



MEDIA RELEASE

Community Forum Summit to Discuss Council Budget

8 April 2016

The next Buloke Shire Community Forum Summit will be held on Tuesday 19 April at the Wycheproof Supper Room from 6.30pm. The main point for discussion will be the draft Council budget for 2016/17.

The Community Forum Summit in October last year provided an important platform to discuss Council's financial position. Forum members and other interested community members from Coonooer Bridge to Nandaly were involved in discussions around Council's financial position and the Shire's priorities. The meeting provided input for Council's internal budget discussions and the development of the draft budget for 2016/17.

The April Forum Summit provides the community with a timely chance to consult with Councillors and senior Council officers before the draft budget is finalised. In previous years, community consultation has been undertaken in line with the Local Government Act, i.e. after the release of a draft budget. This proactive change in the consultation process gives the community a chance to help shape the draft budget and to discuss priorities.

Community Forums are an integral part of our shire landscape. They provide a meaningful conduit between Council and its local communities. Forums shape their individual community plans and Council utilises these plans to help drive and develop the consultation process and its investment through the budget.

Each community plan describes its desired future, goals, strategies and key actions that representative members of your community believe are important to the future of their town. In their community plans the Forums have assessed the challenges facing their communities and developed aims and actions in response. If you have a desire to be involved in your community plan or provide input to the Forum Summit, why not get in touch with your local community forum. Council would be only too happy to assist you to make contact.

The Buloke Shire Council Draft Budget 2016/17 will then be considered at a Special Meeting of Council on 27 April at the Wycheproof Supper Room.



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