



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday 19 June 2024

Commencing at 5:00pm

**Birchip District Office
Cumming Avenue
Birchip**

**Wayne O'Toole
Chief Executive Officer
Buloke Shire Council**

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Wednesday, 19 June 2024 commencing at 5:00pm in the Birchip District Office, Cumming Avenue, Birchip**PRESENT****CHAIRPERSON:**

Cr Alan Getley

Mallee Ward

COUNCILLORS:

Cr Bernadette Hogan

Mallee Ward

Cr David Pollard

Lower Avoca Ward

Cr Graeme Milne

Mount Jeffcott Ward

Cr Bronwyn Simpson

Mount Jeffcott Ward

Cr Daryl Warren

Mount Jeffcott Ward

OFFICERS:

Wayne O'Toole

Chief Executive Officer

Trevor Rumbold

Acting Manager Assets

Anthony Smith

Acting Director Community Development

Jenna Allan

Director Corporate and Organisational Performance

David Anderson

Acting Manager Finance

AGENDA**1. COUNCIL WELCOME****WELCOME**

The Mayor Cr Alan Getley welcomed all in attendance.

STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are meeting. We pay our respects to their Elders and to the Elders from other communities who may be here today.

2. RECEIPT OF APOLOGIES

Cr Carolyn Stewart

Lower Avoca Ward

3. DECLARATION of PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Pollard declared an interest in Item 3.1 due to being a member of the Charlton Rex Theatre Committee, an organisation who has tabled a submission to the draft budget 2024/2025..

Cr Milne declared an interest in Item 3.1 due to being a member of the Buloke Tourism Board, an organisation who has tabled a submission to the draft budget 2024/2025.

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4. MEETING CLOSED

NEXT MEETING

THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN WYCHEPROOF SUPPER ROOM, 367 BROADWAY, WYCHEPROOF ON WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY 2024 AT 7:00PM.

Wayne O'Toole
Chief Executive Officer

3. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

3.1 BUDGET SUBMISSIONS - DRAFT 2024/25 ANNUAL BUDGET

Author's Title: Acting Manager Financial Strategy

Department: Corporate and Organisational Performance **File No:** FM/05/02

Relevance to Council Plan 2021 - 2025

Strategic Objective: Our Council and Community Leadership

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present a summary of submissions in relation to the Buloke Shire Council Draft 2024/25 Annual Budget.

SUMMARY

At the Council Meeting on 20 May 2024, Council resolved that the Draft Annual Budget 2024/25 be publicly advertised in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy. On 21 May 2024, the community was invited to make budget submissions over the three-week advertisement period, which ceased on the 11 June 2024.

Council has received four submissions to the Draft 2024/25 Annual Budget, two of which were received prior to the advertisement period.

Submitters have been invited to attend the 19 June 2024 Council Meeting to present on their submissions.

Council will consider the adoption of the 2024/25 Annual Budget at the Council Meeting to be held Wednesday, 26 June 2024.

Cr Milne declared a conflict of interest in this item due to being a member of the Buloke Tourism Board, an organisation who has tabled a submission to the draft budget 2024/2025. Cr Milne left the Council Chamber at 5.20pm during Council's discussion relative to the Buloke Tourism Board's submission.

Cr Pollard declared a conflict of interest in this item due to being a member of the Rex Theatre, an organisation who has tabled a submission to the draft budget 2024/2025. Cr Pollard left the Council Chamber at 5.22pm during Council's discussion relative to the Rex Theatre's submission.

MOTION:

That Council receives and notes the submissions made in relation to Buloke Shire Council's Draft 2024/25 Annual Budget as endorsed for advertisement on 21 May 2024.

Moved: CR BERNADETTE HOGAN

Seconded: CR DARYL WARREN

**CARRIED.
(R064/24)**

- Attachments:**
- 1 Budget Submission Summary
 - 2 Buloke Tourism Board
 - 3 BTB Project Details
 - 4 LEAD Loddon Murray
 - 5 Rex Theatre
 - 6 Charlton Hall Committee

DISCUSSION

Prior to and over the course of the community engagement period for the Draft 2024/25 Annual Budget, four submissions were received from members of the Buloke community. A summary of these submissions is tabled below and further detail is included in the attachments to this report. All of the submissions will have budget implications if they are to be pursued by Council.

Submissions

Submission date, person, presentation preference	Description of request	Officer comment
13 March 2024 Buloke Tourism Board (BTB) (Carolyn Oliver) <i>Elected to present at Council Meeting?</i> No.	Additional financial support for proposed Buloke Mounted Machinery Museum Trail. Budget implications: Unspecified other than noting a cost of \$2,000 for soil testing and drawings at each of 10 sites.	BTB currently receive \$7,500 annually from Council. This additional request could potentially fall under the Community Grants Program however BTB would need to specify that the funding is for something that is not already underway to be eligible.
6 June 2024 LEAD Loddon Murray (Brett Thompson) <i>Elected to present at Council Meeting?</i> Yes.	Contribution to the Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program (LMCLP). Budget implications: Sponsorship is \$8,000 plus a personal contribution from participants.	Council has previously supported this program for several years.
4 June 2024 Rex Theatre (Hayden McKinnon) <i>Elected to present at Council Meeting?</i> No.	Creative partnership through various incentives ranging in scope from focus group activities to marquee performers. Budget implications: \$10,000 (or near offer)	Deliverables are unclear but could be reviewed following the development of a shire wide Creative/Cultural Strategy that we are hoping to develop next FY.
5 December 2023 Charlton Hall Committee of Management (Garry Larmour) <i>Elected to present at Council Meeting?</i> No	Construction of a Hall Storage Shed as its first preference to address the need for a storage facility at the hall. The Committee's fall-back position is the installation of a 40 foot shipping container as a short-term solution. Budget implications: Unknown	Council has previously drawn up plans for a storage shed which was smaller than required. However, at this stage Council has no plans for additional storage at the hall.

All submitters to the Draft Budget have been invited to address Council with one electing to take up this opportunity. It is proposed that presenters will be allowed 15 minutes for their presentation, consisting of 10 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for any questions from Councillors.

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

Council resolved to advertise the Draft 2024/25 Annual Budget for community consultation at the Council Meeting on 20 May 2024.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Draft Budget engagement process comprised media information across print, social and radio media. A copy of the Draft Budget was placed on the Council's website. The process of community engagement is consistent with the Council's community engagement policy.

TRANSPARENCY OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

Council's engagement approach provided for receipt and consideration of submissions to the Draft Budget at the 19 June 2024 Council Meeting which is open to the public. Private information has been excluded from this report and attachments.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No officer involved in the preparation of this report has a conflict of interest.

Cr Milne returned to the Council Chamber at 5.23pm following Council's discussion relative to the Buloke Tourism Board's submission to the draft Budget 2024/2025.

Cr Milne left the Council Chamber for a second time at 5.24pm as Council returned to the discussion relative to the same Buloke Tourism Board's submission to the draft Budget 2024/2025.

Cr Pollard returned to the Council Chamber at 5.30pm after the completion of Council's discussion relative to the Rex Theatre's submission to the draft Budget 2024/2025.

Cr Milne returned to the Council Chamber at 5.30pm following the completion of Council's discussion relative to the Buloke Tourism Board's submission to the draft Budget 2024/2025.

4. MEETING CLOSED

Meeting closed at 5.35pm.