



STRATHBOGIE SHIRE COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Strathbogie Shire Council will be held on Tuesday 14 July 2020 at the Euroa Community Conference Centre commencing at 5.00 p.m.

Chair:	Amanda McClaren (Mayor)	(Lake Nagambie Ward)
Councillors:	Robert Gardner	(Lake Nagambie Ward)
	Malcolm Little	(Hughes Creek Ward)
	John Mason	(Seven Creeks Ward)
	Chris Raeburn	(Honeysuckle Creek Ward)
	Alistair Thomson	(Mount Wombat Ward)
	Graeme Williams OAM	(Seven Creeks Ward)
Officers:	Julie Salomon	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
	Phil Howard	Director, Community and Planning (DCP)
	David Roff	Director, Corporate Operations (DCO)
	Dawn Bray	Executive Manager, Governance and Customer Service (EMGCS)
	Kristin Favaloro	Executive Manager, Communications and Engagement (EMCE)

BUSINESS

1. Welcome
2. Acknowledgement of Traditional Land Owners
'I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are meeting. I pay my respects to their Elders, past and present'
3. Apologies
4. Disclosure of Interests
5. Petitions
6. Reports of Council Officers
 - 6.1 Climate Change
 - 6.2 Infrastructure
 - 6.3 Private Enterprise
 - 6.4 Public Institutions
 - 6.5 Housing and Recreation
 - 6.6 Tourism
 - 6.7 Organisation
7. Urgent Business

8. Closure of Meeting to the Public
9. Confirmation of 'Closed Portion' Decision/s

Julie Salomon
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

10 July 2020

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6. REPORTS

6.7 ORGANISATION

6.7.1 Adoption of Budget, Rating Strategy, Fees and Charges and Declaration of Rates and Charges for the 12 Months Ending 30 June 2021

Responsible Director: Director Corporate Operations

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has now complied with the legislative requirements for the preparation and public notification of its Budget for the twelve (12) months ending 30 June 2021.

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1989, Council placed the budget on public exhibition for 28 days and sought community submissions under Section 223.

Ninety-one submissions to the draft Budget were received - a summary (Schedule 6) is attached and these have been considered by Council. Of these submissions 54 were in relation to the proposed rate increase, which Council will respond to in considering the Budget.

As a result of the remainder of the submissions, a number of amendments to the advertised budget have been made and will be responded to individually. Some submissions have been addressed in future years.. Recent receipt of Government funding has assisted in funding some of these initiatives.

As a result of submissions, the following changes have been made to the 2020/21 Draft Budget

Item	Capital Expense
Scoping construction of Wattlevale Road	75,000
Essential repairs to Violet Town netball courts (Grant funded)	300,000
Provision for scoping of Rockies Bridge (scope 2020/21 build 2021/22)	(300,000)
Installation of dump points in Violet Town and Nagambie	10,000
Upgrade to Violet Town Recreation infrastructure to assist hosting of market and other functions (Grant funded)	84,000
Solar system for Longwood Community Centre (Grant funded)	42,000
Completion of footpath Strathbogie and Spring Creek pavilion picnic area (Grant funded)	50,000
Footpath – Anderson Street ~ Scobie to Atkins Street	35,000
TOTAL	296,000

Further amendments have been necessitated by:

- changed circumstances following the budget advertising
- expected 2019/20 carryovers,
- receipt of advice of significant capital and operating grants after advertising of the Draft Budget.
- Review of capital budget

6.7.1 Adoption of Budget, Rating Strategy, Fees and Charges and Declaration of Rates and Charges for the 12 Months Ending 30 June 2021 (cont.)

