



**Macedon  
Ranges**  
Shire Council

# **ATTACHMENTS**

**Submitters Committee Meeting  
Under Separate Cover**

**Wednesday 21 February 2024**



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Community Consultation: Budget 2024/25 & Council Plan 2021-2031 (Year Four)

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5W					New Infrastructure - Shared Path	Improving walkability in Riddells Creek supporting the priorities of What Riddell Want - Infrastructure Strand	<p>Below, I provide my own top three projects that I would like to see included in the forthcoming MRSC budget, together with reasons for them.</p> <p>The 'walkability' of Riddells Creek is seriously neglected. Our town is currently dominated by the negative effects of very busy main roads, to the detriment of pedestrians and all other non-vehicular residents/visitors.</p> <p>Of particular note are the 'barriers to entry/exit' for all non-car users that are created by the dangerous squeeze spots at all entries to the town. The first project listed below address the most important of these as well as creating a vital connection for the Woodend to Riddells Creek Shared Trail project (which the Council has committed to, yet there is, as yet, no route for its connection into the centre of Riddells Creek).</p> <p>The second and third projects below start to address the neglected and discontinuous footpath infrastructure of Riddells Creek.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A pedestrian/cycling/horse bridge over Riddells Creek north of the Carre Riddell road bridge. This will connect Riddell to the shared trail that will come from New Gisborne, Macedon and Woodend and provide for better access to the south side of the Riddells Creek and to the Nursery and Early Learning Centre. It will help make it safe for pedestrians, horses and cyclists to exit and enter the town.</li> <li>2. A shared path on Sutherlands Rd, from Racecourse Rd to the Lions Park. This will provide safe walking from Rangeview Estate into the town centre, and for walkers, runners and dog walkers doing a circuit.</li> <li>3. A shared path on Southbourne Rd, from Parkview Terrace to Racecourse Rd. Parents and kids will be safer getting to and from the playground on Parkview, or getting out to Main Road and Sutherlands Road.</li> </ol>			
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7W								Upgrade to Council Facilities	Upgrading tennis courts for [Redacted]	<p>[Redacted] Club would like Council to consider an upgrade to our tennis facilities as part of the Macedon Ranges 2024/25 Budget and request funding to assist with this infrastructure upgrade.</p> <p>Our submission is for the Macedon Ranges Council to consider upgrading the tennis courts 5-6 and courts 7-8 to be included in the 2024/25 Budget.</p> <p>Full submission is included as attachment</p>

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9W					Upgrade to Council Facilities	Resurfacing of tennis courts for	<p>I am writing to you to make you aware of the current plight of the Club and our desperate need for the re-surfacing of our main three courts. In all honesty, all of our courts need re-surfacing. Our courts continue to deteriorate and have now reached the point that we fear they are not of acceptable standard for competition play. Currently we are transferring our Macedon Ranges Tennis Association Thursday night matches to Lancefield's courts because of their state. Our synthetic grass courts have a number of surface issues. Firstly, the synthetic grass is wearing thin and tears are occurring. We have already patched our baseline area on our first court. On our second court there is a major tear on the northern baseline and there are many other areas wearing thin. Secondly, our main three courts are extremely dirty, due largely to a loose base underneath the surface. These dirty patches are spread throughout our main three courts with several extremely bad patches. This problem multiplies whenever there is rain on our courts. The dry patches become muddy and our club volunteers have to work on shovelling the mud off the courts to make play possible. This makes our courts unattractive to play on but, more importantly, the courts become extremely slippery, whether wet or dry, making competition play extremely dangerous. Thus, we are faced with the stresses of whether or not to allow competition or social play on our courts. Recently, two players lost their footing during competition play, including myself. I sustained a back muscle injury, while another player was uninjured luckily. We are fearful we won't be so lucky next time. Additionally, moss is growing on our courts. While our courts deteriorate, we fear having to shut down our courts for junior tennis, social tennis and coaching lessons.</p> <p>In recent years, the Club has worked extremely hard to rebuild after the effects of Covid. We have changed our coaching organisation, held Open Days, offered special memberships and worked with Tennis Australia to supply new tennis racquets to all Foundation students at Romsey Primary School. Our junior coaching numbers have increased from single figures to approximately 40-50 children. We have also attracted new members to our Club. We have always aimed to make tennis a viable option in Romsey. This is close to becoming impossible. The prospect of closing our courts is becoming a reality. We have considerable savings, however nowhere near enough to re-surface our courts. We are applying for grants, wherever possible, and have reached out to all levels of government. We have also received a commitment from the Romsey/Lancefield Bendigo Bank for \$20,000. We know that the MRSC have strategic plans for the re-surfacing of our 5 courts at the Romsey Tennis Club, however we are concerned when, and if, this may become a reality. In addition, the fencing around our courts is sub standard and in need of replacement. We have endeavoured to answer important questions also.</p> <p>Will your idea need design or scoping work to be done? – We don't believe so, but are seeking professional guidance and quotes</p> <p>Will your idea require Council staff or other human resources to deliver it? No, outside companies will complete the work</p> <p>Will there be significant costs? We have received two quotes for synthetic grass re-surfacing. They vary greatly from \$108,000 to \$300,000. We are sourcing other quotes.</p> <p>Is this an upgrade to an existing facility or new facility? This is an upgrade to an existing Council facility</p> <p>We ask that the re-surfacing of the Club's three main courts becomes a priority for the MRSC. Our members and the Romsey community deserve facilities that are far better and safer than our current courts. They deserve open courts, not a closed asset.</p> <p>Please help us keep the Romsey Tennis Club open and available to our community. I have attached photos of our current courts.</p>
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11W					Enivornmental Initiatives for Riddells Creek	Supportive of initiatives for the What Riddell Wants - Environment Strand	<p>I strongly support MRSC budget funding priorities to increase awareness of environmental issues in Riddells Creek and across Macedon Ranges.</p> <p>Riddells Creek who is deeply concerned about the effects of climate change on all aspects of our lives and on future generations, and I am also a for groups who care for the land in Riddells Creek – Greening of Riddell and Riddells Creek Landcare. I fully support the below priorities presented by the What Riddell Wants – Environment Strand.</p> <p>To increase awareness of environmental issues – please consider the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Support for an Enviro Expo in Riddells Creek - involving energy literacy, E-Vehicles, affordable, practical solutions to climate change etc. This will link in with Farmers Market, Riddells Creek Walkability Study</li> <li>b) Charging station to be built in Riddells Creek</li> <li>c) Develop central Murnong Creek and add correct signage along creek (so that it is identified as valued and valuable creek, rather than The Drain).</li> </ol>
12W					Upgrade to Council Facilities	Detailed design and cost for the first stage of the endorsed Ross Watts Master Plan	<p>Thank you for considering this submission.</p> <p>The Club appreciates the opportunity to provide a submission regarding the Macedon Ranges Shire Council (MRSC) 2024-25 budget process. We request that funding be set aside in the 2024-25 budget to complete planning work to deliver a detailed design and cost for the first stage of the endorsed Ross Watt Master Plan.</p>

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	14W	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	New Infrastructure - Shared Path Feedback to 2024/25 Budget Process	Improving walkability in Riddells Creek supporting the priorities of What Riddell Want - Infrastructure Strand	<p><b>Redacted due to Privacy Reasons</b></p> <p>Feedback on the Budget Process                      I would firstly just like it to be noted that I object to the submission process that closes on 20 November 2023 being the only formal consultation process Council is running on this budget (as per words on this web page <a href="https://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/About-Council/News/Have-Your-Say/Budget-202425-and-Council-Plan-2021-2031-Year-Four">https://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/About-Council/News/Have-Your-Say/Budget-202425-and-Council-Plan-2021-2031-Year-Four</a>).</p> <p>This implies Council will not formally be advertising for or accepting submissions on a draft budget prior to it being presented to Councillors for approval.</p> <p>How will Council know if the money it proposes to spend reflects community expectations?</p> <p>Having a draft budget to comment on is distinctly different from this process, in essence an idea gathering exercise. Whilst Council may (and should) take on what the community have submitted in the past month, it could equally add additional items that do not meet community expectations, and yet claim the community was consulted!</p> <p>It would be appropriate and consistent with Local Government Act 2020, especially ss9(1) and (2)                      *(b) priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations                      *(d) the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making                      *(g) the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured; and                      *(i) the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured,</p> <p>for Council to provide for a formal process for the community to comment on a draft budget, not just an opportunity to provide ideas.</p> <p>Budget Submission</p> <p>1. Walkability in Riddells Creek                      I fully support the following community identified walkability (walking, cycling, horse riding) projects:</p> <p>A. A pedestrian/cycling/horse bridge over Riddells Creek north of the Carre Riddell road bridge. This will connect Riddell to the shared trail that will come from New Gisborne, Macedon and Woodend and provide for better access to the south side of the actual Riddells Creek and to the Nursery and Early Learning Centre. It will help make it safe for pedestrians, horses and cyclists to exit and enter the town. Placing it north of the Carre Riddell road bridge will ensure it serves not just the shared trail but community desire to access the south side of Wybejong Reserve and beyond. Further a connection south of Carre Riddell road bridge can be provided as part of a connection under the rail line, via the creek course, to the Riddell South development (as is shown in the developers latest plan).</p> <p>B. A shared path on Sutherlands Rd, from Racecourse Rd to the Lions Park. This will provide safe walking from Rangeview Estate into the town centre, and for walkers, runners and dog walkers doing a circuit.</p>

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The Infrastructure Strand supports the What Riddell Wants budget submission (emailed earlier this evening by me).</p> <p>However, given the extensive work we have done between September and November this year, and the importance of walkability to the Riddells Creek Community as demonstrated by our work, we have also chosen to do a walkability specific budget submission.</p> <p>Walkability in Riddells Creek As a group our work (in short analysis of Council's Riddells Creek Network Movement Study and resident survey) shows the following are high priority projects for the Riddells Creek community, and as such should be funded in the 2024 / 2025 budget.</p> <p>A. A pedestrian/cycling/horse bridge over Riddells Creek north of the Carre Riddell road bridge. This will connect Riddell to the shared trail that will come from New Gisborne, Macedon and Woodend and provide for better access to the south side of the actual Riddells Creek and to the Nursery and Early Learning Centre. 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Parents and kids will be safer getting to and from the playground on Parkview, or getting out to Main Road and Sutherlands Road.</p> <p>A. is a big budget item that needs design work started now, not when the trail is at Riddell's doorstep. B. and C. can be done now, and will make the existing path network better connected on two of the most popular routes the community uses every day.</p> <p>Further to the above high priority projects the following also appear in the Top 10 list of Projects and are also worthy of funding in 2024 / 2025:</p> <p>D. Safe crossing points. Pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders should be able to cross Main Rd safely and conveniently from Walter J Smith to Amess Rd. 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19W	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	New Infrastructure - Shared Path	Improving walkability in Riddells Creek supporting the priorities of What Riddell Want - Infrastructure Strand	<p>support the below priorities as presented by the What Riddell Wants - Infrastructure Strand and look forward to your favourable consideration.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A pedestrian/cycling/horse bridge over Riddells Creek north of the Carre Riddell road bridge. This will connect Riddell to the shared trail that will come from New Gisborne, Macedon and Woodend and provide for better access to the south side of the Riddells Creek and to the Nursery and Early Learning Centre. It will help make it safe for pedestrians, horses, and cyclists to exit and enter the town.</li> <li>2. A shared path on Sutherlands Rd, from Racecourse Rd to the Lions Park. This will provide safe walking from Rangeview Estate into the town centre, and for walkers, runners and dog walkers doing a circuit.</li> <li>3. A shared path on Southbourne Rd, from Parkview Terrace to Racecourse Rd. Parents and kids will be safer getting to and from the playground on Parkview or getting out to Main Road and Sutherlands Road.</li> </ol> <p>During the COVID pandemic I, like many others, found myself walking around our beautiful town. Since then I have had health issues that make it harder for me to do this, but I still can. There are many members of our community who can't because the infrastructure does not meet their needs. They may have more limited mobility, or simply have young children and need to use a pram or stroller. The above investments will help those people to enjoy our town too.</p>
20W	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	New Infrastructure - Shared Path	Improving walkability in Riddells Creek supporting the priorities of What Riddell Want - Infrastructure Strand	<p>I am writing to advise my support in relation to budget funding priorities for improving walkability in Riddells Creek.</p> <p>I fully support the below priorities presented by the What Riddell Wants - Infrastructure Strand and look forward to your favourable consideration.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A pedestrian/cycling/horse bridge over Riddells Creek north of the Carre Riddell road bridge. This will connect Riddell to the shared trail that will come from New Gisborne, Macedon and Woodend and provide for better access to the south side of the Riddells Creek and to the Nursery and Early Learning Centre. It will help make it safe for pedestrians, horses and cyclists to exit and enter the town.</li> <li>2. A shared path on Sutherlands Rd, from Racecourse Rd to the Lions Park. This will provide safe walking from Rangeview Estate into the town centre, and for walkers, runners and dog walkers doing a circuit.</li> <li>3. A shared path on Southbourne Rd, from Parkview Terrace to Racecourse Rd. Parents and kids will be safer getting to and from the playground on Parkview, or getting out to Main Road and Sutherlands Road.</li> </ol> <p>This local group has done a lot of work involving the community in the lead up to providing local feedback. They are pragmatic projects which assist the community to prepare for the exponential growth we will be experiencing over coming years. I implore council to take these priorities into account in its funding considerations.</p>
21W	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	improvements for Riddells Creek	Funding for various items as part of What Riddell Wants	<p><a href="#">D23-155687 - Submission - Detailed submission - refer to attached</a></p>
22W	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Environmental initiatives	Requests for three interconnected projects: Gardens for Wildlife, an Urban Biodiversity Officer, and an Urban Forest Strategy, all aimed at enhancing the environmental values of the shire's towns and promoting biodiversity and sustainable landscaping practices.	<p>Letter of support for [Redacted]'s submission to Macedon Ranges Shire Council's 2024-25 Budget</p> <p>The [Redacted] p fully supports the Upper Deep Creek Landcare Network's submission to Macedon Ranges Shire Council on its 2024/25 Budget. The network's request is for Council to fund three projects: Gardens for Wildlife, Urban Biodiversity Officer, and Urban Forest Strategy, which are interconnected and focused on enhancing the environmental values of the shire's towns.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.Gardens for Wildlife The provision of Macedon Ranges Shire Council's support in the 2024-25 Budget for the Gardens for Wildlife will implement an action in Council's Biodiversity Strategy (2018) - Action 2.32: Support residents to preserve and plant locally native vegetation as much as possible and consider implementing an urban biodiversity program such as "Gardens for Wildlife".</li> </ol> <p>To date this action has not been acted on by Council, as up until now it's been volunteers from groups, such as ours who have promoted Gardens for Wildlife in the Shire. Pat Danko and Victoria Morris have done this predominately by promoting Gardens for Wildlife at our marquee at the Lancefield Farmers Market. It's time for Macedon Ranges Shire Council to support a Gardens for Wildlife program by providing funding for a dedicated staff resource to develop, promote and implement the program, and to also fund indigenous plants for urban residents who participate in the program to encourage them to create gardens using indigenous plants for habitat and food sources for native fauna.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.Urban Biodiversity Officer Provision of funding by Macedon Ranges Shire Council for the Urban Biodiversity Officer position is imperative for the delivery of Council's Gardens for Wildlife program; relying solely on volunteers is inadequate and will not give the necessary impetus required to balance our rising population. The Urban Biodiversity Officer would also deliver a wide range of other urban biodiversity-related tasks required for Council.</li> <li>3.Urban Forest Strategy Macedon Ranges Shire Council needs an Urban Forest Strategy to guide Council's strategic direction on enhancing and protecting trees and vegetation to create urban forests in its towns. As our towns grow such a strategy is required to enhance liveability and our environment.</li> </ol> <p>We request Macedon Ranges Shire Council to give careful consideration to the Upper Deep Creek Landcare Network's submission to Council's 2024-25 Budget.</p>
23W	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Enivronmental Initiatives	Requests for three interconnected projects: Gardens for Wildlife, an Urban Biodiversity Officer, and an Urban Forest Strategy, all aimed at enhancing the environmental values of the shire's towns and promoting biodiversity and sustainable landscaping practices.	<p><a href="#">D23-155706 - Submission</a></p>

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	26W	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons				[Redacted]	Upgrade to Council Facilities	Upgrades to Malmsbury Hall	<p>The Malmsbury Hall is a medium sized bluestone and brick Hall in the heart of Malmsbury, next door to the botanical Gardens. It is in generally good condition, but needs some upgrades to remain truly useful. It is a renowned historical hall &amp; much loved by Malmsbury people.</p> <p>This submission includes initiatives to: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 replace gas heating in the main hall.</li> <li>2 add solar panels to the building.</li> <li>3 add an electrical storage battery.</li> <li>4 replace 2 commercial gas stoves in the kitchen.</li> </ol>
	27W	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons				[Redacted]	New Idea	Green Sports Initiative	<p>Macedon Ranges Green Sports Budget Submission -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.Sporting Club Environmental Impact and Resilience Audit of clubs across the shire to establish baseline data.</li> <li>2.Desktop research of impacts of climate change specific to our region.</li> <li>3.Desktop research of activations that are currently available that support findings from the audit to develop own activations relating to council priorities (see the 'can we' comments in the audit information below).</li> <li>4.Launch a program of work on Green Sports Day</li> </ol>
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	29W	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons				[Redacted]	Business and Tourism	Various Initiatives to support Visitor Economy and Economic Development	<p>Refer to attachment provided.</p>

