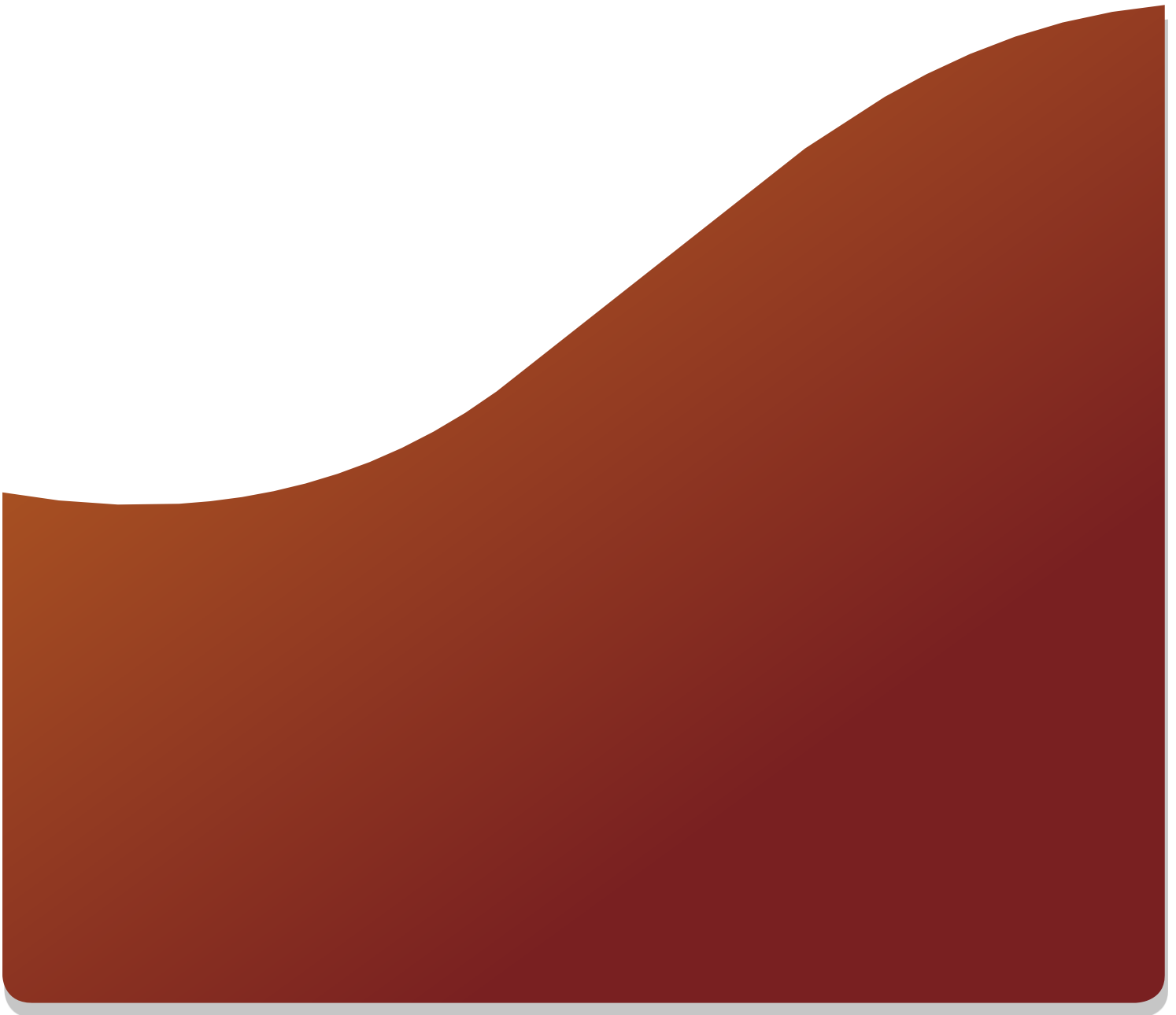


Minutes

Submitters Delegated Committee

Wednesday 4 February 2026 at 7:00 PM

Held online and livestreamed at mrsc.vic.gov.au



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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Macedon Ranges Shire Council acknowledges the Dja Dja Wurrung, Taungurung and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land and waterways. Council recognises their living cultures and ongoing connection to Country and pays respect to their Elders past, and present.

