

Southern Grampians Shire Council

A G E N D A

**For an Ordinary Meeting of Southern Grampians Shire Council
to be held in the Hamilton Cinema Foyer, 109 Brown Street, Hamilton
on Wednesday 22 June 2016 commencing at 5.30 pm**

- 1. Acknowledgement of Country**
- 2. Prayer**
- 3. Apologies**
- 4. Declaration of Interests by Councillors and Officers**
- 5. Business of the Meeting**
 - 5.1 2016/2017 Draft Budget Submissions**
- 6. Closure**

5.1 2016/17 Draft Budget Submissions

At its Meeting held on 11 May 2016 Council resolved to give notice of the preparation of the Draft Budget for 2016/2017.

In accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 submissions were invited by placement of a notice in the Hamilton Spectator and on Council's website. The closing date for receipt of submissions was 15 June 2016.

Eleven submissions were received in response to the public notice advising of the preparation of the Draft Budget, Strategic Resource Plan and Pricing Register and these have been circulated to Councillors.

The submissions received commented on issues such as:

- Proposed rate increases & rate capping,
- Debt structuring for Council,
- Financial indicators over the medium term,
- Strategic Objectives & Advocacy, and
- General financial management observations.

Specific items commented on within the submissions included (but limited to);

- Capital works expenditure,
- Infrastructure & road expenditure,
- Hamilton Indoor Leisure and Aquatic Centre,
- Cavendish townscape,
- Hamilton Showgrounds,
- Cox Street Front Door Project,
- Hamilton CBD,
- Tree management plans,
- Family Day Care Fee increases,
- Escalating costs and
- General Administration.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 223 the opportunity is provided for submitters to speak to their submission if they so choose.

The opportunity is to be provided at this meeting for submitters to address Council.

At the point in time of preparing the agenda, six people had indicated their intention to speak to their submissions.

Council will subsequently consider all submissions received and determine upon the adoption of the budget, with or without amendment, at a Special Meeting to be held on 29 June 2016.

Recommendation

1. That standing orders be suspended to allow the hearing of submissions in respect of the 2016/17 Budget.
2. That following consideration of all submissions received, Council consider:
 - a) Adoption of the 2016/2017 Budget
 - b) Declaration of rates and charges for 2016/17
 - c) Adoption of the Strategic Resource Plan 2016/2017

at a Special Meeting of Council to be held on Wednesday 29 June 2016, commencing at 5.30pm.

6. Closure