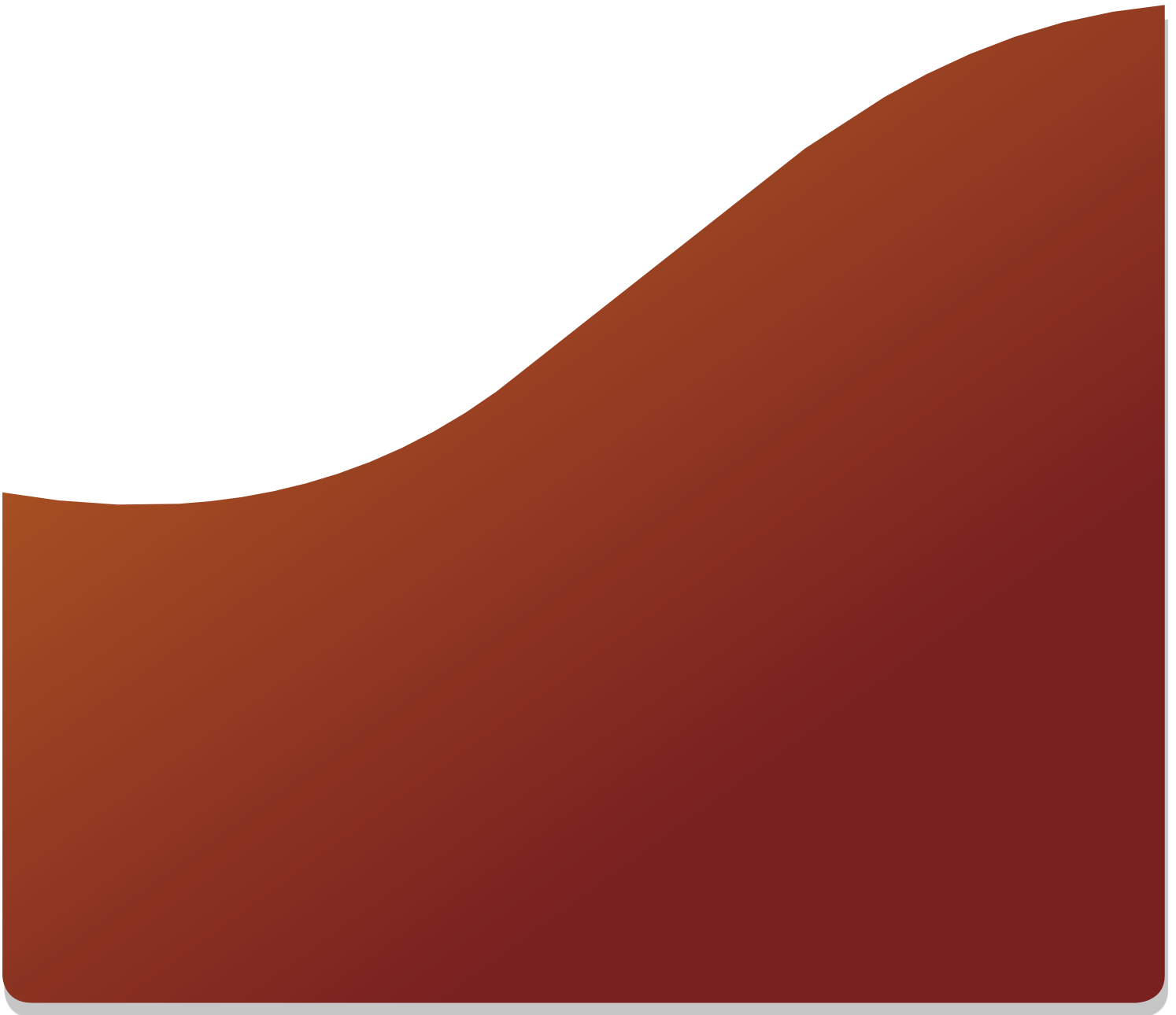


Minutes

Submitters Delegated Committee

Wednesday 31 May 2023 at 7:00pm

Held online and livestreamed at 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 Jennifer Anderson (Deputy Mayor), Cr Dominic Bonanno, Cr Rob Guthrie, Cr Anne Moore, Cr Geoff Neil, Cr Janet Pearce, Cr Mark Ridgeway, Cr Bill West

IN ATTENDANCE

Bernie O'Sullivan (Chief Executive Officer), Adele Drago-Stevens (Director Corporate), Shane Walden (Director Assets and Operations), Adele Drago-Stevens (Director Corporate), Rebecca Stockfeld (Director Planning and Environment), Lucy Olson (Senior Governance Officer – Council Business), Mwai Mashunga (Service Desk Officer)

4 APOLOGIES

Maria Weiss (Director Community)

5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Neil declared a general conflict in relation to item 7.2 with speakers 5 and 7 due to a being involved in their organisations, the Kyneton Dog Obedience Club and Romsey Ecotherapy Park respectively.