A summary of amendments is provided below:

Reconciliation of Advertised Budget to Adopted Budget	Operating Result 2020/21 \$000	Capital Expenditure 2020/21 \$000	Cash In/(Outflow) 2020/21 \$000
Advertised Budget	2,380	14,873	(904)
Comprehensive Income Statement			
Rate reduction	(348)		(348)
Working for Victoria grant	2,020		(1,618)
Community Infrastructure grant	1,440		1,440
IT grant	100		100
Delay in fleet replacement sale proceeds	(515)		-
Working for Victoria salary cost	(1,673)		(1,673)
Increase in material & services	(36)		(36)
Capital Works Statement			
Carry forward from 2019/20		533	586
Swimming pool works		121	133
Longwood Community Centre Solar		42	46
Euroa Historical Society Store room		(5)	(6)
Nagambie Tennis Club Kitchen		(20)	(22)
Health Centre - Repair brick column Structure		(6)	(7)
Ruffy Recreation Reserve - External/internal paint		(6)	(7)
Violet Town Rec Reserve - pavilion replace carpet		(18)	(20)
Violet Town Community Centre-Meeting room		(23)	(25)
Euroa Friendlies Oval - Accessible toilet		(30)	(33)
Toilets Violet Town Lions Park		(75)	(83)
Toilets Avenel - Stewart Park		(30)	(33)
Balmattum hall paint		(10)	(11)
New water tank Euroa depot		(20)	(22)
Water infrastructure		(120)	(132)
Fleet replacement		515	567
Website upgrade		170	187
Zero Class Roads Upgrade Program		(112)	(123)
Roads improvements		(389)	(428)
Footpaths & walking tracks		(56)	(62)
Rockies pedestrian footbridge		(350)	(385)
Ewings Livingston Intersection		187	206
Unallocated		164	180
Dump points Violet Town and Nagambie		10	11
Avenel - Hughes Creek low level crossing (New)		50	55
Unallocated - Infrastructure Fund		300	330
Stormwater drain surveys		75	83
Wattlevale Road Council contribution		75	83
Walking Tracks		10	11
Strathbogie Footpath		25	28
Footpath Anderson Street Scobie to Atkins		35	39
Footpaths		46	51
Rockies Pedestrian Footbridge (New)		50	55
Footpaths		(81)	(89)
Drainage upgrade		(133)	(146)
Project management		400	440
Strathbogie Rec Reserve amenities building		250	275
Violet Town Netball and Multi purpose courts		300	330
Violet Town Recreation Reserve Market infrastructure		84	92
Strathbogie Picnic Shelter		25	28
Streetscapes		600	660
Euroa Leash free area		25	28
Memorial Oval Netball Court Repairs		40	44
Shadforth Reserve Master Plan		40	44
Nagambie Foreshore Walk		351	386
Euroa swimming pool seating around trees		8	9
Nagambie Splash Park		50	55
Ruffy Recreation Reserve - Front veranda		(8)	(9)
Violet Town Community (Hall)		(22)	(24)
Strathbogie Forlonge memorial road		(14)	(15)
Play & recreation		(100)	(110)
Avenel aquatic facility		(121)	(133)
Nagambie aquatic facility		(1,320)	(1,452)
Ruffy Recreation Reserve - Facility		(6)	(7)
Nagambie Rec Reserve Picnic tables		(6)	(7)
Strathbogie Rec Reserve amenities		(250)	(275)
Whroovale Estate Nagambie Stage 1		(60)	(66)
Boardwalk		(351)	(386)
Euroa Cinema Seating		(100)	(110)
Nagambie High Street Toilets		(100)	(110)
Euroa swimming pool seating around trees		(8)	(9)
GSt adjustments			(110)
Net increase / (decrease)	988	631	(1,551)
Adopted Budget	3,368	15,504	(2,455)

6.7.1 Adoption of Budget, Rating Strategy, Fees and Charges and Declaration of Rates and Charges for the 12 Months Ending 30 June 2021 (cont.)

In accordance with Section 130 of the Local Government Act 1989, Council is normally required to adopt the budget by 30 June 2020, and give public notice of its decision. In April 2020, the State Government advised that in view of Councils needing to respond to the coronavirus pandemic, the date for adoption had been extended 31 August 2020.