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30W	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Business and Tourism	[Redacted] requests budget allocation for three key initiatives: specialist horticulture maintenance services for botanical and high-profile gardens, improved visitor signage for Romsey Ecotherapy Park, and the implementation of Stage 2 of the Romsey Five Mile Creek Master Plan, all aimed at promoting economic development, enhancing the local visitor economy, and improving community amenities in the eastern Macedon Ranges.	<p>In the context of its Statement of Purpose 2, "To advocate to stakeholders and seek opportunity and initiatives to promote eastern corridor economic development and the local visitor economy", [Redacted] has prioritised the following for consideration of budget allocation; 1. Specialist Horticulture Maintenance Services for Botanic and High Profile Gardens</p> <p>The Macedon Ranges visitor economy is incredibly important to the region. The demand for experiences in nature includes those in the region's Botanic Gardens and similar open space destinations such as Romsey Ecotherapy Park. As well as an important community resource, Romsey Ecotherapy Park is a vital visitor attraction in the eastern corridor, having earlier this year been awarded Parks Leisure Australia's Park of the Year Award (Victoria and Tasmania). High profile and, in the case of Romsey Ecotherapy Park, complex gardens require specialist maintenance compared to the Shire's more regular parks and open spaces. Failure to adequately maintain these spaces will most definitely result in their deterioration with a subsequent loss of reputational integrity for them as both visitor-worthy assets and outstanding community resources. In the case of the multi-million dollar Romsey Ecotherapy Park, Council's financial investment was significant which is another reason to prioritise its specialist maintenance. Complex plantings, art installations, water features and other infrastructure elements dictate a higher level of maintenance is required. Failure to do so will seriously risk the ongoing reputation of this and other specialised gardens/parks which are important to the Macedon Ranges visitor economy.</p> <p>2. Visitor Signage Romsey Ecotherapy Park</p> <p>Currently, there is only finger blade signage in the immediate vicinity of the Romsey Ecotherapy Park. The Park itself is to some extent obscured from the Main Road. Given the visitor/tourism credentials of this eastern corridor asset, EMRBATA requests budgetary consideration for formal tourism signage - either "Gateway" or "Advance" signage (as per Vic Roads Tourist Signing Guidelines). This will support both planned and spontaneous awareness of this attraction by visitors to the region.</p> <p>3. Romsey Five Mile Creek Master Plan Implementation (Stage 2)</p> <p>The development of the Five Mile Creek Master Plan in 2019 and its anticipated implementation was welcomed by [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] at the time as a wonderful synergy project to the Romsey Ecotherapy Park. The prospect of a "precinct" of well planned open space was exciting from both a visitor asset and local community amenity perspective as well as its potential knock-on economic importance and utilisation cannot be underestimated. Despite the original Implementation Plan scheduling Stage 2 for completion in 2022-2023, this has not occurred or, apparently, been funded. The Draft Romsey Structure Plan's Strategy 12 action is to "Continue to implement the Five Mile Creek Master plan". The importance of steadily implementing the Five Mile Creek Master Plan cannot be underestimated in both an environmental amenity context and the knock-on visitor economy sense [Redacted] requests Council seriously consider funding allocation to Stage 2, costed in October 2022 at \$ 365,160. This would include expanding the path network along the south side of the Creek to create a loop walk and tree planting for shade and habitat. It also includes improvements to Wrixon Street entry including path connections, bridge crossing, frontage fencing and signage.</p> <p>In addition to the visitor asset benefit, the project will have excellent health and wellbeing outcomes for the Romsey community as well as providing much better connectivity allowing active transport in the township.</p> <p>Summary Statement</p> <p>[Redacted] is seriously committed to ongoing advocacy for economic development, the visitor economy and community amenity in the eastern Macedon Ranges which, in turn, benefits the Shire more generally. The limited amount of visitor economy product in the eastern corridor desperately needs nurturing. [Redacted] implores Council to seriously consider the above items for consideration in the 2024-2025 Budget.</p> <p>I write on behalf of the group of community members [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] during the design and construction of Romsey Ecotherapy Park.</p> <p>We are grateful to have this opportunity to comment on MRSC's Draft 2024-2025 Budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Specialist Horticultural Maintenance Position for Botanic and High Profile Gardens</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> We are committed to advocating for the ongoing maintenance of Romsey Ecotherapy Park to the standard this complex and important community and tourism resource requires and deserves. Part of the funding argument to allow construction of this Park was its value as a visitor economy asset and health and wellbeing resource in the eastern corridor of the Macedon Ranges. For these benefits of the Park to be ongoing, specialist horticultural maintenance services are required compared to more regular reserves and parks. Failure to adequately maintain the Park's special spaces and infrastructure will most definitely result in their deterioration with a subsequent loss of reputational integrity for them as both visitor-worthy assets and outstanding community resources. This sort of specialised horticulture maintenance position would also apply to other feature gardens and parks in the region such as Botanic gardens.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Council, State Government and Federal Government all made significant investment into Romsey Ecotherapy Park which was the Victorian/Tasmanian Park of the Year on 2023 (Parks Leisure Australia). As a high profile regional asset, it is imperative that its reputation and that of its investors is maintained.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tourism Signage for Romsey Ecotherapy Park</li> </ul> <p>Given its visitor credentials, Romsey Ecotherapy Park would benefit from installation of Regional Roads Victoria tourism. Unless people are familiar with the Park, the current finger blade signage is inadequate for those planning visits to the Park and those who could discover it incidentally as they travel through the region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Romsey Five Mile Creek Master Plan Implementation (Stage 2)</li> </ul> <p>The development of the Five Mile Creek Master Plan in 2019 and its anticipated implementation was welcomed by REP as a wonderful synergy project to the Romsey Ecotherapy Park. In an era where the link between wellness and experiences in nature is in people's consciousness more than ever, the prospect of a "precinct" of well planned open space was exciting from both a visitor and local community asset perspective</p> <p>Our understanding is that Stage 2 implementation was originally scheduled for 2022-2023 but was not funded. We do hope budgetary consideration can be given for this to occur in 2024-2025.</p> <p>The former REP Inc members request that Council seriously consider including the above initiatives in the 2023-2024 Budget.</p>
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32W	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Sustainability and Environment	Continue to work on projects to support sustainable transport within Macedon Ranges	<p><b>Redacted due to Privacy Reasons</b></p> <p>Macedon Ranges Shire Council Budget Submission</p> <p>The <b>Redacted due to Privacy Reasons</b> has a group that focuses on all aspects of sustainable transport within the Macedon Ranges. This includes advocating for improved infrastructure for active transport, improved public transport and support for other transport projects such as electric vehicles and e-mobility, which help to support our overall vision of creating and nurturing environmental, social, and economic sustainability throughout the Macedon Ranges Shire.</p> <p>To do this we educate and assist our community to adopt lifestyle changes and engage in projects and activities designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Reduce our carbon footprint by encouraging walking and cycling, e-mobility and the use of public transport</li> <li>•Reduce our dependency on cars which in turn helps people financially</li> <li>•Educate people on the social and health benefits of active transport which create connection, encourage physical activity and allow people to experience their environment from a different perspective.</li> </ul> <p>These activities directly support the themes under the Council's vision as outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Connecting communities: A connected community is where people have access to the services they need and are empowered to contribute, creating a sense of belonging.</li> <li>•Healthy environment, healthy people: The community prioritises the protection of the natural environment and recreational facilities.</li> <li>•Business and tourism: Business and tourism is about prioritising and promoting the people, resources, services and our regional identity to ensure economic growth.</li> </ul> <p>During 2023/24 we have organised a number of events including the e-bike expo in Woodend and the EV expo in Malmesbury, coordinated Ride to School activities at five different schools across the Ranges, a showing of Motherload (a film about people's direct experiences of switching from driving to using e-bikes, particularly cargo-bikes. We have also commenced work on a local sustainable transport map for Woodend.</p> <p>In 2024/25 we would like to continue work on the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Develop our sustainable transport maps, also for other townships such as Gisborne and Kyneton.</li> <li>•Work with the community and Council of the provision of improved cycle parking at key locations</li> <li>•Work with schools to undertake school travel surveys and where needed, improve cycle parking at schools, support cycle training for children</li> <li>•Work with Council to improve walking routes to schools and work with school communities to create informal 'walking buses' with parents' supporting children walking to school</li> </ul>
33W	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Sustainability and Environment	Support of submission made by [Redacted]	
34W	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan	Support for recently adopted Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan	[Redacted] and I support the recently endorsed Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan and want to see it move beyond a concept by completing the detailed planning, design work and cost estimate needed to seek major funding in a future council budget and/or government grant process. What a fantastic opportunity to upgrade a communal area in a rapidly growing community
35W	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Upgrade to Council Facilities	Purchase of ovens	Would you be able to let me know to whom JH COM send a wee note at MRSC to inform that we need to have upgraded ovens purchase and instalment included in budget please. I seem to remember that it was an estimate at this stage so that is easy for us to do.
36W	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	New Infrastructure - Shared Path	Improving walkability in Riddells Creek supporting the priorities of What Riddell Want - Infrastructure Strand	<p>I am writing to advise my support in relation to budget funding priorities for improving walkability in Riddells Creek.</p> <p>I fully support the below priorities presented by the What Riddell Wants - Infrastructure Strand and look forward to your favourable consideration.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A pedestrian/cycling/horse bridge over Riddells Creek north of the Carre Riddell road bridge. This will connect Riddell to the shared trail that will come from New Gisborne, Macedon and Woodend and provide for better access to the south side of the Riddells Creek and to the Nursery and Early Learning Centre. It will help make it safe for pedestrians, horses and cyclists to exit and enter the town.</li> <li>2. A shared path on Sutherlands Rd, from Racecourse Rd to the Lions Park. This will provide safe walking from Rangeview Estate into the town centre, and for walkers, runners and dog walkers doing a circuit.</li> <li>3. A shared path on Southbourne Rd, from Parkview Terrace to Racecourse Rd. Parents and kids will be safer getting to and from the playground on Parkview, or getting out to Main Road and Sutherlands Road.</li> </ol>
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38W	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Domestic Animal Management	Feedback in relation to Wandering Cats, Dogs on/off lead, Stanley Park and dogs on private properties	Refer to attachment provided.
39W	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	New Idea	Request to transform the Macedon Ranges further education centre in Gisborne, which currently operates mainly as an educational facility, into a 'drop-in' center, potentially as part of the Village Connect partnership, to serve as a welcoming space for the community, including the elderly and young mothers, to gather for casual activities and conversations, addressing the need for a more permanent and inclusive facility.	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to put forward ideas to the budget plans.</p> <p>GISBORNE has the <b>Redacted due to Privacy Reasons</b>, which provides a worthwhile educational service. However included in the name is 'neighbourhood house' In comparison with other towns within the shire, this facility does not operate as a neighbourhood house. It is only open during school terms, operating at set times of day and evening for formal classes.</p> <p>Would it be possible for MR Shire Budget to include a portion of the building as a 'drop-in' centre?</p> <p>Perhaps become part of the Village Connect partnership?</p> <p>There are many people in Gisborne who would appreciate a place to catch-up, a conversation, a craft morning, a welcome cuppa. The elderly and young Mums, in particular. Even if only for one or two days a week.</p> <p>MrFec have been providing invitations on facebook to attend the occasional morning tea, but one has to book ahead. My thought is a more permanent, casual facility, just once a week perhaps. Something, Somewhere, in Gisborne. MrFec appears to me to be the perfect space, adequate parking a big advantage.</p> <p>I have enquired direct to MrFec in the past, about them stepping up, but was politely told they are registered as educational and didn't see the need to expand into the traditional 'Neighbour House'</p> <p>For your consideration,</p> <p><b>Redacted due to Privacy Reasons</b></p>

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	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons			Electric Charging Stations Business and Tourism	Relocate the Bus Shelter away from the EV Station and the corner of Smith and Victoria Street Relocate the Bus Shelter away from the EV Station and the corner of Smith and Victoria Street C. Jubilee Hall Mural – Protection artworks and surface	Refer to attachment provided - 41W
	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons			New Initiatives - Off Lead areas	Proposes a partnership between [Redacted] and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council to fund fenced dog parks in the community, highlighting the lack of such facilities in the area and suggesting specific locations for immediate action.	Refer to attachment provided - 42W

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**Kaitlin Evans**

**From:** Redacted due to Privacy Reasons  
**Sent:** Friday, 17 November 2023 7:37 AM  
**To:** Macedon Ranges Shire Council  
**Cc:** Redacted due to Privacy Reasons  
**Subject:** 2024/25 Budget submission  
**Attachments:** Redacted due to Privacy Reasons

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Dear Macedon Ranges Shire Council,

Redacted due to Privacy Reasons Club would like Council to consider an upgrade to our tennis facilities as part of the Macedon Ranges 2024/25 Budget and request funding to assist with this infrastructure upgrade.

Please find the necessary information as part of our application.

This application is being made on behalf of a community group, Redacted due to Privacy Reasons, located in Gisborne on Redacted due to Privacy Reasons.

Redacted due to Privacy Reasons committee members submitting this application on behalf of our Redacted due to Privacy Reasons Club.

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Our submission is for the Macedon Ranges Council to consider upgrading the tennis courts 5-6 and courts 7-8 to be included in the 2024/25 Budget.

The Redacted due to Privacy Reasons club has engaged Redacted due to Privacy Reasons to perform a Tennis Club facility assessment as part of our overall planning process for future facility upgrades. Redacted due to Privacy Reasons have provided a detailed facility report as part of their engagement and this report has been attached as part of our submission to Council, see attached "231030 SFAT Report - Redacted due to Privacy Reasons .pdf".

The Redacted due to Privacy Reasons was formed in 1895 is one of the largest tennis clubs in the Macedon Ranges Region. The club is affiliated with and participates in the Redacted due to Privacy Reasons) competitions. The Redacted due to Privacy Reasons and our Club are affiliated with Redacted due to Privacy Reasons.

The Redacted due to Privacy Reasons a total of 8 tennis courts, all with lighting facilities. Courts 1-2 and Courts 3-4 are in good condition, however Courts 5-6 and Courts 7-8 are in very poor condition rating as per assessment performed by Redacted due to Privacy Reasons.

Courts 5-6 and Courts 7-8 are subject to flooding and are unsafe to play on during the winter months and any wet days due to mould / mud. These courts are in a very poor state and have drainage issues. Out of our 8 courts in total at the [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] only 4 of the club courts are available for play due to the very poor condition for Courts 5-6 and Courts 7-8.

The [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] Club is currently required to hire courts from other clubs for our home games for [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] Junior competition on Saturday mornings and Open competition on Thursday nights as we have strong participation but only have playing 4 playable courts.

The [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] club have engaged [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] as per [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] recommendations who are an experienced court designer and builder to provide our club with the information on the scope of works to fully refurbish Courts 5-6 and Courts 7-8.

The Macedon Ranges Council will require the necessary staffing resources (Detailed Design, Project Managers etc) to assist with the overall refurbishment of these tennis Courts 5-6 and 7-8.

Please find attached the estimate cost of works totalling \$AUD 1.35 million including 15% contingency as part of the initial assessment from [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] for the design and scoping work required to be carried out on the upgrade to these existing courts, "02-Budget [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] Rev A.pdf". We have also included the functional design as attached in this e-mail to provide further details on the redevelopment of these courts, "01- [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] Courts 5-8 Redevelopment - Functional Design - Rev A.pdf".

We are hoping these works can be completed within a 6-month timeframe once the project is fully approved.

[Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] request funding to be considered for the Macedon Ranges 2024/25 Budget and has direct links to the Community Vision as outlined in 2021.

The upgrade to Courts 5-6 and Courts 7-8 will provide for our local community to play competitive as well as social tennis at our club. The refurbishment of these courts will allow and encourage better collaboration supporting our local community and growth through tennis. This infrastructure upgrade will also allow local schools with a clear pathway to promote sport and recreation activities for school kids that will encourage them to be more involved in sport and the community. Our tennis club welcomes players of any age, we have juniors, seniors, ladies tennis, and mixed open competitions catering for all abilities to play tennis.

The [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] Club is an essential part of Gisborne's growing need for sport and recreation. Our Tennis club wants to provide better facilities to attract more members and promote healthy lifestyle for the community. The upgrade of these courts will not only provide better recreational facilities but also provide social and mental health benefits for the community. Over the years we have seen a decline in our membership. We are looking to reinvigorate our membership through this upgrade project to Courts 5-6 and Courts 7-8. It is important that this project gets the funding as it safeguards our [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] Club and provides more opportunity for the local community to play tennis at our venue, which in turn will promote greater participation in sport, recreation, and social interaction in the community.

Our [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] also sees a number of impacts of only having half of our courts available for the Gisborne community and on his coaching business. The availability of having only 4 courts not only limits his ability to attract new students but represents a lost opportunity for the Club to build its membership base and thus ensure a sustainable community asset that helps keep community members active and socially connected. Our coach is self-employed, and the business is not only his primary form of income but also the primary form of income for two employees.

Our current transition to the Book-a-court system will promote better accessibility to our courts and with the refurbishment improvements, this will have the ability to attract more visitors to utilise the courts and generate additional revenue for the club.

Redacted due to Privacy Reasons Club would like Council to consider our request for an upgrade to these courts as this investment will bring long term benefits to both the Gisborne and wider Macedon Ranges community as outlined in our submission.

Please advise if you need any additional information to support our request for this upgrade to our tennis facilities.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

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Redacted due to Privacy Reasons **Facility Audit**

Document number	002225
Venue name	[Redacted]
Facility management model	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons
Head lessee/operator	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons
Service operator name	
Affiliation status	Active
CDO region	VIC - Country North West
Venue hierarchy level	District Venue
LGA	Macedon Ranges Shire
State electorate	Macedon
Federal electorate	Mcewen
Tenure type	
Tenure expiry date	
Audit date	08 Nov 2023 3:57pm



**Total number of court enclosures**

Total number of court enclosures	4
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**Court enclosure number 1**

Number of full-size and dedicated mini courts in the enclosure?	2
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Enclosure comments	Courts rebuilt with concrete base in June 2020.
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**Court 1**

Unique Court number	1
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Court size	Full size
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Are there any enclosed mini / Hot Shots courts within the court?	No
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**Court surface 1**

Court surface type	Synthetic Clay
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Court surface condition rating	Excellent
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Court surface issue observed (wear and tear):	
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Court surface issue observed (damage):	
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Court surface issue observed (vegetation):	
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Court surface issue observed (construction):	
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Court surface observation date	30-Oct-2023
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Court line marking	Tennis only lines
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Court surface renewal estimate	Long-term (6-10 years)
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Court condition comments



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**Net posts 1**

Net post type	Square black powder coated
Net post installation	Installed directly into pavement
Net post condition	Excellent
Net post issues:	
Net post winders	Removable winders
Net post comments	



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Court run-off 1	
Northern baseline run-off dimensions (in mm)	6100
Southern baseline run-off dimensions (in mm)	6100
Eastern sideline run-off dimensions (in mm)	3550
Western sideline run-off dimensions (in mm)	3820
Does the court meet the ITF Runoffs for Club/Recreation Courts?	Yes
Does the court meet the ITF Runoffs for International ITF Sanctioned Events?	No
Are there any fixed obstructions within the court enclosure that may impede court run-off area? Tick as many as apply.	

Court run-off comments



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**Court 2**

Unique Court number	2
Court size	Full size
Are there any enclosed mini / Hot Shots courts within the court?	No

**Court surface 2**

Court surface type	Synthetic Clay
Court surface condition rating	Excellent
Court surface issue observed (wear and tear):	
Court surface issue observed (damage):	
Court surface issue observed (vegetation):	Algae growth
Court surface issue observed (construction):	
Court surface observation date	30-Oct-2023
Court line marking	Tennis only lines
Court surface renewal estimate	Long-term (6-10 years)
Court condition comments	Mould/algae just along western fence and is not on playing area.



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**Net posts 2**

Net post type	Square black powder coated
Net post installation	Installed directly into pavement
Net post condition	Excellent
Net post issues:	
Net post winders	Removable winders
Net post comments	



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**Court run-off 2**

Northern baseline run-off dimensions (in mm)	6100
Southern baseline run-off dimensions (in mm)	6100
Eastern sideline run-off dimensions (in mm)	3820
Western sideline run-off dimensions (in mm)	3600
Does the court meet the ITF Runoffs for Club/Recreation Courts?	Yes
Does the court meet the ITF Runoffs for International ITF Sanctioned Events?	No

Are there any fixed obstructions within the court enclosure that may impede court run-off area? Tick as many as apply.



Court run-off comments



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**Drainage**

Court enclosure drainage infrastructure	Unformed
What type of drainage is in place?	Earthen swale(s)
Drainage observations (identify as many issues as identified)	
Drainage comments	



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Fencing	
Fencing type	Black PVC chain mesh
Fence rail top	Yes
Fence rail bottom	No
Fence height	Less than 3m
Low level side fencing installed	No
Fence attachments	Court Number signage
Fence condition rating	Moderate
Fencing issues observed (tick as many as apply to the court surface)	Slack mesh Mesh curling at base Leaning posts Trees or shrubs growing through mesh
Court fencing renewal estimate	Long-term (6-10 years)
Is gate access control installed?	No

Fencing comments



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Lighting

Does this enclosure have lighting? Yes

Total number of lit courts per enclosure? 2

Lighting type LED

Lighting pole material Steel poles

Total number of lighting poles for enclosure 6

Light fittings per pole One per pole

Lighting infrastructure observations

Does the court / court enclosure have a lux level or performance testing certificate?

Lighting comments Middle poles have two fittings, all other poles have one fitting.



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Accessibility

Access pathways to court enclosure	Formed paths
Access path materials	Other material
Main enclosure gate dimensions	Standard pedestrian gate 1000mm x 2100mm
Court enclosure trip hazards	Yes
Court enclosure ramped access provided	No
Court accessibility comments	



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**Maintenance, Risk management and recommendations**

Are there any court enclosure maintenance issues? No

Are there any critical safety issues? No

Enclosure recommendations

**Court enclosure number 2**

Number of full-size and dedicated mini courts in the enclosure?

2

Enclosure comments

Courts resurfaced in July 2019 and it's possible the previous SFAG was laid over red porous. Courts have some minor undulations so the base probably has some weakness or instability.



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**Court 1**

Unique Court number	3
Court size	Full size
Are there any enclosed mini / Hot Shots courts within the court?	No

**Court surface 1**

Court surface type	Synthetic Grass
Court surface condition rating	Good
Court surface issue observed (wear and tear):	Compacted synthetic pile
Court surface issue observed (damage):	
Court surface issue observed (vegetation):	Debris around enclosure perimeter Algae growth
Court surface issue observed (construction):	
Court surface observation date	30-Oct-2023
Court line marking	Tennis only lines
Court surface renewal estimate	Long-term (6-10 years)
Court condition comments	



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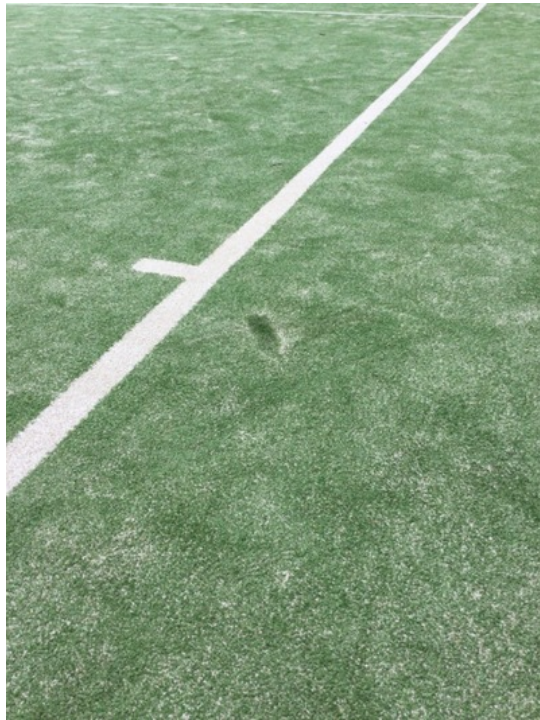


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**Net posts 1**

Net post type	Square black powder coated
Net post installation	Installed directly into pavement
Net post condition	Excellent
Net post issues:	
Net post winders	Removable winders

Net post comments



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Court run-off 1

Northern baseline run-off dimensions (in mm) 6000

Southern baseline run-off dimensions (in mm) 5950

Eastern sideline run-off dimensions (in mm) 3800

Western sideline run-off dimensions (in mm) 3470

Does the court meet the ITF Runoffs for Club/Recreation Courts? Yes

Does the court meet the ITF Runoffs for International ITF Sanctioned Events? No

Are there any fixed obstructions within the court enclosure that may impede court run-off area? Tick as many as apply.

