

Agenda

Special Meeting of Council

Tallangatta Council Office

Tuesday 26 June 2018

AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD AT TOWONG SHIRE COUNCIL, TALLANGATTA OFFICE ON 26 JUNE 2018 COMMENCING AT 1.00PM.

Commonly used acronyms

ABBREVIATION	TITLE
Council Officers	
CAE	Civil Asset Engineer
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
DCCS	Director Community and Corporate Services
DTS	Director Technical Services
EA	Executive Assistant
MCorp	Manager Corporate Services
MCS	Manager Community Services
MED	Manager Economic Development
MF	Manager Finance
Government/Organisation	
ACSUM	Alliance of Councils and Shires of the Upper Murray
CHS	Corryong Health Service (formerly Upper Murray Health and Community Services)
DEDJTR	Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources
DELWP	Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning
GMW	Goulburn Murray Water
HRGLN	Hume Region Local Government Network
MAV	Municipal Association of Victoria
NECMA	North East Catchment Management Authority
NEW	North East Water
NEWRRG	North East Waste and Resource Recovery Group
RCV	Rural Councils Victoria
RDA	Regional Development Australia
RDV	Regional Development Victoria
THS	Tallangatta Health Service

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1 Opening Prayer

"Almighty God, we ask that you be present at this meeting to assist us in our service to the Community through Local Government.

We pray that our decisions will be wise and taken with goodwill and clear conscience.

Amen."

2 Councillor and Officer presence at the meeting

3 Apologies and granting of leave of absence

4 Declaration of pecuniary interest and/or conflict

For the purpose of this section, Councillors must disclose the nature of the conflict of interest in accordance with s79 (2) of the Local Government Act.

5 Petitions, joint letters and declarations

6 Organisational improvement

6.1 Proposed Budget 2018/19 (06/02/0081-DCCS)

Disclosure of Interests (S.80C):

This report was prepared by Mr Blair Phillips, Manager Finance.

At the time of preparation of the report the officer did not have a direct or indirect interest in any matter to which the report or advice relates.

Background/History:

A proposed 2018/19 Budget, including updated Strategic Resource Plan and Long Term Financial Plan, was adopted 'in-principle' at the Special Council Meeting held on 15 May 2018. Council's resolution is shown below.

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THAT:

- 1. COUNCIL CONSIDER THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2018/19 AND PROVIDE DIRECTION AS TO ANY VARIATIONS THAT ARE REQUIRED;*
- 2. COUNCIL GIVE IN PRINCIPLE APPROVAL TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2018/19, WITH AN INCREASE IN THE AVERAGE RATES PER RATEABLE ASSESSMENT OF 4.80%;*
- 3. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER BE AUTHORISED TO:
 - a. GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE PREPARATION OF THE PROPOSED 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 BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND REPORTING) REGULATIONS 2014;**
- 4. AT THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD AT TALLANGATTA ON 26 JUNE 2018 COUNCIL:
 - a. CONSIDER ANY SUBMISSIONS IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET;*
 - b. HEAR ANY PERSON OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE IN SUPPORT OF THEIR SUBMISSION; AND*
 - c. CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET.**

CARRIED

To be financially sustainable and responsible the proposed 2018/19 Budget provided the following changes to key rates and charges:

- 4.80% general rate and municipal charge increase (2.55% above the rate cap of 2.25% announced by the Minister for Local Government and 0.75% less than Council's approved higher rate cap of 5.55%)
- \$45 increase to the standard service kerbside collection charges to cover the increased costs of disposing waste, particularly recyclable waste with recent changes in the recycling industry
- no increase to the waste management charge.

Report:

Since the proposed Budget for 2018/19 was adopted in principle at the 15 May 2018 Special Council Meeting there have been a number of developments that are recommended to be considered for changes to the proposed Budget, as follows:

- further information has been received regarding Council's expected Financial Assistance Grants allocation for 2018/19
- reviews have continued into Council's operations to ensure that the organisation is best placed to deliver on Council's priorities
- Enterprise Agreement negotiations have advanced with a 1.5% annual wages and salary increase now under consideration
- the general revaluation data has been finalised enabling the computation of updated rates in the dollar for levying of general rates.

Further detail on these developments is contained below.

Amendments to Budget for public exhibition

Council's expected Financial Assistance Grants allocation for 2018/19 has been impacted by a number of factors, including updated Census population data and the final change from Council's review of data in relation to local roads. The information is an indicative estimate of the increased allocation of Financial Assistance Grants and has been provided for budgeting purposes only.