A copy of the adopted Strathbogie Shire Council 2020/21 Budget will be appended to the Minutes of the meeting for identification purposes.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the budget, as amended, for the year ending 30 June 2021, be adopted.
2. That the Rates and Charges for the year ending 30 June 2021 be declared in accordance with the following recommendations:

1. **Amount Intended To Be Raised**

An amount of \$19,942,072 (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 and the annual service charge (described later in this Resolution), which amount is calculated as follows:

General Rates	17,116,373
Environmental Levy	198,931
Annual Service Charges	2,626,768
	19,942,072

2. **General Rates**

- 2.1 A general rate be declared in respect of the 2020/21 Financial Year.
- 2.2 It be further declared that the general rate be raised by the application of differential rates.
- 2.3 A differential rate be respectively declared for rateable land having the respective characteristics specified below, which characteristics will form the criteria for each differential rate so declared:

Residential Land

All land used primarily for residential purposes or obviously adapted to being used primarily for residential purposes but excluding farm land.

Vacant Residential Land

All vacant land which may be used primarily for residential purposes or obviously adapted to being used primarily for residential purposes but excluding farm land.

6.7.1 Adoption of Budget, Rating Strategy, Fees and Charges and Declaration of Rates and Charges for the 12 Months Ending 30 June 2021 (cont.)

Farm Land

Any land zoned Farming under the Strathbogie Planning Scheme which is not less than 40 hectares in area and is not classified as having a commercial or industrial use.

Land situated within the Farming zone of less than 40 hectares in area may be considered for the farm differential rate, subject to satisfying Council's criteria for recognition as a bone fide farming activity.

Commercial / Industrial Land

All land used primarily for commercial or industrial purposes or obviously adapted to being used primarily for commercial/industrial purposes.

Vacant Commercial / Industrial Land

All vacant land which may be used primarily for commercial or industrial purposes or obviously adapted to being used primarily for commercial/industrial purposes.

- 2.4 Each differential rate will be determined by multiplying the Capital Improved Value of each rateable land (categorised by the characteristics described in paragraph 2.3) by the relevant percentages indicated in the following table:

<i>Category</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Residential Land	0.50682% (or 0.0050682 cents in the dollar of the Capital Improved Value)
Vacant Residential Land	0.88694% (or 0.0088694 cents in the dollar of the Capital Improved Value)
Farm Land	0.40546% (or 0.0040546 cents in the dollar of the Capital Improved Value)
Commercial / Industrial Land	0.60818% (or 0.0060818 cents in the dollar of the Capital Improved Value)
Vacant Commercial/Industrial Land	1.06432% (or 0.0106432 cents in the dollar of the Capital Improved Value)

6.7.1 Adoption of Budget, Rating Strategy, Fees and Charges and Declaration of Rates and Charges for the 12 Months Ending 30 June 2021 (cont.)

2.5 It be recorded that Council considers that each differential rate will contribute to the equitable and efficient carrying of Council functions, and that:

2.5.1 the respective objectives of each differential rate be those specified in the Schedule to this Resolution

2.5.2 the respective types or classes of land which are subject to each differential rate be those defined in the Schedule to this Resolution

2.5.3 the respective uses and levels of each differential rate in relation to those respective types and classes of land be those described in the Schedule to this Resolution; and

2.5.4 the relevant:

(a) uses of;

(b) geographical locations of;

(c) planning scheme zoning of; and

(d) types of buildings on

the respective types or classes of land be those identified in the Schedule to this Resolution

2.6 It be confirmed that no amount is fixed as the minimum amount payable by way of general rate in respect of each rateable land within the municipal district.

3. Municipal Charge

3.1 No Municipal charge be declared in respect of the 2020/21 Financial Year.

4. Annual Service Charge

4.1 An annual service charge be declared in respect of the 2020/21 Financial Year.

4.2 An annual service charge be declared for the collection and disposal of refuse from land.

4.3 The annual service charge be in the sum of, and be based on the criteria, set out below but dependent upon which option is chosen:

6.7.1 Adoption of Budget, Rating Strategy, Fees and Charges and Declaration of Rates and Charges for the 12 Months Ending 30 June 2021 (cont.)