Court run-off comments



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**Court 2**

Unique Court number 4

Court size Full size

Are there any enclosed mini / Hot Shots courts within the court? No

**Court surface 2**

Court surface type Synthetic Grass

Court surface condition rating Good

Court surface issue observed (wear and tear): Compacted synthetic pile

Court surface issue observed (damage):

Court surface issue observed (vegetation):  
Leaf litter  
Debris around enclosure perimeter  
Algae growth

Court surface issue observed (construction):

Court surface observation date 30-Oct-2023

Court line marking

Tennis only lines

Court surface renewal  
estimate

Long-term (6-10 years)

Court condition comments



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**Net posts 2**

Net post type	Square black powder coated
Net post installation	Installed directly into pavement
Net post condition	Excellent
Net post issues:	
Net post winders	Removable winders

Net post comments



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**Court run-off 2**

Northern baseline run-off dimensions (in mm)	6000
Southern baseline run-off dimensions (in mm)	5950
Eastern sideline run-off dimensions (in mm)	3470
Western sideline run-off dimensions (in mm)	3600
Does the court meet the ITF Runoffs for Club/Recreation Courts?	Yes
Does the court meet the ITF Runoffs for International ITF Sanctioned Events?	No
Are there any fixed obstructions within the court enclosure that may impede court run-off area? Tick as many as apply.	

Court run-off comments



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**Drainage**

Court enclosure drainage infrastructure	Unformed
What type of drainage is in place?	Earthen swale(s)

Drainage observations  
(identify as many issues as  
identified)

Drainage comments

Swale runs along north fence, with drainage to wetlands on east  
side of enclosure.



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Fencing	
Fencing type	Black PVC chain mesh
Fence rail top	Yes
Fence rail bottom	No
Fence height	Less than 3m
Low level side fencing installed	No
Fence attachments	Court Number signage
Fence condition rating	Moderate
Fencing issues observed (tick as many as apply to the court surface)	Slack mesh Mesh curling at base Trees overhanging enclosure Trees or shrubs growing through mesh
Court fencing renewal estimate	Medium-term (3-5 years)
Is gate access control installed?	No

Fencing comments



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Lighting

Does this enclosure have lighting?	Yes
Total number of lit courts per enclosure?	2
Lighting type	Unsure of lighting type
Lighting pole material	Steel poles
Total number of lighting poles for enclosure	4
Light fittings per pole	One per pole
Lighting infrastructure observations	
Does the court / court enclosure have a lux level or performance testing certificate?	

Lighting comments



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Accessibility

Access pathways to court enclosure	Formed paths
Access path materials	Other material
Main enclosure gate dimensions	Standard pedestrian gate 1000mm x 2100mm
Court enclosure trip hazards	Yes
Court enclosure ramped access provided	No

Court accessibility comments



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**Maintenance, Risk management and recommendations**

Are there any court enclosure maintenance issues?	Yes
Courts	Remove and treat algae within court enclosure Trim trees or shrubs away from court enclosure and fencing Rejuvenate synthetic pile on synthetic grass courts
Drainage	
Fencing	Trim vegetation away from fencing
Nets and net posts	
Lighting	
Other maintenance comments	Clear weeds and grass from underneath fence.
Are there any critical safety issues?	No
Enclosure recommendations	

**Court enclosure number 3**

Number of full-size and dedicated mini courts in the enclosure?	2
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Enclosure comments	<p>Baseline repairs/patch done on both courts (based on aerial photos, patches were laid early 2014).</p> <p>Courts 5 &amp; 6 are probably in the worst condition of the club's eight courts. Both courts are very dirty and probably very slippery when damp, are showing signs of wear and seam stress/splitting. It's possible this may cause issues when major grooming is attempted.</p>
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**Court 1**

Unique Court number	5
Court size	Full size
Are there any enclosed mini / Hot Shots courts within the court?	No

**Court surface 1**

Court surface type	Synthetic Grass
Court surface condition rating	Very Poor
Court surface issue observed (wear and tear):	<p>Dirt or silt on surface</p> <p>Compacted synthetic pile</p> <p>Excessive wear in high use areas</p> <p>Excessive / over sanded surface</p>
Court surface issue observed (damage):	Synthetic surface seam stress
Court surface issue observed (vegetation):	<p>Debris around enclosure perimeter</p> <p>Algae growth</p>

Court surface issue observed (construction): Water pooling / ponding

Court surface observation date: 30-Oct-2023

Court line marking: Tennis only lines



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Court surface renewal estimate: Short-term (0-2 years)

Court condition comments: Planned court maintenance may influence surface renewal estimate.

Sand sits on top of court because it can't get down into compacted fibres.

The SFAG is showing significant wear at south end (ridges of backing starting to show) next to baseline patch.



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Worn area at south end.



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Net posts 1

Net post type	Round galvanised
Net post installation	Installed directly into pavement
Net post condition	Moderate
Net post issues:	
Net post winders	Protruding winders
Net post comments	



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**Court run-off 1**

Northern baseline run-off dimensions (in mm)	6100
Southern baseline run-off dimensions (in mm)	6100
Eastern sideline run-off dimensions (in mm)	3550
Western sideline run-off dimensions (in mm)	3670
Does the court meet the ITF Runoffs for Club/Recreation Courts?	Yes
Does the court meet the ITF Runoffs for International ITF Sanctioned Events?	No
Are there any fixed obstructions within the court enclosure that may impede court run-off area? Tick as many as apply.	

Court run-off comments



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**Court 2**

Unique Court number	6
Court size	Full size
Are there any enclosed mini / Hot Shots courts within the court?	No

**Court surface 2**

Court surface type	Synthetic Grass
Court surface condition rating	Very Poor
Court surface issue observed (wear and tear):	Dirt or silt on surface Compacted synthetic pile Excessive wear in high use areas Excessive / over sanded surface
Court surface issue observed (damage):	Synthetic surface seam stress
Court surface issue observed (vegetation):	Debris around enclosure perimeter Algae growth
Court surface issue observed (construction):	Water pooling / ponding
Court surface observation date	30-Oct-2023
Court line marking	Tennis only lines



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Court surface renewal estimate	Short-term (0-2 years)
Court condition comments	Planned court maintenance may influence surface renewal estimate.  Sand sits on top of court because it can't get down into compacted fibres.



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**Net posts 2**

Net post type	Round galvanised
Net post installation	Installed directly into pavement
Net post condition	Moderate
Net post issues:	
Net post winders	Protruding winders
Net post comments	



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**Court run-off 2**

Northern baseline run-off dimensions (in mm)	6100
Southern baseline run-off dimensions (in mm)	6100
Eastern sideline run-off dimensions (in mm)	3670
Western sideline run-off dimensions (in mm)	3650
Does the court meet the ITF Runoffs for Club/Recreation Courts?	Yes
Does the court meet the ITF Runoffs for International ITF Sanctioned Events?	No

Are there any fixed obstructions within the court enclosure that may impede court run-off area? Tick as many as apply.

**Court run-off comments**



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**Drainage**

Court enclosure drainage infrastructure

What type of drainage is in place?	No visible drainage infrastructure
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Drainage observations  
(identify as many issues as  
identified)

Drainage comments

**Fencing**

Fencing type                      Black PVC chain mesh

Fence rail top                      Yes

Fence rail bottom                      No

Fence height                      Less than 3m

Low level side fencing  
installed                      No

Fence attachments                      Court Number signage

Fence condition rating                      Moderate

Fencing issues observed  
(tick as many as apply to  
the court surface)                      Slack mesh  
Leaning posts

Court fencing renewal  
estimate                      Long-term (6-10 years)

Is gate access control  
installed?                      No

Fencing comments



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Lighting

Does this enclosure have lighting?	Yes
Total number of lit courts per enclosure?	2
Lighting type	LED
Lighting pole material	Steel poles
Total number of lighting poles for enclosure	6
Light fittings per pole	One per pole
Lighting infrastructure observations	
Does the court / court enclosure have a lux level or performance testing certificate?	
Lighting comments	Middle poles have two fittings.



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**Accessibility**

Access pathways to court enclosure	Formed paths
Access path materials	Concrete
Main enclosure gate dimensions	Standard pedestrian gate 1000mm x 2100mm
Court enclosure trip hazards	Yes
Court enclosure ramped access provided	No
Court accessibility comments	



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**Maintenance, Risk management and recommendations**

Are there any court enclosure maintenance issues?	Yes
Courts	Remove debris from court surface and enclosure Remove dirt / silt and high pressure clean court surface Remove weed growth from court enclosure Remove and treat algae within court enclosure Trim trees or shrubs away from court enclosure and fencing Remove and replace sand or surface material on synthetic grass courts Rejuvenate synthetic pile on synthetic grass courts
Drainage	
Fencing	Trim vegetation away from fencing
Nets and net posts	
Lighting	
Other maintenance comments	
Are there any critical safety issues?	No
Enclosure recommendations	

**Court enclosure number 4**

Number of full-size and dedicated mini courts in the enclosure?	2
Enclosure comments	Based on aerial photos the artificial grass surface was laid in 2011 and it's possible the original pavement for courts 7 & 8 was asphalt.  Both courts have evidence of water pooling, indicating pavement may have some unevenness and minor collapsing.



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Nearmap image taken 26th Feb 2010 - Asphalt court?

**Court 1**

Unique Court number	7
Court size	Full size
Are there any enclosed mini / Hot Shots courts within the court?	No

**Court surface 1**

Court surface type	Synthetic Grass
Court surface condition rating	Very Poor
Court surface issue observed (wear and tear):	Dirt or silt on surface Compacted synthetic pile Excessive / over sanded surface
Court surface issue observed (damage):	
Court surface issue observed (vegetation):	Leaf litter Debris around enclosure perimeter Algae growth Weeds growing through surface
Court surface issue observed (construction):	Water pooling / ponding Collapsed pavement
Court surface observation date	30-Oct-2023
Court line marking	Tennis only lines

Court surface renewal  
estimate

Short-term (0-2 years)

Court condition comments



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Agitated fibre at north baseline.



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Net posts 1

Net post type	Round galvanised
Net post installation	Installed directly into pavement

Net post condition	Moderate
Net post issues:	
Net post winders	Protruding winders
Net post comments	



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**Court run-off 1**

Northern baseline run-off dimensions (in mm)	6050
Southern baseline run-off dimensions (in mm)	5950
Eastern sideline run-off dimensions (in mm)	3500
Western sideline run-off dimensions (in mm)	3600
Does the court meet the ITF Runoffs for Club/Recreation Courts?	Yes
Does the court meet the ITF Runoffs for International ITF Sanctioned Events?	No

Are there any fixed obstructions within the court enclosure that may impede court run-off area? Tick as many as apply.

Court run-off comments



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**Court 2**

Unique Court number 8

Court size Full size

Are there any enclosed mini / Hot Shots courts within the court? No

**Court surface 2**

Court surface type Synthetic Grass

Court surface condition rating Very Poor

Court surface issue observed (wear and tear):  
Dirt or silt on surface  
Compacted synthetic pile  
Excessive / over sanded surface

Court surface issue observed (damage):

Court surface issue observed (vegetation):  
Leaf litter  
Debris around enclosure perimeter  
Algae growth  
Weeds growing through surface

Court surface issue observed (construction): Water pooling / ponding  
Collapsed pavement

Court surface observation date: 30-Oct-2023

Court line marking: Tennis only lines

Court surface renewal estimate: Short-term (0-2 years)

Court condition comments



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Net posts 2

Net post type	Round galvanized
Net post installation	Installed directly into pavement
Net post condition	Moderate
Net post issues:	
Net post winders	Protruding winders
Net post comments	



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**Court run-off 2**

Northern baseline run-off dimensions (in mm) 6050

Southern baseline run-off dimensions (in mm) 5950

Eastern sideline run-off dimensions (in mm) 3600

Western sideline run-off dimensions (in mm) 3600

Does the court meet the ITF Runoffs for Club/Recreation Courts? Yes

Does the court meet the ITF Runoffs for International ITF Sanctioned Events? No

Are there any fixed obstructions within the court enclosure that may impede court run-off area? Tick as many as apply.

Court run-off comments



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**Drainage**

Court enclosure drainage infrastructure

What type of drainage is in place? Earthen swale(s)

Drainage observations  
(identify as many issues as  
identified)

Drainage comments

Clearing grass and weeds from the base of the fence would help  
water drain from the court surface.



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Fencing	
Fencing type	Black PVC chain mesh
Fence rail top	Yes
Fence rail bottom	No
Fence height	Less than 3m
Low level side fencing installed	No
Fence attachments	Court Number signage
Fence condition rating	Moderate
Fencing issues observed (tick as many as apply to the court surface)	Slack mesh
Court fencing renewal estimate	Medium-term (3-5 years)
Is gate access control installed?	No
Fencing comments	



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Lighting

Does this enclosure have lighting?	Yes
Total number of lit courts per enclosure?	2
Lighting type	LED
Lighting pole material	Steel poles
Total number of lighting poles for enclosure	6
Light fittings per pole	Two per pole
Lighting infrastructure observations	
Does the court / court enclosure have a lux level or performance testing certificate?	

Lighting comments



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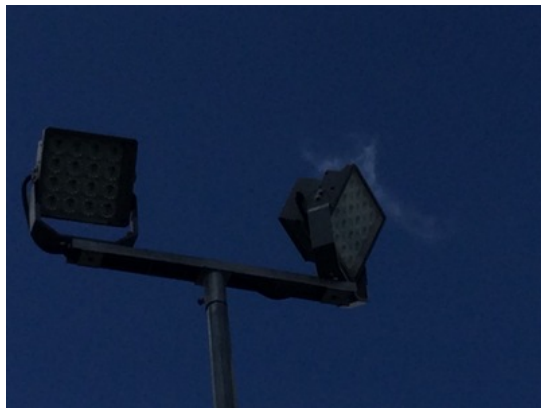


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Accessibility

Access pathways to court enclosure	No access paths
Main enclosure gate dimensions	Standard pedestrian gate 1000mm x 2100mm
Court enclosure trip hazards	Yes
Court enclosure ramped access provided	No
Court accessibility comments	



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Maintenance, Risk management and recommendations

Are there any court enclosure maintenance issues?	Yes
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Courts	Remove debris from court surface and enclosure Remove dirt / silt and high pressure clean court surface Remove weed growth from court enclosure Remove and treat algae within court enclosure Trim trees or shrubs away from court enclosure and fencing Remove and replace sand or surface material on synthetic grass courts Rejuvenate synthetic pile on synthetic grass courts
Drainage	Reshape surrounding earthen swales to optimise drainage function
Fencing	Trim vegetation away from fencing
Nets and net posts	
Lighting	
Other maintenance comments	
Are there any critical safety issues?	No
Enclosure recommendations	

### Grounds and surrounds

Overall site grounds and surrounds appearance	Well-presented and maintained
Grounds and surrounds notes	
Natural spectator shade options	Natural shade available within viewing range of some courts
Man-made spectator shade options and structures	Clubhouse veranda
Suitability of shade structures	Sufficient shade available within viewing range of all courts
Shade notes	
Is there external access to toilets?	No
Is there external access to drinking water?	Yes
Does the site have any hit up walls?	No



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Car parking

Off-street spaces

0-20 spaces

On-street spaces	no on-street spaces
Overflow spaces	no overflow parking
Designated accessible parking spaces	1-2 accessible spaces
Car park notes	
Adjacent facilities	Oval or playing field Park or playground
Does the site have any potential expansion opportunities?	No
Expansion opportunity notes	



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**Clubrooms**

Does the venue have a main Clubroom?	Yes
Number of clubrooms	1
<b>Clubroom 1</b>	
Unique Clubroom or building name	
Accessible entry to building	No
Estimated building age	21-30 years
Building materials	Colour bond
Kitchen	Yes
Kitchen type	Kiosk
Bar	No
Toilets	No
Social / Community / Multi-purpose area	Yes
Size in m2	60
Office Administration area	No
Venue Reception area	No
Pro-shop / Retail area	No
Overall condition of general facilities within the Main Clubrooms	Moderate
Clubroom condition or amenity comments	
Other amenities provided within the clubrooms	No
Other amenity condition	



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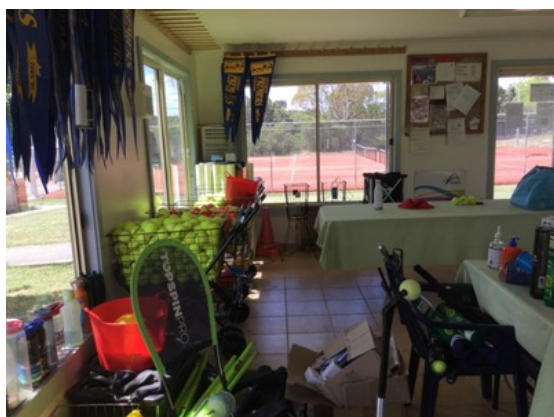


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**Player change rooms 1**

**Male change rooms 1**

Male player change rooms    No

**Female change rooms 1**

Female player change rooms    No

**Accessible or all gender player change rooms 1**

Accessible or all gender player change rooms    No

**Venue recommendations**



Overall venue  
recommendation(s)

Courts 1 - 4 are in good condition, however courts 5 - 6 are in very poor state and have drainage issues. All courts will be professionally groomed before the end of 2023 and how courts 5 - 8 take and respond to grooming will provide a good indication of the possible life left in the artificial grass surface.

Courts 5 - 8, while the artificial grass is compacted and very dirty, seem to have a reasonable height of grass fibre remaining. If these courts can be cleaned properly, and the silt/algae then managed, it's possible some time could be bought to plan for a full refurbishment of 5 - 8. Of the four courts, the surface of 5 & 6 would seem to be at greatest risk, given it's showing signs of significant wear, seam splitting and has ageing baseline patches.

Given the problems across the four courts (base instability, drainage, low lying ground) a simple replacement of the artificial grass, without a full assessment and possible rectification/replacement of the underlying base, is not recommended. Planning for the future of these courts should include investigation of the most appropriate surface and pavement (as on courts 1 & 2, where a concrete base was installed) and on ways to improve drainage and mitigate the negative impact of water, both on the surface and under the base.

Consultation with an experienced court designer and builder (██████████) would provide the club with information on the scope and cost of works to fully refurbish courts 5 - 8, and allow the club to open discussions with council on support and funding opportunities.

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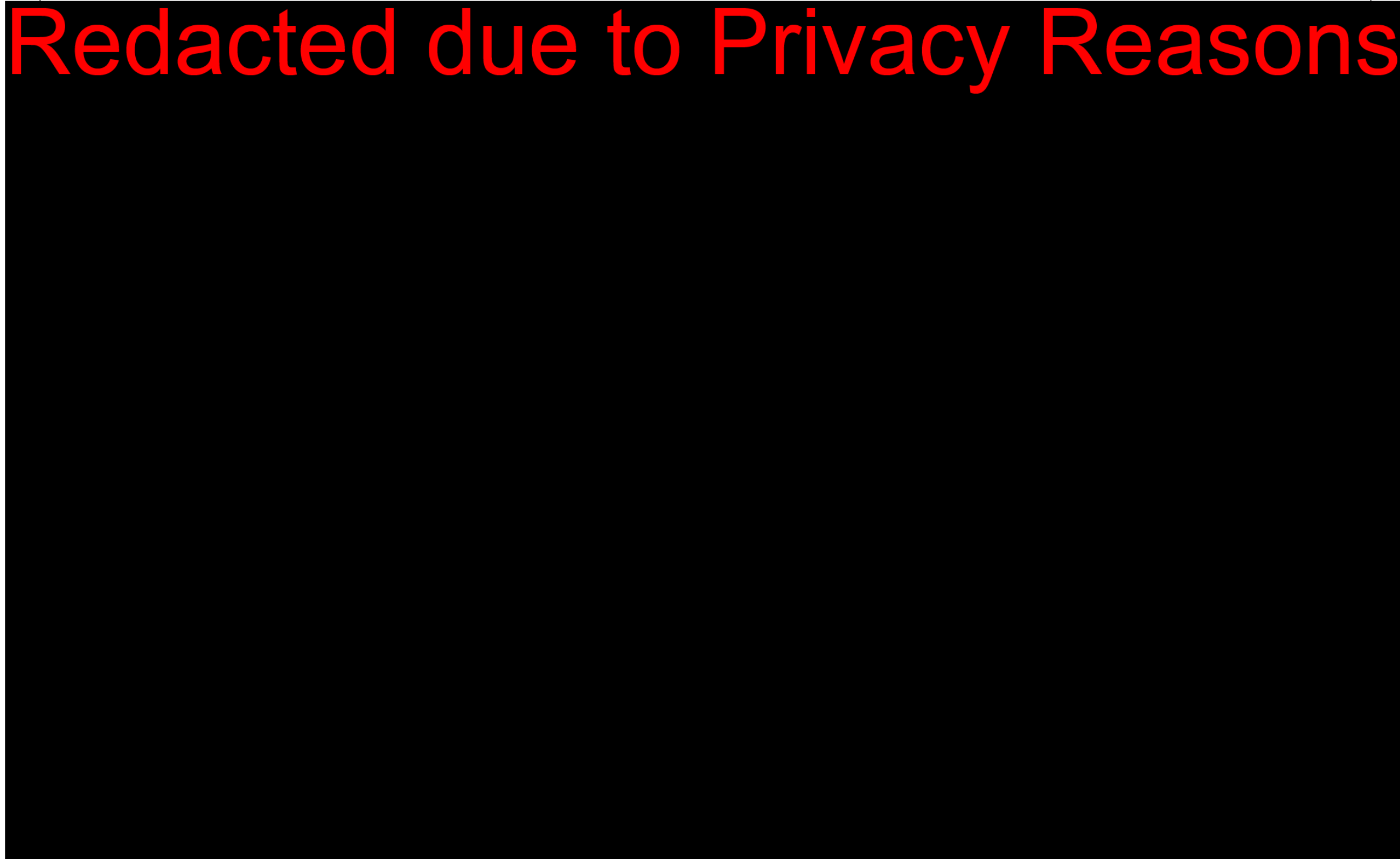
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Please note a submission has been submitted online, however I wanted to send photos of our courts additionally.

