

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

Special Committee of Council
Submission Consider and Recommend
Council Plan 2020-2024
Annual Budget 2020/21
17 JUNE 2020

Commencing at
12.45PM

17 June 2020
Council Chambers,
Leongatha

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That Council considers and recommends submissions to the 2020 - 2024 Council Plan and Proposed 2020/21 Annual Budget.



*South Gippsland
Shire Council*



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Notice is hereby given that the Special Meeting of Council of the South Gippsland Shire Council which will be held on 17 June 2020 in the Council Chambers, Leongatha commencing at 12:45 pm

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Kerryn Ellis
Chief Executive Officer

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1. LIVE-STREAMING COUNCIL MEETING DISCLAIMER

This Council Meeting is being streamed live, recorded and published in accordance with Council's Live Streaming in Council Meetings Policy.

The Chair and/or the CEO have the discretion and authority at any time to direct the termination or interruption of live streaming. Such direction will only be given in exceptional circumstances where deemed relevant. Circumstances may include instances where the content of debate is considered misleading, defamatory or potentially inappropriate to be published.

Today's Meeting is being streamed live as well as recorded and published on Council's website.

Thank you

1.2. WELCOME

Please ensure Mobile phones remain 'off' during the Council Meeting.

In light of the global spread of COVID-19 and the extraordinary situation we currently find ourselves in, Council is doing its best to manage the advice relating to the safety of our community and our staff.

Over the past few months the Federal and State Governments have been increasingly clear in their directives about social gatherings. To that end Council has taken the unprecedented step of closing its doors to the public for this Council Meeting.

The closure to the gallery while retaining and open meeting through the livestreaming of the Open Council Meeting is made in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020 - s.395 – 'Meetings may be closed to the public during the prescribed period.'

Access to the live stream through Council's Internet will be the 'open' component of this Meeting.

The safety of the community and staff and the continuation of vital services remain Council's highest priority.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Not allow members of the public to attend the 17 June 2020 Special Committee of Council – to Consider and Recommend in person;
2. Resolve that the 17 June 2020 Special Committee of Council – to Consider and Recommend remains 'open' via the livestream on the Internet, in keeping with section 395 of the *Local Government Act 2020*; and
3. Note that this decision is made to protect the health and wellbeing of all people required to be in attendance.

1.3. OPENING PRAYER

We pray to God to guide us so that the thoughts we have and the decisions made this day, are in the best interests of the people of the South Gippsland Shire.

Amen

1.4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS

The South Gippsland Shire Council respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of this Land, Elders past and present, their Spirits and Ancestors.

1.5. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1.6. APOLOGIES

1.7. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR ADMINISTRATORS

Any interest that an Administrator or staff member has deemed to be significant and has disclosed as either a direct or an indirect interest is now considered to be a conflict of interest. Conflict of interest legislation is in sections 77A, 77B, 78, 78A-D and 79 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act). This legislation can be obtained by contacting the Council's Corporate & Community Services Directorate (Council Business) or by accessing the Victorian Legislation and Parliamentary Documents website at www.legislation.vic.gov.au.

An interest may be by close association, financial, conflicting duties or receipt of gifts. If an Administrator or staff member discloses any interest in an item discussed at any Council Meeting (whether they attend or not) they must:

- Complete a disclosure of interest form prior to the Meeting (forms are available from Council Business Department at South Gippsland Shire Council).
- Advise the Chair of the interest immediately before the particular item is considered (if attending the Meeting).
- Leave the Council Chamber or Meeting room while the item is being discussed and during any vote taken (if attending the Meeting).

The Administrator or staff member will be advised to return to the Council Chamber or Meeting room immediately after the item has been considered and the vote is complete.

Administrators should check the Minutes of the Council Meeting to ensure their disclosure is recorded accurately. Administrators are not required to disclose conflict of interest in relation to matters only considered at Meetings they do not attend. Detailed information is available in Conflict of Interest – A Guide – October 2012.