4.3.1 for the collection and disposal of recyclables, \$181 per annum;

4.3.2 for the collection and disposal of waste and organics (80 litre or 120 litre bins), \$383 per annum; and

4.3.3 for the collection and disposal of waste and organics (240 litre bins), \$765 per annum.

in respect of each rateable land (or part) to which the service of collection and disposal is made available.

1.4 An annual service charge be declared for a Roadside Tree Management Program, \$29 per annum in respect of each rateable land (or part)

5. Rebates & Concessions

Pensioner Rebate

5.1 It also be recorded that Council grants to each owner of rateable land who is an "eligible recipient" within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 1986*, a rebate as determined by the Victorian State Government, in respect of each rateable land.

5.2 The rebate described in paragraph 5.1 be granted to assist the proper development of the municipal district, and to achieve the following community benefit:

5.2.1 to provide a concession to ratepayers whose circumstances may limit their capacity to pay.

Elloura Resort Rebate

5.3 It be recorded that Council grants a rebate to each owner of rateable land within the Elloura Resort who qualifies for a rebate under the Owners Corporation No. ("Elloura") Agreement. The current agreement expires at the end of the 2020/21 Financial Year.

5.4 The rebate be granted to assist the proper development of part of the municipal district, and to achieve the following community benefit:

5.4.1 The rebate will facilitate the demand for increased levels of service to residents of the Elloura Resort without requirement for additional or redeployed Council resources. The cost of increased service levels will be fully funded by residents of the Elloura Resort.

6.7.1 Adoption of Budget, Rating Strategy, Fees and Charges and Declaration of Rates and Charges for the 12 Months Ending 30 June 2021 (cont.)

First Home Buyers Rebate

It be recorded that Council intends to grant a rebate of two years general rates to each owner who qualifies for the Victorian Government First Home Owners Grant, on the following basis :

- Proof of approval for State First Home Buyers Grant to be provided
- Council will excuse the general rates for a period of two years from commencement of the first full financial year in which the rates are payable by the new owner.

The First Home Buyers Grant is granted:

- > For a newly built home sold for the first time – applied from the date of contract of purchase
- > For a house and land package – applied from date of contract of purchase
- > For a vacant block which new home is to be built – applied from the date of contract to build house
- > Maximum value of property is \$750,000

6. Payment

6.1 All rates and charges to be paid in four instalments, in accordance with Section 167 (1) and (2) of the Local Government Act 1989.

7. Consequential

7.1 It be confirmed that, subject to sections 171 and 172 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council will require a person to pay interest on any rates and charges which:

7.1.1 that person is liable to pay;

7.1.2 have not been paid by the date specified for their payment

7.2 The Director Corporate Operations be authorised to levy and recover the general rates and annual service charge in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*.

8. That Fees and Charges for 2020/21 be adopted as per the draft Budget, with no alterations, except where set by legislation.

6.7.1 Adoption of Budget, Rating Strategy, Fees and Charges and Declaration of Rates and Charges for the 12 Months Ending 30 June 2021 (cont.)

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The proposed budget was considered by Council at a Special Council meeting held on Thursday 27 April 2020. Subsequent to that meeting, public notice of the proposed budget was given in local newspapers calling for submissions under Section 223 of the Act. The proposed budget was made available for inspection at various locations throughout the Shire and on Council's website.

91 submissions were received and noted at a Special Meeting of Council on Tuesday 16 June 2020. They were subsequently reviewed by Council.

The Council is proposing no increase in the average rate for 2020/21. This increase is less than the State Government requirement under the 'Fair Go Rates' legislation. This level keeps maintenance of existing service levels, funding of a number of new initiatives and continue to allocate sufficient funds for the continuing strategic renewal of Council's infrastructure. Waste charges will increase by 2% to fund ongoing waste collection and disposal commitments.