I am writing to you to make you aware of the current plight of the Redacted due to Privacy Reasons Club and our desperate need for the re-surfacing of our main three courts. In all honesty, all of our courts need re-surfacing. Our courts continue to deteriorate and have now reached the point that we fear they are not of acceptable standard for competition play. Currently we are transferring our Redacted due to Privacy Reasons Thursday night matches to Lancefield's courts because of their state.

Our synthetic grass courts have a number of surface issues. Firstly, the synthetic grass is wearing thin and tears are occurring. We have already patched our baseline area on our first court. On our second court there is a major tear on the northern baseline and there are many other areas wearing thin. Secondly, our main three courts are extremely dirty, due largely to a loose base underneath the surface. These dirty patches are spread throughout our main three courts with several extremely bad patches. This problem multiplies whenever there is rain on our courts. The dry patches become muddy and our club volunteers have to work on shovelling the mud off the courts to make play possible. This makes our courts unattractive to play on but, more importantly, the courts become extremely slippery, whether wet or dry, making competition play extremely dangerous. Thus, we are faced with the stresses of whether or not to allow competition or social play on our courts. Recently, two players lost their footing during competition play, including myself. I sustained a back muscle injury, while another player was uninjured luckily. We are fearful we won't be so lucky next time. Additionally, moss is growing on our courts. While our courts deteriorate, we fear having to shut down our courts for junior tennis, social tennis and coaching lessons.

In recent years, the Club has worked extremely hard to rebuild after the effects of Covid. We have changed our coaching organisation, held Open Days, offered special memberships and worked with Tennis Australia to supply new tennis racquets to all Foundation students at Redacted due to Privacy Reasons. Our junior coaching numbers have increased from single figures to approximately 40-50 children. We have also attracted new members to our Club. We have always aimed to make tennis a viable option in Romsey. This is close to becoming impossible. The prospect of closing our courts is becoming a reality. We have considerable savings, however nowhere near enough to re-

surface our courts. We are applying for grants, wherever possible, and have reached out to all levels of government. We have also received a commitment from the **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** for \$20,000. We know that the MRSC have strategic plans for the re-surfacing of our 5 courts at the **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** Club, however we are concerned when, and if, this may become a reality. In addition, the fencing around our courts is sub standard and in need of replacement. We have endeavoured to answer important questions also.

Will your idea need design or scoping work to be done? – We don't believe so, but are seeking professional guidance and quotes

Will your idea require Council staff or other human resources to deliver it? No, outside companies will complete the work

Will there be significant costs? We have received two quotes for synthetic grass re-surfacing. They vary greatly from \$108,000 to \$300,000. We are sourcing other quotes.

Is this an upgrade to an existing facility or new facility? This is an upgrade to an existing Council facility

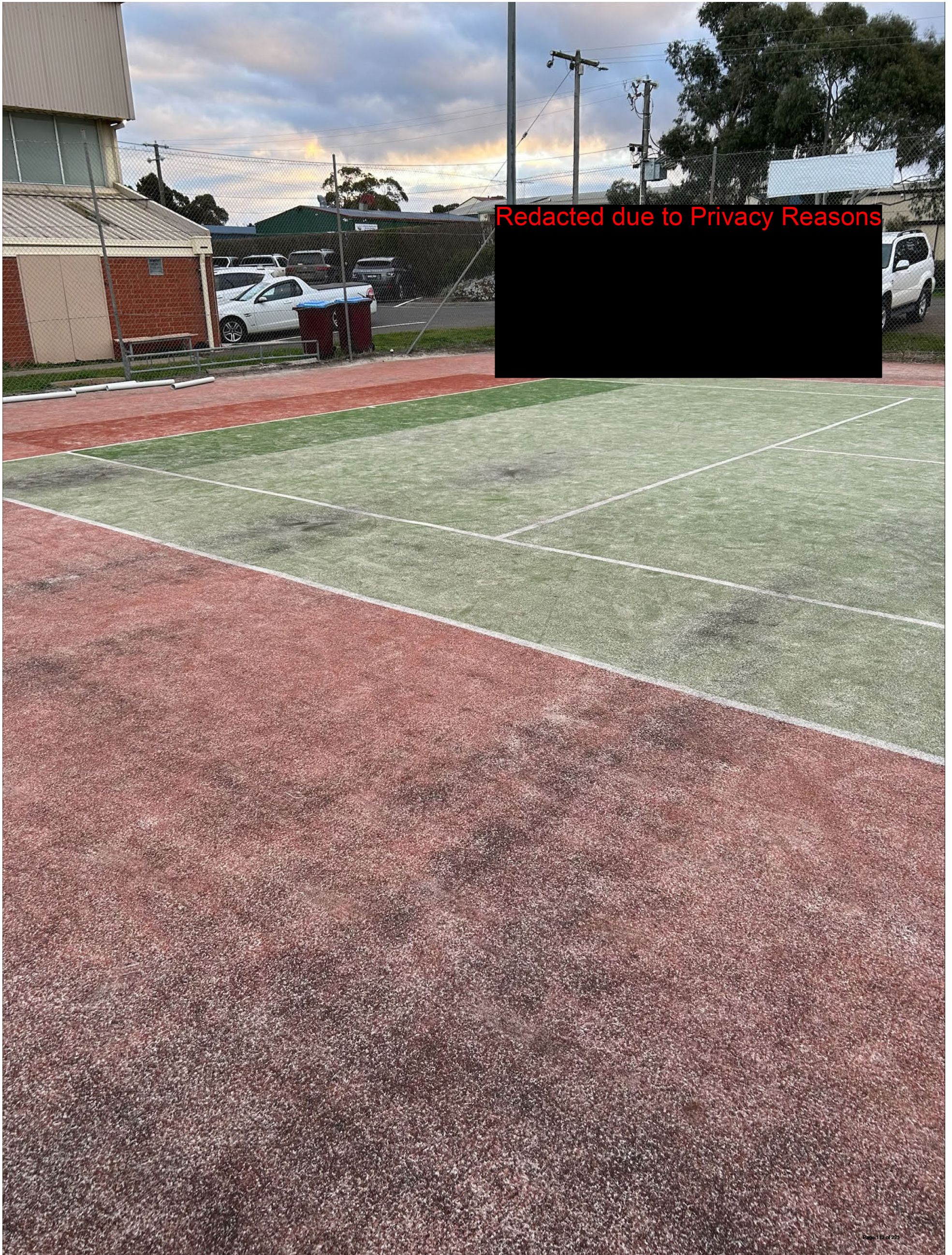
We ask that the re-surfacing of the Romsey Tennis Club's three main courts becomes a priority for the MRSC. Our members and the Romsey community deserve facilities that are far better and safer than our current courts. They deserve open courts, not a closed asset.

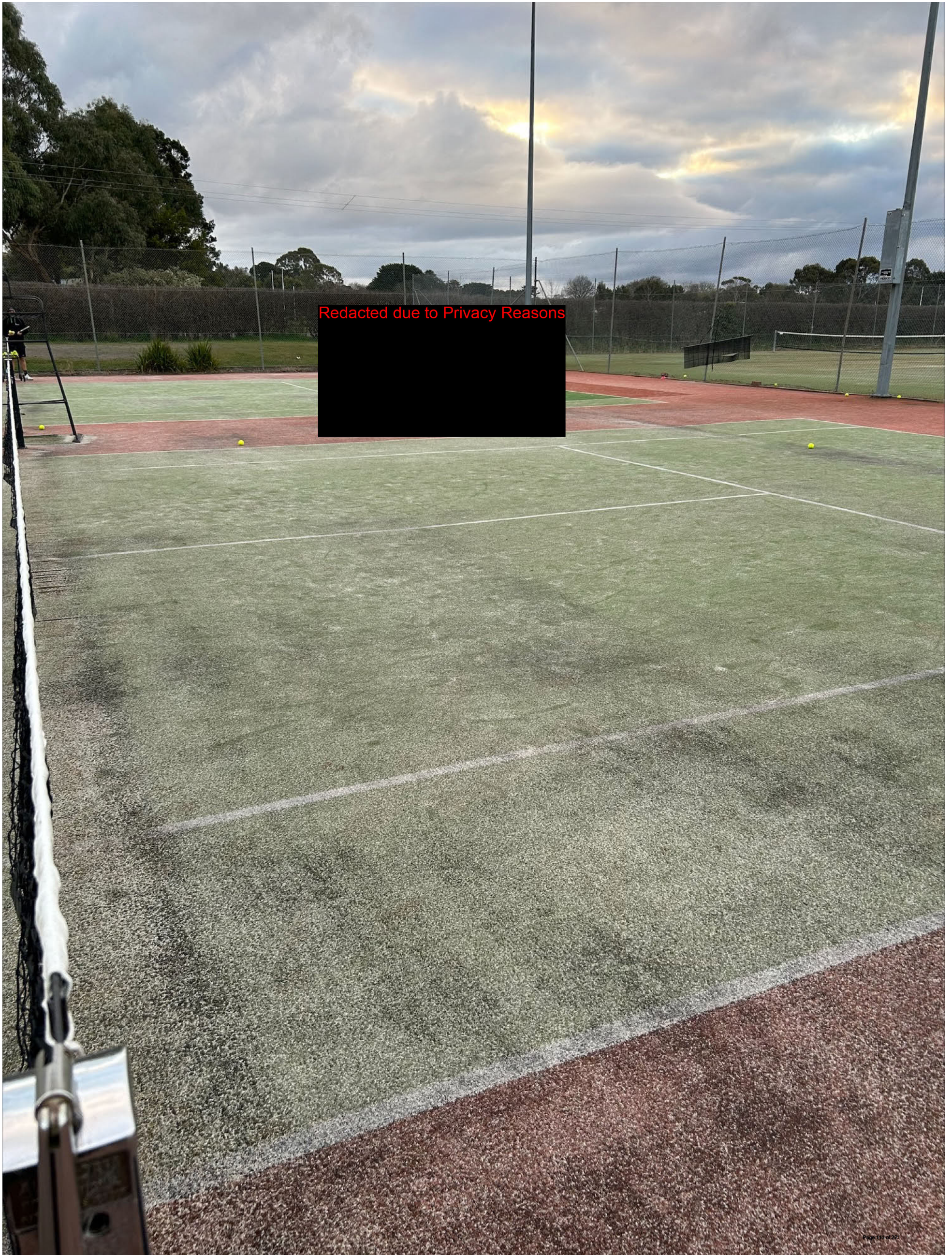
Please help us keep the Romsey Tennis Club open and available to our community. I have attached photos of our current courts.

Kind Regards

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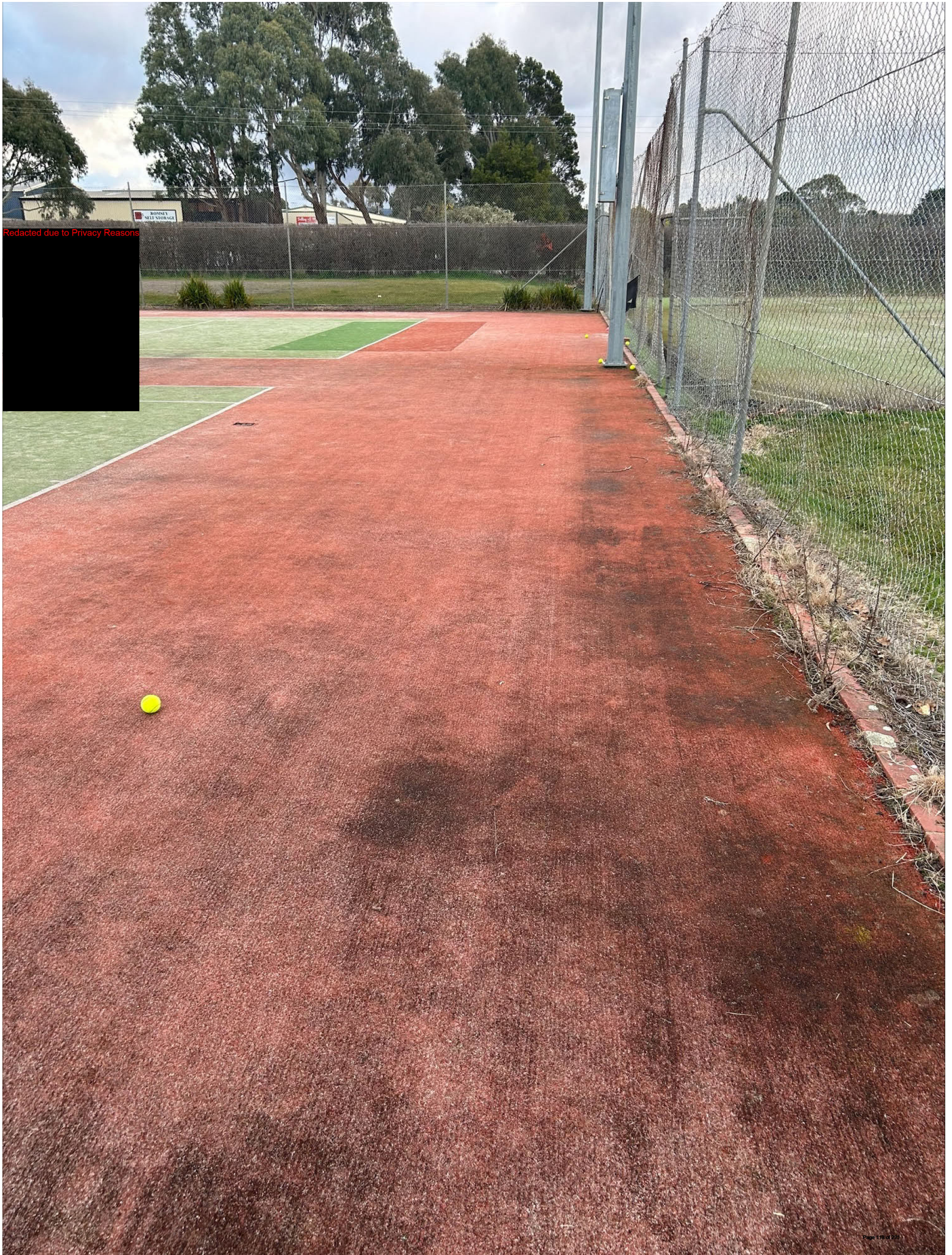




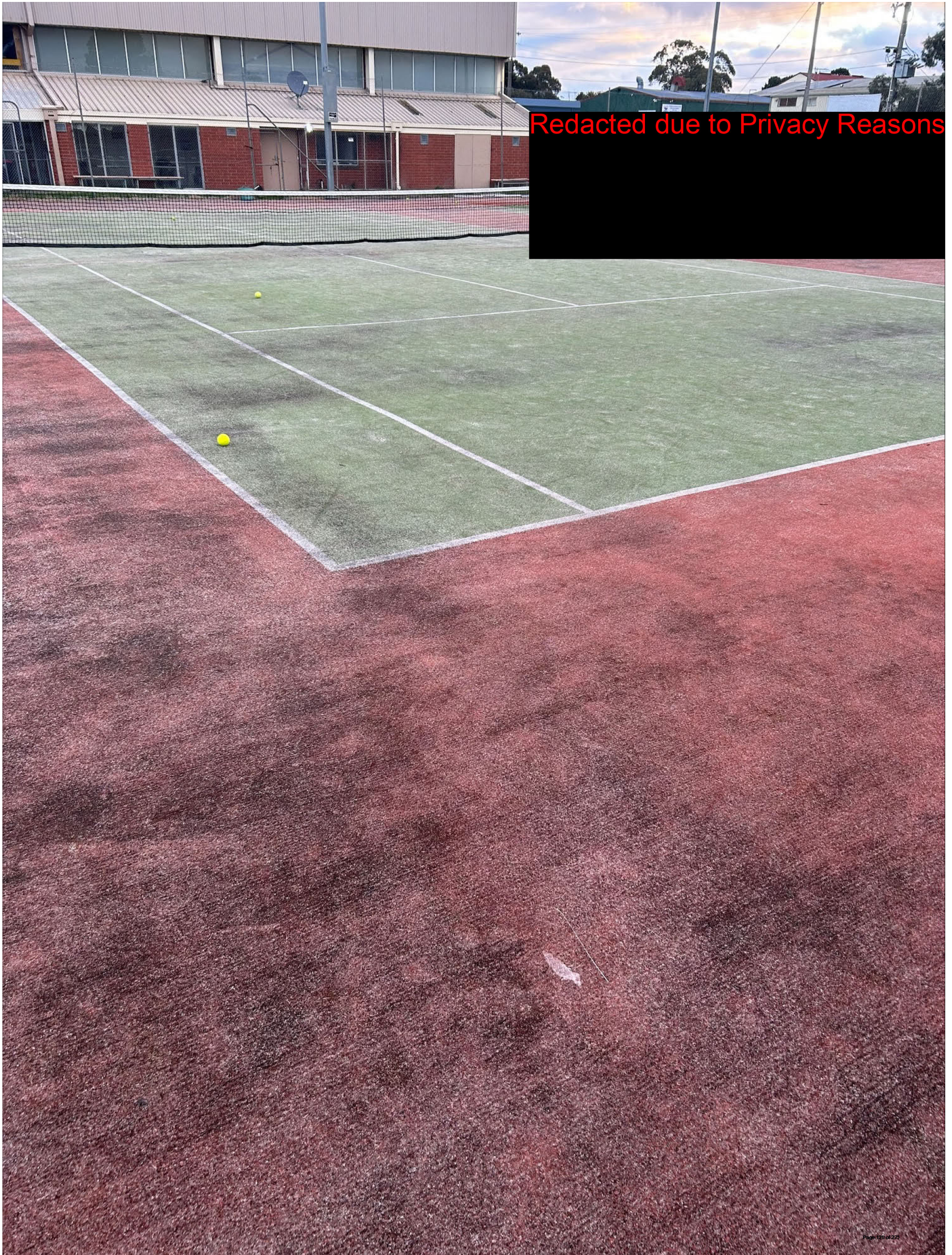




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**Cc:** [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons]  
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**Date:** Sunday, 19 November 2023 6:56:09 PM  
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Please find attached budget submission per the community engagement process for 2024/25 budget.

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19 November 2023

Macedon Ranges Shire Council  
PO Box 151  
KYNETON VIC 3444

**Re: 2024-25 Budget Submission  
Ross Watt Master Plan – Stage 1 Planning**

The **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** appreciates the opportunity to provide a submission regarding the Macedon Ranges Shire Council (MRSC) 2024-25 budget process. We request that funding be set aside in the 2024-25 budget to complete planning work to deliver a detailed design and cost for the first stage of the endorsed Ross Watt Master Plan.

**Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** has engaged extensively with MRSC officers and councillors over the past 12 months regarding the Ross Watt Master Plan. The Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan, endorsed by MRSC in September 2023, confirms Ross Watt Reserve as the permanent and long-term location for tennis courts in New Gisborne. The master plan outlines the urgent improvements required for the existing courts to remain viable in the short term and the staged development to include up to eight new tennis courts, clubhouse and general reserve improvements. Now is the time for all stakeholders to work together to move the endorsed Ross Watt Master Plan beyond an idea.

The first stage of the master plan addresses the pressing need to replace the two courts that are beyond their useful life with new tennis courts. **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** representatives are working hard with MRSC officers on the supported project to place lights on Courts 1 and 2. This project allows the tennis venue to remain viable in the short term as the existing lit Courts 3 and 4 are no longer playable. **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons**

**Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** The club is grateful for the support provided by our ward councillors so far. Whilst the Courts 1 and 2 lighting project is essential, it is time to develop plans to replace Courts 3 and 4 in line with the endorsed Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan.

