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SECTION 223 SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING held on Thursday, 27 May 2021 at 7.00pm via video conference.

Present:

Cr Kathy Majdlik, Mayor
Cr Lara Carli
Cr Steve Abboushi
Cr Bob Turner
Cr Sophie Ramsey
Cr Moira Deeming
Cr Ashleigh Vandenberg
Cr Julie Shannon
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 Troy Scoble, Acting General Manager Community Services
Mr Sam Rumoro, Manager Finance

Chairperson: Cr Kathy Majdlik, Mayor

1. Welcome

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

2. Apologies

Cr Goran Kesic, Deputy Mayor

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/ Carli

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	Sewa Pabla	Submission queried exponential growth in cost of services and Council borrowings; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families and Children Services cost increase was questioned Submission questioned Councils ongoing provision of Community Care - Aged Care services and funding of this service; Submission questioned increase in certain services above CPI; and Can Council justify additional borrowings of \$17.2 million to fund capital works.
2	David Prewett	Submission requested clarification in relation to two line items listed in capital works program which have the same description; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signalised intersection of Brooklyn and Station Roads. <p>Mr Prewett also requested further information in relation to Station Road Pedestrian Refuge (north of Fraser Street).</p>
3	Kay Steele	Ms Steele commented on the lack of access to Council services and facilities for those with disabilities.
4	My-Linh Le	Submission outlined concerns with respect to lack of investment in transport, education and community infrastructure in Thornhill Park.
5	Matt Craven	Mr Craven complimented Council on its Draft Budget 2021/22 in general. Mr Craven raised concerns in relation safety and congestion at Ferris Road crossing and other road connections in the Atherstone area such as; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intersection of Bridge Road and Exford Road; and Ferris Road freeway bridge.
6	Davis Sinclair	Mr Sinclair in his submission requested for Council to duplicate Ferris Road overpass due to traffic congestion with various Bunnings and shops opening up in the area.
7	Fiona Vanotti – Melton City Little Athletics	Submission withdrawn.
8	Jamie Chinga	Submitter inquired about the budget allocation for the signalised intersection at Rockbank Middle Road/Caroline Springs Boulevard.



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9	Taylor Ryder	Submitter requested that Council make the signalisation at Leakes Road and Melton Highway intersection and ramps on Leakes Road at the Western Highway a priority due to safety concerns.
10	Laura Filipovski	Ms Filipovski requested that Council consider installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Taylors Road and City Vista Court due to safety concerns and congestion.
11	Cr Lara Carli	Councillor Carli initiative - Installation of Automatic Irrigation System for the turf wicket at Hillside Recreation Reserve.
12	Jenny Synnott	Ms Synnott requested Council to consider the installation of 2 new tennis courts along side existing courts in Northcott Street Melton South due to significant demand for tennis courts at the facility.
13	Melissa Debono	Ms Debono was thankful for infrastructure being built in Mt Atkinson, Ms Debono appreciated the funding put towards building the community and bringing people together.
14	Joseph Debono	Mr Debono is excited to see the infrastructure being built in Mt Atkinson, he said it will be a boost to young families starting a new life in the estate.
15	Aileen Santos	Ms Santos was very happy to see a community hub in Mt Atkinson.
16	Steph Nicholls	Submitter raised concerns in relation to Council's community engagement for environmental programs, residents knowledge of endangered flora and fauna in the municipality, the eradication of prickly pear and other environmental matters.
17	Alan Squires Secretary Melton Fire Brigade CFA	Submitters requests Council to consider upgrade and urgent works to their training facility at Melton Recreation Reserve. The works proposed include fencing and construction of a Judges box.
18	Jason Johnson	Mr Johnson raised concerns in relation to congestion and safety issues along Westwood Drive. Mr Johnson asked when Council intended to duplicate Westwood Drive between Ballarat Road and Rockbank Middle Road.
19	David Axon President Melton Model Aircraft Association (inc)	Submission requested Council fund the purchase of a shipping container for the association to use as a storage facility. The Association has experienced a number thefts which has cost it over \$10,000. The cost of sourcing a used shipping container and transportation to the site would in the order of \$4,000 including GST.
20	Robert Rapa Burnside Football Club Heights	Submitter requested Council to duplicate training ground at the Burnside Heights Recreation Reserve to meet growing demand at the facility. The Club also



