AGENDA

SUBMISSIONS REVIEW PANEL HEARING -

2022-23 to 2025-26 Proposed Budget, Revenue & Rating Plan and Proposed Sale of Council Land (Buildings)

Wednesday, 8 June 2022 6.00pm

City Hall, Geelong 57 Little Malop Street, Geelong 3220 TO BE LIVE STREAMED ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: www.geelongaustralia.com.au/meetings

COUNCIL:

Cr K Grzybek (Windermere Ward) – Chair Cr S Asher (Bellarine Ward) Cr T Sullivan (Bellarine Ward) Cr J Mason (Bellarine Ward) Cr E Kontelj (Brownbill Ward) Cr S Mansfield (Brownbill Ward) Cr P Murrihy (Brownbill Ward) Cr B Harwood (Kardinia Ward) Cr B Moloney (Kardinia Ward) Cr R Nelson (Kardinia Ward) Cr A Aitken (Windermere Ward)





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1. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1. Acknowledgement of Country

Council acknowledges the Wadawurrung People as the Traditional Owners of the Land, Waterways and Skies. We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present. We Acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are part of our Greater Geelong community today.

- 1.2. Chairperson Welcome
- 1.3. Apologies
- 1.4. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
- 1.5. Conduct for Hearing Submissions

2. SUBMISSIONS

2.1. Summary of Submissions

	Total Number of Submitters	Number of Submitters attending
Proposed Budget	96	18
Proposed Revenue and Rating Plan	1	1
Proposed Sales of Council Land (Buildings)	40	6
	137	25

2.2. Hearing of Submitters



3. REPORTS

3.1. Panel Consideration of Submissions made to the 2022-23 to 2025-26 Proposed Budget, Proposed Revenue and Rating Plan and Proposed Sale of Council Land (Buildings)

Source:Customer & Corporate ServicesDirector:Michael Dugina

Purpose

1. The purpose of the Submissions Review Panel is to consider all submissions received for the 2022-23 to 2025-26 proposed Budget, proposed Revenue and Rating Plan and proposed Sale of Council Land (Buildings).

Background

- 2. Council endorsed for community consultation the 2022-23 to 2025-26 Proposed Budget (the proposed Budget), the proposed Revenue and Rating Plan and the proposal for the Sale of the Council Land (Buildings) on 26 April 2022. In accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) and Council's Community Engagement Policy, the proposed budget, revenue and rating plan and sale of Council land were advertised inviting public submissions for a 28-day consultation period. The submission period closed at 5:00pm on Tuesday 24 May 2022.
- 3. The Submissions Review Panel is scheduled to meet on Wednesday 8 June 2022 at 6:00pm to consider the submissions received.

Key Matters

- 4. Council will receive a report from the Submissions Review Panel and consider recommendations as part of adopting the proposed Budget, proposed Revenue and Rating Plan and proposed Sale of Council Land (Buildings).
- 5. Council received 137 submissions in total with 96 being received on the proposed Budget, 1 on the proposed Revenue and Rating Plan and a further 40 submissions being received on the proposed Sale of Council Land (Buildings). Refer Attachment 1 for a list of submissions and topic in order of receipt.
- 6. Submissions have been grouped under each topic raised, listing the key point of the topic and officer response (refer Attachment 2). All submitters have received an acknowledgement of their submission.



Recommendation

That the Submissions Review Panel:

- 1. Acknowledge the submissions received;
- 2. Thank the submitters for their submissions; and
- 3. Having heard all persons wishing to speak to their submissions, recommends that Council consider the submissions at the Council Meeting to be held on 28 June 2022.

Financial Sustainability

- 7. The proposed budget has been developed with Council's ongoing commitment to sustainable budgeting and responsible financial management.
- 8. Key financial measures of operating ratio, liquidity, indebtedness and asset sustainability ratio are all within Council's approved risk levels.

Operating Result

9. The proposed Budget has been prepared in accordance with the direction provided by Council. The proposed budget as endorsed on 26 April 2022 has an underlying operating surplus of \$107,000.