The 2020/21 Budget provides for a \$10.05 million capital works program. Officers acknowledge that the 2020/21 Capital Works program set by Councillors is ambitious and :

- given the current capacity issues of the Project Delivery team
- current efforts to increase resourcing in this area;

Officers foreshadow that completion of the program may not be fully achieved in 2020/21.

New Capital Works proposed include

ACTIVITY	EXPENDITURE (m)
Roads - including resealing, resheeting and rehabilitation	4.424
Road Bridges and Culverts	0.450
Drainage	0.440
Footpaths	0.166
Plant and Machinery	1.262
Buildings/Property	0.864
Information Technology	0.570
Aquatic Facilities	.314
Recreation , Leisure and Community Facilities	1.515

6.7.1 Adoption of Budget, Rating Strategy, Fees and Charges and Declaration of Rates and Charges for the 12 Months Ending 30 June 2021 (cont.)

The Budget and Long Term Financial Plan produces the following indicators which are considered prudent:

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Adjusted Underlying Result	0.1%	-1.0%	-0.2%	0.5%
Working Capital Ratio	2.07	1.15	1.14	1.30
Debt servicing/repayment as % of Rate Revenue	0.5	2.4	2.3	2.3
Asset Renewal and upgrade expenditure/Depreciation	163.8%	186%	66.8%	67.7%
Capital Works Expenditure	\$15.5 m	\$15.3 m	\$7.27 m	\$7.03 m
Cash and Investments	\$12.69 m	\$4.99 m	\$4.99 m	\$5.99 m
Cash Flow from Operations	\$8.15 m	\$9.45 m	\$8.34 m	\$9.02 m

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- The Council, as of Wednesday 6 May 2020, placed the statutory public notices in local newspapers advising that documents were available for inspection and that written submission were being sought in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.
- Council provided details of the Budget via social media and its website.
- On line forums were also held as further means of providing information to the community and seeking feedback.

Submissions closed at 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday 3 June 2020.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The author of this report considers that the report is consistent with Council Policies, key strategic documents and the Council Plan. Specifically, the proposed budget is prepared in the context of the Council Plan and Council's long term financial planning.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Local Government Act 1989 requires that Council adopt the budget by 30 June 2020 or by 31 August if it needs to.

No member of Council staff, or other person engaged under a contract, involved in advising on or preparing this report has declared a direct or indirect interest in relation to the matter of the report.

6.7.1 Adoption of Budget, Rating Strategy, Fees and Charges and Declaration of Rates and Charges for the 12 Months Ending 30 June 2021 (cont.)

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Ninety-one submissions to the budget were received and a number of amendments to the advertised budget have been made as a result of those submissions. Amendments have also been necessitated as a result of changed circumstances following the budget advertising. The amendments are primarily of a timing nature and as a result of budget submissions, expected capital works carryovers from 2019/20, bringing forward of 50% of Grants Commission payment, receipt of additional grant funds and review of the capital works program.

SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Budget contains a range of actions designed to improve the community's way of life in a range of areas including :

- (a) sense of community
- (b) provision of community services
- (c) improving community health and well-being – e.g. recreation facilities, public safety, health services and facilities or public health implications;
- (d) transport – e.g. safety for travellers, emissions and fuel consumption, public transport usage, provision of a safe road network, walking and cycling or transportation needs of all people.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

There are no human rights considerations arising from the issues discussed in this report.

CONCLUSION

This report finalises a process to prepare and adopt the Council Budget which provides for a range of outcomes to be achieved in the 2020/21 year.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1:** Schedule 1 – Residential Land
- Attachment 2:** Schedule 2 – Vacant Residential Land
- Attachment 3:** Schedule 3 – Farm Land
- Attachment 4:** Schedule 4 – Commercial / Industrial Land
- Attachment 5:** Schedule 5 – Vacant Commercial / Industrial Land
- Attachment 6:** Schedule 6 - Submissions to 2019/20 Budget

TABLED REPORT

- 2020/21 Strathbogie Shire Council Budget
- 2020/21 Rating Strategy
- 2020/21 Fees and Charges

The adopted Strathbogie Shire Council 2020/21 Budget and associated documents will be appended to the Minutes for identification purposes.