Council also acknowledges local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander residents of Macedon Ranges for their ongoing contribution to the diverse culture of our community.

2 RECORDING AND LIVESTREAMING OF THIS COMMITTEE MEETING

This meeting was recorded and streamed live on the internet, in accordance with Council's 'Live Streaming and Publishing Recordings of Meetings' policy, which can be viewed on Council's website.

3 PRESENT

Cr Kate Kendall (Mayor), Cr Cassy Borthwick (Deputy), Cr Jennifer Anderson, Cr Rob Guthrie, Cr Alison Joseph, Cr Janet Pearce, Cr Andrew Scanlon, Cr Daniel Young

IN ATTENDANCE

Bernie O'Sullivan (Chief Executive Officer), Adele Drago-Stevens (Director Corporate), Dominic Testoni (Director Assets and Operations), Rebecca Stockfeld (Director Planning and Environment), Martin Collins (Director Community), Cherry Stojanovic (Coordinator Governance), Lucy Olson (Senior Governance Officer), Kaitlin Evans (Executive Assistant)

4 APOLOGIES

Cr Dominic Bonanno (on leave until 24 May 2026)

5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 PURPOSE OF SUBMITTERS DELEGATED COMMITTEE

Council receives written submissions on a variety of matters which need to be considered by Council during the decision-making process. The Submitters Delegated Committee affords people who have made a submission a specific opportunity to appear in person to expand on their submission, if they wish to do so, for the nominated matters above as outlined in the instrument of delegation.

7 REPORTS

Twenty-nine (29) speakers addressed the Committee in relation to the Budget 2026/27:

- Kristy Chehab - Zoom
- John Taubman - Zoom
- Michel Durand - Zoom
- Kathryn Nicholson - Zoom
- Denis Graham - Zoom

- William McDougall - Zoom
- Caitlin Dinning - Zoom
- Carina Wrigley - Zoom
- Hugh Williams - Zoom
- Ron Cole - Zoom
- Guy Nelson - Zoom
- Simon Matthee - Zoom
- Cathy Addamo - Zoom
- James O'Brien - Zoom
- Ravi Sud - Zoom
- Neil Moorhouse - Zoom
- Gwyneth Elsum - Zoom
- Mandy McCracken - Zoom
- Michael Warner - Zoom
- Mark Crowhurst - Zoom
- David Thomas - Zoom (audio only)
- Richard Collinge - Zoom
- Jayne Guilmartin - Zoom
- Katrina Buttigieg - Zoom
- Kate Medhurst - Zoom
- Megan Willis - Zoom
- Angela Clarke - Zoom
- Jenny Stillman - Zoom
- Esther Kay - Zoom

Procedural Notes:

At 8:32 pm, Cr Rob Guthrie left the meeting and returned at 8:34 pm.

At 8:53 pm, Cr Daniel Young left the meeting and returned at 8:54 pm.

At 9:02 pm, Cr Jennifer Anderson left the meeting and returned at 9:03 pm.

At 9:10 pm, Cr Daniel Young left the meeting and returned at 9:17 pm.

At 9:24 pm, Cr Daniel Young left the meeting and returned at 9:25 pm.

7.1 HEARING OF SUBMITTERS IN RELATION TO THE BUDGET 2026/27**Summary**

Council invited the public to contribute to the development of the Budget 2026/27 through a community engagement consultation process that ran from 30 October to 11 December 2025. Preparing Council's annual budget requires many inputs, and this opportunity was provided to ensure that Council understands the community's current priorities to strike the right balance and allowing the community to share ideas and feedback, to suggest or support projects, infrastructure, and initiatives.

Eighty-Nine (89) submissions were received prior to closure of the advertised consultation period.

The purpose of this meeting is to hear from those submitters who have expressed a desire to make a verbal presentation in support of their submission. Council will then consider the submissions as part of the development of the Budget 2026/27 in the coming months.

Committee Resolution

Moved: Cr Jennifer Anderson

Seconded: Cr Alison Joseph

That the Committee

- 1. Notes the submissions received for consideration in the Draft Budget 2026/27 and the supporting verbal presentations;**
- 2. Notes that these submissions will be referred to the Council Meeting at which the draft Budget 2026/27 is presented for adoption; and**
- 3. Notes that responses and recommendations on submissions received will be prepared for Council's consideration at that meeting.**

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 9:54pm.