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AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE 2019 TO BE HELD AT COBRAM CIVIC CENTRE COMMENCING AT 5:00 PM

1. CALLING TO ORDER - CEO

2. PRAYER

Almighty God we humbly ask you to guide our deliberations for the welfare and benefit of the Moira Shire and its people whom we serve.

Amen

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We, the Moira Shire Council, would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land upon which we meet and pay our respects to their Elders both past and present.

4. APOLOGIES & REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5. DECLARATION UNDER ACTS, REGULATIONS, CODES OR LOCAL LAWS

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MOIRA SHIRE COUNCIL BUDGET 2019/20

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Adopt the 2019/20 Budget, including the Fees and Charges, as provided with this report.
2. Thanks submitters for their contributions to the development of the budget.
3. Authorise the CEO to complete actions required under Section 130 and Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.

1. Executive Summary

This report seeks Council's adoption of the Moira Shire Council Budget 2019/20.

The draft Budget was released for public feedback in April 2019. This followed extensive council and management involvement in its development.

Council received a wide range of feedback from community members and organisations at information sessions in Cobram, Numurkah, Nathalia and Yarrawonga and through the formal submissions process.

The consultation process concluded on 24 May 2019 and council received 33 written submissions. Council heard from 13 submitters that spoke in support of their submissions. The submissions ranged from drainage, roads, recreation reserves, showgrounds, playgrounds, arts and expressing support for capital works projects listed in the budget.

The majority of submissions can be met within the draft budget through

- Operational and capital projects and programs already included in the budget
- Additional works that can now be funded as a result of grant increases that were announced since the draft budget was prepared

Several submissions proposed significant capital investment at council facilities. It is proposed that these requests commence with a review of the request, the facilities' existing master plan and the future use of the facility with a view to preparing a budget bid for the 2020/21 year.

Several submissions' proposals are earmarked for delivery in council's four-year capital investment program.

The budget provided with this report for council's consideration has been amended to reflect the additional Roads to Recovery funding that was announced since the budget was prepared.

2. Background and Options

Budget priorities

Council prepared the budget in accordance with the requirements of the Act and Local Government Model Financial Report. The budget includes:

- Further reduction of Council debt;

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- No additional borrowings;
- Increase general rates and municipal charge in accordance with the 'Rate Cap' of 2.25%;
- A new fee structure for council buildings to encourage community use.
- No change to kerbside collection charges except for recycling in response to the increased costs of providing this service.
- Council's largest ever capital works program.

Response to community feedback and submissions

Council received [33 written submissions](#) in response to the statutory consultation process. The vast majority of the submissions referred to works that can be delivered within the existing budget and funded works programs. These include

- Upgrade and sealing of Power Street Nathalia and construction of the Yarrawonga Multisports stadium.
- Funding of arts and cultural initiatives
- Requests from residents in several towns across the shire for **footpaths** to fill in 'missing links' will be considered and prioritised as part of Council's Footpath Strategy with immediate projects funded from council's annual 'missing links' works program.
- Requests to upgrade playground equipment, street lighting to fund fire plug maintenance.
- A number of submissions proposed sealing of roads and council will progress most of these in accordance with the established shared-funding arrangements.

Several submissions proposed significant capital investment at council facilities including Scott Reserve Cobram, Yarrawonga Showgrounds, Numurkah and Yarroweyah recreation reserves. In all cases it is recommended that further investigations and planning in advance of works.

Following council's adoption of the budget, written responses will be provided to all submitters confirming council's response to their proposal.

3. Legislative / Policy Implications

The proposed budget has been prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act and Regulations and the Model Financial Report.

4. Conflict of Interest Considerations

There are no officer conflict of interest issues to consider within this report.

5. Conclusion

The budget maintains council's sound financial position and provides a good balance between new projects and the need to maintain existing infrastructure. The majority of community feedback can be met from existing budget programs and projects with several proposals requiring further detailed investigation and planning in advance of possible inclusion in future budget years.

Attachments

- 1 2019-20 Draft Budget - *printed in separate document*

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STRATEGIC RESOURCE PLAN 2019 - 2023

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Strategic Resource Plan 2019 – 2023.

1. Executive Summary

This report seeks council approval of the updated Strategic Resource Plan 2019-2023.

Each year council reviews the Strategic Resource Plan (SRP) to update the four-year outlook and to reflect the annual Budget.

The updated SRP was provided for community feedback during April and no submissions were received.

The Strategic Resource Plan 2019-2023 is attached for Council consideration and once adopted the SRP will be incorporated into the 2017 – 2021 Council Plan that will be presented for council's consideration at the June Ordinary Council Meeting.

2. Background and Options

The SRP identifies the financial and non-financial resources required to deliver the Council Plan over the four years of the plan.

Highlights

Across the four years of the Plan

- \$79 million of capital works will be delivered achieving the asset renewal target of 80%.
- Council's debt will decline from 6.7% to 1.6% of rate revenue, with existing borrowings reduced to zero by 2023, however new borrowings may be required to fund critical infrastructure projects including drainage and flood protection projects.
- As council funds the significant capital works program, council's liquidity will decline but remains within acceptable levels.
- Council's underlying operating position will continue to improve.
- Council will invest more than \$19 million in local roads and bridges.
- Almost \$17 million will be invested in renewal and new buildings including
 - a new library and multisport stadium for Yarrawonga
- \$10 million has been allocated for township flood protection including progressing the Numurkah Floodstudy recommendations

In preparing the review of the SRP Council considers the principles of sound financial management prescribed in the Act, being to:

- Prudently manage financial risks relating to debt, assets and liabilities
- Provide reasonable stability in the level of rate burden
- Consider the financial effects of council decisions on future generations
- Provide full, accurate and timely disclosure of financial information.

3. Financial Implications

The SRP ensures appropriate consideration of future financial and non-financial resources to support delivery of the council plan.

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STRATEGIC RESOURCE PLAN 2019 - 2023 (cont'd)

4. Risk Management

The review of the SRP is prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act.

5. Conflict of Interest Considerations

No officer conflicts of interest were identified in the preparation of this report.

6. Conclusion

The Strategic Resource Plan 2019 – 2023 is provided for consideration and adoption by council.

Attachments

- 1 Strategic Resource Plan 2019 – 2023 - *printed in separate document*