

# **MINUTES**

**Special Council Meeting  
Thursday 26 September, 2019**

**Commenced at 4.12 p.m.**

**Council Chambers, Ravensthorpe.**



## SHIRE OF RAVENSTHORPE

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Pollock'.

**Gavin Pollock**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

26 September 2019

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**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, RAVENSTHORPE ON  
26 SEPTEMBER 2019, COMMENCED AT 4.12PM**

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**EXTRACT FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995****5.5. CONVENING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- (1) The CEO is to convene an ordinary meeting by giving each council member at least 72 hours' notice of the date, time and place of the meeting and an agenda for the meeting.
- (2) **The CEO is to convene a special meeting by giving each council member notice, before the meeting, of the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting.**

**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

4.12pm – The presiding person, Cr K Dunlop, declared the meeting open.

**2. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES/ APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

MEMBERS: Cr Keith Dunlop (Shire President)  
Cr Julianne Belli (Deputy Shire President)  
Cr Ian Goldfinch  
Cr Graham Richardson  
Cr Peter Smith  
Cr Kerry Dickinson  
Cr Thomas Major

STAFF: Les Mainwaring (Director of Corporate and Community Services)  
Chenae Cooper (Administration Officer)

APOLOGIES: Gavin Pollock (Chief Executive Officer)  
Graham Steel (Director Technical Services)

ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:  
NIL

ABSENT:  
NIL

**3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**  
NIL**4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**  
NIL

**5. SPECIAL BUSINESS****5.1 ADOPTION OF 2019-20 BUDGET AND SCHEDULES**

<b>File Reference:</b>	<b>FM.BU.1</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Shire of Ravensthorpe</b>
<b>Applicant:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Director Corporate &amp; Community</b>
<b>Authorising Officer:</b>	<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>26 September 2019</b>
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Attachments:</b>	<b>Draft Statutory Budget 2019-20 (attachment Blue) and Schedules (attachment green)</b>
<b>Previous Reference:</b>	<b>Nil</b>

Moved: Cr Dickinson

Seconded: Cr Major

Res: 94/19

**That Council Resolved;****Part A – Municipal Fund Budget for 2019/20**

Pursuant to the provisions of section 6.2 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Part 3 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 the council adopt the Municipal Fund Budget as contained in the attachment to this agenda and the minutes for the Shire of Ravensthorpe for the 2019/20 financial year which includes the following:

- **Statement of Comprehensive Income by Nature and Type on page 2 showing a net result for that year of -\$381,210.**
- **Statement of Comprehensive Income by Program on page 4 showing a net result for that year of -\$381,210.**
- **Statement of Cash Flows on Page 6.**
- **Rate Setting Statement on page 7 showing an amount required to be raised from rates of \$4,452,864 based on a 3.5% rate increase.**
- **Notes to and Forming Part of the Budget on pages 8 to 31.**

Voting Requirements: Absolute Majority

Carried: 7/0

Moved: Cr Goldfinch

Seconded: Cr Smith

Res: 95/19

**That Council Resolved;****Part B – General and Minimum Rates, Instalment Payment Arrangements**

1. For the purpose of yielding the deficiency disclosed by the Municipal Fund Budget adopted at Part A above, council pursuant to sections 6.32, 6.33, 6.34 and 6.35 of the Local Government Act 1995 impose the following general rates and minimum rates on Gross Rental and Unimproved Values.

**1.1 General Rates**

Residential (GRV)	11.7165 cents in the dollar
Commercial (GRV)	13.1567 cents in the dollar
Industrial (GRV)	15.4430 cents in the dollar
Transient Workforce Accom (GRV)	31.4867 cents in the dollar
Short Stay Accommodation (GRV)	31.4867 cents in the dollar
Rural (UV)	0.8567 cents in the dollar
Mining (UV)	8.3600 cents in the dollar

**1.2 Minimum Payments**

Residential (GRV)	\$870
Commercial (GRV)	\$870
Industrial (GRV)	\$870
Transient Workforce Accom (GRV)	\$850
Short Stay Accommodation (GRV)	\$850
Rural (UV)	\$850
Mining (UV)	\$320

2. Pursuant to section 6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulation 64(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, council nominates the following due dates for the payment in full by instalments:

- Full payment and 1st instalment due date 07 November 2019
- 2nd quarterly instalment due date 09 January 2020
- 2nd half instalment due date 12 March 2020
- 3rd quarterly instalment due date 12 March 2020
- 4th quarterly instalment due date 14 May 2020

3. Pursuant to section 6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulation 67 of the Local Government (Financial Management) regulations 1996, council adopts an instalment administration charge where the owner has elected to pay rates (and service charges) through an instalment option of \$10 for each instalment after the initial instalment is paid.