ATTACHMENT 1:

SCHEDULE 1

RESIDENTIAL LAND

Objective:

To ensure that all rateable land makes an equitable financial contribution to the cost of carrying out the functions of Council, including the:

1. Construction and maintenance of public infrastructure;
2. Development and provision of health and community services; and
3. Provision of general support services.

Types and Classes:

Rateable land having the relevant characteristics described in the Resolution.

Use and Level of Differential Rate:

The differential rate will be used to fund some of those items of expenditure described in the Budget adopted by Council.

The level of the differential rate is the level which Council considers is necessary to achieve the objectives specified above.

Geographic Location:

Wherever located within the municipal district.

Use of Land:

Any use permitted under the Strathbogie Planning Scheme.

Planning Scheme Zoning:

The zoning applicable to each rateable land within this category, as determined by consulting maps referred to in the Strathbogie Planning Scheme.

Types of Buildings:

All buildings which are now constructed on the land or which are constructed prior to the expiry of the 2020/21 Financial Year.

ATTACHMENT 2:

SCHEDULE 2

VACANT RESIDENTIAL LAND

Objective:

To ensure that all rateable land makes an equitable financial contribution to the cost of carrying out the functions of Council, including the:

1. Construction and maintenance of public infrastructure;
2. Development and provision of health and community services; and
3. Provision of general support services.

Types and Classes:

Rateable land having the relevant characteristics described in the Resolution.

Use and Level of Differential Rate:

The differential rate will be used to fund some of those items of expenditure described in the Budget adopted by Council.

The level of the differential rate is the level which Council considers is necessary to achieve the objectives specified above.

Geographic Location:

Wherever located within the municipal district.

Use of Land:

Any use permitted under the Strathbogie Planning Scheme.

Planning Scheme Zoning:

The zoning applicable to each rateable land within this category, as determined by consulting maps referred to in the Strathbogie Planning Scheme.

Types of Buildings:

All buildings and other improvements which are now constructed on the land or which are constructed prior to the expiry of the 2020/21 Financial Year and whose total value does not exceed \$20,000.

ATTACHMENT 3:

SCHEDULE 3

FARM LAND

Objective:

To ensure that all rateable land makes an equitable financial contribution to the cost of carrying out the functions of Council, including the:

1. Construction and maintenance of public infrastructure;
2. Development and provision of health and community services; and
3. Provision of general support services.

Types and Classes:

Rateable land having the relevant characteristics described in the Resolution.

Use and Level of Differential Rate:

The differential rate will be used to fund some of those items of expenditure described in the Budget adopted by Council.

The level of the differential rate is the level which Council considers is necessary to achieve the objectives specified above.

Geographic Location:

Wherever located within the municipal district.

Use of Land:

Any use permitted under the Strathbogie Planning Scheme.

Planning Scheme Zoning:

Rural Zone under the Strathbogie Planning Scheme.

Types of Buildings:

All buildings which are now constructed on the land or which are constructed prior to the expiry of the 2020/21 Financial Year.

ATTACHMENT 4:

SCHEDULE 4

COMMERCIAL / INDUSTRIAL LAND

Objective:

To ensure that all rateable land makes an equitable financial contribution to the cost of carrying out the functions of Council, including the:

1. Construction and maintenance of public infrastructure;
2. Development and provision of health and community services; and
3. Provision of general support services.

Types and Classes:

Rateable land having the relevant characteristics described in the Resolution.

Use and Level of Differential Rate:

The differential rate will be used to fund some of those items of expenditure described in the Budget adopted by Council.

The level of the differential rate is the level which Council considers is necessary to achieve the objectives specified above.

Geographic Location:

Wherever located within the municipal district.

Use of Land:

Any use permitted under the Strathbogie Planning Scheme.

Planning Scheme Zoning:

The zoning applicable to each rateable land within this category, as determined by consulting maps referred to in the Strathbogie Planning Scheme.

