



## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – 24 JUNE 2020 WEST WIMMERA SHIRE COUNCIL

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| <b>HELD:</b>                   | <b>Wednesday 24 June 2020</b>   |
| <b>LOCATION:</b>               | <b>Edenhope Community Centre<br/>76 Elizabeth Street, Edenhope (&amp; Zoom)</b>   |
| <b>COMMENCEMENT:</b>           | <b>9.50am</b>   |
| <b>HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS:</b> | <b>People who had lodged written budget submissions were permitted to attend in person &amp; speak about their submission</b> |
| <b>GENERAL PUBLIC ACCESS:</b>  | <b>Live Streamed from Council's website<br/><a href="http://www.westwimmera.vic.gov.au">www.westwimmera.vic.gov.au</a></b>    |

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| <b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>                                  |   |
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| <b>Councillors</b>                                     | <b>Senior Management Group</b>  |
| Bruce Meyer OAM, Mayor<br>Jodie Pretlove, Deputy Mayor | David Leahy<br>Chief Executive Officer  |
| Trevor Domaschenz<br>Richard Hicks                     | Mark Marziale<br>Director Infrastructure Development & Works  |
| Tom Houlihan   | <b>Officers</b><br>Angelique Manwill, Governance Support Officer<br>Melanie Jordan, Finance Coordinator |

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***Vision Statement:***

*Our Wimmera Shire communities are healthy, thriving, diverse, harmonious, prosperous and self-sustaining, with regional and global connectivity*



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### 1.0 WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

**That in view of the current COVID-19 Pandemic and the social distancing restrictions put in place by the Australian Government, access to this meeting by the general public be limited to live streaming via Council's website, except for people who have lodged a written budget submission to Council.**

**Moved: Cr Richard Hicks**

**Seconded: Cr Jodie Pretlove**

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**Carried (5/0)**

### 2.0 OPENING PRAYER

The CEO read the Opening Prayer.

### 3.0 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apology from Ashley Roberts, Director Corporate & Community Services  
(family leave)

### 4.0 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

*All Councillors have a personal responsibility to ensure they are aware of the provisions mandated in the Local Government Act 2020 with regard Conflict of Interest disclosures.*

Nil



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**5.0 CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS TO 2020/21 DRAFT  
BUDGET**

**FILE NUMBER: FM0070**

**REPORT AUTHOR: MELANIE JORDAN, FINANCE COORDINATOR**

**FOR DECISION**

Introduction

This report presents all submissions received by West Wimmera Shire Council (Council) as per the resolution made at the Council Meeting held 20 May 2020.

Declaration of Interests

No officer declared an interest under the *Local Government Act 1989* in the preparation of this report.

Background

As part of its 2020/21 budget process West Wimmera Shire Council (Council) resolved at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 20 May 2020:

**Moved: Cr Jodie Pretlove**

**Seconded: Cr Richard Hicks**

- 1. That the 2020/21 draft budget be prepared by Council for the purposes of Section 127(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.**
- 2. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to:**
  - a) Give public notice of the preparation of such budget, in accordance with Section 129 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1989*; and**
  - b) Make available for public inspection the information required to be made available in accordance with the Local Government (Finance and Reporting) Regulations 2004.**
- 3. That Council:**
  - a) Seek public submissions on any proposal contained in such budget made**



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- in accordance with sections 129 and 223 of the Act, with such submission period closing 5.00pm Friday 19 June 2020; and
- b) Schedule any person wishing to be heard in support of their submission to the proposed budget, that they be heard by Council on Wednesday 24 June 2020 at Edenhope Council Chambers; and
  - c) Consider a recommendation or notice of motion to adopt such budget at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on Wednesday 15 July 2020 at Edenhope Council Chambers.

**Motion Carried (For: 4 / Against: 1)**

All budget submissions received by Council by the deadline of 5.00pm Friday 19 June 2020 are attached for Councillors information and discussion.

### Risk Management Implications

Not commented on.

### Legislative Implications

Under section 129 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act), Council is required to give public notice and place a proposed budget on public display for at least 28 days. Members of the public are entitled to make a submission to the budget under section 223 of the Act. Council has now complied with these requirements of the Act for the 2020/21 budget.

The proposed 2020/21 budget has been displayed at Council's service centres in Edenhope and Kaniva and also on Council's website. Council also ran a public information session on the draft 2020/21 budget on 10<sup>th</sup> June which was live streamed with the recording available on Council's Facebook page.

Section 223 allows for members of the public to make a submission. Taking these submissions to Council for consideration complies with the Act.

### Environmental Implications

Not commented on.

### Financial and Budgetary Implications

The 2020/21 budget has direct and significant financial implications. It highlights Council's revenue and spending for the year and outlines Council's medium term sustainability.



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All budget submissions will have some impact on Council's financial performance and position. The effect of each submission will be spoken to at the time of discussion.

### Policy Implications

This report is supported by the following West Wimmera Shire Council Policy:

Advocacy Policy  
Asset Capitalisation Policy  
Asset Management Policy  
Borrowings Policy  
Building Fee Refunds Policy  
Community Engagement Policy  
Fraud Control Policy  
Investment Policy

### Council Plan Implications

This report supports all sections of the West Wimmera Shire Council Plan 2017-2021:

- Strategic Objective 1: A proactive, well governed, professional and financially sustainable organisation that encourages community participation.
- Strategic Objective 2: Meaningful partnerships to support advocacy priorities and service provision.
- Strategic Objective 3: Quality sustainable community services and infrastructure.
- Strategic Objective 4: Building on our agricultural and business strengths and supporting economic development.
- Strategic Objective 5: Thriving, safe and diverse local communities.
- Strategic Objective 6: Participating in activities that address health and wellbeing issues.
- Strategic Objective 7: Providing access to and promoting the natural environment.

### Communication Implications

The public submission process allows interested members of our community to have a direct impact on Council's budget process and service delivery.

The outcomes of any public submissions made will be communicated to the parties making the submissions.



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### Conclusion

Council may choose whether to include in the 2020/21 budget any proposal contained in the submissions received.

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1. That Council receive and consider the public submissions received on the 2020/21 draft budget as attached.**
- 2. That Council instruct Officers which, if any, budget submissions they wish to be included in the 2020/21 budget.**

**Moved: Cr Trevor Domaschenz**

**Seconded: Cr Tom Houlihan**

**That Council receive and consider the public submissions received on the 2020/21 draft budget as attached.**

**Carried (5/0)**



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**Attachments:**

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Name</b>  | <b>RecFind Ref</b> |
|------------|--|--------------------|
| 5.01       | 2020/21 Budget Submission – Vision & Voice of Edenhope                       | E20/000127         |
| 5.02       | Vision & Voice of Edenhope WW Town & Tourism Strategy Feedback FINAL 27.3.20 | E20/000128         |
| 5.03       | Budget Submission – Vision & Voice (Bird Sculptures)                         | E20/000120         |
| 5.04       | Letter of Support for Project – Rodwells (Bird Sculpture Project)            | E20/000126         |
| 5.05       | Budget Submission – Vision & Voice (Lions Park Upgrade)                      | E20/000121         |
| 5.06       | Budget Submission – Edenhope Tourism Inc (Signs)                             | E20/000123         |
| 5.07       | Budget Submission – Edenhope Tourism Inc (Operating budget)                  | E20/000124         |
| 5.08       | Budget Submission – Henley on Lake Wallace                                   | E20/000125         |
| 5.09       | Budget Submission - Apsley & District Action Group                           | E20/000122         |
| 5.10       | Summary of Budget Submissions  | E20/000129         |

**MEETING CONCLUDED: 11:10 AM**