Capital Capacity

10. The additional capital capacity for the 4-year budget was \$10 million, with \$9.8 million (net of borrowings) being incorporated into the proposed budget.

Community Engagement

11. Public notice was published in the Geelong Advertiser and on social media sites on Wednesday 27 April 2027 to commence 28 days of community engagement.

Social Equity and Sustainability

12. The proposed Budget identifies the sources and allocation of resources to implement the many social initiatives that impact the community.

Relevant Law/Policy/Legal Implications

13. A copy of the proposed Budget must be made available for public inspection. The budget is available in electronic format on the City's website for inspection or in printed copy upon request.



Alignment to Community Plan and Vision

14. This report aligns with Our Community Plan 2021-2025 strategic priority: Strong local economy.

Conflict of Interest

15. No officer involved in the preparation of this report declared a general or material conflict of interest.

Risk Assessment

16. Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council must prepare a budget for each financial year and subsequent 3 years by 30 June each year. The timetable provides for the submissions panel report to be item 1 for consideration at the scheduled meeting of Council on Tuesday 28 June 2022.

Environmental Sustainability

17. There are no environmental implications relating the submissions review panel hearing.

Attachments

- 1. Submissions Hearing Panel Report Attachment 1 [3.1.1 6 pages]
- 2. Submissions Hearing Panel Report Attachment 2 [3.1.2 5 pages]

Attachment 1

Sub #	Торіс	Organisation	Attending
SUBM	ISSIONS ON PROPOSED BUDGET		
1	Ocean Grove Bike Trail		Invited
2	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited
3	Kyema Drive Drainage		Attending
4	FTE Expense and Increase in Strategy, People & Performance Division		Invited
5	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited
6	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited
7	Funding for Cowies Creek Masterplan		Invited
8	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited
9	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited
10	Kyema Drive Drainage		Attending
11	Kyema Drive Drainage		Attending
12	Connecting Communities & Growing Tourism - Lara to You Yangs		Attending
13	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited
14	Zero-emissions target		Invited
15	Kyema Drive Drainage	Panther Tyres	Invited
16	Playground equipment for Lovely Banks		Invited
17	Barrabool Road Wandana Heights Road Safety Concerns & Drewan Park Lighting		Invited
18	Waurn Ponds Skatepark and BMX track		Invited
19	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited
20	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited
21	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited
22	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited
23	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited
24	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited

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SUBMISSIONS ON PROPOSED BUDGET					
25	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
26	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
27	Kyema Drive Drainage		Attending		
28	Funding to upgrade Sandy Creek Road Advocacy and Funding for Serendip	TLC Group Lara Inc	Attending		
29	Funding to upgrade Sandy Creek Road		Attending		
30	Indented Head Infrastructure (Footpaths)	Indented Head Community Association Inc	Invited		
31	Kyema Drive Drainage		Attending		
32	Kyema Drive Drainage		Attending		
33	Outdoor Pool operations during winter		Attending		
34	Climate Change Response Plan		Invited		
35	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
36	Various		Invited		
37	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
38	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
39	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
40	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
41	Strategic Directions in 2022-23 Budget		Invited		
42	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
43	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
44	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
45	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
46	Property Valuation Increases		Attending		
47	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
48	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
49	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
50	Kyema Drive Drainage		Attending		

Sub #	Торіс	Organisation	Attending		
SUBMISSIONS ON PROPOSED BUDGET					
51	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
52	Lara Sporting Precinct Masterplan	Lara Sporting Club & resident	Invited		
53	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
54	Funding for retail stores in Lara and Portarlington		Invited		
55	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
56	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
57	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
58	Sladen Park upgrade and Chilwell Library Redevelopment		Attending		
59	Review of Driving Range at Lara Golf Club	Lara Golf Club	Attending		
60	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
61	Budget Funding for Environmental Services		Invited		
62	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
63	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
64	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
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66	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
67	Kyema Drive Drainage	Town & Country Pizza Lara	Invited		
68	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
69	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
70	Upgrades at Memorial Park Leopold	Leopold Football Netball Club	Attending		
71	Youth Hub/Centre for Lara		Attending		
72	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
73	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
74	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited		
75	Safe Harbour	Royal Geelong Yacht Club	Attending		

