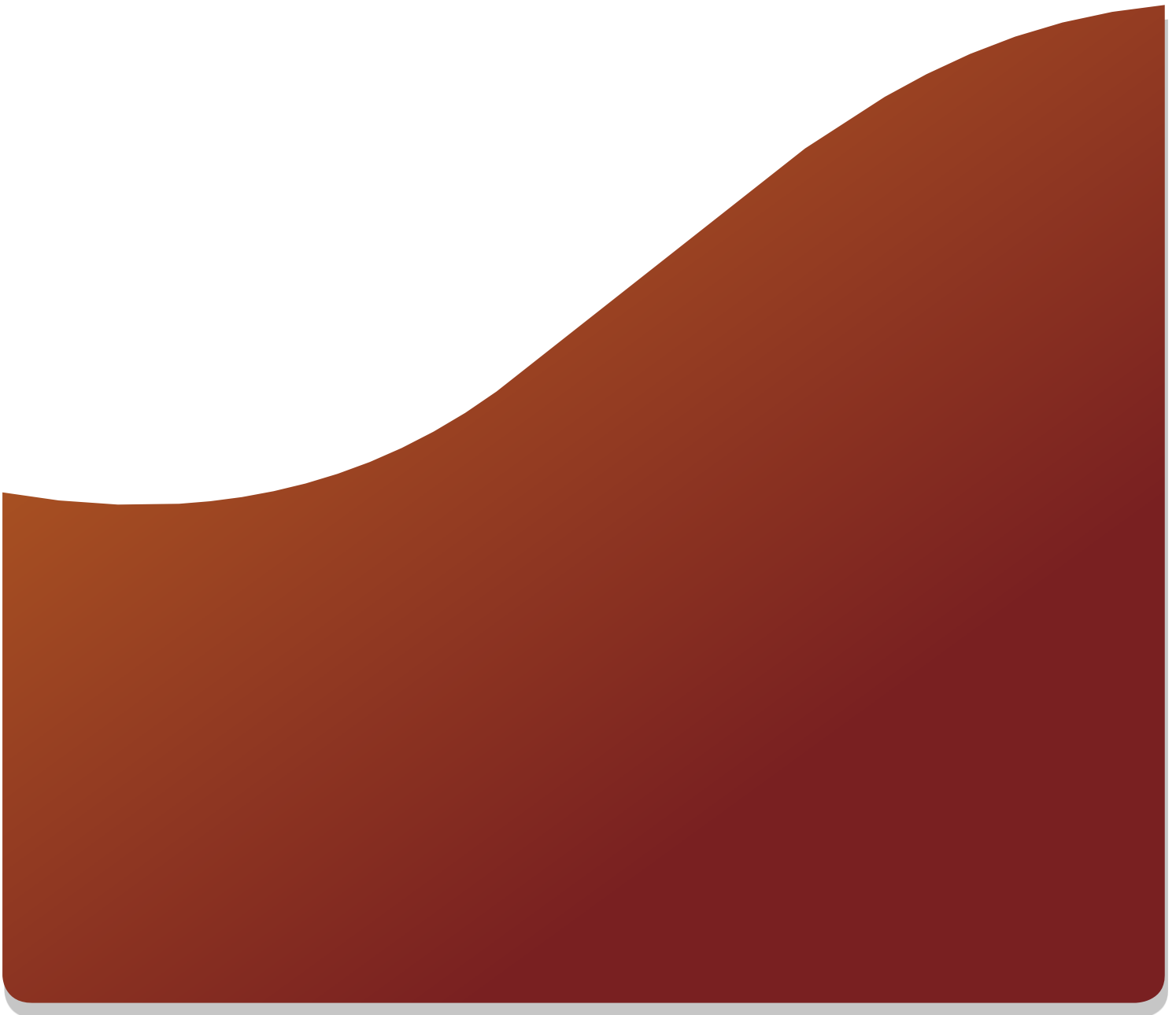


Minutes

Submitters Delegated Committee

Wednesday 19 February 2025 at 7:00 PM

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 Dominic Bonanno (Mayor), Cr Kate Kendall (Deputy Mayor), Cr Jennifer Anderson, Cr Cassy Borthwick, Cr Alison Joseph, Cr Andrew Scanlon, Cr Christine Walker, Cr Daniel Young

IN ATTENDANCE

Bernie O'Sullivan (Chief Executive Officer), Adele Drago-Stevens (Director Corporate), Dominic Testoni (Director Assets and Operations), Rebecca Stockfeld (Director Planning and Environment), Lucy Olson (Senior Governance Officer), Kaitlyn Evans (Executive Assistant)

4 APOLOGIES

Cr Janet Pearce

5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 PURPOSE OF THE 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

Twenty (20) speakers addressed the Committee in relation to the Draft Budget 2025/26:

- Alistair Fletcher - Zoom
- Viki Spedding - Zoom
- Fiona Walker - Zoom
- James O'Brien - Zoom

- Dr Fay Woodhouse - Zoom
- Gregg Kennedy – Zoom
- Shaun Rafferty – Zoom
- Guy Nelson - Telephone (audio only)
- Jane Walduck & Esther Kay – Zoom
- Brian Cooper – Zoom
- Carol Douglas – Zoom
- Leonie Williams – Zoom
- Chris Dynon – Zoom
- Mick McCarthy – Zoom
- Judy Stammers – Zoom
- Nikki Barker – Zoom
- Helen Radnedge – Zoom
- Maree Scale – Zoom
- Amanda Gauci – Zoom
- Paula Needham – Zoom (audio only)

Procedural Note:

Cr Young joined the meeting at 7:16pm.

Cr Borthwick left the meeting at 8:15pm and returned at 8:17pm.

Cr Walker left the meeting meeting 8:22pm and returned at 8:23pm.

7.1 HEARING OF SUBMITTERS IN RELATION TO THE BUDGET 2025/26**Summary**

Council invited the public to contribute to the development of the Budget 2025/26 through a community engagement consultation process that ran from 4 November to 1 December 2024. 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.

Fifty-six (56) submissions were received prior to the advertised closing period, and additional an additional two (2) were accepted as late submissions.

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 2025/26 at the Council Meeting in the coming months.

Committee Resolution

Moved: Cr Jennifer Anderson

Seconded: Cr Kate Kendall

That the Committee:

- 1. Notes the submissions received for consideration in the Draft Budget 2025/26 and the supporting verbal presentations;**
- 2. Notes that these submissions will be referred to the Council Meeting at which the draft Budget 2025/26 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

The Meeting closed at 9.02pm.