Reviews have continued into Council's operations to improve the effectiveness in which Council fulfils its responsibilities and provides its services. In particular it is proposed to allocate additional resources to enable new executive support to be full-time and at an appropriate banding pay scale and additional resourcing to co-ordinate swimming pool resourcing.

It is also recommended that the proposed Budget for 2018/19 be increased to enable a financial contribution to be committed in the next round of the Mobile Blackspot Funding program, to undertake renewal works at Council's depots and to provide for infrastructure expansion to support the Connecting Corryong project. In

addition it is recommended that the budget be increased to reflect current Enterprise Agreement negotiations.

These recommended changes to the proposed Budget (that was released for public exhibition) are attached at [Appendix 1](#).

The 2018/19 year is a general revaluation year. This results in new Capital Improved Values being obtained for all properties across the Towong Shire. Generally this data would be available at the time of preparing a proposed budget for public exhibition and would allow for the computation of proposed rates in the dollar for the levying of general rates. This year there were delays in the valuation data being finalised for councils where the Valuer-General is the valuation authority. As a consequence, the proposed Budget could not report proposed rates in the dollar for the levying of general rates, but utilised rates in the dollar based on the previous valuation data. Final valuation data has now been received and the final proposed rates in the dollar, based on a 4.8% rate increase, are as follows:

Type or class of land	2018/19 \$/\$CIV
General rate for rateable residential properties	0.004253
General rate for rateable rural residential properties	0.004253
General rate for rateable rural properties	0.003828
General rate for rateable business properties	0.004040
General rate for rateable undeveloped residential properties	0.015311

Public Exhibition

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1989, the proposed Budget was released on public exhibition. Further detail on the public exhibition process, communication plan and submissions received is contained in the Community Consultation/Responses section of this report.

Impact on Council Policy:

Council Plan Objectives

Council's 2017-2021 Council Plan has a strategic objective of embedding organisational excellence into our governance and management processes to deliver the best possible outcomes for our residents and ratepayers. Council encourages appropriate community involvement in its governance processes and will aim to produce accurate, concise and easy to read reports and publications for members of our public.

Strategic Resource Plan (SRP)

The Strategic Resource Plan for 2018/19 to 2021/22 has been updated and included in the proposed Budget 2018/19.

Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP)

The Long Term Financial Plan for 2018/19 to 2027/28 has been updated and included in the proposed Budget 2018/19.

Community Outcomes

The development of the proposed Budget 2018/19 is a critical component in the financial management of Council's operations to ensure the delivery of appropriate services and programs to residents and ratepayers.

Environmental Impact

The proposed Budget 2018/19 contains financial provision for Council to achieve significant environmental outcomes for the community.

Organisational Impact

The proposed Budget 2018/19 establishes the organisational arrangements necessary for Council's operations.

State Government Legislation:

The proposed Budget 2018/19 has been prepared in accordance with the relevant sections and regulations of the Local Government Act 1989 and Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014, as attached at [Appendix 2](#).

Budget Impact:

The proposed Budget 2018/19 establishes the financial framework of Council including income and expenditure, rating strategy, borrowings and asset management programs necessary for Council operations.

Community Consultation/Responses:

A person has a right to make a submission under section 223 on any proposal contained in the budget. Submissions could be made on the proposed 2018/19 Budget up until 5pm on Friday 15 June 2018.

The proposed Budget and associated public exhibition period were advertised in The Border Mail, Corryong Courier and Tallangatta Herald. In addition, a communications plan was implemented to assist with increasing awareness in the Towong Shire

community of the opportunity for residents and ratepayers to provide input into Council's 2018/19 Budget. The communications plan:

- established an online portal to increase ease with which a community member could make a submission
- provided an increased social media presence and introduced video updates as a tool to provide greater visibility of the budget, its contents and options for providing feedback
- shared more detailed proposed budget content through traditional local media.

Three submissions were received by the submission deadline and are attached at [Appendix 3](#). Key points raised in each submission and recommended responses are provided in the table below.

