



MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, 14 June 2016

Held Swan Hill Town Hall
Council Chambers
McCallum Street, Swan Hill
Commencing at 2:00 PM

COUNCIL:

Cr LT McPhee – Mayor

Cr JN Katis

Cr GW Norton

Cr GI Cruickshank

Cr JA Kiley

Cr JB Crowe

Confirmed 28 June 2016

Chairperson.....

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SECTION A – PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- **Open**

Mayor, Cr Les McPhee assumed the chair and declared the meeting open at 2.04pm.

- **Acknowledgement of Country**

Mayor, Cr Les McPhee read the Acknowledgement of Country.

- **Prayer**

Cr Greg Cruickshank read the prayer.

- **Apologies**

Cr Jessie Kiley requested a leave of absence.

54/16 Motion

MOVED Cr Norton

That Cr Kiley be granted a leave of absence and that her apology be accepted.

SECONDED Cr Katis

The Motion was put and CARRIED

- **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

Nil

SECTION B – REPORTS

B.16.51 RECEIVE AND HEAR SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT 2016/17 ANNUAL BUDGET

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate Services
File Number: S15-06-07
Attachments: 1 Submission 1
2 Submission 1a
3 Submission 2

Declarations of Interest: Officer

David Lenton - as the responsible officer, I declare that I have no disclosable interests in this matter.

Summary

The purpose of this item is to enable Council to formally receive and hear submissions to the Draft 2016/17 Budget.

At the close of the submission period two submissions were received. One submitter has requested to speak to their submission.

Discussion

Council advertised for submissions to its Draft 2016/17 Budget in the Swan Hill Guardian on Friday 6 May 2016 and the Robinvale Sentinel on Thursday 12 May 2016.

The Statutory period for making submissions has now passed. As required under the Local Government Act, Council is now in a position to formally receive any submissions and allow submitters to speak to any issues they have raised.

At the close of the submission period, two submissions were received. Mr Jeffery has requested to speak in support of his submission. The issues raised in the submissions are summarized below.

Submission 1 – Mr Jeffery

Mr Jeffery makes a number of suggestions in relation to Council's proposed Fees and Charges. Mr Jeffery suggests that fees at the Livestock Exchange, Leisure Centre's and for Animal Registrations should remain unchanged from 2015/16 levels and that all Fees and Charges should be rounded down to the nearest 5 cents. He also points out a few formatting issues in the Fees and Charges Schedule.

Mr Jeffery suggests that due to the General Revaluation that will be applied to calculate the 2016/17 Rates, users of the Livestock Exchange will be charged more in Rates.

Mr Jefferies argues that additional support should be provided to the Swan Hill Indoor Sports and Recreation Centre (The Stadium) and that the proposed upgrade to lighting to make it more energy efficient should be funded in the 2016/17 Budget.

Officers Response to Submission 1

The proposed Fees and Charges increases at the Livestock Exchange relate only to ancillary services such as the feeding of livestock, dead stock removal and the use of the water standpipe. The cost to provide the ancillary services increase annually and, as the fees are minor in nature, the administration component of the fee is quite large. To maintain the Fees for ancillary services at 2015/16 levels would have only a minor impact of the 2016/17 budget (estimated at less than \$1,000) however it would mean the estimated cost of providing the services would exceed the applicable Fee.

The 2016 General Revaluation is not expected to result in significantly higher Rates for the users of the Livestock Exchange nor will it lead to any additional Rates revenue for Council. The Revaluation will redistribute the total Rates proposed to be raised based on the new valuations and therefore some Ratepayers will pay less Rates, while other will pay more. Council's Rate Modelling indicates that the highest increases in Rates will be within the horticultural sector. Most other sectors, including cattle and sheep producers who use the Livestock Exchange, should generally pay the same or slightly less in Rates compared to 2015/16.