Types of Buildings:

All buildings and other improvements which are now constructed on the land or which are constructed prior to the expiry of the 2020/21 Financial Year.

ATTACHMENT 5:

SCHEDULE 5

VACANT COMMERCIAL / INDUSTRIAL LAND

Objective:

To ensure that all rateable land makes an equitable financial contribution to the cost of carrying out the functions of Council, including the:

1. Construction and maintenance of public infrastructure;
2. Development and provision of health and community services; and
3. Provision of general support services.

Types and Classes:

Rateable land having the relevant characteristics described in the Resolution.

Use and Level of Differential Rate:

The differential rate will be used to fund some of those items of expenditure described in the Budget adopted by Council.

The level of the differential rate is the level which Council considers is necessary to achieve the objectives specified above.

Geographic Location:

Wherever located within the municipal district.

Use of Land:

Any use permitted under the Strathbogie Planning Scheme.

Planning Scheme Zoning:

The zoning applicable to each rateable land within this category, as determined by consulting maps referred to in the Strathbogie Planning Scheme.

Types of Buildings:

All buildings and other improvements which are now constructed on the land or which are constructed prior to the expiry of the 2020/21 Financial Year and whose total value does not exceed \$20,000.

ATTACHMENT 6:

SCHEDULE 6

SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS TO DRAFT 2020/21 BUDGET

- Continuation of Anderson Street, Euroa footpath, east of Scobie Street
- Tree plantings in Nagambie
- Sealing of Plain Road Tabilk
- Tree plantings in Euroa
- Objection to proposed rate increase (multiple)
- Support for removal of Municipal Charge
- Building of public toilets in Strathbogie
- Arts and Sustainability projects
- Footpath Nagambie to Regatta Centre
- Request for fair and balanced Rating Strategy
- Drainage Shiffner Street Violet Town
- Sealing of Wattlevale Road Mitchellstown
- Improvements to Violet Town netball and tennis courts
- Support for Rockies Bridge (multiple)
- Toilets at Loddings Lane boat ramp
- Dump point in Violet Town
- Root barrier installation in footpath construction
- LED lighting Memorial Oval
- Improvement to library resources in Avenel area
- Upgrade of Violet Town market facilities
- Improvements to Apex Walking Track
- Several Longwood matters including exposure on website
- Concern with abolition of Municipal Charge
- Solar power for Longwood Community Centre
- Nagambie Foreshore works
- Investment in small business , arts , environment
- Footpath Main Street Strathbogie to recreation reserve , completion of Spring Creek Pavilion picnic area , ember proof Place of Last Resort

6.7.2 Draft 2017-2021 Council Plan (2020 Review) incorporating the 2020/21 to 2023/24 Strategic Resource Plan – amended Actions and Strategic Indicators for year ending 30 June 2020

Responsible Director: Director Corporate Operations

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council Plan:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) in 2017, Council developed, in consultation with its community, the Draft 2017 – 2021 Council Plan. The 2020 revision has been completed and advertised.

There were two submissions to the Draft 2017 – 2021 Council Plan (2020 Review) and Draft 2020/21 Strategic Resource Plan, both in relation to public toilet facilities in Strathbogie.

There have been no changes to the Council Plan as a consequence of submissions but further investigation will be carried out in relation to matters raised

Strategic Resource Plan:

In accordance with Section 126 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act), Council has developed the 2020-2021 Draft Strategic Resource Plan (SRP). Information in the SRP is based on the 2020/21 Draft Budget and Council's Long Term Financial Plan.

A copy of the adopted Strathbogie Shire Council Plan (2020 Review) and 2020/21 - 2023/2024 Strategic Resource Plan will be appended to the Minutes of the meeting for identification purposes.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council adopt the Draft 2017 – 2021 Council Plan (2020 Review) Strategic Indicators and Actions.***
- 2. That Council adopt the Draft 2020/21-2024/25 Strategic Resource Plan.***

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Council Plan:

The Draft 2017 – 2021 Council Plan (2020 Review) is presented for adoption following two submissions being received.