Submission Number	Submission Date	Key Points raised	Recommended response
1	24 May 2018	The main town Master Plans are referenced but not other Master Plans such as Talgarno Hall and Talgarno Recreation Reserve Master Plan.	The proposed Budget for 2018/19 be updated to include reference to the broader range of masterplans that Council has assisted in the development of.
2	25 May 2018	New footpaths (or repairs) in the main street in Corryong and leading to the Man From Snowy River Museum. Also no specific mention of money for mental health issues.	Footpath works from the Corryong town centre to the museum are already planned and included in the budget as part of the annual footpath renewal program. More significant works in the main street will be scoped and assessed to determine priority in future budgets. Council's proposed Budget contains a range of initiatives to increase community resilience and connectedness. Whilst not specifically flagged as responding to mental health issues, programs such as the youth program, maternal

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			<p>and child health services, supported playgroups, recreational infrastructure support, are prioritised to enhance community connectedness.</p> <p>Mental health is also a priority in the upcoming Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan. It is recommended that no change be made to the 2018/19 Budget, with a view to considering this further as the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan is finalised and implemented.</p>
3	31 May 2018	Perimeter fencing of the Triangles playground in Tallangatta and also for other playgrounds within the Shire where they are close to busy roads.	<p>Options are currently being considered for the Triangles in the park masterplan works (as part of the Destination Tallangatta project). This submission will be considered as part of this plan.</p> <p>When finalised the Triangles master plan will assist in informing plans for playgrounds that Council is upgrading across the Shire.</p>

Once a final budget has been adopted a response will be sent to each individual who provided a budget submission.

Risk Assessment:

The proposed 2018/19 Budget, containing the Strategic Resource Plan 2018/19 to 2021/22 and the Long Term Financial Plan 2018/19 to 2027/28, has been prepared to enable Council to manage both short term and long term financial sustainability risk exposures.

The Victorian Auditor-General's Office (VAGO) uses a range of financial sustainability indicators as part of their audits and analysis. These indicators have been included in Council's LTFP and provide Council officers with a good point of reference for the implications on the range of these sustainability indicators with any changes in financial modelling.

The table below shows the VAGO indicators with a rate increase of 2.25% (at the Minister's rate cap, noting that Council has approval for a higher rate cap of 5.55% for 2018/19). By the year 2027 the liquidity indicator shows Council will be very close to running out of cash to meet its financial obligations.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Underlying result (1yr)	20%	-6%	0%	-2%	-5%	-6%	-6%	-7%	-8%	-8%	-9%	-10%
Underlying result (4yr)	5%	8%	3%	4%	-3%	-3%	-5%	-6%	-7%	-7%	-8%	-9%
Liquidity	6.95	7.20	7.75	7.39	6.49	5.93	5.12	4.15	2.98	1.77	0.38	(10.6)
Self financing	64%	41%	30%	28%	24%	21%	22%	20%	20%	18%	19%	17%
Indebtedness	7%	8%	10%	27%	30%	33%	36%	32%	30%	26%	24%	19%
Capital replacement (1yr)	1.21	1.92	1.13	1.44	1.29	1.11	1.24	1.18	1.32	1.27	1.41	1.37
Capital replacement (4yr)	1.54	1.61	1.53	1.43	1.44	1.24	1.27	1.21	1.21	1.25	1.30	1.34
Accounting Renewal gap (1yr)	1.79	1.59	1.07	0.99	1.01	1.10	1.14	1.18	1.22	1.27	1.31	1.36
Accounting Renewal gap (4yr)	1.15	1.20	1.27	1.35	1.17	1.05	1.06	1.11	1.16	1.20	1.24	1.29

The proposed Budget that was released for public exhibition was prepared to be financially sustainable with a rate increase of 4.80%. The table below shows the VAGO indicators for the proposed Budget.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Underlying result (1yr)	20%	-6%	2%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	3%	3%
Underlying result (4yr)	5%	8%	4%	4%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%
Liquidity	6.95	7.11	6.32	6.37	6.06	5.97	6.20	5.77	5.14	4.67	4.03	3.54
Self financing	64%	40%	35%	34%	31%	30%	30%	26%	26%	26%	26%	26%
Indebtedness	7%	11%	12%	27%	29%	31%	33%	29%	26%	22%	20%	16%
Capital replacement (1yr)	1.50	1.92	2.11	1.41	1.24	1.06	1.19	1.13	1.27	1.22	1.36	1.31
Capital replacement (4yr)	1.61	1.68	1.86	1.74	1.66	1.45	1.22	1.15	1.16	1.20	1.24	1.29
Accounting Renewal gap (1yr)	1.07	1.59	1.95	0.94	0.96	1.05	1.09	1.13	1.17	1.21	1.26	1.31
Accounting Renewal gap (4yr)	0.97	1.02	1.33	1.40	1.36	1.22	1.01	1.06	1.11	1.15	1.19	1.24