Council funded Leisure Centres are heavily subsidised from Rates. The proposed Fee increases help to cover cost increases incurred each year and prevent further subsidisation. There are many Council facilities, that are free to use, that encourage active and healthy lifestyles such as parks, playgrounds, recreation reserves and walking and cycling paths.

The cost of Council Regulatory Services program, which includes the Animal Control activities, is also subsidised from Rates and the costs of providing the service increase each year. To maintain the Animal Registration Fees at the 2015/16 level would cost the Budget approximately \$10,000.

The Fees can be rounded to the nearest 5 cents without a significant impact on the Budget, however, most payments to Council are made electronically rather than in cash. Any cash transactions are rounded at the time of receipt as required by law. The minor formatting changes will be made in the final version of the Fees and Charges schedule.

Council provides direct financial support to the Swan Hill Indoor Sports and Recreation Centre (The Stadium) of \$40,000 p.a. Council also pays the insurance for the building (estimated at \$18,000) and undertakes any major building maintenance. As stated in the submission, Council is currently finalising a Business Plan for The Stadium. It is expected that the Business Plan will be finalised within the next two months. Once the Business Plan is finalised Council will be in a better position to prioritise the actions required to improve the operations and finances of

The Stadium. The installation of energy efficient lighting will be considered as one of these actions.

Submission 2 – Mr and Mrs Kennedy

The submission opposes the proposed 2.5% average Rate Increase on the grounds that it is unaffordable. The submission also argues that the system of basing Rates solely on property valuations is unfair.

Officers Response to Submission 2

Over the last several years Swan Hill Rural City Council's rate increases have usually been below the State average. Rates comprise approximately 40% of Council's revenue, the majority of Council's funding comes from other sources.

When preparing the Budget each year, Council has to balance the amount of Rates required against the need to provide services, maintain facilities, improve infrastructure and to meet the requirements of numerous Statutory functions. The cost of providing these services increases annually and the increase in other sources of revenue, such as government grants, continue to be constrained. To reduce the proposed 2016/17 Rate rise would require a reduction in services, projects or both.

The Local Government Act determines how Council's can raise rates and requires that rates are raised against real estate, primarily based on valuations. Council has little discretion in how rates are set. Council is currently undertaking an independent review of its Differential Rating structure and the results will be used to inform the 2017/18 Budget. The review is comparing the rates raised by Council against broad ability to pay criteria, however, it will not be possible to develop a system of rating that adjusts for individual circumstances, and Differential Rates can only be based on broad property characteristics.

Consultation

The submission process is part of the consultation process for the Budget.

Financial Implications

Nil

Social Implications

Nil

Economic Implications

Nil

Environmental Implications

Nil

Risk Management Implications

Nil

Council Plan Strategy Addressed

Economic Growth - A prosperous, growing and diverse local and regional economy.

Options

Nil

Recommendations

That Council:

- 1. Receive the two submissions to the Draft 2016/17 Budget.**
- 2. Enable any submitters to speak to their submission.**

55/16 Motion

MOVED Cr Cruickshank

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SECONDED Cr Katis

The Motion was put and CARRIED

Sunday 5th June 2016

Mr John McLinden
Chief Executive Officer
Swan Hill Rural City Council

Chris Jeffery

Dear Mr McLinden,

Please find below and attached my submission for Swan Hill Rural City Councils Draft 2016/17 Annual Budget.

The attached Excel spreadsheet contains:

- Minor technical corrections
- Recommendations to leave fees same as last year
- Recommendations to round down to nearest cash amount – these fees, if being paid in cash would require a rounding down or up, let us have it correct in our budget.

Farmers

As we know our farming ratepayers are currently at the beginning of a drought, despite the recent rainfall another bad year on the land will place many pressures upon our farmers. I request that fees associated with sheep and cattle remain the same as last year to help with the financial burden for the year. Given this year is a land valuation year, Council will be receiving extra rate money from our asset rich, cash poor farmers.

Animal Registrations

I request that our animal registration fees remain the same as last year. I believe it is expensive enough to have animals registered. Any further increases in pet registrations will lead to more people not registering their pets due to the yearly costs of having it registered for no gain.