4. Pursuant to section 6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulation 68 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, council adopts an interest rate of 5.5% where the owner has elected to pay rates and service charges through an instalment option.

5. Pursuant to section 6.51 (1) and subject to section 6.51 (4) of the Local Government Act 1995 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, council adopts an interest rate of 11% for rates (and service charges) and costs of proceedings to recover such charges that remains unpaid after becoming due and payable.

Voting Requirements: Absolute Majority

Carried: 7/0

Moved: Cr Belli

Seconded: Cr Richardson

Res: 96/19

**That Council Resolved;**

**Part C – General Fees and Charges for 2019/20**

Pursuant to section 6.16 of the Local Government Act 1995, council adopts the Fees and charges included with the draft 2019/20 budget.

Voting Requirements: Absolute Majority

Carried: 7/0

Moved: Cr Dickinson

Seconded: Cr Smith

Res: 97/19

**That Council Resolved;**

**Part D – Other Statutory Fees for 2019/20**

1. Pursuant to section 53 of the Cemeteries Act 1986 council adopts the fees and charges for cemeteries within Shire included in the draft 2019/20 budget.
2. Pursuant to section 245A (8) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960 the council adopts a swimming pool inspection fee of \$58.45.
3. Pursuant to section 67 of the Waste Avoidance and Resources Recovery act 2007, council adopt the following charges for the removal of domestic and commercial waste:

3.1 Residential Commercial and Industrial Premises 240L Refuse Bin Collected Weekly  
\$310 pa

3.2 Residential Commercial and Industrial Premises 240L Recycling Bin Collected  
Fortnightly \$110 pa

4. Pursuant to Section 41 of the *Health Act 1911* council adopt the following effluent charges for the management and maintenance of community effluent systems within the town sites of Munglinup and Ravensthorpe:

4.1 General Rates

- Ravensthorpe (GRV) 2.3252 cents in the dollar
- Munglinup (GRV) 2.6563 cents in the dollar

4.2 Minimum Payments

- Ravensthorpe (GRV) \$200
- Munglinup (GRV) \$200

4.3 Non Rateable Properties

- First Fixture \$200
- Per Additional Fixture \$125
- Commercial Volume Sewerage (CBH sites) \$1500

Voting Requirements: Absolute Majority

Carried: 7/0

Moved: Cr Richardson

Seconded: Cr Major

Res: 98/19

**That Council Resolved;****Part E – Elected Members Fees and Charges**

1. Pursuant to section 5.99 of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulation 34 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, council adopts the following annual fees for payment of elected members in lieu of individual meeting fees:

President	\$19,786
Councillors	\$13,286
2. Pursuant to section 5.99A of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulations 34A and 34AA of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, Council adopts the following annual allowances for elected members:

Phone, fax, IT & Telecommunications	\$1,084
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3. Pursuant to section 5.98(5) of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulation 33 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, council adopts the following annual local government allowance to be paid in addition to the annual meeting allowance:

President	\$13,000
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4. Pursuant to section 5.98A of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulations 33A of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, council adopts the following annual local government allowance to be paid in addition to the annual meeting allowance:

Deputy President	\$3,250
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Voting Requirements: Absolute Majority

Carried: 7/0

Moved: Cr Smith

Seconded: Cr Dickinson

Res: 99/19

**That Council Resolved;****Part F – Material Variance Reporting for 2019/20**

In accordance with regulation 34 (5) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, and AASB 1031 Materiality, the level to be used in statements of financial activity in 2019/20 for reporting material variances shall be 10% or \$100,000, whichever is the greater.

