



Minutes

Special Meeting of Council

Wednesday 6 May 2015 at 7:00pm

Queenscliff Town Hall
50 Learmonth Street, Queenscliff

Distribution

Councillors

Cr. Helene Cameron (Mayor)

Cr. Susan Salter (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Graham J Christie, JP

Cr. Bob Merriman

Cr. Sue Wasterval

Officers

Lenny Jenner - Chief Executive Officer

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1. OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting opened at 7:02pm

2. PRESENT & APOLOGIES

Present:

Cr. Helene Cameron (Mayor)

Cr. Susan Salter (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Bob Merriman

Cr. Sue Wasterval

Lenny Jenner - Chief Executive Officer

Lynne Stevenson - General Manager Corporate & Community Services

Phil Josipovic - General Manager Planning & Infrastructure

Allison Chaloner – Senior Accountant

Apologies:

Cr. Graham J Christie, JP

3. PECUNIARY INTEREST & CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

Councillors must disclose a conflict of interest in accordance with Section 79 of the Local Government Act 1989.

Councillors: Nil

Officers: Nil



4. GOVERNANCE & FINANCE

4.1 Hearing Public Submissions in response to the Draft 2015/16 Implementation Plan & 2015/16 Budget

File:	QG085-05-11
Report Author:	General Manager Corporate & Community Services
Strategic Objective:	A proactive and accountable Council
Portfolio:	Governance & Finance
Portfolio Holder:	Cr Bob Merriman

Purpose

For Council to consider submissions received during the public exhibition of the draft 2015/16 Implementation Plan and draft 2015/16 Budget and to hear any submitters who have requested to address Council in regard to their submission.

Background

Council is required to prepare an annual budget and to provide a copy of the adopted budget to the Minister for Local Government by within 28 days after adopting the budget in accordance with Section 130(4) of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act).

At the 25 March 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council resolved to give public notice by way of newspaper advertisements, and call for public submissions for the draft 2015/16 Implementation Plan and the draft 2015/16 Budget by no later than 4pm on Thursday 30 April 2015 in accordance with Section 223 of the Act. Prior to final adoption of the Budget, the Act requires Council to receive and consider public submissions on any proposal contained in the proposed budget.

Council officers presented the draft 2015/16 Implementation Plan and draft 2015/16 Budget at two public information sessions held at 7:00pm on Monday 13 April 2015 at the Town Hall, Queenscliff and at 7:30pm on Tuesday 14 April 2015 at the City of Boroondara Municipal Offices, Camberwell.

Discussion

At the close of the public exhibition period, 11 public submissions were received. Two (2) late submissions were also received at the time of preparing this report.



Of the 13 public submissions received, 5 people have requested to be heard. Six submissions are in relation to opposition to the Golightly Caravan Park Annual fee increases and 8 submissions also refer to the proposed capital works program. Submissions also relate to the proposed rate rise, staffing levels, future asset sales, projects not completed, loss of government funding and future debt levels.

No submissions were received at the time of preparing this report in relation to the draft 2015/16 Implementation Plan.

Council will consider the draft 2015/16 Implementation Plan and draft 2015/16 Budget for adoption at the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled on Wednesday 24 June 2015.

Officers will write to all submitters thanking them for making a submission and provide a response.

Officer Direct or Indirect Interest

Under Section 80C (1) (2) of the Local Government Act 1989, Council staff and persons engaged under a contract to provide advice or a report to a meeting of the Council or a special committee, and who have a direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice or report relates, must disclose the type of interest when providing the advice or report and before the advice or report is considered by the Council or the committee.

Officers involved in developing the report have no direct or indirect interests.

Councillors Merriman / Salter:

That Council receive the submissions to the draft 2015/16 Implementation Plan and draft 2015/16 Budget.

Carried unanimously

Cr Merriman provided information on the comparative staffing levels and ratios in the Borough of Queenscliffe, and highlighted that Council was lower than the state average and small Council grouping.

5. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8:08pm