



BUSINESS PAPER

EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

To be held on

Wednesday, 17 May 2023

3:00pm

at

Walcha Council Chambers

2W Hamilton Street, Walcha

Members:

Mayor – Councillor Eric Noakes
Deputy Mayor – Councillor Scott Kermode
Councillor Mark Berry
Councillor Kevin Ferrier
Councillor Nena Hicks
Councillor Anne-Marie Pointing
Councillor Aurora Reilly
Councillor Gregory Schaefer

Quorum – 5 Members to be Present
WO/2023/00783

AGENDA

Submitted to Council: 17 May 2023

..... General Manager Mayor



Dear Mayor & Councillors

You are requested to attend the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Walcha Council to be held in the Council Chambers, Hamilton Street, Walcha on **Wednesday, 17 May 2023** commencing at **3:00pm**.

Yours sincerely


Phillip Hood
Interim General Manager

NOTICE:

The Ordinary, Extra-Ordinary and Committee open meetings of Council will be audio recorded for community transparency and minute taking purposes. The audio recording of all Ordinary and Extra-Ordinary Meetings of Council will be uploaded to Council's website.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

We acknowledge the Dunghutti people as the traditional owners of the land that we meet on. We pay our respects to the Elders, past, present and emerging. We acknowledge and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community of which we are a part.

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Item 2:

Declarations of Interest



Item 3:

Matters of Urgency



Item: 3.1 **Ref:** WO/2023/00791
Title: Matters of Urgency – Extra Ordinary Meeting Business
Author: Mayor Eric Noakes
Previous Items: Not Applicable
Attachment: No

RECOMMENDATION: That the business to be discussed at today's ExtraOrdinary Meeting, being the ENDORSEMENT of the:

1. **DRAFT 2023-2024 Operational Plan which includes:**
 - a. **Draft 2023-2024 Budget**
 - b. **Draft 2023-2024 Fees & Charges; and**
 - c. **Draft 2023-2024 Revenue Policy**

are of great **URGENCY** due to public exhibition must not be less than 28 days as per legislative requirements and requires a decision of Council before its next scheduled Ordinary Meeting on 31 May 2023 to be able to be **ADOPTED** in June 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Report:

Public Notice must be given to draft policies, operational plans and fees. The Operational Plan contains the Revenue Policy, next year's Fees and Charges and Budget. Both the Local Government Act, Sections: 160, 405 and 610F and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 Section 196A state the public exhibition for these components and the Plan is 28 days.

There is not enough time between the May and June 2023 Ordinary Council Meetings to public exhibit and compile any submissions to submit to Council before the deadline of 30 June, to adopt the Operational Plan and therefore I table this Motion.

367 Notice of meetings

(1) *The general manager of a council must send to each councillor, at least 3 days before each meeting of the council, a notice specifying the time and place at which and the date on which the meeting is to be held and the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting.*



Item 4:

Senior Officers' Reports

RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Officers' Reports be RECEIVED for further consideration.



Item: 4.1 **Ref:** WO/2023/00811
Title: DRAFT 2023-2024 Operational Plan for Public Exhibition
Author: General Manager
Previous Items: Not Applicable
Attachment: Tabled at Meeting
DRAFT Delivery Program & 2023-2024 Operational Plan
- Revenue Policy; and
- Fees & Charges
- Budget

Community Strategic Plan Reference:

Goal 8.1: Walcha Council will exemplify good leadership, mutual respect and trust by being inclusive, ensuring open information and communication and encouraging active participation at all levels.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- 1. PLACE the proposed Draft 2023/2024 Delivery Program and Operational Plan inclusive of the draft budget, fees and charges and revenue policy, on public exhibition for a period of 28 days in accordance with section 404 and 405 of the *Local Government Act 1993*; and**
- 2. REQUEST a further report to be submitted at the completion of the public exhibition period detailing any submissions received during exhibition or any minor changes are proposed for Council's consideration and final adoption.**

Introduction:

In accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines Council is required to adopt an Operational Plan on an annual basis. A draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan will be placed on exhibition to inform the community of the financial operations of the Council and the project works that are scheduled for the 2023-2024 financial year.

