

# MINUTES

## POSITIVE AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COFFS HARBOUR CEX INTERNATIONAL STADIUM  
MONDAY 9 MAY 2022



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Attendees:	Judith (Jude) Cole (JC)	Committee Chair - Community Representative
	Carol Burfoot (CB)	Deputy Committee Chair – Community Representative
	Shawn Bergquist (SB)	Coffs Coast Legacy
	George Gardiner (GG)	Community Representative
	Heather Reid (HR)	Council Staff Rep / Minute Taker - CHCC
Invited Guests:	Mary Boyce (MB)	Community Representative

Item	Discussion	Actioner
1. Meeting Opened 10:08 am		
2. Acknowledgement of Country		Council
3. Apologies:	Glen James (GJ), Cr Tony Judge (TJ), Paul Tracey (PT)	Noted
4. <b>Business Arising</b>		
5. Confirmation of Minutes	4 April 2022 – Noted	Chair
<b>6. General Business</b>		
6.1 Inspection of Cex International Stadium – Sharon McDougall, Section Leader, Stadium & Major Events	<p>Tour of the 'behind-the-scenes' of the Stadium complex.</p> <p>Discussion about usage of the Stadium and surrounding facilities, and the importance of the venue as an economic driver for the LGA through increased patronage of local shops, accommodation, dining and activities from those attending events.</p> <p>Design of the venue to accommodate use and attendance by all community members.</p> <p>Followed by a special morning tea provided by the Stadium Team.</p>	Council
7.2 Feedback on the MyCoffs Community Strategic Plan (CSP)	<p>The reviewed MyCoffs Community Strategic Plan (CSP) is on public exhibition until 30 May.</p> <p>This is the Community's Plan and outlines the community's vision for the LGA for the next 10 years</p> <p>The plan outlines the role everyone plays in delivering on the plan: the community, state and federal government, council, private industry and not-for-profit.</p> <p>Top priorities during the community check-in included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing</li> <li>• Quality and maintenance of local infrastructure</li> <li>• Waste management</li> <li>• Climate change</li> <li>• More and better-connected foot/ cycle paths</li> </ul>	Council



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	<p>The draft document can be found:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online: <a href="https://haveyoursay.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/MyCoffs">https://haveyoursay.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/MyCoffs</a></li> <li>• Hard copies: Customer Service Centre, Coffs Harbour Library, Woolgoolga Library and Toormina Library.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Delivery Program / Operational Program</u></b></p> <p>Council's draft 2022-2026 Delivery Program and 2022/23 Operational Plan is now on public exhibition.</p> <p>The documents include the draft 2022/23 Delivery Program Budgets, draft 2022/23 Fees and Charges and the draft 2022/23 Statement of Revenue Policy.</p> <p>The Program and plan outlines the services and projects we deliver to support our community over the next 5 years</p> <p>Our aim is to give people a clearer understanding of what Council does and how we do it — whether it's business-as-usual or new projects.</p> <p>The community will have from <b>Monday 2 May until Sunday 29 May 2022</b> to review the program and plan, and provide input to be considered in the development of the final documents.</p> <p>The draft documents can be found: Online: <a href="https://haveyoursay.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/2022-2026-draft-delivery-program-and-operational-plan">https://haveyoursay.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/2022-2026-draft-delivery-program-and-operational-plan</a></p> <p><b><u>Additional Special Variation (ASV)</u></b></p> <p>After the lowest rate peg in 20 years was set at 0.7 per cent late last year there was a significant backlash from councils across NSW especially in rural and regional areas struggling to recover from bushfires, floods, COVID-19 and droughts.</p> <p>After realising the critical situation with forecasts of 1,000 council jobs cuts across the State, the new Minister for Local Government Wendy Tuckerman cleared the way for councils across NSW to apply for a one-off rate additional variation if they could show the funding was critical and included in their long term financial plans. This is allowed to exceed 0.7 per cent but be capped at 2.5 per cent.</p> <p>The Minister has also tasked IPART with reviewing their rate peg methodology including the Local Government Cost Index to prevent a reoccurrence of the 2022-23 anomaly.</p> <p>Coffs Harbour City Council has taken up the offer to apply for a further 1.8 per cent to take the rate peg to 2.5 per cent as this was used in the Long Term Financial Plan.</p> <p>The 2.5 per cent as budgeted will ensure spending continuity across local roads, pools, parks and other community services that Coffs depends upon in addition to the much needed infrastructure projects which are assisting in pandemic recovery.</p> <p>This equates to an additional 45 cents per week for the average residential ratepayer.</p> <p>It is important to note the average rate peg since 2005-06 has been 2.83 per cent per annum.</p> <p>Submission can be made to IPART online: <a href="https://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Home/Industries/Local-Government/Reviews/Additional-Special-Variation-for-2022-23">https://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Home/Industries/Local-Government/Reviews/Additional-Special-Variation-for-2022-23</a></p>	

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6.3 Draft Positive Ageing Action Plan - Safety	Held over to the June Meeting due to timing.	Council
6.4 Info Exchange / Round Table	<p>GG – Importance of ongoing communication between Council and the Committee including in a print format for those people without internet access.</p> <p>SB – The need for community assistance with an assigned person provided to help people navigate the complexities of the aged care system – both in-home assistance and residential care. Government at all levels should provide guidance and support for people to understand these systems.</p>	All
<b>7. Outstanding Actions Review – N/A</b>		Council
<b>8. Next Meeting</b>	Monday 6 June 2022 at 10:00am, Venue – Coffs Harbour City Council Administration Building	
Meeting Close	12:06 pm	



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