



Special Ordinary Council Meeting

26 September 2018

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Sturt Street, Ballarat

AGENDA

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**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF BALLARAT CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, STURT STREET, BALLARAT ON
WEDNESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7:00PM.**

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The next Ordinary Meeting of the Ballarat City Council will be held on Wednesday 3 October 2018.

1. OPENING DECLARATION

Councillors: *"We, the Councillors of the City of Ballarat, declare that we will carry out our duties in the best interests of the community, and through collective leadership will maintain the highest standards of good governance."*

Mayor: *"I respectfully acknowledge the Wadawurrung and Dja Dja Wurrung People, the traditional custodians of the land, and I would like to welcome members of the public in the gallery."*

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

4. OFFICER REPORTS

4.1. BRIDGE MALL SPECIAL RATE - RECEIVE SUBMISSIONS

Division: Business Services
Director: Glenn Kallio
Author/Position: Lorraine Sendall - Executive Assistant, Director Business Services

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council resolves to:

1. Note the submissions presented to Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with sections 163 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council gave public notice of its intention to declare a special rate for the Bridge Mall, Ballarat Central in the Ballarat Courier on Saturday 25 August 2018 and invited written submissions. The purpose of this report is to receive written submissions and hear any verbal representations from respondents who requested that they be heard in support of their written submissions.

RATIONALE

Background

At its meeting on 22 August 2018, Council resolved to give public notice of its intention to declare a Bridge Mall Special Rate for a five year period commencing 1 July 2018 and ending on 30 June 2023 on specified properties in the Bridge Mall to defray a proportion of the annual costs of promotion, security services, administration and the employment of a part-time Manager by the Bridge Mall Business Association Inc.

The total amount of the Special Rate to be levied will be \$148,000 per annum for each of the 5 years, representing 68% of the annual budget of \$218,000 for the Bridge Mall Business Association's initiatives and projects related to the Special Rate.

LEGISLATION, COUNCIL PLAN, STRATEGIES AND POLICY IMPACTS

- *Local Government Act 1989*
- Local Government Victoria - Special Rates and Charges Ministerial Guidelines 2004
- *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*
- City of Ballarat Council Plan 2017-2021
- City of Ballarat Economic Program 2015-19

REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS

Implications	Considered in Report?	Implications Identified?
Human Rights	Yes	No
Social/Cultural	No	No
Environmental/Sustainability	No	No
Economic	No	No
Financial/Resources	Yes	Yes
Risk Management	No	No
Implementation and Marketing	No	No
Evaluation and Review	No	No

Human Rights – It is considered that this report does not impact on any human rights identified in the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Financial/Resources – Council's contribution of \$70,000 to the projects and initiatives of the Special Rate is within budget.

CONSULTATION

As required under section 163(1C) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, a copy of the Public Notice was sent to all owners, ratepayers and occupiers of the 80 properties identified as being included in the Bridge Mall Special Rate.

OFFICERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Council Officers affirm that no direct or indirect interests need to be declared in relation to the matter of this Report.

ATTACHMENTS

Written Submissions received and details of any verbal submissions pertaining to the proposed Bridge Mall Special Rate will be circulated to Councillors following the closure of Submissions on 24 September 2018.

5. CLOSE