With the recommendations to amend the proposed Budget for 2018/19, as detailed earlier in this report, and with a 4.8% rate increase, the VAGO financial sustainability indicators would now report the following results:

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Underlying result (1yr)	20%	-6%	4%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	3%	4%	5%
Underlying result (4yr)	5%	8%	4%	6%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	4%
Liquidity	6.95	7.11	6.31	6.49	6.33	6.35	6.73	6.44	5.96	5.61	5.10	4.74
Self financing	64%	40%	37%	35%	32%	31%	31%	27%	27%	27%	27%	27%
Indebtedness	7%	11%	12%	27%	29%	31%	33%	29%	26%	22%	20%	16%
Capital replacement (1yr)	1.50	1.92	2.19	1.41	1.23	1.06	1.19	1.13	1.26	1.21	1.35	1.31
Capital replacement (4yr)	1.61	1.68	1.88	1.76	1.68	1.47	1.22	1.15	1.16	1.20	1.24	1.29
Accounting Renewal gap (1yr)	1.07	1.59	1.95	0.94	0.96	1.05	1.08	1.12	1.17	1.21	1.26	1.30
Accounting Renewal gap (4yr)	0.97	1.02	1.33	1.40	1.35	1.22	1.01	1.06	1.11	1.15	1.19	1.23

This budget has also been prepared in accordance with Council’s legislative requirements, thereby minimising Council’s compliance risks.

Discussion/Officers view:

Council’s financial sustainability continues to be a key platform for Council’s long term financial planning and this is reflected in the recommended Budget for 2018/19.

Over the past ten years Council has been actively reducing the extent of its underlying deficit by adopting innovative practices in order to be as lean and efficient as possible, whilst providing an appropriate level of services and infrastructure to the community.

Further investigation of Council revenue streams and expenditures has been undertaken over the last 12 months with realised positive cash flows providing Council with the ability to consider a financially responsible rate increase that is marginally less than the higher rate cap that has been approved by the Essential Services Commission.

The final Budget for 2018/19 recommended to Council for adoption is based on the proposed Budget released for public exhibition with:

- a 4.80% general rate and municipal charge increase
- a \$45 increase to the standard service kerbside collection charge
- no increase to the waste management charge, and
- the following changes:
 - a. update operating revenue to reflect the expected Financial Assistance Grants allocation for 2018/19
 - b. increase the budget allocation for operating expenditure and capital expenditure, as detailed in Appendix 1 to ensure that the organisation is best placed to deliver on Council’s priorities

- c. increase the budget allocation for operating expenditure by \$45,000 to reflect the current Enterprise Agreement position (1.5% annual wage and salary increase)
- d. update the rates in the dollar for levying of general rates based on the new general revaluation data
- e. include reference to the broader range of masterplans that Council has assisted in the development of
- f. include clearer reference in the Budget for Council Plan Strategies contained in the proposed Budget that have been extracted from the Council Plan 2017-2021.

The proposed Budget is recommended to Council as financially responsible and consistent with Council's long term financial planning objectives.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

- 1. IT BE NOTED THAT THREE SUBMISSIONS WERE RECEIVED IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED 2018/19 BUDGET AND THESE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED.**

- 2. IT BE NOTED THAT THE PROPOSED BUDGET 2018/19 INCLUDES AN ESTIMATE OF CARRY FORWARD FUNDS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS. CARRY FORWARD FUNDS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS WILL BE REVIEWED AS PART OF THE END OF YEAR AUDIT IN AUGUST 2018 WITH AN UPDATE PROVIDED TO COUNCIL AT THE NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING IF THERE ARE ANY MATERIAL VARIATIONS.**

- 3. THE PROPOSED BUDGET 2018/19, WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:**
 - a. UPDATE OPERATING REVENUE TO REFLECT THE EXPECTED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS ALLOCATION FOR 2018/19**
 - b. INCREASE THE BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURE BY \$xxxx AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY \$XXXX, AS DETAILED IN APPENDIX 1 TO ENSURE THAT THE ORGANISATION IS BEST PLACED TO DELIVER ON COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**
 - c. INCREASE THE BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURE BY \$45,000 TO REFLECT THE CURRENT ENTERPRISE**