Voting Requirements: Absolute Majority

Carried: 7/0

Moved: Cr Major

Seconded: Cr Richardson

Res: 100/19

**That Council Resolved;**

***The additional rate exemption be added to Part G – Rates Exemption based on being a Community Asset.***

- **Assessment A636 – 51 Morgans Street – Ravensthorpe Community Centre**

Voting Requirements: Absolute Majority

Carried: 7/0

Moved: Cr Dickinson

Seconded: Cr Smith

Res: 101/19

**That Council Resolved;****Part G – Rates Exemption**

That pursuant to section 6.47 of the *Local Government Act*, and in keeping with past years, the 2019/20 rates on the following properties be waived to encourage these community organisations:

- **Assessment A14326 – 62 Esplanade – CWA of Hopetoun**
- **Assessment A11670 – 75 Spence Street – Baptist Union of WA Inc.**
- **Assessment A11569 – 23 Dunn Street – Diocesan Trustees of Bunbury Inc.**
- **Assessment A11697 – 25 Dunn Street – Diocesan Trustees of Bunbury Inc.**
- **Assessment A430 – 21 Dunn Street – Diocesan Trustees of Bunbury Inc.**
- **Assessment A321 – 23 Morrell Street – St Johns Ambulance Australia Munglinup Sub Centre**
- **Assessment A611 – 21 Morgans Street – St Johns Ambulance Australia Ravensthorpe Sub Centre**
- **Assessment A14075 – 46 Dunn Street – The Roman Catholic Bishop of Bunbury**
- **Assessment A776 – 49 Esplanade – The Roman Catholic Bishop of Bunbury**
- **Assessment A589 – 38 Kingsmill Street – The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust WA**
- **Assessment A636 – 51 Morgans Street – Ravensthorpe Community Centre**

**Subject to eligibility of exemption being reviewed in 2020/21.**

Voting Requirements: Absolute Majority

Carried: 7/0

**Summary:**

To adopt the Annual Budget for the 2019/2020 financial year in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995 and other relevant legislation together with supporting schedules, including imposition of rates and minimum payments, adoption of fees and charges, setting of elected members fees for the year and other consequential matters arising from the budget papers.

**Background:**

The Local Government Act requires Council's by 31 August each financial year to prepare and adopt, in the form and manner prescribed a financial budget for its municipal fund for the financial year ending the next following June. On the 6 August 2019, an approval was received from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries to extend the time to 30 September to prepare and adopt the Annual Budget for 2019/2020.

The draft 2019/20 Annual Budget has been compiled based on the principles contained within the Strategic Community Plan and prepared in accordance with the presentations made to councillors at the 2 budget workshops.

The draft differential general rates were approved by the council on 16 July 2019 and advertised for public comment. One submission was received and was considered by Council on 20 August 2019.

Ministerial approval has been obtained on the 18 September 2019 for the GRV – Transient Workforce / Short Stay Accommodation and UV Mining differential rates, which are more than twice the lowest rate of the 'Unimproved Valuation' and the 'GRV Residential' categories.

### **Comment:**

The overall increase in rates raised for the year 2016/17 is 3.5%. This increase will enable the Shire of Ravensthorpe to complete its works programs and provide services required by the community and meet the compliance requirements of various governing agencies.

The budget has been prepared to include information required by the *Local Government Act 1995*, *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* and the Australian Accounting Standards.

The main features of the draft budget include:

- Operating revenue of ~\$11.0m including ~\$4.45m in rates and ~\$2.7m relating to transport.
- Minimum rates have been pegged for UV Rural and GRV Transient Short Stay accommodation, with an overall increase of 3.5% across all categories
- A new Tourism Officer position has been created in order to stimulate economic development, and staffing has been included for the Little Barrens childcare service in Hopetoun in the interests of continuity of an essential service.
- Capital Works Program of \$3.9m including:
  - \$2.4m Road & Footpath construction,
  - \$1.2m Heavy Plant & Light vehicle renewal,
  - \$275K State Barrier Fence Upgrade,
  - \$ 90K Water Deficiency Program,
  - \$ 205K Purchase of Depot Land,
  - \$ 67K Gym equipment renewal.
  - \$ 66K Hopetoun Oval Lighting Upgrade
  - \$250K Regional Landfill Weighbridge
  - \$ 87K Building rectification works Kingsmill St
- Building maintenance allocation of \$909K.
- Debt Servicing costs of \$287K for existing borrowings.
- Plant Replacement Reserve transfer of \$1m for ongoing asset management.
- Building Reserve transfer in and out of \$1,070,000 to assist with cash flow during finalisation of flood reinstatement works.
- Community Development fund and Other donations allocation of \$31,550.
- Community Groups and event funding recurring allocations:
  - \$ 2,500 Australia Day Breakfast
  - \$ 5,700 Seniors Christmas Party
  - \$ 4,300 Ravensthorpe Community Centre
  - \$ 7,000 Ravensthorpe CRC – Spring Festival
  - \$ 22,000 Munglinup Library
  - \$ 15,000 Fitzgerald Biosphere Promotion
  - \$ 20,000 Ravensthorpe and Districts Arts Council
  - \$ 15,000 Hopetoun Progress Association
  - \$ 49,000 Hopetoun CRC – Library
  - \$ 52,000 Ravensthorpe CRC - Library
  - \$192,500

- \$150,000 for Bushfire mitigation
- \$20,000 for Declared Weed control
- Elected members fees and allowances contained at 2%.
- Fees and Charges as reviewed by Councillors at the July 2019 meeting with the inclusion of rounding's
- An estimated surplus of \$1.997m is anticipated to be brought forward from 30 June 2019. However this is unaudited and may change. Any change will be addressed as part of a future budget review.

