

## **HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS**

**Tuesday 30 May, 2023  
6:30pm**

**Community Hall  
Braybrook Community Hub  
107–139 Churchill Avenue  
Braybrook**

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**Agenda Item 5.1****HEARING OF SUBMITTERS - PROPOSED 2023/2024 BUDGET AND THE SUBSEQUENT THREE YEARS**

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**PURPOSE**

To provide the opportunity for submissions to be heard in relation to the Proposed 2023/2024 Annual Budget and the subsequent three years.

**ISSUES SUMMARY**

- Council must prepare and adopt a budget for each financial year and the subsequent 3 financial years by 30 June each year.
- At the Council Meeting on 18 April 2023, Council resolved to publicly display the Proposed 2022/2023 Annual Budget and the Subsequent Three Years and invite public comment and submissions.
- Feedback was received up until 7 May 2023.
- In total, nineteen (19) submissions have been received. Ten (10) submissions were received during Phase 1 and nine (9) submissions were received during Phase 2.
- Six (6) submitters have requested to be heard in support of their submissions.
- Having regard for all feedback received throughout each stage of the engagement process, Council will consider adopting the Proposed 2023/2024 Annual Budget and the Subsequent Three Years at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 20 June 2023, at 6.30pm.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. List of Submitters to be Heard 2023 [!\[\]\(1e63609ed98a835f4eb8c01936fe5abe\_img.jpg\) !\[\]\(894ed1eaf67f827f170900945f995ae3\_img.jpg\)](#)

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION****That Councillors**

1. Thank submitters for their submissions to the proposed 2023/2024 Annual Budget and the Subsequent Three Years; and
2. Notes that all submissions will be considered at the following 31 May 2023 Councillor Strategic Briefing Session.

**Agenda Item 5.1****BACKGROUND**

The proposed budget has been prepared in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Act 2020. The proposed budget gives effect to the Council Plan and is guided by Council's Financial Plan which considers the current financial situation and future projections to support delivery of projects, initiatives and programs important to the community over the next ten years.

At the 18 April 2023 Council Meeting, Council resolved to publicly display the Proposed 2023/2024 Annual Budget and the Subsequent Three Years and invite submissions.

A total of nineteen (19) submissions have been received.

- Ten (10) submissions were received during Phase 1 in November 2022 and all have been reviewed by Council.
- nine (9) submissions were received during Phase 2 throughout April and May 2023.

Six (6) of the nineteen (19) submitters have requested to be heard in support of their submissions.

**DISCUSSION/KEY ISSUES****1. Key Issues****Submission Period**

Council is no longer required to implement a formal section 223 submission process in relation to its proposed budget. Under the *Local Government Act (2020)* the process is governed by Council's Engagement Policy, which was adopted in February 2021.

Promotion advising of the release of the document, and inviting feedback was published as part of phase 2 of the engagement from 19 April 2023 to 7 May 2023 to enable the community to provide feedback.

Nineteen submissions were received over the two engagement processes. Six of the nineteen submitters have requested to be heard in support of their submissions.

**Sequence of Hearing of Submissions**

Submissions will be heard in the order in which submissions were received refer to Attachment 1.

**Agenda Item 5.1****2. Council Policy/Legislation****Council Plan 2021-2025**

This report contributes to Council's strategic objectives contained in the Council Plan 2021-2025 by considering:

- Strategic Objectives
  - Council will proactively lead our changing City using strategic foresight, innovation, transparent decision making and well-planned and effective collaboration and community engagement to support community and economic growth during the ongoing challenges of the pandemic and beyond.

**Legislation**

Local Government Act 2020

**Conflicts of Interest**

No officer responsible for, or contributing to, this report has declared a direct or indirect interest in relation to this report.

**Human Rights Consideration**

This report complies with the rights listed in the Victorian *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

**3. Engagement**

Engagement on the Proposed Budget has been undertaken in two phases, Phase 1 in November 2022 and Phase 2 throughout April and May 2023, using a variety of methods to seek feedback:

- An open invitation for community to make written submissions via mail, email and online in November 2022, prior to the framing of the budget and again in April 2023, following release of the proposed budget.
- Livestreamed Question and Answer (Q&A) session via a moderated webinar held on Wednesday 27 April 2023, enabling residents to ask the Mayor and CEO questions about the Proposed Budget.
- An open invitation to ask questions via the Your City Your Voice Platform

The following methods were used to communicate the Proposed Budget and invite feedback:

- Media release distributed to local media
- E-newsletter distributed to Maribyrnong News subscribers
- E-newsletter distributed to Your City Your Voice subscribers
- Website information
- News item on website
- Budget Companion Document created
- Newspaper advertising

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- Your City Your Voice platform/information
- Paid and unpaid social media promotion
- Community Newsletter and City News

The opportunity for submitters to present to Council at this Hearing of Submissions represents the final stage of engagement on the Annual Budget.

Having regard for all feedback received throughout the engagement process, Council will consider adopting the Proposed 2023/2024 Annual Budget and the Subsequent Three Years at the 20 June 2023 Council Meeting.

**4. Resources**

Resource requirements are in accordance with existing budgetary allocation

**5. Environment**

There are no environmental impacts associated with this report.

**CONCLUSION**

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Ref No.	Submitter	To be heard (Yes/No)	Submission Topic
10	Martina Ryan	Yes	Programs for older active adults
11	Jamie Sharman	Yes	Community engagement and userfriendly website
14	Chris Wheelhouse	Yes	Rates too high in Seddon compared to South Yarra
			Seal and Light Greenwood Lane, Footscray
16	Trevor Junge	Yes	Extension of granitic sand/gravel pathway along east side of railway line (Bellairs Avenue Yarraville)
18	Marianne Wangira	Yes	Further investment in Maribyrnong Toy Library
	Elizabeth Drozd		
19	Dr. Medha Gunawardana		
	Australian Multicultural Community Services - (AMCS)	Yes	Australian Multicultural Community Services (AMCS) Health and Wellbeing Ambassadors Hub Proposal - Requested Amount of Funding: \$50,000