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SECTION 223 SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING held on
Thursday, 06 August 2020 at 7.00pm via video conference.

Present:

Cr Lara Carli, Mayor
Cr Steve Abboushi, Deputy Mayor
Cr Bob Turner
Cr Sophie Ramsey
Cr Ken Hardy
Cr Kathy Majdlik
Cr Michelle Mendes
Cr Goran Kesic
Cr Yvonne Sebire
Mr Kelvin Tori, Chief Executive
Ms Laura-Jo Mellan, Executive Manager Property and Projects
Mr Luke Shannon, General Manager Planning & Development
Mr Peter Bean, General Manager Corporate Services
Mr Maurie Heaney, General Manager Community Services
Mr Sam Rumoro, Manager Finance

Chairperson: Cr Lara Carli, Mayor

1. Welcome

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

2. Apologies

Nil

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/ Majdlik

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	Ben Outten	Mr. Outten sought clarification regarding the development and upgrade of Creamery and Burtons Road as it is dangerous around school times.
2	Sameh Gendy	Mr. Gendy requested an upgrade of the Western Freeway M8 and Western Ring Road M80 interchange be undertaken.
3	Hazelle Tria	Ms. Tria was pleased with proposed future works for Mt Cottrell and Paynes Roads. Ms. Tria asked Council to consider the construction of a road interchange from Thornhill Park to Western Freeway or a paved road from Paynes Road to Leakes Road.
4	Diwan Saidahemad	Mr. Saidahemad would like a train station at Thornhill Park and a road interchange at Mount Cottrell Road and Western Highway.
5	Yaser Sadafi	Mr. Sadafi thanked Council on so many great activities included in the Draft Budget 2020/2021. Mr. Sadafi believes Taylors Road from Caroline Springs Boulevard to Sinclairs Road is very unsafe and dark. There is a requirement for additional lighting and double lanes especially around new estates. The City Vista junction is very dangerous.
6	Brad Baker - Melton Wolves Gridiron Club	Mr. Baker on behalf of the Melton Wolves Gridiron Club expressed their disappointment that another budget had been set and Melton Wolves Gridiron Club has been left out with no assistance. Club believes other clubs have received more assistance and current rectangular fields at Macphersons Park are not to the standard of other more mainstream sports. Facilities including septic tank are continually failing. Club requests that submissions from the Club and Melton Broncos Rugby League Club be reassessed and minority sports be given the same respect as the 3 main sports.
7	Mohammed Malik	Mr. Malik raised concerns around increased traffic volumes with respect to these roads Brooklyn Road, Exford Road, Coburns Road and Rees Road. Mr. Mohammed would like Council to be proactive and allocate funding for duplicate lanes. Mr. Mohammed also requested Council to have more street lighting (solar powered) to increase visibility and public safety.
8	Esther Toa, Secretary Melton Broncos Rugby League Club	Ms. Toa secretary for Melton Broncos Ruby League Club expressed the Clubs disappointment that their sport was overlooked in the budget, while AFL facilities are being upgraded/supported which have less members. Club vowed to lobby Council more on behalf of it and the NRL community.



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9	Maureen Luna	Submission request for budgeted capital works program to include the installation of traffic lights on the intersection of Bridge and Exford Road. Submission requested that a proper pedestrian crossing between this intersection and St Anthony's Catholic Primary School be constructed to assist with safety of parents and children.
10	Phoebe Waipouri - Committee Member, Melton Wolves Gridiron Club	Submission requested an upgrade to Melton Wolves Gridiron Club at McPherson Park Regional Sports Complex. Upgrade would increase community participation Submission also asks for Council Officers to visit Melton Wolves Gridiron Club and Melton Broncos Ruby League Club to discuss matters with members.
11	Rahil Salehi	Mr. Salehi believes Taylor's Road in Plumpton is unsafe and requires a traffic light or pedestrian crossing. Mr. Salehi has safety concerns for pedestrians looking to cross the road.
12	Russell Camp - Secretary, Melton Pistol Club	Submitter requested that following an inspection and report from CFA Structural Fire Safety Officer for Range 4 to be operational. The water storage tank is required to be upgraded, incorporating a turning circle to the specific requirements outlined by CFA Structural Fire Safety Officer report.
13	Arvinder Kumar	Submitter requested an overpass be constructed for Mt Cottrell Road and Paynes Road, also a new road to be constructed to connect the Rockbank station from Thornhill Park.
14	Jaydevsinh Chavda	Submitter believes that there has been no budget allocation for the Rockbank suburb.
15	Anthony Gale - Melton Cricket Club	Mr. Gale is gladdened by the continued commitment to improve the sport and recreational facilities of the City. Melton Cricket Club submitted a range of initiatives for Councils consideration in relation to adding the finishing touches to the Macpherson Park development.
16	Salvatore Costanzo - Treasurer, Burnside Heights Football Club	Mr. Costanzo requests Council to consider including \$0.3 million in funding for the upgrade of oval 1 at Burnside Recreation Reserve. Upgrades include resurfacing the oval, upgrading players' benches to coaches' boxes and replacing the synthetic cricket pitch.
17	Mayor Carli	Upgrade to Banchory Green Reserve. Mayor Carli requested Council to consider that a sun shade sail be installed over equipment or the whole play area. Council officers to provide costings.
18	Mark Borg	Mr Borg requested Council confirm the location of the provision made in the Draft Budget 2020/2021 for a crossing on Westwood Drive Burnside.



