



Hearing of Submissions Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, 28 May 2024
Council Chamber - Civic Centre
and via Videoconference

Information for Councillors and the community

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Yarra Ranges Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri and other Kulin Nations as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of these lands and waterways. We pay our respects to all Elders, past, present, and emerging, who have been, and always will be, integral to the story of our region. We proudly share custodianship to care for Country together.



COUNCIL VISION

Whether you live here or visit, you will see how much we care for country, how inclusive and connected our communities are, and how sustainable balanced growth makes this the best place in the world.

VALUE OF HISTORY

We acknowledge that history shapes our identities, engages us as citizens, creates inclusive communities, is part of our economic well-being, teaches us to think critically and creatively, inspires leaders and is the foundation of our future generations.

COUNCILLOR COMMITMENT

We'll be truthful, represent the community's needs, be positive and responsive and always strive to do better.

OUR COUNCILLORS

Billanook Ward: Tim Heenan
Chandler Ward: David Eastham
Chirnside Ward: Richard Higgins
Lyster Ward: Johanna Skelton
Melba Ward: Sophie Todorov

O'Shannassy Ward: Jim Child
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Streeton Ward: Andrew Fullagar
Walling Ward: Len Cox

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YARRA RANGES COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 28 MAY 2024 COMMENCING AT 5.31 PM COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC CENTRE AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

1 COMMITTEE MEETING OPENED

Councillor Sophie Todorov (Chair) declared the meeting open.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor then read the Acknowledgement of Country, and welcomed all present.

3 INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors

Councillor Sophie Todorov (Chair)

Councillor Andrew Fullagar
Councillor Tim Heenan
Councillor David Eastham
Councillor Richard Higgins
Councillor Johanna Skelton
Councillor Jim Child
Councillor Len Cox OAM

Officers

Hjalmar Philipp, Director Planning & Sustainable Futures
Tammi Rose, Chief Executive Officer
Andrew Hilson, Director Corporate Services
Kim O'Connor, Acting Director Built Environment & Infrastructure

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

An apology for this meeting was received from Councillor Fiona McAllister.

5 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

In accordance with Chapter 7, Rule 4, of the Governance Rules developed by Council in accordance with section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020.

There were no disclosures of conflicts of interest made for this meeting.

6 BUSINESS PAPER

6.1 Budget Financial Year 2024/2025 Public Submissions

SUMMARY

On 23 April 2024, Council resolved that the draft 2024-25 Budget and Plan 2025-2026 to 2027-2028 (including the draft 2024-2025 to 2033-2034 Capital Expenditure Program and draft 2024-2025 Fees and Charges) be received and advertised on 24 April 2024 for public comment.

The documents outline the future strategic direction and key activities that will be undertaken by Council and how the activities will be funded. The documents were made available for public inspection and written submissions were sought from interested parties by lodgement time of midnight on Sunday 19 May 2024.

A total of 22 public submissions were received, and the purpose of this Delegated Committee meeting is to hear a number of presentations from submitters in relation to their submissions, and for the Committee to review and consider the written submissions received as well as the draft responses to each written submission as prepared by officers.

Cr Higgins joined the meeting at 5.35pm prior to submission presentations and a vote being taken.

In accordance with Governance Rule 58, Mark Kestigian, David Pratt, John Wyke, Rosemary Mosley, Jodie Thexton, Ron Thomas, Michelle de Lima and Malcolm Tulloch spoke in relation to their individual submission.

In accordance with Governance Rule 29.1, Cr Heenan, Cr Fullagar, Cr Child and Cr Cox spoke to the Motion.

Cr Child moved, and Cr Todorov seconded, an amendment to the recommendation and sought the agreement of the original mover and seconder to included the wording as follows:

4. *That advocacy for the Cerini Centre Social & Affordable Housing project be incorporated into Councils 2024-2025 advocacy on housing and homelessness documentation.*

The mover and seconder supported the amendment.

Moved: Cr Heenan

Seconded: Cr Fullagar

1. *That the Committee, having considered the written and verbal submissions received, accept the response to each submission as per Attachment 2 (published separately).*
2. *That the responses in Attachment 2 are submitted to Council as the preliminary recommendations of the Committee for the Council Meeting on 25 June 2024 for the purpose of considering the adoption of the 2024-2025 Budget and 2025-2026 to 2027-2028 Plan, 2024-2025 Fees & Charges, and the 2024-2025 to 2033-2034 Capital Expenditure Program.*
3. *The confidential Attachments 2 and 3 to this report remain confidential indefinitely as it relates to matters specified under Section 3(1)(f) of the Local Government Act 2020.*
4. *That advocacy for the Cerini Centre Social & Affordable Housing project be incorporated into Councils 2024-2025 advocacy on housing and homelessness documentation.*

The motion was Carried unanimously.

In Favour: Cr Heenan, Cr Eastham, Cr Higgins, Cr Skelton, Cr Todorov, Cr Child, Cr Fullagar and Cr Cox.

Against: Nil

7 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

There were no Confidential Items listed on the agenda for this meeting.

8 CLOSE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at: 6.51 pm.

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Councillor Sophie Todorov (Chair)