1.8. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR STAFF

Sections 80B and 80C of the Local Government Act 1989 require members of Council staff who have delegated functions and/or provide advice to Council or a Special Committee to disclose conflicts of interest. If Council staff have written, provided information/advice or approved a Council Report and have a conflict of interest, it is the responsibility of that staff member to disclose the interest.

Guidance to identifying and disclosing a conflict of interest is contained in the Victorian State Government, Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure – *Conflict of Interest – A Guide for Council Staff – October 2011*.

2. COUNCIL REPORTS

2.1. SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL - CONSIDER AND RECOMMEND

Corporate and Community Services Directorate

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council 22 April 2020, Council endorsed the proposed Annual Budget 2020/21 (Budget) and proposed Council Plan 2020-2024 (Council Plan). Council resolved to invite formal submissions from the public under s.223 of the Local Government Act 1989 (Act) on these strategic documents.

A Special Committee of Council – Submission Hearing (Hearing) is scheduled for 17 June 2020 at 10.30am.

Following the Hearing, this Special Committee of Council – Consider and Recommend at 12.45pm on 17 June 2020, will decide on the outcome, taking into consideration, each submission and hearing presentation where applicable.

To assist the administration of the Motions, it is recommended that the Chair determine that each submitter's submission be voted on individually as per c.61 in Local Law No.2 2020. The Special Committee of Council will consider each submission and make recommendations to Council on whether or not the Budget and/or Council Plan require changes. These recommendations will be presented to Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 24 June 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Special Committee of Council receives, considers and recommends to Council the submissions to the Proposed Annual Budget 2020/21 and/or Council Plan 2020-2024, as follows:

- 1. Submission 2.1 from Pee-Wee Lewis (Korumburra Round Table) re: Korumburra Revitalisation Project.**
 - a. That no changes be made to the Proposed Annual Budget / Proposed Council Plan;**
 - OR**
 - b. The following change be made to the Budget and/or Council Plan:_____**

- 2. Submission 2.2 from Noelene Cosson (Korumburra Business Association) re: Korumburra Revitalisation Project.**
 - a. That no changes be made to the Proposed Annual Budget / Proposed Council Plan.**

OR
 - b. The following change be made to the Budget and/or Council Plan:_____**

- 3. Submission 3.1 from Beck Pierce re: Community Grants.**
 - a. That no changes be made to the Proposed Annual Budget / Proposed Council Plan.**

OR
 - b. The following change be made to the Budget and/or Council Plan:_____**

- 4. Submission 3.2 from Kirsten Jones (Meeniyan Tourism and Traders Association) re: Community Support Package.**
 - a. That no changes be made to the Proposed Annual Budget / Proposed Council Plan.**

OR
 - b. The following change be made to the Budget and/or Council Plan:_____**

- 5. Submission 3.3 from Gus Blaauw re: Council Expenditure.**
 - a. That no changes be made to the Proposed Annual Budget / Proposed Council Plan.**

OR
 - b. That an amendment be made to the Proposed Annual Budget 2020/21 to include a breakdown of the Materials and Services allocation grouped similarly to that provided in each Council Annual Report.**

OR
 - c. The following change be made to the Budget and/or Council Plan:_____**

- 6. Submission 3.4 from Ralph Gallagher re: Council Expenditure.**
- a. That no changes be made to the Proposed Annual Budget / Proposed Council Plan.
- OR
- b. The following change be made to the Budget and/or Council Plan:_____
- 7. Submission 3.5 from Peter Western (Lyric Theatre) re: Memorial Hall Redevelopment.**
- a. That no changes be made to the Proposed Annual Budget / Proposed Council Plan.
- OR
- b. The following change be made to the Budget and/or Council Plan:_____
- 8. Submission 3.6 from Gary Napthine re: Rates.**
- a. That no changes be made to the Proposed Annual Budget / Proposed Council Plan.
- OR
- b. The following change be made to the Budget and/or Council Plan:_____
- 9. Submission 3.7 from David Jochinke re: Rates.**
- a. That no changes be made to the Proposed Annual Budget / Proposed Council Plan.
- OR
- b. The following change be made to the Budget and/or Council Plan:_____
- 10. Submission 3.8 from Dan Monaghan & Cara Carter (Leongatha Basketball Association) re: Splash Stadium Entry Fee.**
- a. That no changes be made to the Proposed Annual Budget / Proposed Council Plan.
- OR