AGREEMENT POSITION (1.5% ANNUAL WAGE AND SALARY INCREASE)

- d. UPDATE THE RATES IN THE DOLLAR FOR LEVYING OF GENERAL RATES BASED ON THE NEW GENERAL REVALUATION DATA (AS FOLLOWS IN PART 8 OF THIS RECOMMENDATION**
- e. INCLUDE REFERENCE TO THE BROADER RANGE OF MASTERPLANS THAT COUNCIL HAS ASSISTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF**
- f. INCLUDE CLEARER REFERENCE IN THE BUDGET FOR THE COUNCIL PLAN STRATEGIES THAT HAVE BEEN EXTRACTED FROM THE COUNCIL PLAN 2017-2021,**

IS ADOPTED AS THE BUDGET 2018/19 FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 127 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989 WITH AN INCREASE TO GENERAL RATE INCOME OF 4.80%.

- 4. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER BE AUTHORISED TO GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2018/19 BUDGET AND FORWARD A COPY TO THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 130 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989.**
- 5. PURSUANT TO SECTION 158 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989,**
 - 5.1. THE AMOUNTS WHICH COUNCIL INTENDS TO RAISE BY GENERAL RATES, MUNICIPAL CHARGES, SERVICE RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES FOR THE 2018/19 FINANCIAL YEAR ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Type of Charge	2018/19 \$
General rates	6,211,000
Municipal charges	1,152,000
Service charges (Waste Management and Kerbside Collection charges)	1,375,000

- 5.2. GENERAL RATES WILL BE RAISED BY THE APPLICATION OF A DIFFERENTIAL RATING STRATEGY.**

**6. PURSUANT TO SECTION 159 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989,
COUNCIL DECLARES A MUNICIPAL CHARGE AS FOLLOWS:**

Type of Charge	Per Rateable Property 2018/19 \$
Municipal	296

**7. PURSUANT TO SECTION 162 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989,
COUNCIL DECLARES THE FOLLOWING ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGES:**

Type of Charge	Per Rateable Property 2018/19 \$
Waste management	101
Garbage Collection:	
Garbage and Recycling - 140/240 Litre Bins (Standard Service)	321
Garbage and Recycling - 240/240 Litre Bins	350
Garbage and Recycling - 80/240 Litre Bins	280
Additional Garbage - 140 Litre Bin (Standard Size)	262
Additional Garbage - 240 Litre Bin	341
Additional Garbage - 80 Litre Bin	222
Additional Recycling – 240 Litre Bin	145
Garbage/Recycle Service Extension – per km	140

**8. PURSUANT TO SECTION 161 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989,
COUNCIL DECLARES THE FOLLOWING RATE IN THE DOLLAR FOR EACH
TYPE OF RATE TO BE LEVIED, WITH THE DEFINITION OF EACH TYPE OR
CLASS OF LAND CONTAINED WITHIN THE 2018/19 BUDGET:**

Type or class of land	2018/19 \$/\$CIV
General rate for rateable residential properties (100%)	0.004253
General rate for rateable rural residential properties (100%)	0.004253
General rate for rateable rural properties (90%)	0.003828
General rate for rateable business properties (95%)	0.004040
General rate for rateable undeveloped residential properties (360%)	0.015311

9. REBATES

IN EXERCISE OF THE POWER CONFERRED BY SECTION 169 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989, COUNCIL GRANTS TO EACH OWNER (OR, WHERE APPLICABLE, OCCUPIER) OF RATEABLE LAND A REBATE OF THE MUNICIPAL CHARGE AND A REBATE OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT CHARGE DECLARED BY COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR.

9.1 IF:

9.1.1 THE RATEABLE LAND IS FARM LAND WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 2(1) OF THE VALUATION OF LAND ACT 1960 OR WOULD BE FARM LAND IF IT WERE 2 HECTARES OR MORE IN AREA;

9.1.2 THE RATEABLE LAND FORMS PART OF A SINGLE FARM ENTERPRISE;

9.1.3 A REBATE IS NOT GRANTED IN RESPECT OF AT LEAST ONE OTHER RATEABLE PROPERTY WHICH FORMS PART OF THE SINGLE FARM ENTERPRISE; AND

9.1.4 IN THE CASE OF A SINGLE FARM ENTERPRISE, WHICH IS OCCUPIED BY MORE THAN ONE PERSON, A REBATE IS NOT GRANTED IN RESPECT OF MORE THAN ONE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF RESIDENCE.