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 REPORTS**7.1 HEARING OF SUBMITTERS IN RELATION TO THE DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2031 (YEAR THREE ACTIONS 2023-2024)**

No speakers addressed the Committee in relation to the Draft Council Plan 2021-2031 (Year Three Actions 2023-2024).

7.2 HEARING OF SUBMITTERS IN RELATION TO THE DRAFT BUDGET 2023/24

Procedural Note: Cr West joined the meeting at 7:04pm

Thirteen speakers addressed the Committee in relation to the Draft Budget 2023/24:

- Ross Colliver – Zoom
- Mark Hands – Zoom
- Dimity Reed – Zoom
- Liz O’Connell – Zoom
- Wendy Ashton – Zoom
- Jenny Stillman – Zoom
- Jenny Stillman – Zoom
- Bill Balcam – Zoom
- Andrew Towne – Zoom
- Nicole Price – Zoom
- Joe Leonello – Zoom (audio only)
- John Maynard – Zoom
- Cassy Borthwick – Zoom

Procedural Note: Having previously declared a conflict of interest in relation to speakers 5 and 7, Cr Neil left the meeting at 7:37 pm whilst these speakers were heard from. At 7:50 pm, Cr Neil returned to the meeting.

7.1 HEARING OF SUBMITTERS IN RELATION TO THE DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2031 (YEAR THREE ACTIONS 2023-2024)

Summary

At the Scheduled Council Meeting on 26 April 2023, Council resolved to give public notice of and invite submissions on the draft Council Plan 2021-2031 (Year Three Actions 2023-2024).

One (1) submission was received prior to the end of the 21-day submission period, which closed at 5pm on 19 May 2023. This submission is presented as an attachment to this report. Any further submissions received prior to this meeting will also be provided to Councillors. In accordance with privacy principles, the submitters’ personal details have been redacted, along with the redaction of information where Council may not have permission to publish. Councillors have been separately provided with an un-redacted version of each submission.

Committee Resolution

Moved: Cr Jennifer Anderson
Seconded: Cr Rob Guthrie

That the Committee:

1. **Notes the submission received on the Draft Council Plan 2021-2031 (Year Three Actions 2023-2024) and the verbal presentations in support of those submissions;**

2. **Notes that the submission will be referred for consideration and determination at the Scheduled Council Meeting to be held at 7pm on 28 June 2023; and**
3. **Notes that responses and recommendations on the Draft Council Plan 2021-2031 (Year Three Actions 2023-2024) will be prepared for Council's consideration at that meeting.**

CARRIED

7.2 HEARING OF SUBMITTERS IN RELATION TO THE DRAFT BUDGET 2023/24

Summary

At the Scheduled Council Meeting on 26 April 2023, Council resolved to give public notice of and invite submissions on the draft Budget 2023/24.

35 (thirty-five) submissions were received prior to the end of the 21-day submission period, which closed at 5pm on 19 May 2023, a further 6 (six) submissions were received after the closing period and up until the preparation of this agenda. These submissions are presented as an attachment to this report. Any further submissions received prior to this meeting will also be provided to Councillors. The submissions are presented generally in the order they were received. In accordance with privacy principles, submitters' personal details have been redacted, along with the redaction of information where Council may not have permission to publish. Councillors have been separately provided with an un-redacted version of each submission.

The purpose of this meeting is only to hear from submitters who wish to make a verbal presentation in support of their submission. Council will consider the adoption of the Budget 2023/24 at the Scheduled Council Meeting on 28 June 2023.

Committee Resolution

Moved: Cr Geoff Neil
Seconded: Cr Anne Moore

That the Committee:

1. **Notes the submissions received on the Draft Budget 2023/24 and the verbal presentations in support of those submissions;**
2. **Notes that these submissions will be referred for consideration and determination at the Scheduled Council Meeting to be held at 7pm on 28 June 2023; and**
3. **Notes that responses and recommendations on the Draft Budget 2023/24 will be prepared for Council's consideration at that meeting.**

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 8:42pm.