- b. **Amends the Proposed Annual Budget 2020/21 to remove the \$2 door entry fee at SG SPLASH.**

OR

- c. **The following change be made to the Budget and/or Council Plan:_____**

11. Submission 3.9 from Bryan Watterson (Agnes River Landcare) re: Agnes Gorge Project.

- a. **That no changes be made to the Proposed Annual Budget / Proposed Council Plan.**

OR

- b. **The following change be made to the Budget and/or Council Plan:_____**

12. Submission 3.10 from Michael Borgas (Just Transition) re: Environmental Sustainability.

- a. **That no changes be made to the Proposed Annual Budget / Proposed Council Plan.**

OR

- b. **The following change be made to the Budget and/or Council Plan:_____**

13. Submissions 4.1 from Lynn Atkinson & Michael Nugent (Extinction Rebellion) re: Environmental Sustainability.

- a. **That no changes be made to the Proposed Annual Budget / Proposed Council Plan.**

OR

- b. **The following change be made to the Budget and/or Council Plan:_____**

14. Submissions 4.2 from Lindsay Love (South Gippsland Action Group) re: Various Topics.

- a. **That no changes be made to the Proposed Annual Budget / Proposed Council Plan.**

OR

- b. **The following change be made to the Budget and/or Council Plan:_____**

15. Submissions 4.3 from Don Hill re Various Topics.

- a. **That no changes be made to the Proposed Annual Budget / Proposed Council Plan.**

OR

- b. **The following change be made to the Budget and/or Council Plan:_____**

16. Submissions 4.4 from Chris Lobb re Various Topics.

- a. **That no changes be made to the Proposed Council Plan 2020-2024 or Proposed Annual Budget 2020/21;**

OR

- b. **That an amendment be made to commit to the following activities in 2020/21 using existing resources within the Infrastructure Directorate:**

- i. **monitor the traffic movements around the vicinity of the Mirboo North Pool.**

OR

- c. **The following change be made to the Budget and/or Council Plan:_____**

REPORT

The Budget and Council Plan have been prepared following community consultation throughout the year and are guided by priorities outlined in key strategic documents including the 15 Year Long Term Financial Strategies.

Council received 23 written submissions from 16 submitters. Across these submissions, 21 related to the Budget and six related to the Council Plan. Four submitters sent multiple submissions. These will be considered as a single submission from each submitter.

Eight people indicated that they wanted to speak to their submissions. The Hearing was held subject to the requirements of the Business Continuity Plan relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. Alternative arrangements were made with speakers to present via teleconferencing during the live session.

Submissions received between 28 April 2020 and 5pm, 28 May 2020 are included in **Attachment [2.1.1]** through to **Attachment [2.1.23]**. All submissions were circulated to the Administrators on 1 June 2020 for their early consideration.

A response from Council will be provided for each submission following the Council Meeting on 24 June 2020.

CONSULTATION

Community consultation was conducted throughout the year to inform the development of the Budget and Council Plan.

Both documents were placed on public exhibition from 28 April 2020 until 5pm, 28 May 2020. In response to the State of Emergency in Victoria which commenced on 16 March 2020 and extended to 21 June 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Council adapted its advertising of the public exhibition. This included:

- Council's website and Facebook page;
- Council's In the Know newsletter;
- Foster Mirror newspaper; and
- Sentinel Times Facebook page and online newspaper.

RESOURCES

The current Proposed Budget is sustainable and meet the requirements determined by the Local Government Act 1989 and the transitional requirements of the Local Government Act 2020 now in place.

Council will be required to consider the financial implications of any changes recommended by the Special Committee in the consideration of the Budget at the 24 June Council Meeting.