Sub #	Торіс	Organisation	Attending
SUBM	ISSIONS ON PROPOSED BUDGET		
76	Wallington Reserve	Wallington Cricket Club	Attending
77	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited
78	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited
79	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited
80	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited
81	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited
82	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited
83	Barwon Heads Transport Study	Barwon Heads Association	Invited
84	Barwon Heads Transport Study	Barwon Heads Association	Invited
85	Fyans Street Drainage	Rollerway Skate Centre	Invited
86	Urban Forest Strategy	CoolGeelong - a group working to improve Geelong's urban forest	Attending
87	Climate Change Response Plan	Geelong Sustainability	Invited
88	Lara Sporting Precinct Masterplan	Lara Sporting Club	Invited
89	Urban Forest Strategy	Cool Geelong (Group)	Invited
90	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited
91	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited
92	Clubroom Upgrade	North Geelong Warriors Football Club	Attending
93	Partnership Agreement - Elcho Park watering and maintenance	North Geelong Warriors Football Club	Attending
94	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited
95	Kyema Drive Drainage		Invited
96	Budget Feedback (Late Submission)	Geelong West Business Association	Invited
SUBM	ISSIONS ON PROPOSED REVENUE AND RAT	TING PLAN	
1	Reduction to commercial and industrial rates		Attending

Sub #	Торіс	Organisation	Attending
SUBM	ISSIONS ON PROPOSED SALE OF COUNCIL LAND (BUI	LDINGS)	
1	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - Civic Carpark		Invited
2	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - Civic Carpark		Attending
	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		
3	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Invited
4	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Invited
5	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Invited
6	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Invited
7	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Invited
8	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Invited
9	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Attending
10	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Invited
11	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road	Belmont Bowling Club	Invited
12	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - Civic Carpark		Attending
	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		
13	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Invited
14	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - Civic Carpark		Invited
15	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - Civic Carpark		Invited
	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - Busport		
16	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Attending
17	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Invited
18	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Invited
	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - Civic Carpark		
19	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Invited
	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - Busport		
20	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Attending
21	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Invited
	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - Civic Carpark		
	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - Busport		
22	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Invited
23	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Attending
24	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Invited
25	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Invited
26	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Invited

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SUBN	IISSIONS ON PROPOSED SALE OF COUNCIL LAND (BU	ILDINGS)	
27	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Invited
	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - Civic Carpark		
	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - Busport		
28	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - Civic Carpark		Invited
	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - Busport		
29	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Invited
30	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Invited
31	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Invited
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33	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Invited
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35	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Invited
36	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Invited
37	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Invited
38	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Invited
39	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Invited
40	Sale of Council Land (Buildings) - 17 Reynolds Road		Invited