9.2 COUNCIL RECORDS THAT, IN ITS OPINION, THE REBATES WILL ASSIST THE PROPER DEVELOPMENT OF ITS MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BY ENCOURAGING THE RETENTION OF FARMS AND REDUCING THE RATE AND CHARGE BURDEN ON OWNERS (AND, WHERE APPLICABLE, OCCUPIERS) OF SINGLE FARM ENTERPRISES.

9.3 COUNCIL GRANT A CONCESSION OF 50% ON THE GENERAL RATES LEVIED ON THE FOUR ELDERLY PERSONS UNITS LOCATED AT 24 WILLONG STREET, TALLANGATTA, AS PER EXISTING AGREEMENT DATED 1994 BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND COUNCIL.

9.4 COUNCIL GRANT A CONCESSION OF 50% ON THE RATES, MUNICIPAL CHARGE AND WASTE MANAGEMENT CHARGE LEVIED ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 25 WHEELER STREET, CORYONG, AS PER COUNCIL MINUTES DATED 1 MAY 2000.

10. CONSEQUENTIAL MATTERS

**PAYMENT DATES FOR RATES AND CHARGES FOR 2018/19 SHALL BE BY
INSTALMENTS PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE 30 SEPTEMBER 2018, 30
NOVEMBER 2018, 28 FEBRUARY 2019 AND 31 MAY 2019.**

Appendix 1

Budget 2018/19

RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS

	Budget 2018/19	Comment
	\$	
OPERATING		
Wages	(45,000)	EBA increase 0.5%
Wages	(46,000)	Executive Services (0.16 FTE + band adj.)
Swimming pools	(11,000)	Swimming Pool Co-Ordinator
Contribution	(10,000)	Blackspot mobile phone tower (Round 4)
Net operating adjustments	(112,000)	
CAPITAL		
Depots	(60,000)	Depot renewal (Corryong and Tallangatta)
Infrastructure expansion	(275,000)	Support Connecting Corryong project
Net capital adjustments	(335,000)	

Budget 2018/19

Extract of Local Government Act 1989 and Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014

Local Government Act 1989

S 127. Council must prepare a budget

1. A Council must prepare a budget for each financial year.
2. The Council must ensure that the budget contains—
 - (a) financial statements in the form and containing the information required by the regulations;
 - (b) a description of the services and initiatives to be funded in the budget;
 - (c) a statement as to how the services and initiatives described under paragraph (b) will contribute to achieving the strategic objectives specified in the Council Plan;
 - (d) major initiatives, being initiatives identified by the Council as priorities, to be undertaken during the financial year;
 - (da) for services to be funded in the budget, the prescribed indicators of service performance that are required to be reported against in the performance statement under section 131;
 - (db) the prescribed measures relating to those indicators;
 - (e) any other information required by the regulations.
3. The Council must ensure that the budget also contains:
 - (a) the information the Council is required to declare under section 158(1);
 - (b) if the Council intends to declare a differential rate under section 161, the information listed in section 161(2);
 - (c) if the Council intends to declare a differential rate under section 161A, the information listed in section 161(2).
4. The Council must ensure that, if applicable, the budget also contains a statement:
 - (a) that the [Council](#) intends to apply for a [special Order](#) to increase the [Council's average rate cap](#) for the [financial year](#) under section 185E; or
 - (b) that the [Council](#) has made an application to the [Essential Services Commission](#) for a [special Order](#) under section 185E and is waiting for the outcome of the application; or
 - (c) that a [special Order](#) has been made in respect of the [Council](#) and a [higher cap](#) applies for the [financial year](#).

S 129. Public notice

1. As soon as practicable after a Council has prepared a proposed budget or revised budget, the Council must give public notice.
2. A person has a right to make a submission under section 223 on any proposal contained in the proposed budget or revised budget.
3. In addition to any other requirements specified by this Act, the notice referred to in subsection (1) must:
 - (a) contain any information required by the regulations; and
 - (b) advise that copies of the proposed budget or revised budget are available for inspection for at least 28 days after the publication of the notice at:
 - the Council office and any district offices; and
 - any other place required by the regulations; and
 - (c) advise that the proposed budget or revised budget is published on the Council's Internet website for at least 28 days after the publication of the notice.
4. A copy of the proposed budget or revised budget must be available and published as set out in subsection (3) (b) and (c).
5. In this section, "**proposed budget**" includes:
 - (a) a budget that is prepared on the basis of the application of an [average rate cap](#) fixed by general Order or a proposed [higher cap](#) subject to an application under section 185E; and
 - (b) a budget that is prepared on the basis of both the application of an [average rate cap](#) fixed by general Order and a proposed [higher cap](#) subject to an application under section 185E.

