

# Hearing of Submissions Committee

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## Minutes

**Tuesday, 6 May 2025**

Civic Centre, 15 Anderson Street, Lilydale  
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:** Gareth Ward  
**Chirnside Ward:** Richard Higgins  
**Lyster Ward:** Peter McIlwain  
**Melba Ward:** Mitch Mazzarella

**O'Shannassy Ward:** Jim Child  
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**Walling Ward:** Len Cox

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**Chief Executive Officer,** Tammi Rose  
**Director Built Environment & Infrastructure,**  
Hjalmar Philipp  
**Director Communities,**  
Leanne Hurst

**Director Planning and Sustainable Futures,**  
Kath McClusky  
**Director Corporate Services,**  
Vincenzo Lombardi

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# YARRA RANGES COUNCIL

## MINUTES FOR THE HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 6 MAY 2025 COMMENCING AT 4.31 PM CIVIC CENTRE, 15 ANDERSON STREET, LILYDALE

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### 1 COUNCIL MEETING OPENED

Councillor Jim Child (Mayor) declared the meeting open and welcomed all present.

### 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Cr Mcilwain read the Acknowledgement of Country.

### 3 INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS PRESENT

#### Councillors

Councillor Jim Child (Mayor)  
Councillor Peter Mcilwain  
Councillor Jeff Marriott  
Councillor Mitch Mazzearella  
Councillor Tim Heenan  
Councillor Richard Higgins (Deputy Mayor)  
Councillor Fiona McAllister (via Videoconference)  
Councillor Len Cox OAM  
Councillor Gareth Ward

#### Officers

Tammi Rose, Chief Executive Officer  
Hjalmar Philipp, Director Built Environment & Infrastructure  
Vincenzo Lombardi, Director Corporate Services  
Leanne Hurst, Director Communities  
Kath McClusky, Director Planning & Sustainable Futures

### 4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies received prior to the commencement of this meeting.

### 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 2025/2026 Public Submissions

#### SUMMARY

On the 27 March 2025, Council resolved that the draft 2025-2026 Budget and Revenue and Rating Plan 2025-2029 be advertised for public consultation. These 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 until midnight on 27 April 2025.

A total of 48 public submissions were received during this period and the purpose of the Delegated Committee Meeting is to hear a number of presentations from Submitters in relation to their submissions. Also, for the Delegated Committee to review and consider the written submissions received alongside draft responses to each written submission as prepared by Officers. Eight submitters attended in person to speak to their Submissions at the Hearing of Submission Meeting, 6 May 2025. We thank all submitters for their time, constructive submissions and feedback.

*Cr McAllister joined the meeting at 5.05pm during the submission and prior to a vote being taken.*

*In accordance with Governance Rule 58, Paul Smith, Karen Hanmer, Geoff Corocoran, Aimee Dostie, Nicole Murray, Jeanette McRae, Sebastian Quezada and Wendy Wright spoke in relation to their individual submission.*

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

*Cr Child moved a motion amended to that printed in the agenda.*

**Moved: Cr Child**

**Seconded: Cr Higgins**

- 1. That the Committee, having considered the written and verbal submissions acknowledge presentations made to the Committee and thank all submitters.*
- 2. That the Committee, having considered the written and verbal submissions received, accept the Officers response to each submission as per Attachment 2 (published separately).*
- 3. That the responses in Attachment 2 are submitted to Council as the preliminary recommendations of the Committee for the Council Meeting on 10 June 2025 for the purpose of considering the adoption of the 2025-2026 Budget and 2025-2029 Revenue and Rating Plan.*
- 4. The confidential Attachments 2 to this report remain confidential indefinitely as it relates to matters specified under Section 3(1)(f) of the Local Government Act 2020.*

**The motion was Carried**

*In Favour: Cr Child, Cr Higgins, Cr Mcilwain, Cr McAllister and Cr Marriott*

*Against: Cr Mazzaella, Cr Cox, Cr Ward and Cr Heenan*

## **DIVISION**

*Cr Mazzaella called for a division.*

*In Favour: Cr Child, Cr Higgins, Cr Mcilwain, Cr McAllister and Cr Marriott*

*Against: Cr Mazzaella, Cr Cox, Cr Ward and Cr Heenan*

*Absent: Nil*

## **7 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

*In accordance with section 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020.*

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: 5.46 pm.

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**Councillor Jim Child (Mayor)**