**Redacted due to Privacy Reasons**, located behind Ross Watt Reserve on Station Road, has experienced a steady increase in membership over the past few years, with 75 members currently. These members consist of both senior and junior players who enjoy tennis for social recreation and to represent **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** in various summer and winter competitions. **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** from **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** Coaching, trains around 100 children of all ages throughout the year. During the winter, the **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** competition matches and **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** coaching sessions rely on lighting. Unfortunately, the inability to use the lit Courts 3/4 is a significant constraint. The Courts 1 and 2 lighting project is essential to maintain the viability of coaching and night competitions at the venue. However, reducing the facility from four courts to two also significantly constrains the ability to grow tennis participation. The endorsed Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan clearly outlines the investment needed in the NGTC facilities for the club to remain viable.

[Redacted name] is a community club that values inclusivity. Our policies reflect our commitment to providing all members with a welcoming and inclusive environment. We strive to create an atmosphere where everyone feels valued and encouraged to participate in [Redacted name] activities. Tennis is a sport that has a strong tradition of equal gender participation, and our club is proud to have a female representation of approximately 50% across all levels, including children's coaching, junior and adult competitions, memberships, and the committee. Currently, our adult competitive tennis team is composed of women. We participate in local workshops that promote gender inclusion and inclusion programs for underrepresented groups, which are advertised through MRSC. The endorsed Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan sets out the path for [Redacted name] to continue to provide opportunities for women and girls from our local community to participate in the healthy and social sport of tennis.

The facility's current state severely hinders [Redacted name]'s ability to expand and provide a healthy recreational option for the New Gisborne community. We are eager to continue our collaboration with council officers to see the endorsed Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan move to the next stage, which is essential to secure the viability [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons]

A copy of the club's strategic plan is attached, highlighting this initiative as an urgent priority to maintain the club's viability. Thank you for considering our request. If we can provide further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us using the email addresses below.

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Att. [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons]

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## STRATEGIC PLAN

The **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** Club is an inclusive club that welcomes and values participants of all ages, background and abilities. The Club provides a safe and enjoyable environment for members and visitors to play tennis, improve their skills and interact socially.

Community Connections and Participation	Promotion	Health, Wellbeing and Inclusion	Facilities	Governance
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**Kaitlin Evans**

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**Subject:** 2023/2024 budget submission

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Dear Councillors and Council staff,

Please find below my submission for the 2023/2024 budget.

**Feedback on the Budget Process**

I would firstly just like it to be noted that I object to the submission process that closes on 20 November 2023 being the **only** formal consultation process Council is running on this budget (as per words on this web page <https://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/About-Council/News/Have-Your-Say/Budget-202425-and-Council-Plan-2021-2031-Year-Four>).

This implies Council *will not* formally be advertising for or accepting submissions on a draft budget prior to it being presented to Councillors for approval.

How will Council know if the money it proposes to spend reflects community expectations?

Having a draft budget to comment on is distinctly different from this process, in essence an idea gathering exercise. Whilst Council may (and should) take on what the community have submitted in the past month, it could equally add additional items that do not meet community expectations, and yet claim the community was consulted!

It would be appropriate and consistent with *Local Government Act 2020*, especially ss9(1) and (2)

- (b) priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations
- (d) the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making
- (g) the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured; and
- (i) the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured,

for Council to provide for a formal process for the community to comment on a draft budget, not just an opportunity to provide ideas.

**Budget Submission****1. Walkability in Riddells Creek**

I fully support the following community identified walkability (walking, cycling, horse riding) projects:

A. **A pedestrian/cycling/horse bridge over Riddells Creek north of the Carre Riddell road bridge.** This will connect Riddell to the shared trail that will come from New Gisborne, Macedon and Woodend and provide for better access to the south side of the actual Riddells Creek and to the Nursery and Early Learning Centre. It will help make it safe for pedestrians, horses and cyclists to exit and enter the town. Placing it north of the Carre Riddell road bridge will ensure it serves not just the shared trail but

community desire to access the south side of Wybejong Reserve and beyond. Further a connection south of Carre Riddell road bridge can be provided as part of a connection under the rail line, via the creek course, to the Riddell South development (as is shown in the developers latest plan).

**B. A shared path on Sutherlands Rd, from Racecourse Rd to the Lions Park.** This will provide safe walking from Rangeview Estate into the town centre, and for walkers, runners and dog walkers doing a circuit.

**C. A shared path on Southbourne Rd, from Parkview Terrace to Racecourse Rd.** Parents and kids will be safer getting to and from the playground on Parkview, or getting out to Main Road and Sutherlands Road.

A. is a big budget item that needs design work started now, not when the trail is at Riddell's doorstep. B. and C. can be done now, and will make the existing path network better connected on two of the most popular routes the community uses every day.

**D. Safe crossing points.** Pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders should be able to cross Main Rd safely and conveniently from Walter J Smith to Amess Rd. They should not have to travel further to reach a crossing point. Safe crossing points, be they refuge crossings, wombat crossings or pedestrian operated signals, should be provided at (immediate high priority shown in bold):

- **56 Main St to Walter J Smith Reserve**
- Immediately east of Bolithos Rd
- **Riddells Creek Primary School Crossing**
- 126 Main Rd / Immediately East of Memorial Drive
- **Gap Rd / Richardson St**
- Amess Rd / Sandy Creek Rd
- East of Sandy Creek / Dry Creek (around the Dromkeen driveway)

**E. Safe speeds.** The safety of non-vehicle road users can be significantly enhanced by implementing safe speeds in Riddells Creek, including (but not limited to):

- Frost Lane to Filmer Place: 60km/h
- Filmer Place to Riddell Rd: 40km/hr
- Riddell Rd to Rivergum Rd: 60km/h
- Rivergum Rd to Williams Lane: 80km/hr.

**F. Recommended speed signage where there are no footpaths** in at least the area bounded by Melvins Rd, Whittakers Lane, Gap Rd and Main Rd, i.e. yellow signs indicating 20km/h past pedestrians, cyclists and horses.

**G. Provide for horses on the shared trail from Gisborne to Riddells Creek.**

## 2. Other

### A. Masterplan for Riddells Creek Lions Park

Fund a process to develop a plan for the Lions Park to be developed over several years into something like Woodend Children's Park, Romsey Ecotherapy Park or Galaxy Land Park (Sunbury).

### B. Gisborne Pool Re-development

Redevelop/extend the Gisborne pool, and at least:

- add two extra lanes to the 25m pool;
- add an indoor children's splash pad (like Oak Park Pool or Peninsula Aquatic Centre);
- add further family change rooms; and
- refresh the existing family changes rooms (eg. paint, door stops that work, continuous ventilation) [this item can and should be done independent of the above items]

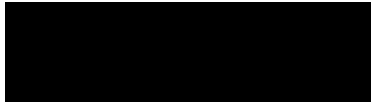
C. **Signage for Murnong Creek, Riddells Creek.** Funds for name signage for Murnong Creek (ex Riddells Creek Main Drain) at prominent locations.

D. **A process to plan for Riddells Creek.** When Councillors rejected Amess Rd they said they would plan for Riddells Creek's future. This needs to start asap and it needs to be a process that, e.g.:

- co-designed with the community
- is community lead/puts community at the centre to plan for Riddells Creek; provision/funding of a community advocate who answers to and works to a community working group could be a way
- addresses both Riddells' growth areas in a holistic way, i.e. as a whole with the existing township, not on their own as is happening at the moment
- addresses the planning controls in the existing township so the neighbourhood character as identified in previous strategic planning/framework work can be enforced
- identifies and ensures sequencing of infrastructure, services and other needs as the town grows.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my submission. I look forward to the ideas being carried forward in the budget 2024/25, and the community being presented with a *formal* opportunity to comment on the draft budget 2024/2025.

Kind regards,



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**Attachments:** Priorities for improving walkability in Riddells Creek\_13 Nov 2023\_v7.2.pdf

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Dear Councillors and Council Staff,

*What Riddell Wants* Infrastructure Strand is part of the group *What Riddell Wants*, a community organised project setting the agenda for the long-term development of Riddells Creek.

The Infrastructure Strand supports the *What Riddell Wants* budget submission (emailed earlier this evening by me).

However, given the extensive work we have done between September and November this year, and the importance of walkability to the Riddells Creek Community as demonstrated by our work, we have also chosen to do a walkability specific budget submission.

**Walkability in Riddells Creek**

As a group our work (in short analysis of Council's *Riddells Creek Network Movement Study* and resident survey) shows the following are high priority projects for the Riddells Creek community, and as such should be funded in the 2024 / 2025 budget.

**A. A pedestrian/cycling/horse bridge over Riddells Creek north of the Carre Riddell road bridge.** This will connect Riddell to the shared trail that will come from New Gisborne, Macedon and Woodend and provide for better access to the south side of the actual Riddells Creek and to the Nursery and Early Learning Centre. It will help make it safe for pedestrians, horses and cyclists to exit and enter the town. Placing it north of the Carre Riddell road bridge will ensure it serves not just the shared trail but community desire to access the south side of Wybejong Reserve and beyond. Further a connection south of Carre Riddell road bridge can be provided as part of a connection under the rail line, via the creek course, to the Riddell South development (as is shown in the developers latest plan).

**B. A shared path on Sutherlands Rd, from Racecourse Rd to the Lions Park.** This will provide safe walking from Rangeview Estate into the town centre, and for walkers, runners and dog walkers doing a circuit.

**C. A shared path on Southbourne Rd, from Parkview Terrace to Racecourse Rd.** Parents and kids will be safer getting to and from the playground on Parkview, or getting out to Main Road and Sutherlands Road.

A. is a big budget item that needs design work started now, not when the trail is at Riddell's doorstep. B. and C. can be done now, and will make the existing path network better connected on two of the most popular routes the community uses every day.

Further to the above high priority projects the following also appear in the Top 10 list of Projects and are also worthy of funding in 2024 / 2025:

D. **Safe crossing points.** Pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders should be able to cross Main Rd safely and conveniently from Walter J Smith to Amess Rd. They should not have to travel further to reach a crossing point than a block or so. Safe crossing points, be they refuge crossings, wombat crossings or pedestrian operated signals, should be provided at (immediate high priority shown in bold):

- **56 Main St to Walter J Smith Reserve**
- Immediately east of Bolithos Rd
- **Riddells Creek Primary School Crossing**
- 126 Main Rd / Immediately East of Memorial Drive
- **Gap Rd / Richardson St**
- Amess Rd / Sandy Creek Rd
- East of Sandy Creek / Dry Creek (around the Dromkeen driveway)

E. **Safe speeds.** The safety of non-vehicle road users can be significantly enhanced by implementing safe speeds in Riddells Creek, including (but not limited to):

- Frost Lane to Filmer Place: 60km/h
- Filmer Place to Riddell Rd: 40km/hr (we encourage the Council to consult the community on this particular aspect)
- Riddell Rd to Rivergum Rd: 60km/h
- Rivergum Rd to Williams Lane: 80km/hr.

F. **Recommended speed signage where there are no footpaths** in at least the area bounded by Melvins Rd, Whittakers Lane, Gap Rd and Main Rd, i.e. yellow signs indicating 20km/h past pedestrians, cyclists and horses.

Further we strongly encourage Council to:

G. **Provide for horses on the shared trail from Gisborne to Riddells Creek.**

More information on the work of the *What Riddell Wants* Infrastructure Strand can be found in the attached report we recently produced.

Kind regards,



**PRIORITIES FOR IMPROVING WALKABILITY IN RIDDELLS CREEK**  
**Community input into the *Riddells Creek Network Movement Study***

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## 1. Introduction

### ***Focus on Riddells Creek welcome***

The Riddells Creek community welcomes the focus on Riddell via the *Riddells Creek Movement Network Study* (the Study). The Draft Recommendation Report has provided an excellent jumping off point from which the What Riddell Wants community group has based its further work.

The Infrastructure Strand of 'What Riddell Wants'<sup>1</sup> wants to build on the momentum of Macedon Ranges Shire Council's (MRSC or Council) Study so that we see some actual allocation of funds and the commencement of physical works, rather than more reports and strategies. We want intentions turned into actions. We want to encourage the Council to love Riddells Creek a bit more, and start taking action to enhance its village feel.

## 2. Why focus on walkability and the current situation in Riddells Creek

Riddells Creek suffers from some key drawbacks in respect of movement.

### ***Vehicular traffic dominates***

Movement in Riddells Creek is dominated by vehicular traffic on the main roads, much of which is busy through traffic, as well as the impacts of vehicles coming and going from residences. This has a major negative impact on non-vehicular movements, e.g. those on foot (including those using mobility aids), cyclists (of any type) and horse riders.

### ***Non-vehicular traffic is locked in***

Of the several main road 'gateways' into our town, all present dangerous squeeze spots where would-be pedestrians are forced into dangerous proximity to fast moving vehicular traffic (often heavy vehicles). None of these gateways are currently safe for pedestrians, cyclists or horse riders. So at present, rather than gateways, these locations are effectively barriers. See Appendix A to this document for an expansion on these gateways as barriers.

### ***Discontinuous non-vehicular routes***

To the extent that paths do exist, they are often discontinuous, sometimes ending abruptly mid-street. As a result, people are discouraged from walking or cycling.

### ***Missed health and social benefits***

Due to the aforementioned residents of Riddells Creek are missing out on the health benefits of walking and the sense of well-being and opportunity for increased social connections that comes with being outside and interacting in public space with other residents.

### ***Use of the term walkability***

Note that throughout our work and community engagements we have used the term "Walkability" as a simple headline tag, to focus the attention of community responders on what we want to achieve in considering the Study. However, "Walkability" is not intended to be limited to pedestrians, but rather to encompass all forms of non-vehicular people movements in Riddells Creek. That is it applies to all types of pedestrians –functional and recreational – all types of cyclists and, in some places, horse riders.

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<sup>1</sup> For detail on 'What Riddell Wants' refer to Appendix G; in short it is a citizen led process to identify what Riddells Creek needs and take action to achieve this.

### 3. Our process & inputs

The Council Engineers have reached out to key community groups and asked that they provide feedback on priority projects based on these groups' specific local knowledge. 'What Riddell Wants'<sup>2</sup> Infrastructure Strand has gone beyond this and sought input from the Riddells Creek community.

'What Riddell Wants'<sup>2</sup> Infrastructure Strand undertook the following to arrive at four Priority Route/Areas for improving walkability for the town as a whole. We have:

- Reviewed and analysed the *Riddells Creek Movement Network Study* (the Study) in detail
- Conducted a resident survey<sup>3</sup> asking where they walk *or would like to walk*, and ideas for improvements
  - 74 online responses, 7 verbal responses at the 16 Sept. 2023 Farmers' Market, (n. 81) = 256 comments on how to improve walkability<sup>4</sup>
  - 50% of respondents had not heard of the *Riddells Creek Network Movement Study*
- Collated the data from the resident survey to,
  - identify the Priority Route/Areas, and therein,
  - the projects required to deliver over time these Priority Route/Areas as coherent wholes
- Undertaken detailed discussion and analysis of all of the aforementioned within the What Riddell Wants Infrastructure Strand and with the Riddells Creek Planning Group<sup>5</sup>.

In this document, wherever possible, we refer to the item number of the 97 Projects listed in Appendix 2 of the Study.

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<sup>2</sup> For detail on 'What Riddell Wants' refer to Appendix H.

<sup>3</sup> Promoted at the Riddells Creek Farmers' Market, 16 Sept 2023, via posts on local Facebook groups, request to all community groups on the Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House Community Group list to distribute to their members, ad hoc flyer drop; survey open for 2 weeks prior to Friday 29 September 2023.

<sup>4</sup> This data is available upon request.

<sup>5</sup> Riddells Creek Planning Group is a group formed to focus on the appropriate development of Riddells Creek via the Amess Rd and Riddells South development.

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#### 4. Adopting a holistic view that will result in a coherent whole

##### ***Movement Study's Approach***

The Study determines network classifications/maps for a number of modes of movement, for example walking, cycling and vehicles. This part of the Study is considered a holistic approach.

The Study then conducts a gap analysis which results in a list of 97 projects. That list, while nearly complete, does have a few omissions and inaccuracies which we rectify in our feedback and priority recommendations below.

At this point in time the 97 projects do not appear to be ordered or prioritised in a way that will result in delivery of a coherent whole.

Further, while the use of multi-criteria analysis is understandable in the context of the need to prioritise, in itself it will not lead to projects which are funded leading to a coherent whole.

##### ***What Riddell Wants Proposed Approach***

##### ***A holistic focus on routes***

We propose that the above can be addressed by examining and understand what routes:

- the community values the most; and therein
- which projects (from the Study or the resident survey) enable these.

In essence individual projects can then be considered as components of a particular route. Thus, in the first two instances, we have considered what routes we believe should be the priorities (Section 6). Then within these routes we have also identified the key enabling projects/components (included in Section 6, details in Appendices C – F).

A key reason for considering routes is that Riddells Creek currently has little non-vehicular people movement infrastructure (pavements etc.). But what there is, is mostly discontinuous and does not present coherent, continuous routes that promote connectivity.

Consideration of routes, has enabled us to employ both a top-down strategic view as well as a bottom up consideration of individual projects.

##### ***Cost vs Impact on Connectivity***

Routes will contain elements that are both higher cost as well as those that are low cost, yet both types can combine to make a whole route more functional and attractive. For example, shared foot bridges across creeks to permit safe passage around dangerous squeeze spots will be more costly, but high value in improving walkability. They are essential to several of the most popular routes becoming safe and welcoming for the whole town, pedestrians and cyclists.

Changing vehicular speed restrictions and adding pedestrian crossings or refuges will be much lower cost, but are still important elements that, together, make a route work. This should be remembered in any project ranking in which some critical enabling elements, which might be more expensive projects, are ranked higher, but the other lower cost elements fall lower in the ranking. All contribute to the total route such that the sum is greater than the total of the parts.

Alignment with major council initiatives

We have also considered the need to connect these priority routes with important longer-term Council projects. Mainly, at the western entry to the town, this is the connection to the Woodend to Riddells Creek Shared Trail. At the eastern end of town, we have also borne in mind the longer-term potential for ultimately creating a long-distance cycling/walking route from Riddells Creek to Romsey via the Kilmore Rd which would further promote cycling and bicycle tourism as a recreational drawcard to Riddells Creek and the broader region.

Balancing 'in town' vs 'out of town'

We have been mindful of the need to balance the needs of residents living closer-in to the town centre, with the desire to also create longer routes through the town which connect to the natural features of the area or locally significant tourist or retail destinations.

Thus, one of the routes we have also identified is an area closer-in to town, that should receive priority attention as this will serve pedestrian needs in the higher density living areas, where there are a higher proportion of residents needing to use mobility aids as well as parents with prams accessing shops, the school and so forth.

This creates a desirable overlap of some projects contributing both to the two longer priority routes and the 'in town' higher density living area, such that the two approaches to prioritisation are complementary.

## 5. How can Council use the Walkability Priorities?

The identified Walkability Priorities can be used to improve Riddells Creek by being:

- incorporated into the Multi-criteria Analysis (with a significant weighting),
  - i.e. Does the project contribute to the communities Walkability Priorities as determined by the work of What Riddell Wants Infrastructure Strand?; weighting 20%
- being adopted as clear direction to the Council in its capital works/budgeting across all Departments/projects, and its advocacy with State Government

When implementing these priorities, the Council should:

- **Balance the needs of people living close to town, with those living further out from town.** Not everything can be done at once, but all residents deserve a safe and enjoyable way to walk around their town.
- **Provide paths that suit what the user needs.** Mobility scooters and mothers with prams walking to the shops and town centre need concrete paths, but people who walk/run/cycle/dog-walk on longer routes may prefer a firm, well-drained gravel path. Many respondents to the resident survey said that that firm, wide gravel paths were more desirable beyond the town centre.
- **Design paths that fit the character of each neighbourhood and preserve the environmental values of the town.** Meandering paths moving around trees, instead of cutting them down, are as valuable as straight paths.
- **Plan for routes, not sections.** Discontinuous sections need to be linked up to make coherent routes. Addressing the dangerous squeeze spots at the several main road 'gateways' into the town should be an early consideration as they would be strategic 'enablers' for longer routes.

## 6. The Walkability Priorities of Riddells Creek

### **6.1 Make Main Road a safe and welcoming place for pedestrians**

Riddells Creek will have a public way along Main Rd/Kilmore Rd, running from Gyro Close, across Sandy/Dry Creek, linking in Dromkeen, through town, across Riddells Creek itself, and beyond towards Gisborne.