Attachment 2

Submission by Topic	# Of sub Received	Summary of Key Themes
SUBMISSIONS ON PROPOS	SED BUDG	ET
Kyema Drive Drainage	63	Requesting the budget funding of \$1.3m allocated in 2024- 25 and 2025-26, be brought forward and design and construction be undertaken in the 2022-23 financial year. Also requesting no Special Rates and Charges Scheme is applied to the works
Barrabool Road Wandana Heights Road Safety Concerns & Drewan Park Lighting	1	Concerns raised regarding pedestrian safety in Wandana Heights, requesting thought be put into the footpath along Barrabool Road. Requests for traffic measures along Barrabool road, including bike path, pedestrian crossing, and traffic lights/roundabout at busy intersections. Requesting lighting and playground be fixed at Drewen Park.
Connecting Communities & Growing Tourism - Lara to You Yangs	1	Funding for a proper walking path/bike path connecting the You Yangs along Flinders Avenue next to the Serendip Sanctuary.
FTE Expense and Increase in Strategy, People & Performance Division	1	Request for information regarding the reasons for the increase in FTE expense in Strategy, People & Performance Division
Ocean Grove Bike Trail	1	Seeking budget commitment for the construction of the Ocean Grove Bike Track. Significant private planning work and council design funding has been committed previously.
Council's Zero-Emissions Target	1	Request for Council to demonstrate evidence in the Proposed 2022-23 Budget of leadership or commitment on achieving it's ambitious municipality-wide zero-emissions target.
Climate change response plan	2	Commenting on Council's allocation of \$95,000 funding to respond to Climate Change and lack of leadership an d response to community's climate concerns on this matter
Request for Playground Equipment- Lovely Banks	1	Request for a simple swing and slide to be put in the parkland reserve on Matthews rd Lovely Banks.
Operation of Outdoor Pools during winter season	1	Request for information regarding the cost of opening outdoors and the patronage of these pools during winter.
Various	1	Request for total funding for Councillor remuneration, proposed expenditure for laneways in Drumcondra and Rippleside Playground and rate increases for over 75's self funded retirees.
Council's Strategic Directions	1	Suggestions for Council to hold Renewable Jobs expo to support a carbon neutral future as well supporting the Strong Local Economy strategic direction. Council to work with developers to encourage more social housing
Property Valuation Increases	1	Submission raises concern over the large increase in property valuations and the data used to support this

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SUBMISSIONS ON PROPO	SUBMISSIONS ON PROPOSED BUDGET					
		increase. Valuations should be based on land values and not capital improved value.				
Waurn Ponds Skate Park & BMX Track	1	Current facility is rarely used and poorly maintained. Community would love to be involved in the design of any dirt bike track.				
Indented Head Infrastructure	1	The Indented Head Community Association has been requesting long needed infrastructure spending for over 10 years. In early 2019 Bellarine Ward Highlights 2019/20 document for budget allocations - "Indented Head footpath project - \$125,000 - Design and deliver 2.3km of footpath, following a public survey of the local community. To be delivered over three years" this has not been done. Seeking Council support and funding for urgent infrastructure needs.				
Funding to upgrade Sandy Creek Road	2	Disappointment in the lack of funding in the 2022-23 budget for Sandy Creek Road resealing and upgrades as outlined in the Lara Traffic Management Plan.				
Advocacy and Funding for Serendip	1	Disappointment with Council and the failure to make any provision of financial support for Serendip Sanctuary. CoGG to play a role in advocating for the Sanctuary.				
Geelong Warriors Football Club - Clubroom Upgrade	1	The club is seeking a partnership agreement with the City of Greater Geelong for \$2,500,000.00 for the clubroom renovations. The original building comprising of the community hall, kitchen, bar, amenities and 2 changerooms and viewing stand is in poor condition and requires a full renovation. Similar to the Arena the roof is leaking, and the building is in desperate need of repair.				
Budget funding for Environment Services	1	Submission responds to Council's allocation of 1% of total budget to address environmental issues				
Barwon Heads Transport and Parking Strategy	2	Submission responds to Council's omission of funding in 2022-23 budget to implement findings from Transport & Parking Strategy.				
Fyans Street Drainage	1	Seeking to see if the budget supports any drainage works in Fyans Street to minimise flooding in the area, including properties along Lambert Street.				
Urban Forests	1	Submission requests Council spend more resources increasing the urban forest.				
Lara Sporting Precinct Masterplan	2	Request for additional funding for Stage 3 works of the Masterplan.				
Partnership Agreement - Elcho Park watering and maintenance	1	Submission for the inclusion within the 2022-23 Community Investment & Support Fund for a partnership agreement for \$50,000 +GST for the maintenance and watering of Elcho Park Reserve located at 15 Gibbons Road Lara. The support				