Leisure Centre Activities

In order to keep families and individuals active and able to afford healthy lifestyles, low prices and round easy figures makes budgets more affordable to manage.

Addition to budget

Swan Hill Stadium is well used and neglected facility in our town. Currently it runs at a loss of \$39,266.93, of which Utilities (Gas, Power, Water) make up \$18,028.08, a component of the Repairs and Maintenance (\$5,982.01 in 2014/15 and \$14,841.09 in 2013/14) is required for replacing broken lights. Positive reduction due to the new Stadium Manager utilising his qualification as builder.

One of the key elements of the high operating costs at the Swan Hill Stadium is its lighting. *"The overhead court lighting system is outdated technology and requires regular maintenance and replacement. It is also inefficient in power usage."* Review of Operations released in February 2016

The following clubs/groups use The Stadium:

- AFL Central Murray
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Casual Hirers
- Futsal
- Netball
- Schools
- Squash
- Tennis

There is no obvious funding within the budget to upgrade or improve the Swan Hill Stadium. We can see considerable money available for the following Swan Hill community centres available to the public:

- Swan Hill Leisure Centre
 - 24 hour gym access \$26,000
 - Change room floors \$40,000
 - Electrical controller \$15,000
 - Gym carpet \$14,000
- Swan Hill Swimming Pool
 - All abilities change room \$30,000
- Swan Hill Art Gallery
 - Extensions design - \$165,000
- Swan Hill Showground
 - Seating - \$26,000

I ask Council to continue its move towards greener, energy efficient lighting by considering the two quotes between \$30,000 and \$47,000 received to upgrade the lighting to LED lights, and make funds available in the new financial year to undertake a full upgrade.

I'm aware that Council is currently undertaking a business plan to potentially upgrade The Stadium, I believe the new LED lighting is an important upgrade that can be achieved now and benefit the users and Council financially.

Overall Budget

I'm impressed with the budget overall and look forward to more positives projects being completed in our Shire. I would like the opportunity to speak towards my submission provided I can make it on the 14th June.

