



Reference: AF11/877 GH.MJT  
Enquiries to: Mr Grant Humphries

City of Mount Gambier

**MAYOR  
MEMBERS**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Mayor, Mr Andrew Lee has called Special Meetings of the Council to be held at the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, 10 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier on the following dates and times:

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 Council Chamber – Civic Centre (commencing at 7.00 p.m.)  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015 Council Chamber – Civic Centre (commencing at 6.00 p.m.)

For the purpose of:

1. Considering public submissions received as a result of the public consultation process on the draft 2015/2016 Business Plan and Budget;
2. Consideration of the draft 2015/2016 Business Plan and Budget;
3. Making recommendations for the adoption of the draft 2015/2016 Business Plan and Budget.

An agenda for the meeting to be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 (to be held at 7.00 p.m. following the conclusion of the May Council Meeting) is attached hereto.

**Mark McSHANE**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

1<sup>st</sup> May, 2015  
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CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER

Special Meeting of Council to be held Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 at 6.00 p.m.

AGENDA

PRESENT

Mayor A Lee, Cr Christian Greco, Cr Mark Lovett, Cr Josh Lynagh, Cr Sonya Mezinac, Cr Frank Morello, Cr Des Mutton, Cr Steve Perryman, Cr Hanna Persello, Cr Penny Richardson, Cr Ian Von Stanke

APOLOGIES:

moved that the apology(ies) from be received.

seconded

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOANDIK PEOPLES AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND WHERE WE MEET TODAY. WE RESPECT THEIR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND AND RECOGNISE THE DEEP FEELINGS OF ATTACHMENT OUR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THIS LAND.**

**1. DRAFT 2015/2016 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET OVERVIEW - Ref. AF14/427**

The Director - Corporate Services reported:

- (a) The draft 2015/2016 Business Plan and Budget issued for public consultation provides for the following estimates of income and expenditure:

	<b>\$ 000's</b>	
Required Rates	17,845,000	
Operating Revenue	6,479,000	
Less Operating Expenditure	<u>24,302,000</u>	
Operating Surplus / (-Deficit)	22,000	(Surplus)
Plus Non-Operating Revenue	6,890,000	
Less Non-Operating Expenditure	874,000	
Less Capital Expenditure	6,088,000	
Budget Cash Surplus / (-Deficit) as at 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	(50)	

Increase in gross rate revenue of 4.5% (including growth) would be required.

moved that the report be received.

seconded

**2. DRAFT 2015/2016 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET PROGRAM - Ref. AF13/457**

The Director - Corporate Services reported:

Council at its meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 resolved:

- (a) *In accordance with Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1999, the following Program leading up to the adoption of Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2015/2016 is proposed (actual dates to be confirmed):*

<b>Date (2015)</b>	<b>Description</b>
<i>March/April</i>	<i>Members Budget Workshops/Briefing(s) (actual dates to be confirmed).</i>
<i>by 30<sup>th</sup> April</i>	<i>Draft Business Plan and Budget released for public comment.</i>
<i>by 31<sup>st</sup> May</i>	<i>Public submissions on draft Business Plan and Budget close.</i>

Agenda for Special Meeting of Council, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 cont'd...

<b>Date (2015)</b>	<b>Description</b>
<i>early June</i>	<i>First Special (public) Meeting to hear any public submissions and to discuss the draft Business Plan and Budget.</i>
<i>mid June</i>	<i>Second Special (public) Meeting to be held to discuss/finalise the draft Business Plan and Budget (if required).</i>
<i>late June/July</i>	<i>Special Council meeting to be held to finalise and endorse draft Business Plan and Budget (if required).</i>
<i>24<sup>th</sup> July</i>	<i>Last date for finalisation/distribution of first quarterly rate notice and distribution of summary Annual Business Plan.</i>
<i>11<sup>th</sup> September</i>	<i>First quarterly rate installment final payment due.</i>

moved that the report be received

seconded

**3. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 30/2015 - Draft 2015/2016 Business Plan and Budget- Community Consultation Outcomes - Ref. AF14/427**

The Director Corporate Services reported;

- (a) Council's Community Consultation on the Draft 2015/2016 Business Plan and Budget concluded on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2015;
- (b) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 30/2015 (attached) provides full detail on the community consultation outcomes for Members review;
- (c) An opportunity is always provided to any person(s) who may wish to address Council in support of any lodged submission.

moved:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 30/2015 be received;
- (b) Council publicly acknowledge and thank all persons who provided commentary on the Draft 2015/2016 Business Plan and Budget.

seconded

**4. SUSPENSION OF MEETING PROCEDURES (if required)**

moved that pursuant to the powers contained at Paragraph 21 of the Local Government (Proceedings at Meetings) Regulations that the provisions of the said Regulations be suspended.

seconded

The Meeting Procedures were suspended at        p.m.