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		of council is essential to allow the club to continue to operate from Elcho Park Reserve.			
Sladen Park upgrade and Chilwell Library Redevelopment	1	Applaud Council for the commitment to the renewal and redevelopment of Chilwell Library. Seeking support and funding towards the adjoining but rather neglected Sladen Park under its asset renewal works.			
Funding for retail stores in Lara and Portarlington	1	Support for Lara getting their Own Independent Hardware Store or Portarlington getting their own Butcher & Greengrocer. They haven't got any of them at the moment.			
Review of Driving Range at Lara Golf Club	1	Seeking support for the development of a driving range at Lara Golf Club. A driving range will bring in additional revenue and members and will lead to further sustainability of the course in the future.			
Wallington Reserve	1	Submission requests Council bring forward allocated funding for the redevelopment of Wallington Reserve to 2022-23.			
Youth Hub/Centre for Lara	1	Lara needs a Youth Centre / Hub, we are one of the most growing areas in Geelong and there is not much for young youth in Lara. Will the Lara Community Hub have a youth hub included where young people can socialise and interact with other young people in the community? We need a centre that develops young people's skills and interests and support alternative pathways to education and employment. Somewhere where they can go and relax and connect that is not just about sport but arts, music and multiculturalism.			
Upgrades at Memorial Park Leopold	1	Disappointment not to see further funding in budget to invest in a new Oval 2 pavilion to support football and cricket for both junior and women's sport. Also, there is the need for a 1/2 netball court to allow for additional netball training and warm-up area. There is also a significant need to fix up the significant parking issues between the Tennis club and the Football/Netball and Cricket Clubs that share the use of Memorial Park Leopold. All 3 of these items that the Leopold Clubs see as a priority have been endorsed by our Mayor and our Bellarine Ward Councillor Stephanie Asher with a commitment if elected to provide \$3.25 mill. to commit to these projects.			
Cowie's Creek Masterplan Funding	1	Seeking the Cowie's Creek Masterplan to be prioritised and funded in the 2022-23 budget.			

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SUBMISSIONS ON PROPO	SED REVEN	NUE AND RATING PLAN
Reduction to Commercial and Industrial Rates	1	Submissions calls on Council to further reduce the commercial and industrial rate to 1.5 time the residential rate withing the 4 year forward estimates.

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SUBMISSIONS ON PROPOSED SLAE OF COUNCIL LAND (BUILDINGS)		
17 Reynolds Road Belmont	13	Loss of parking which supports healthcare for staff and patients parking and education, for school and daycare access and immunisation clinics.
	7	Requests to retain for public parking to support local businesses that are health and community services. Objection to sale of carparking
	10	Would result in increase in on street parking
	9	Objection due to traffic congestion which the development of this site would further impact.
	5	Loss of parking and more development would increase traffic, impacting safety of children attending school and kindergarten and pedestrians
	3	Loss of tenpin bowling centre
	1	Parent for school drop off doesn't want paid parking
	1	Believes there should have been more consultation
	1	School had used vacant land at the rear – would like to purchase this part
	1	May cause unauthorised parking on private Bowls Club
	1	Increase cost burden for lease of MCH
21 Gheringhap Steet Geelong (Civic Car Park)	3	Works in CBD - Parking needed for workers
	1	How does it align with Carparking Strategy?
	1	Risk of loss of parking after 10 years detrimental to businesses – renewal could be budgeted for.
	1	This carpark will become commercial with additional costs
	1	Owns business in CBD – already lost parking to bike lanes
	2	Loss of public parking detrimental to businesses
	1	Supportive of bike lanes, but believes City should maintain public carparking
	1	Report didn't give financial details about renewal of building after 10 years and cost of lease for light projection infrastructure
	1	Lack of consultation
	2	Impact on the lighting projections on City Hall with the infrastructure located in Civic Carpark
30-54 Brougham Street Geelong (Busport)	1	Loss of all day carparking for CBD based workers. Resulting increases in cost of parking Impacts on businesses



4. CLOSE OF MEETING