The draft 2019/20 budget continues to deliver on strategies adopted by the council and maintains a high level of service across all programs.

Flood reinstatement works will be finalised during 2019/20 after two years of extensive rehabilitation work where approximately \$30m will have been invested into the Shires road network when complete. This investment together with mature asset management renewal practices continues to enhance the Shires financial sustainability and ability to handle any unforeseen negative financial consequences.

Recruitment and retention of skilled staff will continue to be a challenge into 19/20. Recent announcements of improvement in the local mining sector will benefit the local economy generally however there will be flow on effects to the local government sector. This is already evident with the current expansion of services in the childcare sector and may also impact future recruitment in particular areas. The Economic and Social study together with the full review of the Shires Integrated Planning framework and long term strategies will play integral role in providing a view of the near future for Ravensthorpe now that stability has been restored.

**Consultation:**

Executive Staff, Councillors, Bev Webb – Consultant.

**Statutory Environment:**

Local Government Act 1995 Section 6.2 requires that not later than 31 August in each financial year, or such extended time as the Minister allows, each local government is to prepare and adopt, (Absolute Majority required) in the form and manner prescribed, a budget for its municipal fund for the financial year ending on the next following 30 June.

Divisions 5 and 6 of Part 6 of the *Local Government Act 1995* refer to the setting of budgets and raising of rates and charges. The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* details the form and content of the budget. The draft 2019/20 budget as presented is considered to meet statutory requirements.

Section 67 of the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007*  
(*Receptacle Charges for Waste Collections*)

Section 41 of the *Health Act 1911* for the management and maintenance of community effluent systems.

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

A balanced budget for the 2019/20 financial year. Specific financial implication are as outlined in the Detail section of this report and as itemised in the draft 2019/20 budget attached for adoption.

**Strategic Implications:**

The budget documents Council's financial objectives for the next twelve months.

The draft 2019/20 budget has been developed based on the existing Community Strategic Plan and Integrated Planning documents prepared by the Shire of Ravensthorpe.

**Sustainability Implications:**

- **Environmental**  
The draft 2019/20 budget supports key environmental strategies and initiatives adopted by the council.
- **Economic**  
The draft 2019/20 budget has been developed based on sound financial management and accountability principles and is considered to deliver a sustainable economic outcome for council and the community.
- **Social**  
The draft 2019/20 budget delivers social outcomes identified in various planning and community supporting strategies that have previously been adopted by the council.

**Risk Implications:**

Risk	Low (2)
Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Low (2)
Risk Impact / Consequence	Low (2)
Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control)	Low (2)
Principal Risk Theme	Low (2)
Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment Proposed)	Low (2)


Risk Matrix

Consequence Likelihood		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
		1	2	3	4	5
Almost Certain	5	Medium (5)	High (10)	High (15)	Extreme (20)	Extreme (25)
Likely	4	Low (4)	Medium (8)	High (12)	High (16)	Extreme (20)
Possible	3	Low (3)	Medium (6)	Medium (9)	High (12)	High (15)
Unlikely	2	Low (2)	Low (4)	Medium (6)	Medium (8)	High (10)
Rare	1	Low (1)	Low (2)	Low (3)	Low (4)	Medium (5)

A risk is often specified in terms of an event or circumstance and the consequences that may flow from it. An effect may be positive, negative or a deviation from the expected and may be related to the following objectives; occupational health and safety, financial, service interruption, compliance, reputation and environment. A risk matrix has been prepared and a risk rating of 1 has been determined for this item. Any items with a risk rating over 10 (considered to be high or extreme risk) will be added to the Risk Register, and any item with a risk rating over 17 will require a specific risk treatment plan to be developed.

**6. CLOSURE OF MEETING – 4.34PM**

These minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the 15 October 2019

Signed:   
(Presiding Person at the meeting of which the minutes were confirmed.)

Date: 15 October 2019