6.7.2 Draft 2017-2021 Council Plan (2020 Review) incorporating the 2020/21 to 2023/24 Strategic Resource Plan – amended Actions and Strategic Indicators for year ending 30 June 2020 (cont.)

The Council Plan is a strategic document of Council that identifies the priorities of our community for the future and guides the decision making of Council and its partners, agencies and stakeholder. The Council Plan documents :

- A vision statement for the Strathbogie Shire community;
- Shared goals and strategies to achieve the vision; and
- The role and focus of Council, the goals it has set and the initiatives it will undertake over the four year term of Council. Key Strategies and Actions that sit under each Goal ensure the organisation delivers what the Council has set.

The program dates for this Draft 2017 – 2021 Council Plan (2020 Review) were as follows:

1. Draft 2017 – 2021 Council Plan (2020 Review) on Public Exhibition – from 03 May 2020
2. Public Exhibition period closed at 5pm Wednesday 03 June 2020
3. Special Council Meeting to adopt 2017 – 2021 Council Plan – Tuesday 14 July 2020
4. Present adopted 2017 – 2021 Council Plan (2020 Review) to the Minister for Local Government following the 14 July 2020 meeting.

Strategic Resource Plan:

The SRP was exhibited during the same period as the Draft 2017 – 2021 Council Plan (2020 Review). The SRP outlines the resources required to achieve Council's strategic objectives expressed in the Council Plan. The purpose of the SRP is to:

- Establish a financial framework over the next 4 years to ensure Council's strategic objectives, as expressed in its Council Plan, are achieved;
- Provide an assessment of the resources (financial and non-financial) required to accomplish the objectives and strategies included in the Council Plan (non-financial resources are assumed to include human resources and Council's asset base, which are all referred to in various parts of the SRP);
- Establish a basis to measure Council's adherence to its policies and strategies; and
- Assist Council to comply with sound financial management principles, in accordance with the Local Government Act (1989) and to plan for the long-term financial sustainability of the municipality.

The SRP was developed considering the 2020/21 Budget and Long Term Financial Plan Modelling and has been amended to allow for Budget submissions.

6.7.2 Draft 2017-2021 Council Plan (2020 Review) incorporating the 2020/21 to 2023/24 Strategic Resource Plan – amended Actions and Strategic Indicators for year ending 30 June 2020 (cont.)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- The Council, as of Wednesday 6 May 2020, placed the statutory public notices in local newspapers advising that documents were available for inspection and that written submission were being sought in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.
- Council provided details of the Budget via social media and its website.
- On line forums were also held as further means of providing information to the community and seeking feedback.

Submissions closed at 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday 3 June 2020.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The Council Plan and SRP provide input into the preparation of the Budget and Council's long term financial planning.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no legal or statutory implications which require the consideration of Council as the preparation of the Council Plan satisfied the requirements of the Local Government Act, including the Strategic Planning Principles.

No member of Council staff, or other person engaged under a contract, involved in advising on or preparing this report has declared a direct or indirect interest in relation to the matter of the report.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Council Plan and SRP and Council Plan are key documents in ensuring the financial stability of Council.

SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The SRP and Council Plan contain a range of measures to improve the economic health of the Shire:

- (a) sense of community
- (b) provision of community services
- (c) improving community health and well-being – e.g. recreation facilities, public safety, health services and facilities or public health implications;
- (d) transport – e.g. safety for travellers, emissions and fuel consumption, public transport usage, provision of a safe road network, walking and cycling or transportation needs of all people.

CONCLUSION

This report finalises a process to update the Council Plan which provides for a range of outcomes to be achieved in the 2020/21 year.

TABLED DOCUMENT/S

- 2017-2021 Council Plan (2020 Review)
- 2020/2021 - 2024/2025 Strategic Resource Plan

- 7. URGENT BUSINESS**
- 8. CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC TO CONSIDER MATTERS LISTED FOR CONSIDERATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 89(2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989**
- 9. CONFIRMATION OF 'CLOSED PORTION' DECISION/S**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT P.M.