Report:

As per the NSW Integrated Planning and Reporting requirements, the following documents will be placed on public exhibition for 28 days commencing from Thursday 18 May 2023 through to Friday 16 June 2023:

- **ATTACHMENT 1:** DRAFT Delivery Program and Operational Plan including:
 - 2023-2024 DRAFT BUDGET



- Fees and Charges, and
- Revenue Policy

Council is still awaiting a decision from the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) on the outcome of the permanent Special Rate Variation which is expected in May. Council is therefore presenting two scenarios in the Operational Plan being Scenario 1 which assumes that the application was unsuccessful and Scenario 2 which assumes the full amount of the variation is accepted.

Legal Implications:

As per the Integrated Planning & Reporting Guidelines this report will comply with the community consultation required to ensure that the Operation Plan delivers against the targets set out in the ten year Community Strategic Plan.

Financial Implications:

Councils 2023-2024 operational budget, fees and charges and revenue policy are included in this report for community consultation.

Environmental Implications:

There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

Social Implications:

There are no social implications arising from this report.

Policy Implications:

- NSW *Local Government Act 1993* as amended;
- NSW *Local Government (General) Regulations 2005*;
- NSW Local Government Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines 2013.



Item: 4.2 **Ref:** WO/2023/00763
Title: Survey Results Naming of Walcha Rose Garden
Author: General Manager
Previous Items: March 2023 Report to Council: Naming Walcha's Rose Garden
Attachment: Nil.

Community Strategic Plan Reference:

Strategy Number: 5.3.5: *Promote the natural beauty of the Walcha area as a desirable lifestyle.*

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- 1. NOTE the Report; and**
 - 2. ENDORSE the community vote of naming the Rose Garden "Bev Betts Rose Garden".**
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Introduction:

In February 2023 Council resolved to advertise for suggestions to name the Rose Garden and in March 2023 Council resolved to place four of the suggestions by the public in a Survey for the community to vote on. This report advises the results of the survey and is for your information only.

Report:

The four shortlisted suggestions, listed below, were placed within the Survey for the community to vote on.

- The Walcha Rose Garden;
- Charles Erratt Rose Garden;
- Olga Lisle Rose Garden; and
- Bev Betts Rose Garden.

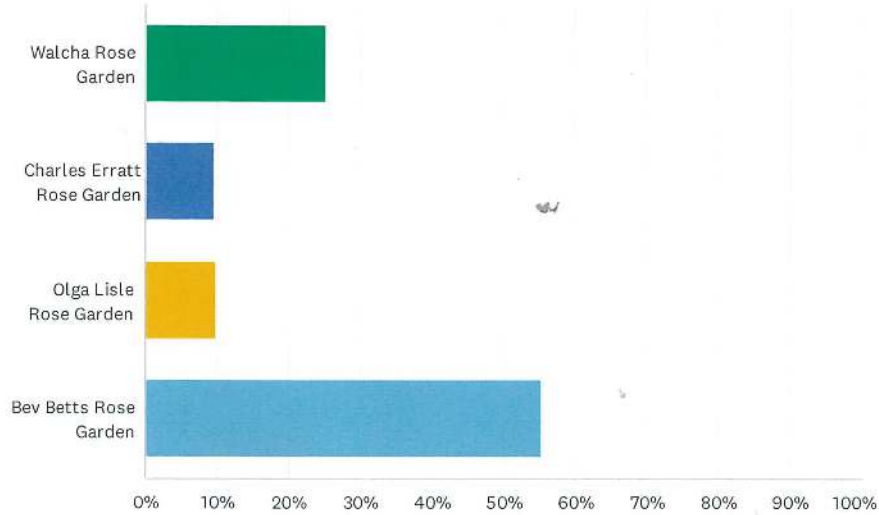
The most popular name for the Rose Garden is: Bev Betts Rose Garden. A copy of the responses received is below.



Naming of Rose Garden

Q1 Pick one of the following choices to Name the Rose Garden:

Answered: 376 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walcha Rose Garden	25.27%	95
Charles Erratt Rose Garden	9.57%	36
Olga Lisle Rose Garden	9.84%	37
Bev Betts Rose Garden	55.32%	208
TOTAL		376