S 130. Adoption of budget or revised budget

1. A Council may adopt a budget or revised budget if it has complied with all of the relevant requirements of this Act relating to budgets and revised budgets.
2. The Council must give public notice of its decision under subsection (1).
3. The Council must adopt the budget by 30 June each year, or such other date fixed by the Minister by notice published in the Government Gazette..
4. The Council must submit a copy of the budget or revised budget to the Minister within 28 days after adopting the budget under subsection (3) or adopting the revised budget under subsection (1).

5. The Minister may extend the period within which a Council must comply with subsection (4).
6. If a Council fails to submit a copy of the budget or revised budget to the Minister within the time allowed, the Secretary must ensure that details of the failure are published in the annual report of the Department.
7. A Council must give the Minister any information concerning its budget or revised budget that the Minister requests.
8. A Council must comply with subsection (7):
 - (a) within 14 days of receiving a request in writing for the information from the Minister; or
 - (b) within any longer period specified by the Minister in the request.
9. A copy of the budget or revised budget must be available for inspection by the public at:
 - (a) the Council office and any district offices; and
 - (b) any other place required by the regulations.

In addition, a [Council](#) must ensure that the current budget or revised budget is [published](#) on the [Council's](#) Internet website (see [section 82A\(2\)\(ab\)\(iii\)](#)).

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Part 3 - Budgets

9. The financial statements

For the purposes of section 127(2)(a) of the Act, the financial statements included in a budget or revised budget must—

- (a) contain a statement of capital works for the financial years to which the financial statements relate; and
- (b) be in the form set out in the Local Government Model Financial Report.

10. Other information to be included

1. For the purposes of sections 127(2)(e) and 128(3) of the Act, a budget or revised budget must contain the following information in relation to the financial year to which the budget or revised budget relates:
 - (a) a detailed list of capital works expenditure-

- i. in relation to non-current assets classified in accordance with the model statement of capital works in the Local Government Model Financial Report; and
 - ii. set out according to asset expenditure type;
- (b) a summary of funding sources in relation to the capital works expenditure referred to in paragraph (a), classified separately as—
 - i. grants; and
 - ii. contributions; and
 - iii. Council cash; and
 - iv. borrowings;
- (c) a statement of human resources;
- (d) a summary of expenditure in relation to the human resources referred to in the statement of human resources, categorised according to the organisational structure of the Council and classified separately as—
 - i. permanent full time; or
 - ii. permanent part time;
- (e) a summary of the number of full time equivalent Council staff referred to in the statement of human resources, categorized according to the organisational structure of the Council and classified separately as—
 - i. permanent full time; or
 - ii. permanent part time;
- (f) a list of grants by type and source, classified as—
 - i. recurrent grants to be used to fund operating expenditure; or
 - ii. recurrent grants to be used to fund capital expenditure; or
 - iii. non-recurrent grants to be used to fund operating expenditure; or
 - iv. non-recurrent grants to be used to fund capital expenditure;
- (g) The total amount borrowed as at 30 June of the financial year compared with the previous financial year;
- (h) The following information in relation to borrowings (other than borrowings to refinance existing loans)-

- i. in a budget that has not been revised, the total amount to be borrowed during the financial year compared with the previous financial year; or
 - ii. in a revised budget, any additional amount to be borrowed compared with the budget or the most recent revised budget (as applicable);
- (i) the total amount projected to be redeemed during the financial year compared with the previous financial year.

(2) For the purposes of sections 127(2)(e) and 128(3) of the Act, a budget or revised budget must contain the following information in relation to the financial year to which the budget or revised budget relates—