**5. RESUMPTION OF MEETING PROCEDURES (if required)**

moved that the provisions of the Meeting Procedures be now resumed.

seconded

Agenda for Special Meeting of Council, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 cont'd...

The Meeting Procedures were resumed at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

**6. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT 2015/16 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET - Ref. AR13/457**

The Director - Corporate Services reported:

- (a) any formal resolutions to adjust the Draft 2015/2016 Budget be considered; or
- (b) any formal resolutions be held over for consideration as a subsequent meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_ moved the report be received.

\_\_\_\_\_ seconded

**7. NEXT SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL - to consider draft 2015/16 Business Plan and Budget**

\_\_\_\_\_ moved that a further Special Meeting of Council be held on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 6.00 p.m. to further consider the Draft 2015/16 Business Plan and Budget.

\_\_\_\_\_ seconded

Meeting closed at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.  
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## CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 30/2015

**SUBJECT: 2015/2016 DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN & BUDGET – COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

**REF: AF14/427**

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*Goal: Governance*

*Strategic Objective: Fully integrate long term asset and financial plans with the annual business plan and annual budget.*

### INTRODUCTION

At Council's meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 a 2015/2016 Business Plan and Budget Program was adopted with public consultation commencing on 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 and concluding on the 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

Additional documentation was developed to accompany the 2015/2016 Draft Business Plan and Budget endeavouring to make it easier and more convenient for individuals to source information and share informed views on the forthcoming Business Plan and Budget. This included:

- 2015/2016 Draft Business Plan and Budget Summary
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Budget Summary For Every \$100 The City of Mount Gambier Spends
- Updated Feedback Form

Community consultation commenced on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 and copies of the 2015/2016 Draft Business Plan and Budget along with accompanying documentation were made available free of charge from the Council Offices, Civic Centre, 10 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier and also on the 'Have Your Say' Facility on the Council website.

The community were advised of the 2015/2016 Draft Business Plan & Budget consultation via the following mediums and encouraged to participate:

Media Release/s	Periodically throughout the consultation period
Advertisements placed in the Border Watch	Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2015 Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2015 Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2015 Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2015
Featured in Weekly Affairs Column in the Border Watch	Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> April, 2015 Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April, 2015 Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May, 2015
Radio Interviews	22nd May, 2015 Director - Corporate Services on 5SE with Jason Schiedl and also on LimeFM with Tracy Lalich

Corporate and Community Services Report No. 30/2015 cont'd...

Courtyard Display	Duration of Consultation period
Website Homepage Banner Promotion	Duration of Consultation period

The community were provided the opportunity and encouraged to forward any submissions or questions on the 2015/2016 Draft Business Plan and Budget consultation via the following mediums:

- Email via [city@mountgambier.sa.gov.au](mailto:city@mountgambier.sa.gov.au)
- Written submissions
- Feedback Sheet from Courtyard Display
- 'Have your Say' at [http://haveyoursaymountgambier.com.au/20152016-draft-business-plan-and-budget?preview=true&tool=survey\\_tool&tool\\_id=your-submission1#tool\\_tab](http://haveyoursaymountgambier.com.au/20152016-draft-business-plan-and-budget?preview=true&tool=survey_tool&tool_id=your-submission1#tool_tab)
- Text to 0407 794 188

Consultation Activity Summary

The following table summarises the level of community interest in becoming informed of the contents of proposed Business Plan and Budget and how many actively participated by submitting formal feedback.

**Participation measure**

Have Your Say - Site Visits	125	Have Your Say - Informed Visitors	42
Have Your Say - Document Downloads	6		

**Formal Submissions**

Online Submissions	3	Texts	0
Email	1	Mail	0
Courtyard	4	Quick Poll	2

The above tables reflect the level of interest received during the consultation period and also summarises the number of active participants in the consultation process.

