



Pyrenees
Shire Council

Minutes

Special Meeting of Council

6:00 pm Monday 22 June 2026
Virtual

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1. WELCOME

Mayor Cr Damian Ferrari welcomed all to the meeting.

PRESENT

Mayor: Cr Damian Ferrari

Councillors: Megan Phelan (virtual), Simon Tol, Rebecca Wardlaw (virtual), Tanya Kehoe (virtual)

Chief Executive Officer: Jim Nolan

Director Asset and Development Services: Douglas Gowans

Director of Corporate and Community Services: Jacinta Erdody

EA to CEO and Councillors: Chantelle Sandlant (minutes)

Senior Communications Officer: Fiona Henderson

Communications Officer: Helen D'Costa

2. STREAMING PREAMBLE

Mayor Cr Damian Ferrari read the livestream preamble.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor acknowledged the people past and present of the Wadawurrung, Dja Dja Wurrung, Eastern Maar, Wotjabaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagulk Nations, whose lands and waters the Pyrenees Shire operates on. We pay our respects to their Ancestors and Elders, and recognise and respect their customs, stewardship and continuing connection to Country.

4. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

5. NOTICE OF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

6. ITEMS FOR DECISION

6.1. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

6.1.1. 2026/27 BUDGET SUBMISSIONS

Presenter: Jacinta Erdody – Director Corporate & Community Services

Declaration of Interest: As presenter of this report, I have no disclosable interest in this item.

Report Author: Glenn Kallio – Manager Finance

Declaration of Interest: As author of this report, I have no disclosable interest in this item.

File No: 32/08/18

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to consider and assess both verbal and written submissions related to the 2026/27 Draft Budget and 10-year Financial Plan.

BACKGROUND

The council resolved at a Special Meeting of Council held on Monday 11 May 2026 to put the 2026/27 Draft Budget and 10 Year Financial Plan on public exhibition.

In accordance with section 96 of the Local Government Act 2020, the Council invited interested people to make written submissions in relation to the 2026/27 Draft Budget and 10 Year Financial Plan by 5 pm on 15 June 2026 and to also make verbal submissions at the Special Meeting of Council on 22 June 2026.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

Council placed the 2026/27 Draft Budget and Plan in the Pyrenees Advocate, and the Maryborough District Advertiser. Copies of the 2026/27 Draft Budget and 10 Year Financial Plan were also available at Council's customer service centers and Council's website.

All submissions received will be tabled at the Special Council Meeting in summary form. Full copies of all submissions will be provided to Councillors by separate circulation once the submission period has closed.

COUNCIL PLAN / LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE

Pillar 5 - Community-Centric

5a. Foster values driven inclusive culture, which is responsive, accountable and aligned to priority.

5c. Ensure timely, clear and consistent communication underpinned by transparency.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT / CONSULTATION OUTCOMES

Community consultation has been conducted by placing advertisements in the Maryborough Advertiser and Pyrenees Advocate and Council's website providing information on how to view the documents and the process to submit a submission on any aspect in relation to the documents.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

FINANCIAL / RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications in relation to the receipt of the submissions on the documents that were put on public display.

Council may choose to make any adjustments in respect of its budget as a result of the submissions at the Special Meeting of Council on 29 June 2026 when the budget will be formally adopted.

CONCLUSION

Council to receive written submissions against the Draft 2026/27 Budget and 10 Year Financial Plan with no speakers wishing to speak to their submission.

Cr Tanya Kehoe / Cr Rebecca Wardlaw

That Council:

1. Receives and considers verbal and written submissions relating to Draft Budget and 10 year Financial Plan.
2. Notes that the development of the Draft Budget and 10 year Financial Plan, has complied with section 96 of the Local Government Act 2020 in respect to hearing verbal presentations in support of written submissions.

CARRIED

7. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Special Meeting of Council - 22 June 2026 closed at 6:07 pm.

Minutes of the Meeting confirmed _____

Mayor Cr Damian Ferrari