RISKS

If Council determines that only insignificant changes be made to the Budget and/or Council Plan, the final versions can proceed with minor amendments to the adoption stage scheduled for the 24 June 2020 Ordinary Meeting of Council. This approach minimises Council's risk of breaching legislation.

If Council determines that significant changes are to be made to the Budget and/or Council Plan that make material changes and affect Council's financial operations and position, Council would be required to prepare a new Proposed Budget and/or Proposed Council Plan and undertake a further s.223 public consultation process.

The Minister for Local Government extended the deadline to deliver 2020/21 Council Budgets to 31 August 2020. Council indicated a preference to remain on schedule for adoption by 30 June 2020 to avoid potential disruptions to continuing services and projects.

STAFF DISCLOSURE

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Attachments are available on Council's website: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

1. 2.1 Submission - Korumburra Revitalisation Project - Pee- Wee Lewis (Korumburra Round Table) [2.1.1 - 1 page]
2. 2.2 Submission - Korumburra Revitalisation Project - Noelene Cosson (Korumburra Business Association) [2.1.2 - 2 pages]
3. 3.1 Submission - Community Grants - Beck Pierce [2.1.3 - 2 pages]
4. 3.2 Submission - Community Support Package - Kirsten Jones (Meeniyan Tourism and Traders Association) [2.1.4 - 2 pages]
5. 3.3 Submission - Council Expenditure - Gus Blaauw [2.1.5 - 14 pages]
6. 3.4 Submission - Council Expenditure - Ralph Gallagher [2.1.6 - 2 pages]
7. 3.5 Submission - Memorial Hall Redevelopment - Peter Western (Lyric Theatre) [2.1.7 - 65 pages]
8. 3.6 Submission - Rates - Gary Naphine [2.1.8 - 5 pages]
9. 3.7 Submission - Rates - David Jochinke [2.1.9 - 2 pages]
10. 3.8 Submission - Splash Stadium Entry Fee - Dan Monaghan & Cara Carter (Leongatha Basketball Association) [2.1.10 - 2 pages]
11. 3.9 Submission - Agnes Gorge Project - Agnes River Landcare [2.1.11 - 2 pages]

12. 3.10 Submission - Environmental Sustainability - Michael Borgas (Just Transition) [2.1.12 - 6 pages]
13. 4.1 Part A Submission - Environmental Sustainability - Lynn Atkinson & Michael Nugent (Extinction Rebellion) [2.1.13 - 9 pages]
14. 4.1 Part B Submission - Environmental Sustainability - Lynn Atkinson & Michael Nugent (Extinction Rebellion) [2.1.14 - 9 pages]
15. 4.2 Part A Submission - Various Topics - Lindsay Love (South Gippsland Action Group) - Budget [2.1.15 - 5 pages]
16. 4.2 Part B Submission - Various Topics - Lindsay Love (South Gippsland Action Group) - Council Plan [2.1.16 - 12 pages]
17. 4.3 Part A Submission - Various Topics - Don Hill - Rates [2.1.17 - 1 page]
18. 4.3 Part B Submission - Various Topics - Don Hill - Splash Hydrotherapy Pool [2.1.18 - 1 page]
19. 4.3 Part C Submission - Various Topics - Don Hill - Capital Works [2.1.19 - 1 page]
20. 4.3 Part D Submission - Various Topics - Don Hill - Live Streaming [2.1.20 - 1 page]
21. 4.3 Part E Submission - Various Topics - Don Hill - EBA Freeze [2.1.21 - 1 page]
22. 4.4 Part A Submission - Various Topics - Chris Lobb - Budget [2.1.22 - 2 pages]
23. 4.4 Part B Submission - Various Topics - Chris Lobb - Council Plan [2.1.23 - 3 pages]

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Council Policy

Documents are available on Council's website: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au Annual Budget Incorporating 15 Year Long Term Financial Plan and Annual Plan Initiatives

Legislative Provisions

Local Government Act 2020

3. MEETING CLOSED

NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council open to the public will be held on Wednesday, 24 June 2020 commencing at 2pm in the Council Chambers, Leongatha.