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**SECTION 223 SUBMISSIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING** held on  
Tuesday, 21 May 2019 at 7.00pm in Council Chambers, Melton Civic Centre

**Present:** Cr Bob Turner, Mayor  
Cr Sophie Ramsey  
Cr Lara Carli  
Cr Ken Hardy  
Cr Kathy Majdlik  
Cr Steve Abboushi  
Cr Michelle Mendes  
Mr Kelvin Tori, Chief Executive  
Mr Luke Shannon, General Manager Planning & Development  
Mr Peter Bean, General Manager Corporate Services  
Mr Troy Watson, Acting General Manager Community Services  
Mr Sam Rumoro, Manager Finance

**Chairperson:** Cr Bob Turner, Mayor

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**1. Welcome**

The Mayor welcomed the gallery and submitters who have requested to address the Council in respect of their submission.

**2. Apologies**

Cr Goran Kesic

**3. Declaration of any pecuniary interest, other interest or conflict of interest of any Councillor.**

Nil.

**4. Setting a time limit for presentation of submissions**

**Motion**

Crs Ramsey/ Hardy

That each presenter be granted 5 minutes in which to address the Committee.

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### 5. Presentations in support of written submissions

The Mayor explained the process for hearing submissions. The following **written** submissions were received by Council:

Sub. No	Submitter	Subject
1	Victorian Farmers Federation	Council to ensure a budget is delivered that is fair to all residents, businesses and allows farmers the ability to continue operation of viable businesses. Submission proposes amongst many initiatives supporting Victorian farmers, a rating cap be applied to each individual rating category in particular a cap on farms/rural properties.
2	Merrilyn Canning	Ms Canning disappointed that promised playground renovation for Kirkton Park has set aside again.
3	Robert Hibbard	Lack of infrastructure proposed for eastern corridor given the higher level of rates paid by eastern corridor residents. Submission outlined concerns around the adequacy on the Caroline Springs Community extension and timing of the commencement of the Aquatic Centre project.
4	David O'Connor	Requirement for Council to consult with the community and work with residents, especially dog owners to develop effective policy around the establishment and management of off the leash dog parks.
5	Elizabeth	General comments around the draft 2019/20 budget. Submission was supportive of investment in buildings and roads, disappointed over increase in rates, outlined the requirement of increased staffing and cuts in expenditure around catering, stationary and other office expenses.
6	Melton Wolves Gridiron Club	The Melton Wolves Gridiron Club proposing various options to have a home ground and not have to relocate between venues.
7	Marina Buatti	Submission outlined the need for further investment in infrastructure in the Aintree area.
8	Ian Hancock	Submission requested ongoing recurrent funding support for Council for the Melton Relay for Life event.
9	Anuj Sirohi	Submission sought an increase in the number trains stopping at Rockbank Station.
10	Melton Football Club Phoenix	Submission sought the urgent repair/replacement of floor in the main club room facility at Macpherson Park.
11	Melton Football Club Phoenix	Proposing engagement with the club on MacPherson Park Master Plan.
12	Melton Football Club Phoenix	Club raised concerns over fencing around rear of Junior soccer pitches. Club proposed perimeter steel post and chain mesh fencing around this reserve area.



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13	Melton Phoenix Football Club	Club requested full time security be stationed at MacPherson Park given recent theft and other inappropriate behaviour at the park.
14	Taylor's Hill Safety Committee	Funding requested of \$200,000 to be allocated for the design of Stage 2 Hume Drive duplication.
15	Melton South Football & Netball Club	Submission requested for design funding for sports pavilion at Melton Recreation Reserve be included in 2019/20 Draft Budget.
16	Melton Phoenix Football Club	Club outlined the urgent need to upgrade the clubs kitchen in the main pavilion due to issues with ventilation, the oven and unworkable spaces.
17	Sabrina Gajnabi	Submission outlined the need for a Government school in Aintree.
18	Melton Valley Golf Club	Submission outlined the need for further investment in infrastructure and maintenance at Melton Valley Golf Club. Club requested further discussion and clarity around lease obligations and available grant funding opportunities with Council Officers.
19	Hillside Football Club.	The Hillside Football club and Sydenham Hillside Cricket club requested new or the repair of flooring in the main club room area.
20	Senthill Sundaram	Submission outlined the need for advocacy for more public transport, local public school in Aintree, public hospital services near Aintree and increase police presence and response times in growth areas such as Aintree.
21	Melton Juniors Football Club	Lights for the small oval facing Richards Road be incorporated into 2019/20 budget due to increasing local participation.
22	Melton Model Aircraft Association Inc.	The Melton Model Aircraft Association identified drainage concerns associated with the entrance road into the Mount Cottrell Reserve and requested remedial works be undertaken to address issue.
23	Mario Cachia	Various comments made in relation to Council and Wellbeing Plan 2017-21 on the provision of affordable housing.
24	Butler, Paul Toolern Vale Resident	Submission raised concerns regarding the condition of Mechanics, Burtons and Creamery Roads in Toolern Vale and sought funding for design and construction in the 2019/20 budget and beyond.