As a busy vehicular route, the Main Rd currently dominates the centre of Riddells Creek to the detriment of all other (potential) users. This whole stretch should be safe and enjoyable for all modes of pedestrian and cycling travel to move along the route and to cross it. What will achieve this?<sup>6</sup>

- Provide continuous wide pathways along each side of Main Road from Gyro Close to Melvins Rd
- Deal with the dangerous squeeze points where Main Road crosses Riddells Creek and Sandy/Dry Creek (a shared bridge for pedestrians and cyclists across Riddells Creek, near the Carre Riddell road bridge, was the mostly highly ranked project by residents).
- Plan for the connection of the Woodend to Riddells Creek Shared Trail Project into the centre of Riddells Creek; deliver connection by 2025 at latest in line with Shared Trail Project timelines
- Address the Main/Station/Sutherland junction, including creating pedestrian crossing points to make it safer for both pedestrians and vehicles.
- Calm the traffic by reducing entry speeds to the town and moving speed reductions farther out.
- Make it safe to cross Main Road at several key points. Crossing points should be regular and convenient for pedestrians to use.

### **6.2 Improve the north-south pedestrian thoroughfares of the town.**

The resident survey shows Gap Road to Richardson to Southbourne, and Sutherlands Road to Racecourse Rd are important north-south routes residents use daily. They walk with prams, dogs and/or children on bicycles and scooters. They need to become thoroughfares that are welcoming, ease to use and safe. What will achieve this?<sup>7</sup>

#### *6.2.1 Gap Road to Richardson to Southbourne*

- Gap Rd recreational shared path Royal Parade to Whittakers Lane
- Gap Rd shared path, Whittakers Lane to Main Rd
- Main Rd crossing refuge at Gap Rd/Richardson St
- Upgrade existing footpath to shared path on Richardson Street
- Shared path on Southbourne Rd

<sup>6</sup> For detailed project listings against each priority refer to Appendix C.

<sup>7</sup> For detailed project listings against each priority refer to Appendix D.

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#### 6.2.2 Sutherlands Road to Racecourse Rd

- Shared path along Sutherlands Rd, from the Lions Park to Racecourse Rd (equal 2<sup>nd</sup> mostly highly ranked project by residents, not identified in Study's list of 97 projects)
- Safe crossing point at Fitzgerald St or Stephen St (if delivered in between these two streets as per Project No. 88 a footpath must also be provided on the south side of Southbourne Rd linking Fitzgerald St and Stephen St)

#### **6.3 Footpaths and safe connections for people living close to or moving around the town centre.**

People walk into town and back from the higher density residential areas east of Whitakers Lane and west of Rangeview estate. They need continuous, high-quality footpaths: at present they have neither. What will achieve this?<sup>8</sup>

- To the NW of Main Rd, create/complete paved footpaths in the grid bounded by Main Rd, Melvins Rd, Gap Rd and Somerville Lane, including a shared pedestrian/cycle bridge over Murnong Creek on Somerville Lane.
- To the SE of Main Rd, create/complete paved footpaths in the area bounded by Main Rd, Sutherlands Rd, Rangeview Drive and Amess Rd. This includes a paved shared path on Racecourse Rd besides the Recreational Reserve which is not identified in the Project list of the *Riddells Creek Network Movement Study*. Or, at a minimum, completing the short unmade section on Racecourse Rd, between the existing concrete paved path near the junction with Richardson St, with the existing gravel path alongside the Recreational Reserve, which would be a very low cost 'quick fix'.

#### **6.4 Enabling the recreational trails of the town.**

Riddells Creek is a town for people who enjoy long walks, running and cycling. Shared trails will connect and open up the town to the green world around Riddell. Where should these shared trails be?<sup>9</sup>

- Along Dry Creek, from Amess Road to Sutherlands Road, including a bridge at Kathryn Court
- A complete path up to Royal Parade (Barrm Birrm Nature Reserve)
  - Gap Rd recreational shared path Royal Parade to Whittakers Lane
  - Gap Rd shared path, Whittakers Lane to Main Rd
- The circuit along Gyro Close, Sandy Creek Rd and cross connecting to Gap Rd at Plantation Rd
- The public reserves along Riddells Creek and Murnong Creek.

<sup>8</sup> For detailed project listings against each priority refer to Appendix E.

<sup>9</sup> For detailed project listings against each priority refer to Appendix F.

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## 7. What are the Top 10 Projects?

The following are the Top 10 Projects What Riddell Wants Infrastructure Strand are calling for. The top 30 is provided in Appendix B.

PRIORITY NO.	Project Description	Study Proj. No.	Enables Priority Route/Area			
			1	2	3	4
1	A pedestrian bridge across Riddells Creek	Resident Idea	Y			Y
2	A shared path on Sutherlands Road from Racecourse Rd to the Lions Park.	Resident Idea		Y	Y	
3	A shared path on Southbourne Rd, between Racecourse Rd and Parkview Tce.	4		Y	Y	
4	A pedestrian bridge on Main Road across Dry Creek/Sandy Creek	Resident Idea	Y			Y
5	A shared trail on Gap Rd from Main Rd to Royal Parade (compact gravel north of Whittakers Lane)	32, 36		Y		Y
6	Pedestrian operated signals for crossing of Main Road at the School.	Resident Idea	Y		Y	
7	A bridge across Murnong Creek (ex Riddells Creek Main Drain) on Sommerville Lane.	Resident Idea			Y	
8	A footpath on the north side of Main Road from Sexton St to Sandy Creek Road & Shared path on the south side of Main Rd from Richardson St to Dry Creek	9 / 28	Y			Y
9	Safer speeds on Main Road on both approaches to the town <sup>10</sup> and better recommended speed signage where there are no footpaths, i.e. 20km/h past pedestrians, cyclists and horses	69 – 76 <sup>8</sup> / Resident Idea	Y	Y	Y	
10	Safe crossing over Sandy Creek on Sandy Creek Rd (at approx. No.47)	Resident Idea				Y

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- 1 Making Main Rd Safe
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<sup>10</sup> What Riddell Wants Infrastructure Strand is advocating for speed reductions different to that of the Study. See Appendix B where this priority is elaborated on.

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## 8. What criteria should be used?

What Riddell Wants Infrastructure Strand have:

- reviewed the *Movement Study's* suggested assessment criteria to prioritise projects (refer to p50);
- reviewed the Microsoft Excel work sheet provided by Council Engineers, with an electronic file name '220073\_Riddells Creek MCA DRAFT\_230914.xlsm'; and
- provided Council Engineers with an amended version of the aforementioned Microsoft Excel worksheet, with an electronic file name '220073\_Riddells Creek MCA DRAFT\_230914\_WRW VERSION 1.1.xlsm'.

While the amended version of the Microsoft Excel worksheet has the bulk of feedback on the multi-criteria analysis the following points are also provided:

- We encourage Council to avoid slavishly applying the multi-criteria analysis (MCA) to justify the project priorities and ensure it is used as a guide to rational thinking. That is once all projects have been put through the MCA consider the results in the context of creating coherent routes.
- Consider how such an analysis could be applied to routes as a whole.

### ***Guide to our multi-criteria analysis feedback in the amended Microsoft Excel Sheet***

In the Microsoft Excel sheet, we have:

- Suggested new weighting for the key performance indicators (KPIs) 'Arterial roads / rail corridors / non-Council land', 'Significant infrastructure', 'Aligns with relevant Council strategy' and 'Stakeholder support'.
- Broken the KPI 'Proximity to essential services' into three related but separate KPIs, including providing weightings, weighting guides, raw scoring guide and suggested source data.
- Added a new KPI, 'Addresses a Walkability Priority Route/Area', including providing weightings, weighting guides, raw scoring guide and suggested source data.
- For the Road Safety KPI provided an updated/suggested weighting guide and source data (changes marked in yellow and bold).
- Added a new column N (marked purple) to provide detailed comments, e.g. reasoning for our suggested changes or feedback on existing information in the Microsoft Excel sheet.

## 9. Corrections to the Trafficworks Movement Network Study report

There are errors in the maps. These should be corrected before errors become embedded and accepted as a factual basis going forward (especially by those less familiar with the town).

**The General Traffic Classification** (p 17 ) is inaccurate. The area north-west of Gap Road is known as Barrm Birrm, has locked gates on the public roads and is to become a conservation reserve. This area should remain part of the Walking Classification (p 18), and become part of the Pedestrian Facilities map (p 45) as part of the walking network. The Place Classification also needs amending to fit this situation.

**The Walking Classification** (p 18) is inaccurate, and inconsistent with the Pedestrian Facilities map (p 45). Main Road from Gyro Close in the north to Rivergum Road in the south, and Sutherlands Road from Rangeview Estate to Main Road should each be rated as W2, because they are primary pedestrian routes. In addition, Gyro Close needs to be a higher classification than W5.

**The Walking Hierarchy** (p 30) is incomplete:

- Main Road walking route should be understood as one continuous route from Gyro close to beyond the Carre-Riddell bridge to Williams Lane;
- Sutherlands Road to Yellowgum, and Gap Road, are Primary Routes.
- Dry Creek, which has a streamside reserve and potential as a recreational trail south of Amess Road to Sutherlands and should be identified as such.
- Recreational trails identified along Sandy Creek and Murnong Creek are mainly on private land and will be difficult to turn into public routes. By contrast, Murnong Creek from Somerville across Whitakers Lane to Bolitho (as Wimbi Creek) is public reserve and could carry a recreational trail.
- Southbourne Road/Richardson Roads is a significant walking route that people use to move out to Main Road and should be a primary route.

**The Street Hierarchy** (p 26) is inaccurate. Sutherlands Road is a Main Activity Street at least to Rangeview Estate.

**General traffic (p17) and Freight classification (p19)**, should somehow identify the opportunity to create a long term by pass / alternate route to the south of Riddells Creek, e.g. from the Riddell Rd along the southern boundary of the Riddell South development area, along Suthersland Rd, along Amess Rd and east of the Amess Rd development site.

**'Riddells Creek Town Centre Opportunities Summary'** (p 55) describes a few important improvements that do not appear in the project list at Appendix 2 of the report. Pedestrian access out of and into town across the Creek is a major opportunity for the town centre but does not get mentioned.

**A missing project** is the section of Racecourse Road from Richardson St to Sutherlands Rd. There is a gravel path bordering the Recreational Reserve on the west side of Racecourse road in this section, but it lacks a connection to short sections of concrete paved path near Richardson. The aforementioned Riddells Creek Town Centre Opportunities Summary (p55) mentions an "Improved shared path treatment along the eastern side of Racecourse Rod", however neither appear in the projects list. Project 34 at Racecourse Rd only goes from Amess Rd to Southbourne Rd.

**Projects 72 and 76** (Speed restriction changes) appear to be duplicates.

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**Projects 40 & 41** (shared path on Gyro Close) both use an “Unnamed Rd” as start and end points. It is not clear where this location is, but in effect, this shared path is along the full length of Gyro Close and the projects can be considered as one. If the ‘Unnamed Rd’ is the unnamed *path* that is an existing cut-through on the easement between street numbers 149 and 173 on Gyro Close and numbers 130 and 138, then the two projects serve to distinguish two sections of shared path along Gyro Close and in that case, the section from Kilmore Rd should have the greater priority of the two.

**Project 42** (shared path on Gap Rd), has an incorrect road name as its start point and seems redundant. This start point cannot be Sandy Creek Rd as that road runs parallel to Gap Rd for its entire length. In any case the full length of Gap Rd is addressed by shared path projects 32 and 36 so project 42 could be redundant.

**The criteria for assessment.** There are no weightings for criteria (p 50), and no separate categories for pedestrians and cyclists. There should be a specific criterion for pedestrian use. ‘Stakeholder and community sentiment’ should include other matters raised in the comments that relate to general amenity in the town. ‘Prioritise projects within Amess Creek development’ in the criteria ‘Alignment with local strategy and policy’, is problematic as a criteria, given the lack of a PSP for the area and residents opposition to the development at its proposed density. *Refer also to section 8 of this report for detailed feedback on the multi-criteria analysis.*

### Appendix A. Further Information on Town Entrances as Gateways or Barriers?

There are four or five 'gateways' to the centre of Riddells Creek township:

1. To the South, the main road to/from Sunbury as it passes under the bluestone rail bridge and at the T junction with the Main Road/Kilmore Road.
2. To the West, the main road to/from Gisborne (the Main Road/Kilmore Road) at the Carre Riddell road bridge over the Riddell Creek itself.
3. To the North-East, the main road to/from Monegeetta (the Main Road/Kilmore Road) where it is bridged over Dry Creek/Sandy Creek and at the foot of the blind crest over the hill to the NE.
4. To the East, on Sutherlands Road where it crosses Dry Creek.
5. To the North on Sandy Creek Rd (at approx. No.47 Sandy Creek Rd).

All of these gateways were raised as dangerous squeeze spots in the resident survey conducted.

Each of these gateways is a dangerous squeeze point for pedestrians, cyclists or horse riders. For example, to pass these locations a pedestrian has to be quick of foot, very alert, wait for gaps in the traffic and pass quickly along the very narrow or often non-existent verge.

If a pedestrian was caught in these squeeze spots when two large/heavy vehicles were passing in opposite directions at the same time, there is a great danger to the pedestrians simply because there is insufficient width. This is especially possible at the first three listed above, due to the heavier traffic at those locations. The risks are magnified greatly for those not fleet of foot, or unaware, or needing mobility aids, pushing a pram, or walking dogs etc.

The 'gateways' are satisfactory for vehicles (although they could clearly be improved), but **they are barriers for non-vehicle users**, and in particular for people living outside the higher density part of the town. They discourage people venturing into town on foot or by bicycle, and discourage those living inside from venturing further out by foot or bike etc. for walking recreation, dog walking, cycling, or to visit Dromkeen, Riddells Creek Nursery of the childcare centre etc. Dealing with squeeze points will do a lot to improve walkability in Riddells Creek.

Squeeze points need to be rectified *before* improvement of the rest of routes into and out of Riddell. For example, improving the shared path along the existing wide and grassy verges on roads will add little value if a person on that route encounters a squeeze spot like that at the Sandy Creek/Dry Creek bridge on the Kilmore Road. Three of the four squeeze spots are created by road bridges over creeks, that can be rectified by the construction of separate pedestrian/shared footbridges. The exception is the bluestone rail bridge which poses a particularly challenging problem, especially if the Woodend to Riddells Creek Shared Path project is completed to the South of the railway line, alongside Markham Rd (which is one of its two alternate routes currently shown on the project's plans).

**Appendix B: Top 30 Projects**

The following are the Top 30 Projects What Riddell Wants Infrastructure Strand are calling for.

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4	A pedestrian bridge on Main Road across Dry Creek/Sandy Creek	Resident Idea	Y			Y
5	A shared trail on Gap Rd from Main Rd to Royal Parade (compact gravel north of Whittakers Lane)	32, 36		Y		Y
6	Pedestrian operated signals for crossing of Main Road at the School (refer to Priority No. 17 for remainder of Kilmore Rd/Main Rd crossings)	Resident Idea	Y		Y	
7	A bridge across Murnong Creek (ex Riddells Creek Main Drain) on Sommerville Lane.	Resident Idea			Y	
8	A footpath on the north side of Main Road from Sexton St to Sandy Creek Road & Shared path on the south side of Main Rd from Richardson St to Dry Creek	9 / 28	Y			Y
9	<i>Safer speeds on Main Road</i> on both approaches to the town: - Frost Lane to Filmer Place: 60km/h - Filmer Place to Riddell Rd: Support 40km/hr however encourage Council to consult community on this - Riddell Rd to Rivergum Rd: 60km/h - Rivergum Rd to Williams Lane: 80km/hr. & <i>Better recommended speed signage</i> where there are no footpaths, i.e. 20km/h past pedestrians, cyclists and horses	69 – 76 / Resident Idea	Y	Y	Y	

PRIORITY NO.	Project Description	Study Proj. No.	Enables Priority Route/Area			
			1	2	3	4
10	Safe crossing over Sandy Creek on Sandy Creek Rd (at approx. No.47)	Resident Idea				Y
11	Regional trail (or at least shared path) from Riddells Creek to Riddells Creek Nursery (Study states Flour Mill Lane)	24	Y			Y
12	Shared path along Amess Rd, Kilmore/Main Rd to Wohl Court (including a pedestrian bridge to address the squeeze point where Amess Rd crosses Dry Creek)	35				Y
13	Shared path along Amess Rd, Wohl Court to Sutherlands Rd (consider firm packed gravel path)	43				Y
14	Shared path along Sutherlands Rd, Yellowgum Ave to Amess Rd	44		Y		Y
15	Shared path along Sommerville Lane, from Melvins Rd to Sandy Creek Road	1			Y	
16	Shared path along Main Rd/Kilmore Rd from Sandy Creek to Rd to Gyro Close	29	Y			Y
17	Safe crossings* for Kilmore Rd/Main Rd at: a. 56 Main St to Walter J Smith Reserve b. Immediately east of Bolithos Rd c. 126 Main Rd / Immediately East of Memorial Drive d. Gap Rd/Richardson St e. Amess Rd / Sandy Creek Rd f. East of Sandy Creek/Dry Creek (around the Dromkeen driveway)  *Safe crossings at these points could take the form of wombat crossings, refuge crossings or pedestrian operated signals, as appropriate to the context of each point.  Refer also to Priorities No.6 and 22b	a. Resident Idea b. Resident Idea c. Resident Idea  d. 90 e. 89 f. Resident Idea	Y	Y	Y	Y
18	Footpath along Sexton St, from Main Rd/Kilmore Rd to No.13 Sexton St	11			Y	
19	Recreational trail along the Riddells Creek (initially focused on the north side), Carre Riddell Bridge to Smith's Nursery	Resident idea				Y
20	Shared path along Bolithos Rd, Mahoneys Rd to Royal Parade (compact gravel north of Whittakers Lane)	33		Y	Y	

PRIORITY NO.	Project Description	Study Proj. No.	Enables Priority Route/Area			
			1	2	3	4
21	Shared path along Melvins Rd, Mahoneys Rd to Royal Parade (compact gravel north of Whittakers Lane)	37		Y	Y	
22	Main Rd/Kilmore Rd, Station St and Sutherlands Rd intersection, including: a. Signals or roundabout b. Pedestrian crossing west of intersection c. Wombat crossing on Station St d. Wombat crossing on Sutherlands Rd	a. 83 b. Resident idea c. 85 d. 84	Y	Y	Y	
23	Footpath along Merrifield St, Mahoneys Rd to Sommerville Lane	2		Y	Y	
24	Footpath along Mahoneys Rd, Bolithos Rd to Sexton St	17			Y	
25	Footpath along Sutton St, Mahoneys Rd to Sommerville Lane	19			Y	
26	Recreational trail along Dry Creek, Grandview Close to Sutherlands Rd, including a pedestrian bridge at Kathryn Court	Resident Idea				Y
27	Shared path along Sandy Creek Rd, Main Rd/Kilmore Rd to Bus Court	30		Y		Y
28	Footpath along Mahoneys Rd, No.7 Mahoneys Rd to Merrifield St	38			Y	
29	Shared path on Racecourse Rd, Amess Rd to Southbourne Rd	34			Y	
30	Widen the footpath from the School staff car park entrance to Memorial Drive to make it a shared path and even with the gutter & Install wombat crossings where the paths cross the School staff car park entrance and Memorial Drive.	Resident Idea	Y			

Refer also to following page

The following projects from the Study either do not appear in the Top 30 or are not mentioned at all in the resident survey. However, based on their potential to positively impact walkability What Riddell Wants Infrastructure Strand supports them and have noted them below. *Refer to table on the following page.*

Projects supported by What Riddell Wants Infrastructure Strand but not appear in the Top 30.

Study Proj. No.	Project Description	Enables Priority Route/Area			
		1	2	3	4
69 – 76	Speed reductions; for the specifics of Main Rd/Kilmore Rd see Priority 9 in the Top 30 table above	Y	Y	Y	
Various	Support all other projects that increase walkability via provision of paths				
77 – 79	Roundabouts at: – Main Rd/Kilmore Road and Riddell Rd – Main Rd/Kilmore Road and Gyro – Main Rd/Kilmore Road and Sandy Creek Rd (and integrating Amess Road)	Y			
Resident Idea	Riddells Creek bypass from Riddell Rd, south of the Riddell South development area, Sutherlands Rd, Amess Rd and south east of Amess Rd development, connecting to Kilmore Rd	Y			
88	P.O.S crossing Sutherlands Rd		Y		

**Appendix C. Detailed Project Listings for Making Main Rd Safe**

(Generally provided in order from west to east along the route; other than speed reductions and pedestrian crossing points)

All projects bar one which would contribute to making Main Rd safe are within the Top 30.