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		asked Council to provide the Club with details of where and when club can conduct its preseason training.
21	Sabrina K	Submitter requested Council to address some matters in relation to Tree Reserve at Robinsons Road Ravenhall. Submitter requested that signage and overall maintenance of the Tree Reserve be improved along with construction of footpaths which will help pedestrians access the area easily.
22	Zac Lewis CEO Western Chances	Submission seeks Council support for Western Chances Scholarship Program to assist young people facing financial barriers to complete their education. Western Chances seeks funding of \$30,000 per annum over 3 years to commence in 2021.

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

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22	Mr Zac Lewis CEO Western Chances	Ms Lewis representing Western Chances outlined the benefits of the Scholarship Program in general and the support he was looking for from Council. The Western Chances Scholarship Program assists young people facing financial barriers to complete their education and Ms Lewis was seeking funding support of \$30,000 per annum over 3 years.
17	Mr Anthony Rhodes, Justin Rees and Allan from Melton Fire Brigade CFA	Mr Rhodes and Mr Rees representing CFA Melton outlined the works to the CFA training facility at Melton Recreation Reserve they were looking for Council to undertake. The works proposed include fencing and construction of a Judges box. Mr Rhodes talked about CFA drills and competitions and overall demand for training facility, along with the shortcomings of existing facility. Presentation also confirmed the financial contribution from the CFA Melton towards the proposed works.



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19	Mr David Axon President Melton Model Aircraft Association (inc)	Mr Axon representing Melton Model Aircraft Association presentation outlined the reasons for the funding request. The need for a safe and secure storage facility after the Association had experienced a number thefts which has cost it over \$10,000. Photos of damage to existing shed following thefts was provided. Mr Axon talked about location of shipping container, the cost of sourcing a used shipping container and that transportation to the site would in the order of \$4,000 including GST.
20	Mr Robert Rapa and Mr Sam Costanzo Burnside Heights Football Club	Mr Rapa and Mr Costanzo presented on their submission requesting Council to duplicate training ground at the Burnside Heights Recreation Reserve to meet growing demand at the facility. Mr Rapa and Mr Costanzo also asked Council officers to provide the Club with details of where and when club can conduct its preseason training.

6. Committee Report to Council

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

Sub. No	Submitter	Recommendation
1	Sewa Pabla	Recommendation That:- 1. Council note submission: and 2. Councils officers provide a response to Mr Pabla's queries and concerns as set out in Committee papers.
2	David Prewett	Recommendation That:- 1. Council note submission: and 2. Councils officers provide a response to Mr Prewett submission as set out in Committee papers.
3	Kay Steele	Recommendation That:- 1. Council note submission; and 2. Councils officers provide a response to Ms Steele in relation to programs, services and initiatives that assist those members of our



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		community with a disability as set out in Committee papers.
4	My-Linh Le	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council note the submission; 2. Council will continue to advocate to the State Government for major infrastructure item upgrades within Thornhill Park and the municipality in relation to transportation and education; 3. Council will continue to plan for community and recreational facilities within Thornhill Park over the medium term; and 4. Council will continue to work with various developers focusing on delivery of Mt Cottrell Road, Bridge Road extension, Paynes Road and Alfred Road providing much needed connections for east to west and north to south travel.
5	Matt Craven	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council note the submission; 2. Council will continue to advocate to the State Government for significant projects including Rail upgrade, level crossing removal as well as Western Highway upgrade; and 3. Council officers advise Mr Craven that an intersection treatment (roundabout) has been funded in the 2020/21 budget and project is scheduled to commence in June 2021.
6	Davis Sinclair	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council note the submission; and 2. Council will continue to advocate to the State Government in relation to upgrade of the Western Freeway M8 and interchanges along the corridor on behalf of the Melton Community.
8	Jamie Chinga	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p>