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The following **presentations** were received in support of the written submissions:

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6	Jamie Guppy and Brad Baker, Melton Wolves Gridiron Club.	Mr Guppy and Mr Baker spoke in support of written submission proposing various options to have a home ground and not have to relocate between Mt Carberry and Macpherson Park which is restricting the clubs ability to grow, develop and be sustainable.
4	David O'Connor	Mr O'Connor spoke in support of his submission requesting Council to consult with the community and work with residents, especially dog owners to develop effective policy around the establishment and management of off the leash dog parks. Mr O'Connor outlined Andrews Governments commitment to off the leash dog parks with an investment of \$5 million and 15 off leash dog parks in Melbourne.
10, 11,12 13 and 16	Ms Michelle Williamson and Mr John Reithofer, Melton Phoenix Football Club.	Ms Williamson and Reithofer spoke in support of their submission on behalf of Melton Phoenix Football Club for : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urgent repair/replacement of floor in the main club room facility at Macpherson Park, describing the state of flooring and safety concerns;</li> <li>• Engagement with the club on MacPherson Park Master Plan, seeking clarity on the masterplan and how it relates to the Club;</li> <li>• Concerns over fencing around rear of junior soccer pitches. Presentation outlined dangers to children chasing balls that get onto gravel road. Club proposed perimeter steel post and chain mesh fencing around this reserve area;</li> <li>• Full time security be stationed at MacPherson Park given recent theft and other inappropriate behaviour at the park; and</li> <li>• Urgent need to upgrade the clubs kitchen in the main pavilion due to issues with ventilation, the oven and unworkable spaces.</li> </ul>
18	Mr Bernard Lock, Melton Valley Golf Club.	Mr Lock spoke in support of his submission outlining in detail the need for further investment in infrastructure and maintenance at Melton Valley Golf Club. Club requested further discussion and clarity around lease obligations and available grant funding opportunities with Council Officers.
15	Mr Brendan Morrissey, Melton South Football and Netball Club.	Mr Morrissey spoke in support of the submission for design funding for the sports pavilion at Melton Recreation Reserve to be included in 2019/20 Draft Budget. Facilities are not female friendly and



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		deteriorating. Non action will impact sustainability of the Club.
21	Ms Christine Roberts and Aimee Orr, Melton Juniors Football Club.	Ms Roberts and Ms Orr spoke in support of Melton Junior Football Club submission looking to have lights for the small oval facing Richards Road installed due to increasing local participation. This will allow dual use for cricket and football seasons and increase capacity for teams to train and night during the week.
22	Mr David Axon, Melton Model Aircraft Association.	Mr Axon spoke in support of the submission. The Melton Model Aircraft Association identified drainage concerns associated with the entrance road into the Mount Cottrell Reserve and requested remedial works be undertaken to address issue. Mr Axon described the need for a culvert on the north side due to the runoff of rainwater and soil which makes the road impossible to use.
24	Mr Paul Butler, Toolern Vale resident.	Mr Butler spoke in support of the submission. Submission raised concerns regarding the condition of Mechanics, Burtons and Creamery Roads in Toolern Vale and sought funding for design and construction in the 2019/20 budget and beyond. Presentation outlined concerns over potential health issues and other issues caused by poor condition of these roads, especially for children attending Toolern Vale School.
23	Mr Mario Cachia	Mr Cachia spoke in support of his submission. Mr Cachia spoke in depth in relation to Council and Wellbeing Plan 2017-21 on the provision of affordable housing.
20	Senthill Sundaram	Mr Sundaram spoke in support of his submission outlining methods of advocacy and need for advocacy for more public transport, local public school in Aintree, public hospital services near Aintree and increase police presence and response times in growth areas such as Aintree.