Regards,

Chris Jeffery

| Section | Page | Sub Type | Service/Fee Type | Proposed 2016/17 Fee | Recommendation |
|---------------------------------|------|--|--|----------------------|---|
| Information Management | 82 | Historic Information Request | | | Remove 'N/A/UDF' |
| Library Service | 83 | Headphones | | | Remove 'New item for sale' reference. Not new this year |
| Library Service | 83 | Membership Cards | Replacement | \$5.25 | Leave at \$5.00. New cards are bulk ordered and in supply. Any reason for increase? |
| Livestock Exchange | 84 | Sheep holding paddocks | | \$0.75 | Leave at \$0.70 |
| Livestock Exchange | 84 | Cattle weight fee | | \$2.65 | Leave at \$2.50 |
| Livestock Exchange | 84 | Sheep yard | | \$0.65 | Leave at \$0.60 |
| Livestock Exchange | 84 | Cattle yard | | \$3.40 | Leave at \$3.20 |
| Livestock Exchange | 84 | Private weigh | Cattle | \$5.50 | 1. Leave at \$5.20 2. No separate weight charge for sheep - every other area has sheep and cattle separate |
| Livestock Exchange | 84 | Yard stock sold | Cattle & Sheep | 1.20% \$40.00 | Reduce to 1.10% Leave at \$37.00 |
| Livestock Exchange | 84 | Stock Feeding | Cattle & Sheep | \$20.00 | Leave at \$15.00 |
| Livestock Exchange | 85 | Banner | | \$164.43 | Round down to \$164.40 |
| Nyah Swimming Pool | 86 | Carnival | 1/2 Day | | 1. Remove 'HDV/OI' reference 2. No fee listed. |
| Nyah Swimming Pool | 86 | Carnival | Full Day | | 1. Remove 'HDV/OI' reference 2. No fee listed. |
| Regulatory Services | 94 | Local Laws | 50% discount of set fee for charitable organisations | | Should read '50% discounting off...' Remove 'New fee' reference |
| Regulatory Services | 94 | Local Laws | Excess animal permit fee | | Remove 'New fee' reference |
| Regulatory Services | 94 | Use of Council Land (Footpath Trading) | Permit fee for outdoor eating facility | \$163.00 | Leave at \$155 |
| Regulatory Services | 94 | Use of Council Land (Footpath Trading) | Permit for advertising sign on footpath | \$64.00 | 1. Comments section reads "\$50 per sign..." needs updating 2. Reduce to \$60.00 |
| Regulatory Services | 94 | Use of Council Land (Footpath Trading) | Permit to consume liquor on Council Land | \$165.00 | Reduce to \$160 |
| Regulatory Services | 94 | Dog/Cat Registrations | Market Day permit fee | \$61.00 | Reduce to \$60 |
| Regulatory Services | 94 | Dog/Cat Registrations | Dangerous or Menacing dog. Restricted Breed Dog | | Remove 'New fee' reference |
| Regulatory Services | 94 | Dog/Cat Registrations | Frisky dog or cat | \$132.00 | Leave at \$126 |
| Regulatory Services | 94 | Dog/Cat Registrations | Pensioner - Maximum fee (50%) discount | \$66.00 | Leave at \$63 |
| Regulatory Services | 94 | Dog/Cat Registrations | Deceased and microchip implant | \$44.00 | Leave at \$42 |
| Regulatory Services | 94 | Dog/Cat Registrations | Pensioner - Maximum fee (50%) discount | \$22.00 | Leave at \$21 |
| Regulatory Services | 94 | Dog/Cat Registrations | Working dog | \$22.00 | Leave at \$21 |
| Reserve User Fees & Casual Hire | 95 | All Venues | | | Reduce all to CPI 2.5% |
| Reserve User Fees & Casual Hire | 96 | Circus Fee | Swan Hill Reserve | | Remove 'first time formally set' reference |
| Reserve User Fees & Casual Hire | 96 | Circus Bond | Swan Hill Reserve | | Remove 'first time formally set' reference |
| Robinvale Leisure Centre | 97 | Aquatics | Child | \$2.31 | Round down to \$2.30 |
| Robinvale Leisure Centre | 97 | Aquatics | Spectator | \$2.31 | Round down to \$2.30 |
| Robinvale Leisure Centre | 97 | Season Ticket | Family | \$143.33 | Reduce to \$143.00 |
| Robinvale Leisure Centre | 97 | Season Ticket | Single | \$92.61 | Reduce to \$90.00 |
| Robinvale Leisure Centre | 97 | Swimming multi passes - 10 visits | Adult | \$31.08 | Reduce to \$31.00 |
| Robinvale Leisure Centre | 97 | Gymnasium | Casual | \$13.76 | Round down to \$13.75 |
| Robinvale Leisure Centre | 97 | Gymnasium | 1 Month Membership | \$185.22 | Reduce to \$185.00 |
| Robinvale Leisure Centre | 97 | Gymnasium | 6 Month Membership | \$295.47 | Reduce to \$295.00 |
| Robinvale Leisure Centre | 97 | Gymnasium | 12 Month Membership | \$463.05 | Reduce to \$460.00 |
| Robinvale Leisure Centre | 97 | Badminton | | \$13.34 | Round down to \$13.30 |
| Robinvale Leisure Centre | 97 | Stadium - Casual Use | | \$12.34 | Round down to \$12.30 |
| Robinvale Tip | 98 | Clean Green Fees | New Fees | | 1. Make it free for tips - understand that Council much then reuse within the community. Start charging and people won't recycle, they'll burn. 2. Otherwise in Comments column needs to read 'New Fee' |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 99 | Aquatics | Adult | \$5.36 | Round down to \$5.35 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 99 | Aquatics | Child | \$3.89 | Round down to \$3.85 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 99 | Aquatics | Concession | \$3.89 | Round down to \$3.85 |