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		If the crossing is for Burnside, Mr. Borg requests for another crossing to be constructed at the intersection of Tenterfield and Westwood Drive.
19	Jono Ingram, Place Manager Aintree	The submission requests a continuance of Council financial support of \$20,000 per annum toward the We Love Aintree community development program for the financial years 2021/2022 – 2023/2024.

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

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4	Diwan Saidahemad	Mr. Saidahemad presentation outlined his concerns and reasons why he would like a train station at Thornhill Park and a road interchange at Mount Cottrell Road and Western Highway. Mr. Saidahemad was advised Council has been lobbying the State Government and will continue to do so. There is the opportunity for Mr. Saidahemad to lobby the local MP.
6	Mr. Brad Baker Mr. Luke Sackl Ms. Satini Leaana - Melton Wolves Gridiron Club	Mr. Baker, Mr. Luke Sackl and Ms. Satini Leaana presented on behalf of the Melton Wolves Gridiron Club and expressed their disappointment that another budget had been set and Melton Wolves Gridiron Club has been left out with no assistance. Club believes other clubs have received more assistance and current rectangular fields at Macphersons Park are not to the standard of other more mainstream sports. Facilities including septic tank are continually failing. Club requests that submissions from the Club and Melton Broncos Rugby League Club be reassessed and minority sports be given the same respect as 3 main sports. Presenters explained that the sport is increasing in popularity and club has a large proportion of local members. If facilities aren't improved the existence of the club could be in jeopardy.



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7	Mohammed Malik	Mr. Malik presented on his concerns around increased traffic volumes in particular Brooklyn Rd, Exford Rd, Coburns Rd and Rees Rd. Mr. Mohammed would like Council to be proactive and allocate funding for duplicate lanes. Mr. Mohammed also requested Council to have more street lighting (solar powered) to increase visibility and public safety. Mr. Malik was advised Council has been lobbying the State Government and will continue to do so.
8	Ms. Esther Toa (Secretary) Mr. Fakaosi Haunga (Exec Committee Member/Registrar), Melton Broncos Rugby League Club	Ms. Toa and Mr. Haunga representing Melton Broncos Ruby League Club expressed Clubs disappointment that their sport was overlooked in the budget, while AFL facilities are being upgraded which have less members. Club vowed to lobby Council more on behalf of it and the NRL community. Presenters outlined how facilities have been substandard with toilets not working and storage poor. Club doesn't understand why they have been overlooked. Club has a high representation of members within the municipality.
19	Jono Ingram, Place Manager Aintree	Mr. Ingram presented on his submission requesting a continuance of Council financial support of \$20,000 per annum toward the We Love Aintree community development program for the financial years 2021/22 – 2023/24. Committee acknowledged the wonderful work that is being done.

6. Committee Report to Council

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

Sub. No	Submitter	Recommendation
1	Benjamin Outten	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council note submission; 2. The submitter be advised that the works are currently included in the long term capital works program for 2025/2026; 3. Council will continue to progress the detailed design associated with the construction of roads within the Toolern Vale precinct; and 4. Council will explore staging opportunities associated with the construction, and update the long term capital works program to reflect staging and the associated budget.



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2	Sameh Gendy	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The submitter be advised that Council will continue the advocacy efforts to the State Government in relation to the upgrade of the Western Freeway M8 and Western Ring Road M80 interchange on behalf of the Melton Community.
3	Hazelle Tria	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council will continue its advocacy campaign to the State Government to seek commitment to fund and construct the interchange; and 2. Council will continue to work with developers to ensure timely delivery of these roads. The Rockbank precinct Structure Plan identifies several road corridor connections from Paynes Road to Leakes Road, which will be funded and delivered by developers as part of future subdivision works.
4	Diwan Saidahemad	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council will continue to advocate to the State Government for major infrastructure item upgrades within the municipality.
5	Yaser Sadafi -	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council continue to work on design development and land acquisition process in the 2020/2021 financial year for Plumpton Road and Taylors Road intersection as well as Sinclairs Road and Taylors Road intersection; and 2. Council continue to negotiate with developers in relation to delivery of Taylors Road and City Vista Court signalised intersection in accordance with Developer Contribution Plan scope.
6	Brad Baker - Melton Wolves Gridiron Club	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p>