Item (Study Proj. Number / WRW Survey Idea)	Priority Based on WRW Infrastructure Strand Top 30 Table & WRW Infrastructure Strand Comments
Regional Trail, Riddells Creek – Williams Lane  (No. 24 / WRW Survey Idea)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No.11</b></li> <li>- Ensure Gisborne – Riddell Cycling Trail follows the Kilmore Rd from Hamilton Rd onwards</li> <li>- If Gisborne – Riddell Cycling Trail sits south of Kilmore Rd/North of rail line:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o ensure refuge crossings are provided at the Riddells Creek Nursery and Flour Mill Lane (Childcare)</li> <li>o cross to the north side of Kilmore Rd at approx. 2 Rivergum Rd to bring the trail into town via a pedestrian/cycling bridge on the north side of Carre Riddell Rd bridge</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Provide footpath down Flourmill Lane to childcare centre</li> <li>- Work with Riddells Creek Nursery to provide appropriate pedestrian entrance separated from vehicle entrance</li> </ul>
Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge over Riddells Creek, north side of Kilmore Rd  (WRW Survey Idea)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No.1</b> (20% of survey respondents mentioned this bridge)</li> <li>- Position bridge on north side of Carre Riddell road bridge, see notes above about how this would connect into the Regional Trail.</li> </ul>
Refuge Crossing / P.O.S Points / Wombat Crossings Over Main Rd/Kilmore Rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No.17</b>, except where noted</li> <li>- <b>Combined the 6 crossing points over Kilmore Rd were supported by 20 comments</b></li> </ul> <p>From west to east along Kilmore Rd:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>56 Main Rd / Walter J Smith Reserve Main Entrance</i> (WRW Survey Idea)</li> <li>- Immediately east of Bolithos Rd (WRW Survey Idea)</li> <li>- Pedestrian crossing west of Main Rd/Kilmore Rd and Station Street intersection; <b>no.22</b></li> <li>- <i>Primary School Crossing, upgrade to refuge and pedestrian operated signal</i> (WRW Survey Idea; <b>no.6 in the Top 30</b>)</li> <li>- <i>126 Main Rd</i> (WRW Survey Idea)</li> <li>- <i>Gap Rd / Richardson St</i> (No.90)</li> <li>- <i>Amess Rd / Sandy Creek Rd</i> (No.89)</li> <li>- <i>East of Sandy Creek/Dry Creek</i> (WRW Survey Idea)</li> </ul>

Item (Study Proj. Number / WRW Survey Idea)	Priority Based on WRW Infrastructure Strand Top 30 Table & WRW Infrastructure Strand Comments
<p>Shared path from Riddells Creek pedestrian/cycling bridge to Montessori Preschool (or shared path from Riddells Creek pedestrian/cycling bridge to Station Street via rear of Montessori Preschool and Neighbourhood House)</p> <p>(WRW Survey Idea)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Could be easily delivered as part of the Gisborne-Riddells Creek Path</li> <li>- Not in Top 30 but essential connection to create a shared continuous path along the Main Rd/Kilmore Rd spine</li> </ul>
<p>Wombat crossings Station St and Sutherlands Rd junction</p> <p>(No. 84 &amp; 85 / WRW Survey Idea)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No. 22</b></li> <li>- Strongly supported by community; refer to recent letters written in support of Council funding submission</li> </ul>
<p>Upgrade footpath to shared path outside primary school &amp; Zebra/wombat crossings at primary school car park entrance &amp; Memorial Drive car park entrance</p> <p>(WRW Survey Idea)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No.30</b></li> <li>- Footpath that currently exists is not sufficient to handle primary school drop off and pick up pedestrian volumes or Farmer's Market Day pedestrian volumes</li> <li>- Widen existing footpath to at least 3m and make curb/guttering even height with new footpath</li> </ul>
<p>Shared path Richardson St to Sandy Creek Rd</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No.8</b></li> </ul>
<p>Footpath, Main Rd Service Rd (north side), Sexton St to Sandy Creek Rd (No.9)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No.8</b></li> </ul>
<p>Pedestrian &amp; Cycling Bridge over Sandy Creek/Dry Creek (eastern end of town)</p> <p>(WRW Survey Idea)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No.4</b></li> <li>- WRW believes it is best placed on the south side of Kilmore Rd, with a crossing point to the north side of Kilmore Rd provided approx. around the Dromkeen driveway</li> <li>- If provided on the north side of Kilmore Rd ensure an appropriate crossing point/refuge is provided for safe access to Dromkeen</li> </ul>
<p>Shared Path, Sandy Creek Rd to Gyro Close</p> <p>(No. 29 / WRW Survey Idea)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No.16</b></li> <li>- Begin on south side of Kilmore Rd, cross Dry Creek south side of Kilmore Rd (see above), cross Kilmore Rd at approx. the Dromkeen driveway and continue path on north side of Kilmore Rd and connect to Gyro Close.</li> </ul>



Item (Study Proj. Number / WRW Survey Idea)	Priority Based on WRW Infrastructure Strand Top 30 Table & WRW Infrastructure Strand Comments
Speed reductions on Main Rd/Kilmore Rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No.9</b></li> <li>- Frost Lane to Filmer Place: 60km/h</li> <li>- Filmer Place to Riddell Rd: Support 40km/hr however encourage Council to consult community on this</li> <li>- Riddell Rd to Rivergum Rd: 60km/h</li> <li>- Rivergum Rd to Williams Lane: 80km/hr.</li> <li>- WRW Infrastructure Strand recognizes speed reduction/traffic calming will increase pedestrian safety</li> <li>- Given the strong view likely from the community in respect of the appropriate speed limits for Kilmore Rd between Filmer Place and Riddell Rd it is considered appropriate Council consult the community on any reduction in this area, e.g. 40km/hr. permanently</li> </ul>

**Appendix D. Detailed Project Listings for Improving North-South Throughfare**  
(Generally provided in order from south to north along the route)

All projects bar two which would contribute to improving north-south throughfares are within the Top 30.

Item (Study Proj. Number / WRW Survey Idea)	Priority Based on WRW Infrastructure Strand Top 30 Table & WRW Infrastructure Strand Comments
A shared path on Sutherlands Road from Racecourse Rd to the Lions Park.  (WRW Survey Idea)	- <b>No.2</b>
P.O.S crossing on Sutherlands Rd  (No.88)	- Not in Top 30 but supported by WRW
A shared path on Southbourne Rd, between Racecourse Rd and Parkview Tce.  (No.4)	- <b>No.3</b>
Upgrade Richardson St to a shared path on its western side	- Not in Top 30 but if a shared path is provided on Southbourne Rd it would provide consistency of footpath width from Parkview Tce to Main Rd/Kilmore Rd and reflect the use it gets by community.
A pedestrian crossing point across Main Rd/Kilmore Rd at Gap Rd/Richardson St	- <b>No.17</b>
Speed reductions on Main Rd/Kilmore Rd  (No. 69 – 76)	- <b>No.9</b> - In the vicinity of the Gap Rd/Richardson St and Main Rd/Kilmore Rd crossing point the speed limit should be 60km/hr
A shared trail on Gap Rd from Main Rd to Royal Parade (compact gravel north of Whittakers Lane)  (No. 32 & 36)	- <b>No.5</b> - Resident survey identifies Gap Rd as a popular walking route

**Appendix E. Detailed Project Listings for Town Centre & Surrounds Connectivity**

Item (Study Proj. Number / WRW Survey Idea)	Priority Based on WRW Infrastructure Strand Top 30 Table & WRW Infrastructure Strand Comments
A shared path on Sutherlands Road from Racecourse Rd to the Lions Park.  (WRW Survey Idea)	- <b>No.2</b>
P.O.S crossing on Sutherlands Rd  (No.88)	- Not in Top 30 but supported by WRW
A shared path on Southbourne Rd, between Racecourse Rd and Parkview Tce.  (No.4)	- <b>No.3</b>
Upgrade Richardson St to a shared path on its western side	- Not in Top 30 but if a shared path is provided on Southbourne Rd it would provide consistency of footpath width from Parkview Tce to Main Rd/Kilmore Rd and reflect the use it gets by community.
A pedestrian crossing point across Main Rd/Kilmore Rd at Gap Rd/Richardson St	- <b>No.17</b>
Speed reductions on Main Rd/Kilmore Rd  (No. 69 – 76)	- <b>No.9</b>
Refuge Crossing / P.O.S Points / Wombat Crossings Over Main Rd/Kilmore Rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No.17</b>, except where noted</li> <li>- <b>Combined the 6 crossing points over Kilmore Rd were supported by 20 comments</b></li> </ul> <p>From west to east along Kilmore Rd:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>56 Main Rd / Walter J Smith Reserve Main Entrance</i> (WRW Survey Idea)</li> <li>- Immediately east of Bolithos Rd (WRW Survey Idea)</li> <li>- Pedestrian crossing west of Main Rd/Kilmore Rd and Station Street intersection; <b>no.22</b></li> </ul>

Item (Study Proj. Number / WRW Survey Idea)	Priority Based on WRW Infrastructure Strand Top 30 Table & WRW Infrastructure Strand Comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Primary School Crossing, upgrade to refuge and pedestrian operated signal</i> (WRW Survey Idea; <b>no.6 in the Top 30</b>)</li> <li>- <i>126 Main Rd</i> (WRW Survey Idea)</li> <li>- <i>Gap Rd / Richardson St</i> (No.90)</li> <li>- <i>Amess Rd / Sandy Creek Rd</i> (No.89)</li> <li>- <i>East of Sandy Creek/Dry Creek</i> (WRW Survey Idea)</li> </ul>
<p>Shared path from Riddells Creek pedestrian/cycling bridge to Montessori Preschool (or shared path from Riddells Creek pedestrian/cycling bridge to Station Street via rear of Montessori Preschool and Neighbourhood House)</p> <p>(WRW Survey Idea)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Could be easily delivered as part of the Gisborne-Riddells Creek Path</li> <li>- Not in Top 30 but essential connection to create a shared continuous path along the Main Rd/Kilmore Rd spine</li> </ul>
<p>Upgrade footpath to shared path outside primary school &amp;</p> <p>Zebra/wombat crossings at primary school car park entrance &amp; Memorial Drive car park entrance</p> <p>(WRW Survey Idea)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No.30</b></li> <li>- Footpath that currently exists is not sufficient to handle primary school drop off and pick up pedestrian volumes or Farmer's Market Day pedestrian volumes</li> <li>- Widen existing footpath to at least 3m and make curb/guttering even height with new footpath</li> </ul>
<p>Shared path along Sommerville Lane, from Melvins Rd to Sandy Creek Road</p> <p>(No.1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No.15</b></li> </ul>
<p>Wombat crossing, outside 80 Main Rd, to get across the service road to P.O.S</p>	
<p>Shared path along Bolithos Rd, Mahoneys Rd to Royal Parade (compact gravel north of Whittakers Lane)</p> <p>(No.33)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No.20</b></li> </ul>

Item (Study Proj. Number / WRW Survey Idea)	Priority Based on WRW Infrastructure Strand Top 30 Table & WRW Infrastructure Strand Comments
Shared path along Melvins Rd, Mahoneys Rd to Royal Parade (compact gravel north of Whittakers Lane)  (No.37))	- <b>No.21</b>
Main Rd/Kilmore Rd, Station St and Sutherlands Rd intersection, including: a. Signals or roundabout b. Pedestrian crossing west of intersection c. Wombat crossing on Station St Wombat crossing on Sutherlands Rd  (Various, refer to No.22 in Appendix B)	- <b>No.22</b>
Footpath along Merrifield St, Mahoneys Rd to Sommerville Lane  (No.2)	- <b>No.23</b>
Footpath along Mahoneys Rd, Bolithos Rd to Sexton St  (No.17)	- <b>No.24</b>
Footpath along Sutton St, Mahoneys Rd to Sommerville Lane  (No.19)	- <b>No.25</b>
Footpath along Mahoneys Rd, No.7 Mahoneys Rd to Merrifield St  (No.38)	- <b>No.28</b>
Shared path on Racecourse Rd, Amess Rd to Southbourne Rd  (No.34)	- <b>No.29</b>
All other projects that provide for paths within the area to the right	- To the NW of Main Rd, create/complete paved footpaths in the grid bounded by Main Rd, Melvins Rd, Gap Rd and Somerville Lane, including a shared pedestrian/cycle bridge over Murnong Creek on Somerville Lane.

Item (Study Proj. Number / WRW Survey Idea)	Priority Based on WRW Infrastructure Strand Top 30 Table & WRW Infrastructure Strand Comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To the SE of Main Rd, create/complete paved footpaths in the area bounded by Main Rd, Sutherlands Rd, Rangeview Drive and Amess Rd.</li> </ul>

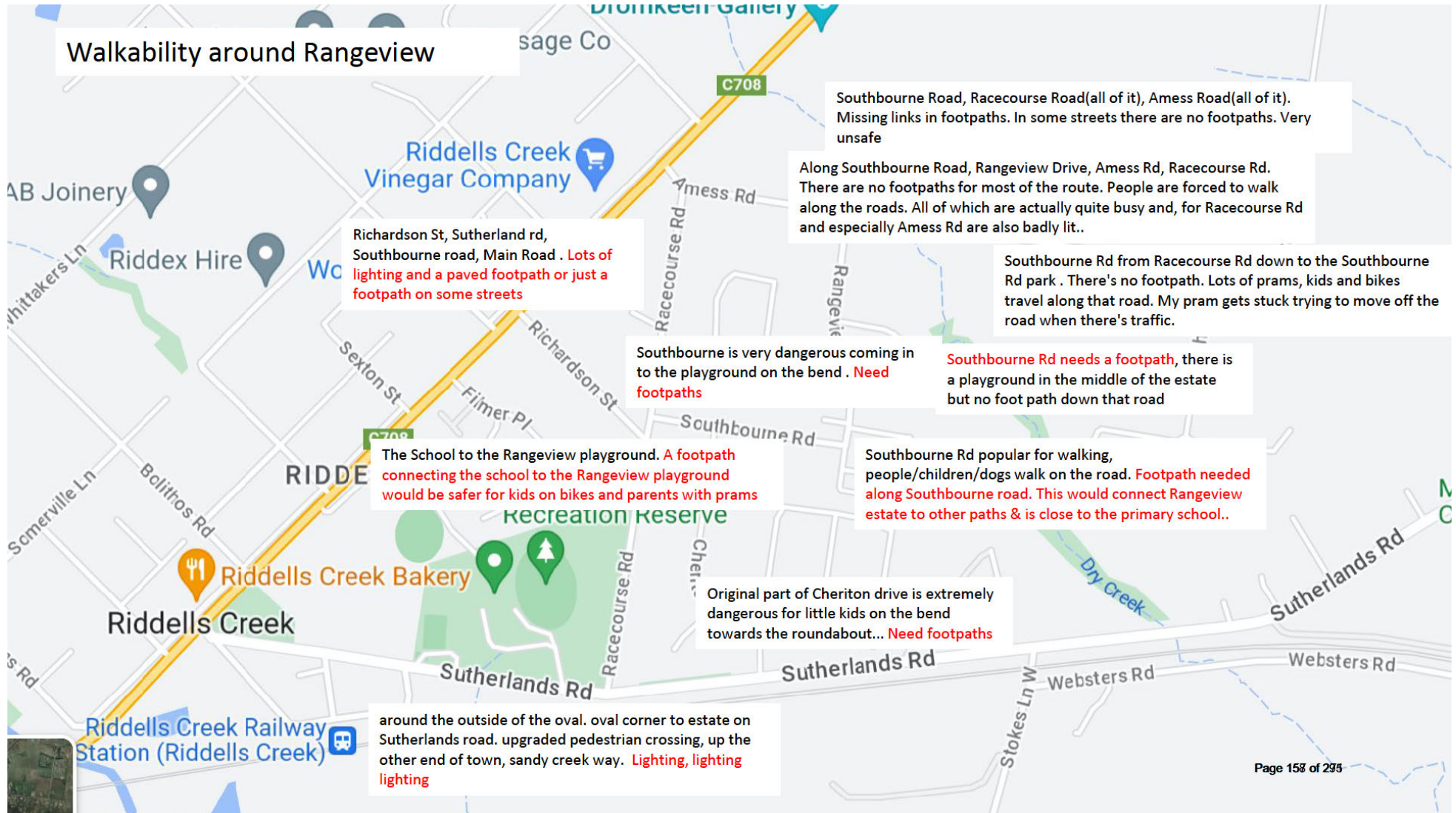
**Appendix F. Location Listings for Enabling The Recreational Trails Of The Town**

Item (Study Proj. Number / WRW Survey Idea)	Priority Based on WRW Infrastructure Strand Top 30 Table & WRW Infrastructure Strand Comments
Along Dry Creek, from Amess Road to Sutherlands Road, including a bridge at Kathryn Court	- <b>No.26</b>
A shared trail on Gap Rd from Main Rd to Royal Parade (compact gravel north of Whittakers Lane)  (No. 32 & 36)	- <b>No.5</b> - Resident survey identifies Gap Rd as a popular walking route
The circuit along Gyro Close, Sandy Creek Rd and cross connecting to Gap Rd at Plantation Rd	- Significant number of Top 30 projects would facilitate this loop, i.e., <b>No. 4, 9, 10, 16, 17e, 17f, 27</b>
The public reserves along Riddells Creek and Murnong Creek	- Riddells Creek, <b>no.19</b> , Including a bridge/connection to Smiths Nursery

**Appendix G: Survey Results, Comments Provided By Participants Mapped To Areas  
Of The Town**

Refer to following pages.





**Walkability Sutherlands Road**

MAAB Joinery, Riddex Hire, Riddells Creek Vinegar Company, Riddells Creek Recreation Reserve, Kristy Amos Photography, Dry Creek, Sutherlands Rd, Racecourse Rd, Amess Rd, Rangeview Ct, Whitakers Ln, C708, Websters Rd.

**The missing bridge** that was removed by the council between Kathryn court and rangeview estate, leaving no safe way to cross the creek, no safe way for the elderly to walk and no safe way for children to walk to school. Not to mention how dangerous this is in times of heavy rain or summer with snakes. **Footpaths along sutherlands rd linking to Amess rd do there can be one big walking track.** Many people walk their dogs along sutherlands rd which is 80kms and very dangerous. When the houses were built a footpath / slip road was promised by the developers however it never happened

Council easement that follows Dry Creek through Sutherlands Road to the back of Rangeview estate. The area is poorly maintained and needs mowing, particularly the council area behind 59 Kathryn Court. (this time of year is a snake risk). To cross the creek the embankment is "unnecessarily hard to walk" on. Mostly the creek is dry, but when it rains and the creek is flowing, there is no way to cross.

It would be great if this trail/path between Sutherlands Road and Rangeview Estate is more bike-friendly. It could also be better landscaped as it feels like it is not a public space and not welcoming, some seating along the creek would be nice.

Sutherlands Road between Racecourse Road and Amess Road.: Fast traffic, no footpath, off road is boggy. **Needs a path, does not need to be sealed, a Sandy track would be fine.**

A track on Sutherlands road (a very dangerous road to run on)

Along Sutherlands Rd, tracks through the trees so that people don't have to walk along the road risking being trapped by passing traffic.

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**Sutherlands Road needs the footpath** continued from the park to Racecourse Road. Either continue footpaths or put in new footpaths to provide a supportive surface to walk on and also to be able to get off the road so you are not hit by a car.