### 6. Committee Report to Council

#### Procedural Motion

That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to section 89(2) (h) of the *Local Government Act 1989* to enable the Committee to prepare a report for Council consideration.

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The Committee considered public submissions received and made the following recommendations to Council:

Sub. No	Submitter	Recommendation
1	Victorian Farmers Federation	<p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Council note submission; and</li> <li>2. The submitter be advised of relevant sections of Council Rating strategy which was developed through extensive community consultation.</li> </ol>
2	Merrilyn Canning	<p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The submitter be advised that Kirkton Park is identified in the 10 year Capital Works Plan as part of the Parks Development Program, project is scheduled to commence in 2020/21 pending Council approval.</li> </ol>
3	Robert Hibbard	<p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The submitter be advised Council has set aside \$3 million for the purchase of land for the Aquatic Centre; and</li> <li>2. The submitter be advised Council contributed \$1.055 million and received the same amount from Growing Suburbs Fund for the Caroline Springs Social Room.</li> </ol>
4	David O'Connor	<p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Council undertake further community consultation on the matter using internal resources.</li> </ol>
5	Elizabeth	<p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Council note submission.</li> </ol>
6	Melton Wolves Gridiron Club	<p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The submitter be advised that Council adopted the future direction for Macpherson</li> </ol>



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		<p>Park Master Plan in December 2017 which outlines the Park being the home for the Gridiron Club in the future with additional field and pavilion recommended; and</p> <p>2. The submitter be advised officers are currently completing a Sport Facility Demand Analysis which will provide strategic direction regarding the future allocation and planning for specific sports.</p>
7	Marina Buatti	<p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>That:-</p> <p>1. The submitter be advised of various future infrastructure projects and advocacy efforts pertaining to Aintree.</p>
8	Ian Hancock	<p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>That:-</p> <p>1. The submitter be referred to the Community Grants program and Community Requests for Council Budget Allocation Policy.</p>
9	Anuj Sirohi	<p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>That:-</p> <p>1. The submitter be advised of Councils public transport advocacy efforts.</p>
10	Melton Phoenix Football Club	<p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>That:-</p> <p>1. Funding approved of \$20,000 to replace damaged flooring; and</p> <p>2. The submitter be advised accordingly.</p>
11	Melton Phoenix Football Club	<p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>That:-</p> <p>1. Council officers organise a meeting with the club regarding Master Plan implementation as it pertains to soccer precinct; and</p> <p>2. The submitter be advised accordingly.</p>



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12	Melton Phoenix Football Club	<p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The submitter be advised that replacement of fencing is listed in the 2019/20 draft budget under the Open Space Fencing Program at \$60,000.</li> </ol>
13	Melton Phoenix Football Club	<p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Council officers continue to liaise with Police to ensure a consistent response from Police to reports of public nuisance and law and order issues reported by facility occupiers; and</li> <li>2. Council officers to investigate the 'deployment of perimeter beam' alarm systems to manage open space areas of the park.</li> </ol>
14	Taylor's Hill Safety Committee	<p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The submitter be advised that the 2019/20 Draft Budget includes an allocation of design funding for Stage 2 works, duplication of Hume Drive from Calder Park Drive to Gourlay Rd.</li> </ol>
15	Melton South Football & Netball Club	<p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The submitter be advised that future funding for design of this facility will be considered in the year 2020/21 as part of Capital Works program.</li> </ol>
16	Melton Phoenix Football Club	<p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The submitter be advised that minor works be undertaken in the 2019/20 year to enable the club to maintain kitchen and meet compliance requirements; and</li> <li>2. Officers to engage with the club prior to commencement of works.</li> </ol>
17	Sabrina Gajnabi	<p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The submitter be advised that the State Government announced the purchase of land for a Primary School which will deliver primary education to Aintree. Council will continue its</li> </ol>