- a) if Council declares general rates under section 158 of the Act, the rate in the dollar to be levied for each type or class of land;
- b) the percentage change in the rate in the dollar to be levied for each type or class of land compared with the previous financial year;
- c) the estimated amount to be raised by general rates in relation to each type or class of land compared with the previous financial year;
- d) the estimated amount to be raised by general rates compared with the previous financial year;
- e) the number of assessments in relation to each type or class of land compared with the previous financial year;
- f) the number of assessments compared with the previous financial year;
- g) the basis of valuation to be used under section 157 of the Act;
- h) the estimated value of each type or class of land compared with the previous financial year;
- i) the estimated total value of land rated under section 158 of the Act compared with the previous financial year;
- j) the municipal charge under section 159 of the Act compared with the previous financial year;
- k) the percentage change in the municipal charge compared with the previous financial year;
- l) the estimated amount to be raised by municipal charges compared with the previous financial year;
- m) the rate or unit amount to be levied for each type of service rate or charge under section 162 of the Act compared with the previous financial year;
- n) the percentage change for each type of service rate or charge compared with the previous financial year;

- o) the estimated amount to be raised by each type of service rate or charge compared with the previous financial year;
- p) the estimated total amount to be raised by service rates and charges compared with the previous financial year;
- q) the estimated total amount to be raised by all rates and charges compared with the previous financial year;
- r) any significant changes that may affect the estimated amounts referred to in this subregulation to be raised.

(3) Subregulation (2) applies to a revised budget as if a reference in that subregulation to the previous financial year were a reference to the budget initially adopted under section 130 of the Act in the current financial year or the most recent revised budget (as applicable).

11. Public notice of proposed budget or revised budget

For the purposes of section 129(3)(a) of the Act, a public notice under section 129(1) of the Act must contain the following information—

- a) the date on which Council will meet to adopt its budget or revised budget;
- b) in the case of a revised budget, a summary of reasons for the preparation of the revised budget.

Budget Submissions 2018/19

Public exhibition process

A person has a right to make a submission under section 223 on any proposal contained in the budget. Submissions could be made on the proposed 2018/19 Budget up until 5pm on Friday 15 June 2018.

The proposed Budget and associated public exhibition period were advertised in The Border Mail, Corryong Courier and Tallangatta Herald. In addition, a communications plan was implemented to assist with increasing awareness in the Towong Shire community of the opportunity for residents and ratepayers to provide input into Council's 2018/19 Budget. The communications plan:

- established an online portal to increase ease with which a community member could make a submission
- provided an increased social media presence and introduced video updates as a tool to provide greater visibility of the budget, its contents and options for providing feedback
- shared more detailed proposed budget content through traditional local media.

Submissions

Three submissions were received by the submission deadline. Key points raised in each submission are provided in the table below.

Submission Number	Submission Date	Key Points raised
1	24 May 2018	The main town Master Plans are referenced but not other Master Plans such as Talgarno Hall and Talgarno Recreation Reserve Master Plan.
2	25 May 2018	New footpaths (or repairs) in the main street in Corryong and leading to the Man From Snowy River Museum. Also no specific mention of money for mental health issues.
3	31 May 2018	Perimeter fencing of the Triangles playground in Tallangatta and also for other playgrounds within the Shire where they are close to busy roads.

Detailed submissions are as follows.

Submission 1

Area:
Council strategies

Feedback:

The plan looks great on the whole and investment is occurring in many places making improvements which will help with jobs in the larger town centres and better communities. I noticed that Tallangatta tomorrow, Our Bellbridge, Our Valley Our Future and Upper Murray and Master Plans/visions are referenced and resourcing is being allocated to such projects accordingly. However I wonder why other plans are not referenced such as the Talgarno Hall and Recreation Reserve Master Plan is not referenced. I understand we are a small community and the land and assets are not Council owned but the assets and space benefit the community immensely and I feel we deserve a bit more support to realise aspects of the master plan and other improvements in the area.

Submission 2

Area:
Corryong

Feedback:

We need new foot paths or repairs in the main street, you walk from town center to museum and you have to watch yourself as the path is not even and has raised areas and cracks, this alone is a hazard to any person who walks along it, the path also in the main street is dangerous outside many shops including IGA. You have not allowed anything in the budget for this issue that could hold council at risk of a law suit if someone falls over these poor paths. Also what about Mental health issues in the community there is nothing in the budget for it either

Submission 3

For the coming budget, I would like to suggest that we look at perimeter fencing for the play equipment area in the triangles. Although my children are long past using the facilities, I know the difficulties of wrangling more than one child in a play area to ensure their safety (3 kids under 4). I now have been watching other mothers struggle with the same issues and recently helped preventing a child from running on the road.

Now that the kinder and playgroup are also using the area on a regular basis I think it would be beneficial to them also. It is easy to miss the escapee when you are tending to another child for a split second. Could this fencing also be looked at for other play equipment in other towns where close to busier roads.