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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council note the submission; and 2. Council officers advise submitter that project is fully funded and is currently in design phase.
9	Taylor Ryder	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council note the submission; and 2. Council officers advise submitter that the two projects identified (being the intersection of Leakes Road/Melton Highway and ramps on Leakes Road at the Western Highway) are the responsibility of the State Government. Both projects are listed within Council's advocacy priorities.
10	Laura Filipovski	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council note the submission; and 2. Council officers advise submitter that signalised intersection of Taylors Road and City Vista Court will be delivered by developers with construction likely to commence in 2022/23.
11	Cr Lara Carli	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council to allocate \$10,000 for the installation of an automatic irrigation system for the turf wicket at Hillside Recreation Reserve.
12	Jenny Synott	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council note the submission; and 2. Council officers advise submitter that a Tennis Strategy is planned for development in the next few months which will outline the provision of tennis courts throughout the municipality going forward. Any immediate demand pressures can be accommodated with access provided to 6 courts opening soon at the Eynesbury Recreation Reserve, courts available at Arnolds Creek Recreation Reserve and West Melton Recreation Reserve.



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13	Melissa Debono	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council note the submission and positive feedback. Council will continue to work with the developer of the Mount Atkinson estate and the Victorian Planning Authority on the delivery of the Mount Atkinson and Tarneit Plains Precinct Structure Plan.
14	Joseph Debono	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council note the submission and positive feedback. Council will continue to work with the developer of the Mount Atkinson estate and the Victorian Planning Authority on the delivery of the Mount Atkinson and Tarneit Plains Precinct Structure Plan.
15	Aileen Santos	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council note the submission and positive feedback. Council will continue to work with the developer of the Mount Atkinson estate and the Victorian Planning Authority on the delivery of the Mount Atkinson and Tarneit Plains Precinct Structure Plan.
16	Steph Nicholls	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council note submission; and 2. Councils officers provide a response to submitter in relation to environmental information available to the community, engagement programs and action as set out in Committee papers.
17	Alan Squires Secretary Melton Fire Brigade CFA	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council note submission; 2. Council to allocate \$25,000 with a contribution of \$5,000 from CFA Melton to construct fence as specified in the submission at Melton Recreation Reserve; and



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		3. Council to allocate \$10,000 for design of building to determine scope and location of building works.
18	Jason Johnson	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council note submission; and 2. Councils officers provide a response to submitter in relation to \$60,000 already allocated in the 2021-22 Budget for a holistic review of Westwood Drive. The review will determine current operational deficiencies, to assess and prioritise the level of urgency for intervention as well as prescribe a strategic action plan for each intersection to work towards; and 3. Advise submitter of the advocacy efforts to the Department of Transport in relation to the duplication of Westwood Drive and upgrading of all intersections.
19	David Axon President Melton Model Aircraft Association (inc)	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council note submission; and 1. Council to providing a funding allocation of \$3,500 to Melton Model Aircraft Association (inc) for the purchase of a used shipping container.
20	Robert Rapa Burnside Heights Football Club	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council note submission; 2. Establishment of an additional training space at the southern end of the reserve is not supported; and 3. Council officers to work with tenant clubs at Burnside Heights Recreation Reserve in a timely manner to provide alternate days, times and locations for preseason training.
21	Sabrina K	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council note submission;



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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Maintenance to be attended to by Council Officers and to be funded as part of Councils recurrent budget 2021/22; 3. Request for footpath and other upgrades to be forwarded to VicRoads for consideration; and 4. Council to review and update gateway signage.
22	Zac Lewis CEO Western Chances	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council note submission; and 2. Council to provide a funding allocation of \$15,000 to Western Chances Scholarship Program for 1 year. Council will assess value of program to the community before any further funding is provided.

Council Officers will provide detailed responses to all submitters following adoption of the Budget 2021/2022.



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7. Recommendation

1. That Council adopts the 2021/2022 Budget 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 2021/2022 Budget be adopted.
3. That the Chief Executive be authorised to give public notice of this decision to adopt 2021/2022 Budget.
4. That the amount of \$145,906,271 (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 (after rebates) \$109,792,855

Municipal Charge \$10,713,416

Annual Service Charge \$19,500,000

Supplementary Rates \$5,900,000

That the general rate be declared in respect of the 2021/2022 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 \$152 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 2021 to 30 June 2022.

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.

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.



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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.

8. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 9.34pm.