A consolidated list of all feedback is attached.

Summary

Whilst every endeavour was taken to improve our consultation strategy and extend the Council engagement with the community on the draft 2014/15 Business Plan and Budget the active participation rates remain low when considering our population.

In percentage terms, less than 1% of the population sought to become informed about the draft document and there have been no requests for their views to be presented in a formal manner to be considered at the Special meetings of Council.

Corporate and Community Services Report No. 30/2015 cont'd...

Recommendation

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 30/2015 be received;
- (b) Council publicly acknowledge and thank all persons who provided commentary on the Draft 2015/2016 Business Plan and Budget.



**Grant HUMPHRIES**  
DIRECTOR - CORPORATE SERVICES

Sighted:



**Mark McSHANE**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

12<sup>th</sup> May, 2015  
FM/MJT

**2015/2016 DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET  
FEEDBACK SHEET SUMMARY**

DATE	NAME	SUPPORT BP&B  AGREE/ NEUTRAL/ DISAGREE	COMMENTS	PRESENT SUBMISSION	FEEDBACK SHEET RECEIVED VIA					
					Mail	Text	Email	Courtyard	Online	Quick Poll
22/04/15	Anonymous	Disagree	Rates are too high. Stop suckering those with assets, because not all of them have large incomes. It is time for more user-pay revenue; fewer grandiose projects; fewer Council staff, and lower rates.	No					✓	
23/04/15	Peter Bayley	Agree	I note with concern the compounding nature of rate increases and the growth of funding allocated to community demands, economic development and tourism expenditure, which is beginning to look like the provision of services that should be funded by other government agencies. There is an ongoing need for spending restraint on projects like the restoration of the old hospital laundry which I believe is of dubious architectural merit and of doubtful value as a community facility. I commend council on the scope of the LTFP.	No					✓	
28/04/15	Naomi Brick	Neutral	I would like to see some attention paid to the area of open grassland between Walnut/Elm Avenue, Chestnut Close and Willow Avenue. This area is used by children to access Mulga Street Primary and it gets quite damp in Winter. There is currently no way for the kids who live in any of the streets off Elm avenue to walk to Mulga St Primary without crossing a large grassy area; this means they start school with wet feet on damp days. A walking path would improve their walk to school, probably encourage people who don't currently walk to do so and improve their day at school and their foot hygiene. If the opening on Willow St is marked for development (I hope at least a lane could be left if it is) please consider another crossing areas for the path.	No					✓	



					Mail	Text	Email	Courtyard	Online	Quick Poll
30/04/15	Leanne Dunn	Neutral	Time for consolidation. Breakdown of Main Corner revenue/ expenditure. Could services provided be relocated. Library high operating costs but offers great community service but does not cater for large demographic - perhaps close on weekday and open longer over weekend. Funds to support Economic functions seem low . Rates Concessions - what is Councils current stance if State funding is removed. Regulatory Expenditure difficult to consider without details but noted Dog Control far exceeds Health Inspections?	No				✓		
07/05/15	John Kirby	Neutral	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In Appendix 1, Items 7.1 and 7.2, you provide details of expended expenditure on outdoor sports facilities, both Operating and Capital expenditure. Need to elaborate as to where most of those monies are to be spent.</li> <li>2. Draft Balance Sheet - under what item are the assets of the Queen Elizabeth Caravan Park and the Blue Lake Golf Course and facilities included? (there is reference in a separate item for the Cemetery Park Trust, but nothing for the assets of the QEPT).</li> <li>3. If the assets of the QEPT are not included, why not, and also if there are any other assets or facilities owned by Council that have not been included in your Balance Sheet?</li> </ol>				✓			
12/05/15	Anonymous	Disagree	Council should not waste money propping up The Junction or Mental Health.					✓		
12/05/05	Peter Van Heeswyk		Agree with most of the plan but no need to spend more on Railway land, enough has already been spent. When designing footpaths the pram ramps should not be offset they should be compliant with the road rules and maybe signs or lines should be painted on the road to give pedestrians right of way according to the road rules.					✓		
12/05/15	Anonymous		Should be consultation with young.					✓		
12/05/15	Quick Poll	Agree								✓
12/05/15	Quick Poll	Agree								✓