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| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 99 | Aquatics | Schools | \$2.42 | Round down to \$2.42 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 99 | Aquatics | Swim Club | \$2.52 | Round down to \$2.50 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 99 | Aquatics | Swim Club - Niah Two Bays | \$6.41 | Round down to \$6.40 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 99 | Aquatics | Birthday Party - Catering | \$13.23 | Round down to \$13.20 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 99 | Aquatics | Non commercial lane hire | \$6.93 | Round down to \$6.90 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 99 | Aqua Aerobics | Adult | \$9.56 | Round down to \$9.55 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 99 | Aqua Aerobics | Concession | \$7.14 | Round down to \$7.10 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 99 | Swim Lessons | Pre-school - 1 child | \$11.76 | Reduce to \$11.50 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 99 | Swim Lessons | Pre-school - 2 child | \$10.61 | Reduce to \$10.40 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 99 | Swim Lessons | Adult | \$12.18 | Reduce to \$12.00 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 99 | Swim Lessons | Adult Member | \$11.08 | Reduce to \$11.00 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 99 | Swim Lessons | Private Lessons | \$30.45 | Reduce to \$30.00 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 99 | Swimming multi passes - 10 visits | Adult | \$48.09 | Reduce to \$48.00 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 99 | Health & Fitness Membership | Platinum Pack - 12 months | \$870.98 | Reduce to \$870.00 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 99 | Health & Fitness Membership | Platinum Pack - 12 months - Concession | \$672.53 | Reduce to \$672.00 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 99 | Health & Fitness Membership | Platinum Pack - 6 months | \$496.13 | Reduce to \$496.00 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 99 | Health & Fitness Membership | Platinum Pack - 6 months - Concession | \$374.85 | Reduce to \$374.00 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 99 | Health & Fitness Membership | Platinum Pack - per week | \$16.28 | Round down to \$16.25 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 100 | Health & Fitness Membership | Joining Fee | \$55.13 | Reduce to \$55.00 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 100 | Health & Fitness Membership | Platinum Pack Direct Debit (per week) -concession | \$12.81 | Round down to \$12.80 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 100 | Health & Fitness Membership | Premium Pack - 12 months | \$716.63 | Reduce to \$716.00 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 100 | Health & Fitness Membership | Premium Pack - 12 months - concessions | \$551.25 | Reduce to \$551.00 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 100 | Health & Fitness Membership | Premium Pack - 6 months | \$407.93 | Reduce to \$407.00 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 100 | Health & Fitness Membership | Premium Pack - 6 months - concessions | \$319.73 | Reduce to \$319.00 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 100 | Health & Fitness Membership | Premium Pack Direct Debit (per week) | \$13.44 | Round down to \$13.40 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 100 | Casual Health Club | Adult | \$14.49 | Round down to \$14.45 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 100 | Casual Health Club | Concession | \$10.19 | Round down to \$10.15 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 100 | Casual Health Club | Multi pass - 10 visits | \$114.14 | Reduce to \$110.00 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 100 | Group Fitness | Adult | \$9.14 | Reduce to \$9.00 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 100 | Group Fitness | Concession | \$6.93 | Round down to \$6.90 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 100 | Creche | Member 1 hour | \$5.25 | Leave at \$5.00 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 100 | Creche | Member 2 hours | \$10.50 | Leave at \$10.00 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 100 | Creche | Member 3 hours | \$15.54 | Reduce to \$15.00 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 100 | Creche | Non member 1 hour | \$6.51 | 1. Round down to \$6.50 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 100 | Creche | Non member 2 hours | \$12.71 | 2. New Fees column should read 'Non Member 1 hour' |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 100 | Creche | Non member 3 hours | \$19.01 | Round down to \$19.00 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 100 | Badminton | | \$13.34 | Reduce to \$13.00 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 100 | Stadium - Casual Use | | \$4.94 | Round down to \$4.90 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 100 | Court Hire | | \$44.52 | Round down to \$44.50 |
| Swan Hill Leisure Centre | 100 | Locker Hire | | \$3.15 | 1. Reduce to \$2.00 per 90 minutes |
| Swan Hill Swimming Pool | 101 | Lane Hire | Per Hour | \$15.50 | Reconsider excessive 134.8% increase. Consider \$8.00 |
| Swan Hill Tip | 101 | Tires | Car & Motorcycle | \$9.24 | Round down to \$9.20 |
| Swan Hill Tip | 101 | Tires | Truck - wide brand super single | \$39.48 | Round down to \$39.45 |
| Swan Hill Tip | 102 | Clean Green Fees | New Fees | | 1. Make it free for tips - understand that Council much then reuse within the community. 2. Start charging and people won't recycle, they'll burn. 3. Otherwise insert into Comments column needs to read 'New Fee' 3. Reconsider fee amounts - fees are double that of Robina/ale Tip. |
| Swan Hill Town Hall | 102 | Hire of total complex | Wedding | \$1,100.00 | Scrap this fee - make same as Community - money grab just because it's a wedding. |
| Swan Hill Town Hall | 103 | Microphone hire | per microphone | Price on Application | Price already determined? Should be listed to be consistent with budget |
| Swan Hill Town Hall | 103 | Video & Projection equipment | | Price on Application | Price already determined? Should be listed to be consistent with budget |