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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council officers provide the Melton Wolves Gridiron Club and Melton Broncos Rugby League with an update on the Stage 2 works planned for Macpherson Park; and 2. Council officers to engage with all Macpherson Park user groups during the design and construction phases of stage 2 works. 3. Council officers inspect facilities at field 5 Macphersons Park and repair defective items
7	Mohammed Malik	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submission noted; 2. Council will continue to fund road infrastructure projects within the municipality to address the increasing demands on our transport network in line with overarching road network plan; and 3. Fund the Street Lighting Improvement Program in the 2020/2021 Council Budget, informed by street lighting audits and lighting assessments.
8	Esther Toa, Secretary Melton Broncos Rugby League Club	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council officers provide the Melton Wolves Gridiron Club and Melton Broncos Rugby League with an update on the Stage 2 works planned for Macpherson Park; 2. Council officers engage with all Macpherson Park user groups during the design and construction phases of stage 2 works; and 3. Council officers meet with the club regarding their concerns.
9	Maureen Luna	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The submitter be advised that the construction of a roundabout at this location is within the Draft 2020/2021 Capital Works Program; and 2. Pedestrian facilities will be provided to allow a connection across Exford Road in the form of pedestrian refuge islands. This will allow



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		pedestrians to cross Exford Road one lane at a time.
10	Phoebe Waipouri - Committee Member, Melton Wolves Gridiron Club	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council officers provide the Melton Wolves Gridiron Club and Melton Broncos Rugby League with an update on the Stage 2 works planned for Macpherson Park; and 2. Council officers engage with all Macpherson Park user groups during the design and construction phases of stage 2 works. 3. Council officers inspect facilities at field 5 Macphersons Park and repair defective items
11	Rahil Salehi	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The submitter be advised that Council is proactively working on improving the safety and capacity of Taylors Road corridor with direct and developer investment of over \$36 million in the short to medium term; and 2. Council will continue to work on design development and land acquisition process in the current financial year for Plumpton Road intersection as well as Sinclairs Road and Taylors Road intersection.
12	Russell Camp - Secretary, Melton Pistol Club	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The submitter be advised that works to the water tank will be undertaken immediately within recurrent budgets; and 2. Council to allocate \$15,000 to the upgrade of the fire access track at the Melton Pistol Club to enable range 4 to be operational.
13	Arvinder Kumar	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submitter to be advised that Council will continue its advocacy campaign to the State Government to seek commitment to fund and construct; and 2. Council will continue to work with developers to ensure timely delivery of the connections within Rockbank Precinct Structure Plans. These include Paynes Road to Leakes Road,



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		which provide connections to Rockbank Train Station.
14	Jaydevsinh Chavda	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The submitter be advised that the 2020/2021 Budget has planned for substantial funding of projects within the Rockbank suburb with direct attribution of over \$0.45 million in renewal and upgrade projects improving community safety and amenity of community buildings. There is over \$6 million committed towards Road projects in the surrounding area including safety improvements on Leakes Road and construction of Troups Road South.
15	Anthony, Gale - Melton Cricket Club	<p>Recommendation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council officers provide the Melton Cricket Club with an update on the works to be completed under Stage 1 and the works planned for Stage 2 at Macpherson Park; and 2. The submitter be advised that the request to install a drinking fountain and additional parking are not supported as these facilities have already been provided within the precinct within the Stage 1 works.
16	Salvatore Costanzo - Treasurer, Burnside Heights Football Club	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council to allocate \$100,000 for design in relation to Burnside Heights Recreation Reserve upgrades.
18	Mark Borg	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The submitter be advised of the two pedestrian facilities funded within the 2020/2021 Capital Works Budget. One facility is located near the intersection of Roycroft Ave, Burnside and the other facility is located approximately 190 meters south of Commercial Road, Burnside Heights. Both facilities comprise of pedestrian refuge islands to allow pedestrians to safely cross one lane of traffic at a time. 2. Council officers to begin discussions in relation to renewal of lease.



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19	Jono Ingram, Place Manager Aintree	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Funding of \$20,000 per annum be extended until 2023/2024.

7. Outcomes from Councillor Initiatives considered at Committee

Councillor/s	Initiative	Outcomes/Recommendation
Mayor Carli Submission 17		<p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Funding of shade sails \$35,300 be included within 2020/21 Budget at Banchory Green Reserve.



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8. Recommendation

1. That Council adopts the 2020/2021 Budget and Strategic Resource Plan 2020/2024 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 2020/2021 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 \$132,202,956 (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 \$101,732,450

Municipal Charge \$9,770,450

Annual Service Charge \$16,100,056

Supplementary Rates \$4,600,000

That the general rate be declared in respect of the 2020/2021 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 2020/2021 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 2020 to 30 June 2021.

That the Council rebate of \$85 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.



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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.

9. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 9.13pm.