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		advocacy efforts and work with the State Government.
18	Melton Valley Golf Club	<p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The submitter be advised of the \$53,000 allocated for condition audit works; and</li> <li>2. Council officers to begin discussions in relation to renewal of lease.</li> </ol>
19	Hillside Football Club Inc.	<p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The submitter be advised that damage to Social room vinyl floor by Council contractor is to be rectified by Council contractor; and</li> <li>2. The submitter be advised that no further works proposed for the kitchen kiosk floor given recent condition audit on flooring in the kiosk/ kitchen area.</li> </ol>
20	Senthill Sundaram	<p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Council note submission and continue advocacy efforts on behalf of Aintree residents.</li> </ol>
21	Melton Juniors Football Club	<p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Officers proceed to investigate options and costings for this project including design; and</li> <li>2. Council officers to report back to Council on analysis undertaken and funding outcomes.</li> </ol>
22	Melton Model Aircraft Association Inc.	<p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Design works to occur in the 2019/20 financial year; and</li> <li>2. Council undertake interim maintenance works in 2019/20 to manage issue.</li> </ol>
23	Mario Cachia	<p><b>Recommendation</b></p>



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		That:- 1. Council note submission on Council and Wellbeing Plan 2017-21 in relation to affordable housing.
24	Butler, Paul Toolern Vale Resident	<b>Recommendation</b> That:- 1. Funding of design works of \$150,000 to bring Mechanics, Burtons and Creamery roads in Toolern Vale to a rural style sealed road.

7. Outcomes from Councillor Initiatives considered at Committee

Councillor/s	Initiative	Outcomes
Ramsey	Priority listing of Council forums, limiting it to one a year	Reviewed list of forums tabled on 29 April 2019 and those approved by Council as part of this budget process and reduce funding allocation.
Mendes	Security cameras installed for all Council owned kindergartens / community centres	Matter deferred pending, review of current CCTV systems and operational practices with a view to establish a CCTV Policy.
Carli	Installation of grandstand seating (4 to 5 rows) at Hillside Recreation Reserve	Funding amount of \$29,000 recommended for Hillside Grandstand Seating.
De Santis	Indigenous Australian monument - Walk of History Mt Cottrell massacres	Additional funding not supported at this stage.
Abboushi	Footpaths, kerb channel and associated drainage work along Boronia Drive and Sugargum Drive Hillside, with a financial contribution of \$150,000 from the Sugargum Residents Association.	Additional funding not supported at this stage.



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Turner	Harmony Style Day - Second Celebration Day to confirm our commitment to our intercultural communities	Funding amount of \$6,000 recommended to increase the intercultural aspect of the DJ Festival. Officers to report back to Council on options.
Turner	Relocation of Vietnam Vets Memorial from High St to the police paddock	Not supported at this stage, Council recently received letter from RSL on the matter. Further engagement with RSL needs to occur and analysis done prior to decision being made in the future. Council Briefing to follow at a future date.
Abboushi	Options and Costing to Extend Cricket Nets at Burnside Heights Recreation Reserve. Motion 587 referred Feb 4	Funding of \$20,000 recommended for an additional cricket net at Burnside Heights Recreation Reserve supported with Club to provide \$20,000 contribution.
Carli	Notice of Motion 577 - Review of vehicle access into Taylors Hill Shopping Centre.	Funding recommended of \$190,352 for Option 2 as per Council report, comprising a dedicated right turn lane into Taylors Hill Shopping Centre.
Carli	Indented parking bay request on site at Park Lane	Additional funding not supported at this stage.
Carli	Erect ball protection fencing at end of grounds as identified by audit. Ensure funds are set aside in 19/20 for this purpose	Funding to remain as is in 2020/21 at \$46,392 as per 10 year Capital Works Program.
Abboushi	Notice of Motion 632. That Council, in conjunction with Football Victoria and local football (soccer) clubs, introduce and develop a football (soccer) strategy for the City of Melton. Council make an allocation of \$30,000 in the 2019/20 budget for this purpose (approved 29 April)	Council approved an allocation of \$30,000 in the 2019/20 budget for this purpose. Approved at 29 April 2019 Council meeting



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### 8. Changes to Draft Budget 2019/2020 from Council.