From: Mary and Dan Kennedy
Sent: Monday, 6 June 2016 5:38 AM
To: council@swanhill.vic.gov.au
Subject: feedback on draft budget

Disappointed to again see rates increased, and by the maximum amount allowed too, is that right? 2.5% is significant when existing rates are already comparably so high.

Last year upon enquiry, a council employee informed me rates had increased every year of the 25 years he had been employed except once when it was not allowed by the state government. That is not reflective of the reality of most local residents salaries I would suspect, definitely not for us. We are not alone in feeling very disappointed (to put it mildly) about this. Everyone I have spoken to has been unanimously **not** happy about rate-rises, with the typical response 'Well, you can't do anything about it.' Add to this that every two years properties are revalued and subsequently rates are again increased, it's a little hard to take.

Every year we have to pay more & more out of our family budget to cover our rates – for the privilege of continuing to live in our own home - a home we sacrificed for and saved and worked hard for and continue to sacrifice and save for and work hard to improve.

My wage hasn't increased at all in the last 12 month period, but my rates will, especially after the revaluation, as we have worked hard to improve our home (time, money, physical labour) and our area has become very sought-after, property prices have soared.

We are a single-income family of five on a wage that qualifies for a Health Care card. We are ineligible for the card however because of 'deemed' interest on our savings. We are saving (and sacrificing) to make further improvements to extend and develop our house to accommodate our growing family – these improvements will also result in rate increases in the future. This just doesn't seem to be a fair system.

This doesn't appear to be a system that rewards hard-working and hard-saving people who sacrifice and invest to improve their homes and by extension their street, community and the Swan Hill region - which is also a purpose of our rate money is it not? If improving and beautifying our region is a common goal, shouldn't council be supportive and encouraging of people's efforts in this regard instead of penalising them financially for it?

Our property has been in the family for 23 years. It wasn't a popular area back then but was an affordable option for our family at the time. We have poured lots of love and blood, sweat and tears into it and have, over the years, made many wonderful memories. It has well and truly become home – but perhaps in the future if things continue the way they are with rate increases it may be a home we will find increasingly difficult to afford to continue to live in, particularly when we retire and aren't earning an income at all. Valuations shouldn't be the only consideration in setting the rates.

Thank you for considering these thoughts.

Dan Kennedy

Mr Jefferies rose and spoke to his submission. Councillors thanked Mr Jefferies for his presentation.

There being no further business Cr Les McPhee closed the meeting at 2.10pm.