That the draft Budget 2019/2020 be varied to include the following items resulting from Councillor Initiatives as follows;

1. Funding amount of \$29,000 for Hillside Grandstand Seating;
2. Funding amount of \$6,000 to increase the intercultural aspect of the DJ Festival.
3. Funding of \$20,000 for an additional cricket net at Burnside Heights Recreation Reserve with Club to provide \$20,000 contribution.
4. Funding supported of \$190,352 for Option 2 as per Council report dated 1 April 2019, comprising a dedicated right turn lane for Taylors Hill Shopping Centre.
5. Council make an allocation of \$30,000 to introduce and develop a football (soccer) strategy for the City of Melton in conjunction with Football Victoria and local football (soccer) clubs.

### 9. Recommendation

1. That Council adopts the 2019/2020 Budget, Strategic Resource Plan 2019/2023 and revised 2017-2021 Council and Wellbeing Plan, inclusive of the variations to the draft budget recommended, following the consideration of the submission process.
2. That the Fees and Charges Schedule appended to the budget in section 6 of the 2019/2020 Budget be adopted.
3. That the Chief Executive be authorised to give public notice of this decision to adopt such budget, in accordance with section 130(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
4. That the amount of \$122,647,637 (or such other amount as is lawfully raised as a consequence of this resolution) be declared as the amount which Council intends to raise by general rates, the municipal charge, the annual service charge and supplementary rates, which amount is calculated as follows:

General Rates \$94,499,374

Municipal Charge \$8,890,950

Annual Service Charge \$14,901,912

Supplementary Rates \$4,355,401

That the general rate be declared in respect of the 2019/2020 financial year and that the general rate be raised by the application of differential rates (described in section 4.1.1 of the budget).

That each differential rate will be determined by multiplying the Capital Improved Value of each rateable land by the relevant percentages indicated in section 4.1.1 of the budget.

That a municipal charge of \$150 for each rateable land (or part) be declared in respect of the 2019/2020 financial year for the purpose of covering some of the administrative cost of the Council.

That an annual service charge (or pro-rata part) of the amounts as detailed in section 4.1.1 of the budget, for each residential land be declared for the collection and disposal of refuse in respect of the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.



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That the Council rebate of \$80 per annum be granted to each pensioner ('eligible recipient within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004).

That Council grants rebates to the owners of each 'eligible' rateable land, as described in the Environmental Enhancement Rate Rebate Policy, and in the differential rating categories described in Section 4.1.1 of the budget.

That the Environmental Enhancement rebate to eligible properties be calculated as described below;

For Rural Living Land category- 25% of the rate in the dollar of the Rural Living Land rate applied to the Capital Improved Value and will be capped to a maximum of \$10,000 per property.

For Rural Land category- 50% of the rate in the dollar of the Rural Land rate applied to the Capital Improved Value and will be capped to a maximum of \$10,000 per property.

For land within the Urban Growth zone with NO approved Precinct Structure Plan- 25% of the rate in the dollar of the Urban Growth rate applied to the Capital Improved Value and will be capped to a maximum of \$10,000 per property.

For land within the Urban Growth zone with an approved Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) - 25% of the rate in the dollar of the General rate applied to the Capital Improved Value and will be capped to a maximum of \$10,000 per property.

That all rates and charges to be paid in four instalments, in accordance with section 167(1) and (2) of the Local Government Act 1989 and no person be allowed to pay rates and charges as a lump sum, unless resolved otherwise.

The General Manager Corporate Services be authorised to levy and recover the general rates, municipal charge and annual service charges in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989 and, to levy and recover the fire services levy under the Fire Services Property Levy Act 2012.

That any rates and charges which have not been paid by the date specified for their payment, pay interest in accordance with section 172(1) of the Local Government Act 1989, at the rate applicable under section 172(2) (a) of the Local Government Act 1989, which is the current declared rate under section 2 of the Penalty Interest Act 1983.

### 10. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 11.23pm.