I regularly walk from home in Yellowgum Ave to town centre and railway station. **Would love to see the footpath joined from Racecourse Road to where the concrete footpath ends at the beginning of Sutherlands Road..**

Most roads in RC are unsafe to walk at night to a combination of no footpaths, poor street lighting and broken road edges. There are No footpaths in the old town at all, only safe place to walk at night is the RangeView estate. **Improve/upgrade footpaths especially shopping precinct to football grounds Sutherland side**

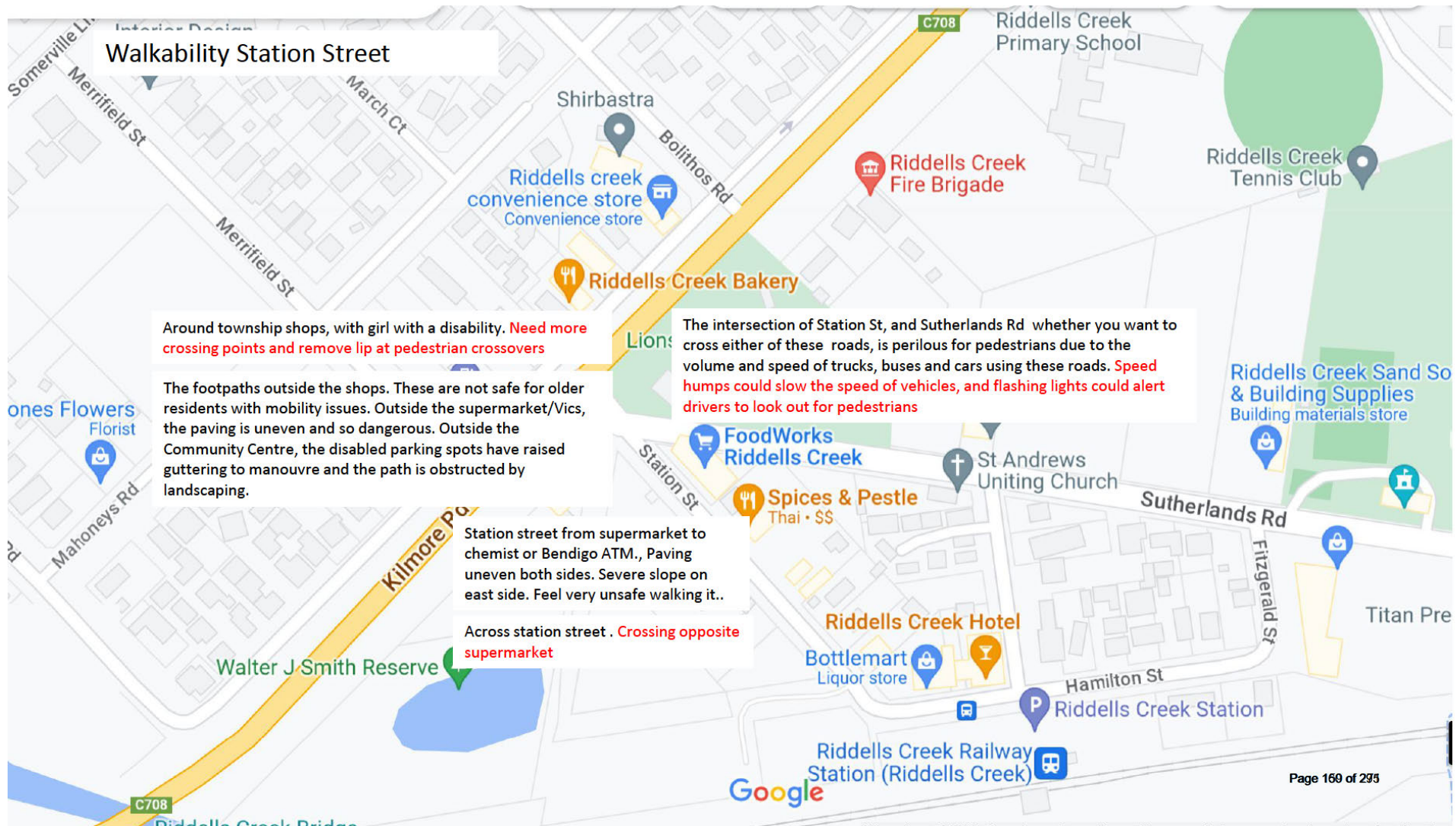
Station street from supermarket to chemist or Bendigo ATM., Paving uneven both sides. Severe slope on east side. Feel very unsafe walking it..

Lighting on Sutherlands Rd / Recreation Reserve entrance is non existent. It's an accident waiting to happen.

I regularly walk with my young children from the rangeview estate along Sutherlands road to the lions park There is a big section that is unsealed gravel, from racecourse road to Hamilton street. This means our young children cannot ride their scooters. **It needs to be sealed/concrete..**

Sutherlands Rd from park to Racecourse Rd. **Path needs improving... widening and made level..**

Walk into town along Sutherlands Road - a very narrow gravel path which has weeds - especially blackberries -growing onto the path. Little room for pedestrians, and no room for mobility scooters etc. If someone is coming the other way with a pram (and often a pram with dog attached), riding a bike, or walking dog/s, someone must leave the path and move onto the road. More often than not people just walk on the road rather than using the gravel path. Again, some walk on the wrong side of the road. **Solution: install a paved pathway that is wide enough to take pedestrians and bikes etc.**



### Walkability north of Main Road

No marked footpath up Gap Road - cars can travel down that stretch with speed and bends in the road make it difficult to see people walking on the road, plus walkers may not see the cars coming in either direction. Plus some walkers walk on the wrong side of the road. It is important that walkers have safe access to Barrm Birrm and Royal Parade, plus it will encourage more people to go to this amazing asset. **Solution: a gravel path on one side of Gap Road which is maintained, clearly signed and wide enough to take both bicycles and walkers.**

South down Gap Rd, turn right into Main Rd and walk down to the shops/supermarket. No footpath on Gap Rd - **we need a footpath.**

Bolithos road to Royal Parade. Very dangerous as uneven terrain. **Grade the surface or bitumen road**

The walking route up Melvin's, along Royal Parade and down Gap (or vice versa) is very popular. There is no pedestrian walking path along Gap Road and Melvins road and Gap Road in particular can be quite unsafe as the speed limit is high. Also there are blind spots. **Pedestrian path added on Gap Road from Main Road to Royal Parade at a minimum.would ensure safety for all pedestrians. .**

Erect recommended speed (20km/hr) signs where there are no footpaths, e.g. Melvins Rd, Merrifield St, Bolithos Rd, Gap Rd, Edward St and Sandy Creek Rd.

I would like to see Murnong Creek starting around Whittaker's Lane better utilized, with a walking track alongside it and cleared of weeds.

North of Main Road. **We just desperately need a footpath on all these streets (one side of the road would suffice)**

A bridge-over landscape treatment that connects Sommerville across the creek

Pedestrian/cycle/horse bridge linking the two parts of sommerville lane

Gap Road heading into town. No footpaths and gap road is getting busier. **Need footpaths**

Sexton to Main Road. **Just build footpaths/ it's not hard, it's not expensive**

Main road down to bolithos road up two or three streets back and around to main road again. **The areas where there are footpaths most aren't in great condition with cracks and uneven surfaces.**

There is only a very short stretch of footpath on Bolithos road meaning that families cannot safely walk or cycle with young children and exercise (running groups in particular) cannot safely exercise (especially at night when visibility is poor). This is also the case if people want to head west on Somerville lane and south on merrifield street to the town centre. **. We just desperately need a footpath on all these streets (one side of the road would suffice)**

Walkability north of Main Road

Full footpath connectivity is required for the full perimeter and inside areas of the Neighborhood Residential Zone 1. (Main Rd-Melvins Rd-Somerville Lane-Gap Rd-Main Rd). Most of our footpath gaps are not considered priorities under current capital works projections.

2/ Full kerb and gutter is required in this area to better manage water run off. This is required infrastructure to support the already approved higher density growth in this precinct. Murnong Creek (Formerly Main Drain) must be maintained and structurally supported to ensure cleaner discharge to Riddells Creek of water run off. This is nowhere to be seen in any forward planning yet still the builds keep happening.

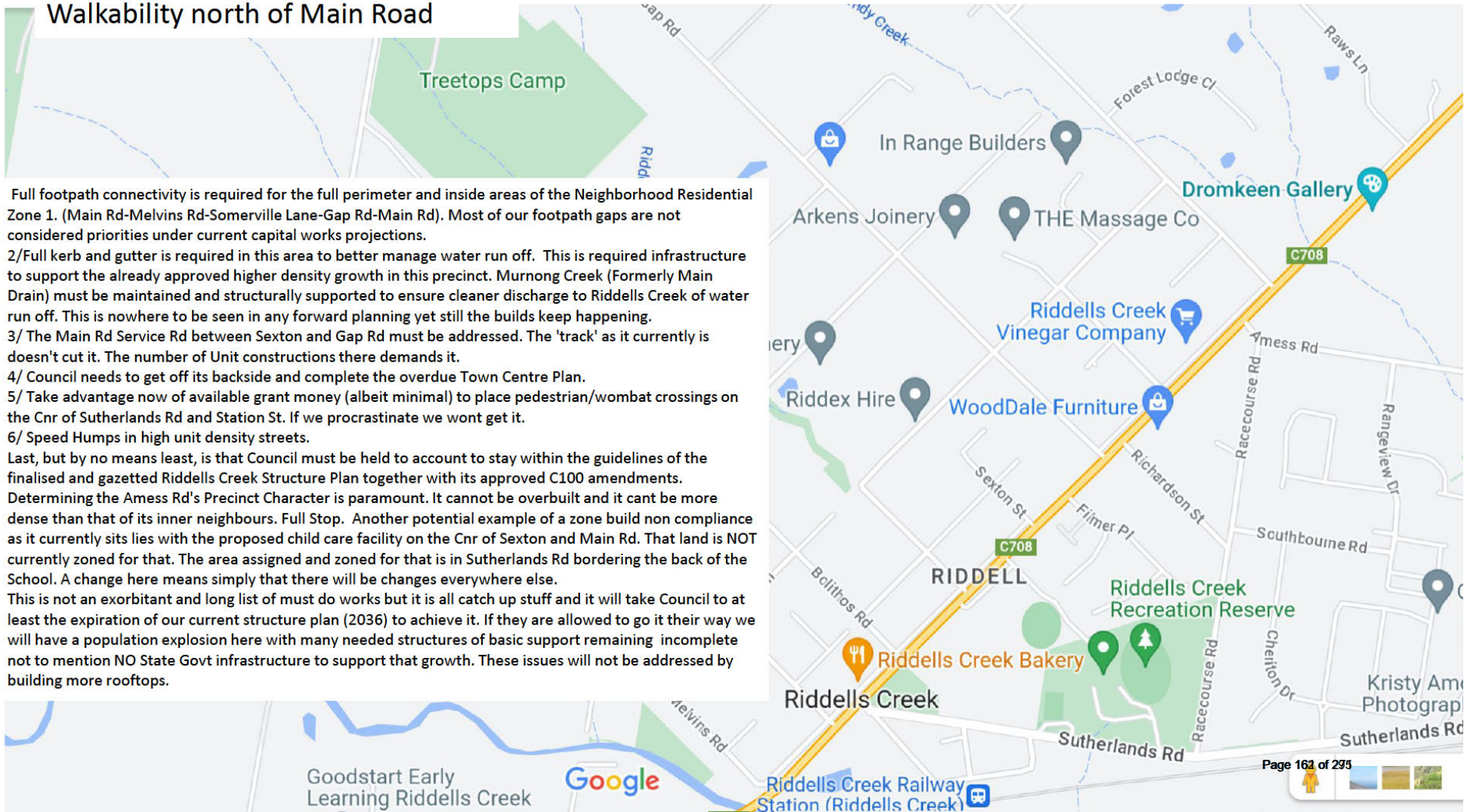
3/ The Main Rd Service Rd between Sexton and Gap Rd must be addressed. The 'track' as it currently is doesn't cut it. The number of Unit constructions there demands it.

4/ Council needs to get off its backside and complete the overdue Town Centre Plan.

5/ Take advantage now of available grant money (albeit minimal) to place pedestrian/wombat crossings on the Cnr of Sutherlands Rd and Station St. If we procrastinate we wont get it.

6/ Speed Humps in high unit density streets.

Last, but by no means least, is that Council must be held to account to stay within the guidelines of the finalised and gazetted Riddells Creek Structure Plan together with its approved C100 amendments. Determining the Amess Rd's Precinct Character is paramount. It cannot be overbuilt and it cant be more dense than that of its inner neighbours. Full Stop. Another potential example of a zone build non compliance as it currently sits lies with the proposed child care facility on the Cnr of Sexton and Main Rd. That land is NOT currently zoned for that. The area assigned and zoned for that is in Sutherlands Rd bordering the back of the School. A change here means simply that there will be changes everywhere else. This is not an exorbitant and long list of must do works but it is all catch up stuff and it will take Council to at least the expiration of our current structure plan (2036) to achieve it. If they are allowed to go it their way we will have a population explosion here with many needed structures of basic support remaining incomplete not to mention NO State Govt infrastructure to support that growth. These issues will not be addressed by building more rooftops.



Walkability along Main Road

**Treetops Camp**  
**Treetops Low Ropes**  
**Manna Gums Tiny**  
**MAAB Joinery**  
**In Range Builders**  
**Arkens Joinery**  
**THE Massage Co**  
**Dromkeen Gallery**

**Main road, especially leading up to the Sandy creek road junction. Difficult terrain for a pram, wheelchair or mobility aids to use due to no hard surface**

**Amess Road to township: walking here, 80 km/h traffic feels unsafe**

**Main Road from Sexton Street on the west side . Inaccessible for people mobility issues**

**There is only one crossing for the Main Rd with signals and no pedestrian refuges; this makes the Main Rd very tricky to cross at times; especially with little kids. Walking should be made convenient by installing pedestrian refuges at regular intervals, starting with one at approx. 56 Main Rd to Walter J Smith Reserve. There should also be a refuge island for crossing point on the Kilmore Rd, east of Sandy/Dry Creek about where the Dromkeen entrance is**

**From 58 main road to the primary school. It is difficult to cross walking along the main road. Cars come from many directions at high speeds and it is hard to know if they are turning or going straight ahead. It is also difficult for school children to walk to school independently. I would like to see zebra crossings at Merrifields and Bolithos road.**

**Melvins Rd, along Kilmore Rd, cross Kilmore RD, along Station St and back. Speeding cars along Kilmore Rd - Lower speed limit to 40kph; Install at least 2 roundabouts (one at Station St, also incorporating Sutherlands Rd intersection; the other at The memorial gates of the Primary School) OR RAISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS (like speed humps but the width of a crossing) at those same sites. A physical deterrent to speeding is far better than pedestrian lights which DO GET IGNORED. A lot of drivers simply cannot or will not SEE female pedestrians - I have about 2 near hits with screeching tyres each YEAR**

**Slow traffic to 40km/hr from Carre riddell bridge to 130 Main Rd; at least between say 7am and 8pm (other times 50km/hr) and use those big speed signs/electronic signs that flash. Also make it 60km/hr from 130 Main to approx. 100 metres east of Gryo Close/Kilmore Rd intersection at all times. Speed from Carre Riddell bridge to current 80km/hr on gisborne rd becomes 60km/hr; current 100km/hr to railway bridge crossing becomes 80km/hr**

**Consistent shared width concrete / gravel path; this already exists from Mechanics Hall to primary school crossing. Needs gaps filling from a) Carree Riddell Bridge to Mechanics Hall, b) school staff carpark entrance to Memorial drive (push parking out a bit + pedestrian crossings at staff car park and memorial drive), c) Richardson Street to Dromkeen driveway and after crossing the Kilmore Rd at around the Dromkeen driveway entrance, from there to Gyro Close. This would be highly complementary to the Woodend – Riddell bike path.**

**Footpath out the front of Riddells Creek Primary school. . Footpath to be widened and level with the existing gutter. Current path is too narrow for safe use. Including a zebra crossing at entrance to staff car park.**

**Crossing from 58 main road to the Walter Smith reserve . It can be almost impossible to cross here safely. There is poor visibility and it is difficult to see cars coming in to the town. Cars speed in both directions on this particular section of road. Speed limits are wrong but won't change drivers behaviour unless it's enforced/policed. There needs to be some sort of infrastructure to slow cars down and enable people to cross safely to the reserve. This would also make cars slow down entering Riddell. Making the existing intersections at Merrifields and Station Street safer. It would also prevent cars speeding towards the intersection at Sunbury road, which is also difficult to navigate**

### Walkability Gisborne end of town

Melvins Rd, through Wybejong Reserve, under the Kilmore Rd bridge, through the Lion's Park, along Station St. **This route not usable in wet weather. Need a marked and maintained trail path through Wybejong Reserve; easier access to the stairs from this path to prevent slipping in wet weather (in other words, extend the stairs upwards to LEVEL ground rather than sloped so young children don't need to hold hands that even adults often can't spare); create a HIDDEN GEM by painting the area under the Kilmore Rd into an Australian Native themed mural rather than the ugly graffiti and bare concrete that is currently visible; improve the "stairs" leading to the lake in the Lion's Park (young children need to hold hands again), loose gravel is NOT ideal; create an extension to the path from Wybejong Reserve to go around behind the kindergarten and Neighbourhood House to Station St. Currently, NONE of this walk is viable in wet weather AT ALL - which is a good 5 or 6 months of the year. Earlier this year, I was diagnosed with TWO TORN TENDONS in my right ankle that will take two or three years to heal. I can't use this route at all now even in clear weather, yet it always felt safer to me than my Kilmore Road route, as it was the only "clean" and healthy way I could avoid crossing Kilmore Rd.**



By the creek, there is no footpath between Rivergum Road and the town. If you live that side of Riddell you can't walk to the shop, or even out on the streets.

Riddells creek primary school to flour mill lane no safe footpath along Kilmore road to walk home. Busy 100km road no walk path . Kilmore road needs bike and footpath alongside railway line then could walk or bike into town safely

I have occasionally walked to the nursery, and which I would do so more frequently, but crossing the road bridge feels quite dangerous. A walking path with its own pedestrian bridge over the creek is essential for pedestrian safety. There has been a substantial increase in traffic over the bridge over the 35 years we have lived in Riddells Creek.

The bridge is too narrow to allow vehicles and pedestrians to use the bridge at the same time. The speed restriction to 70 km/hr increases the risk for pedestrians. **Dedicated foot (and bicycle) bridges would allow safe movement over the creek.**

Carre Riddell bridge is too dangerous to walk across. **Needs a pedestrian/cycle/horse bridge (same with Sandy/Dry Creek at other end of town).**

There is no continuous path to walk along the creek

The creek; it's not overly accessible or easy to walk in some places, especially in wetter seasons. **Probably needs better paths, I don't like the idea of paving the pathways with bitumen (I oppose this) but maybe a maintained gravel path which is cleared/widened all along the creek and under the historic bridge etc.**

The creek; it's not overly accessible or easy to walk in some places, especially in wetter seasons. **Gravel pathway**

Difficult to walk across the bridge and then safely cross to Wybejong Park with cars coming from Sunbury under the viaduct as well as travelling at speed on the road to and from Gisborne. Also difficult to walk to the plant nursery - high speed traffic and no designated path **Solution: a walking bridge across Riddells Creek on the Wybejong Park side and a maintained, gravel path from the creek to the nursery**

It is dangerous for pedestrians walking from Riddell towards Riddell Road or further along Gisborne /Kilmore Road. **A safe footpath on the bridge over the creek in Riddell.**

Road bridge is dangerous to walk over with the only alternative to walk through the creek which is also hazardous, dangerous and limiting depending on how much water is running through the creek. **A walking bridge over Riddells Creek in Wybejong Park enabling access both sides of the creek...there are lovely walks both sides but no access other than the main bridge which has no walkers path.**

**It would be great to walk over the bridge out of Riddell towards Gisborne.**

I would walk into town from the Sunbury side BUT the Carre Riddell Bridge is unsafe for pedestrians and REALLY SCARY. Most roads in RC are unsafe to walk at night due to a combination of no footpaths, poor street lighting and broken road edges **Build a separate pedestrian bridge**

I would like to safely walk across the bridge along Kilmore road to access the other side of Wybejong park. I have also seen people try to cross the bridge and I fear that it is a matter of time before a pedestrian or cyclist is injured or killed. **The current bridge is too narrow to accommodate a pedestrian safe pathway. Widen to allow for this or install a separate footbridge**

**Walkability Dromkeen end of town**

Sandy Creek Rd >> Cutevan Cr >> Gyro Cl loop **IPaths (not paved please!)** required for traffic separation. Better street lighting. Gyro Cl speed limit needs to be reduced from 80kph to 60kph..

Two Hills estate to town (i.e., from N side of Sandy Creek Rd **No paved walks, narrow bridge at angle to Sandy Creek Rd over Sandy Creek with no provision for pedestrians! Overgrown verges on NE side of road, impaired visibility on SW side. Before I moved to Riddells 20+ years ago, I went everywhere on a bicycle. However, this was a lethal mode of transport in the Macedon Ranges. Local roads are still lethal for bicycling and much walking...**

Along the main road into town from Gyro Close.. **A crossing over Sandy Creek**

From Sandy creek Rd to Dromkeen. There is a dangerous bridge on Sandy Creek Rd that has a small barrier and a very high drop to the creek. It is very tight for pedestrians and cars to cross together. **A footbridge alongside the Rd bridge to accommodate pedestrian's, also a gravel path from this footbridge similar to that around the footy oval that heads toward the main Rd and to Dromkeen**

No pedestrian path where the road narrows to cross creek.

**Bridge over Sandy Creek needs widening for pedestrian creek crossing**

Walk from township to Dromkeen. No path and next to dangerous traffic. **Lower speed limit**

Kilmore Road/Amess Road intersection is busy, many cars try to pass cars turning Right into Amess road leaving Riddell on the outside (where there is no road shoulder). The school buses stop here and kids are required to cross the road at this spot. **This intersection could be widened to allow cars to continue along Kilmore Road while other cars turn right. It would be great to have a pedestrian crossing or safety island. The introduction of traffic lights might be helpful to slow traffic..**

**It would great if there was a path on the side of the road up dromkeen hill.**

If you want to walk to or from Dromkeen you take your life in your hands by crossing the bridge which has no shoulder for pedestrians to get across, or anywhere to safely walk on the other side. If Amess Road development goes ahead, how are those residents encouraged to walk and safely get from and from centre of town? Also important that people are encouraged to view and use Dromkeen as an iconic asset to be preserved, valued and supported **Solution: pedestrian bridge across the creek and gravel walking paths on both sides.**

The bridge is too narrow to allow vehicles and pedestrians to use the bridge at the same time. The speed restriction to the north is 100km/hr, increasing the risk for pedestrians. **Dedicated foot (and bicycle) bridges would allow safe movement over the creek.**

A footpath along Amess Road from Main Road to Sutherlands Road.

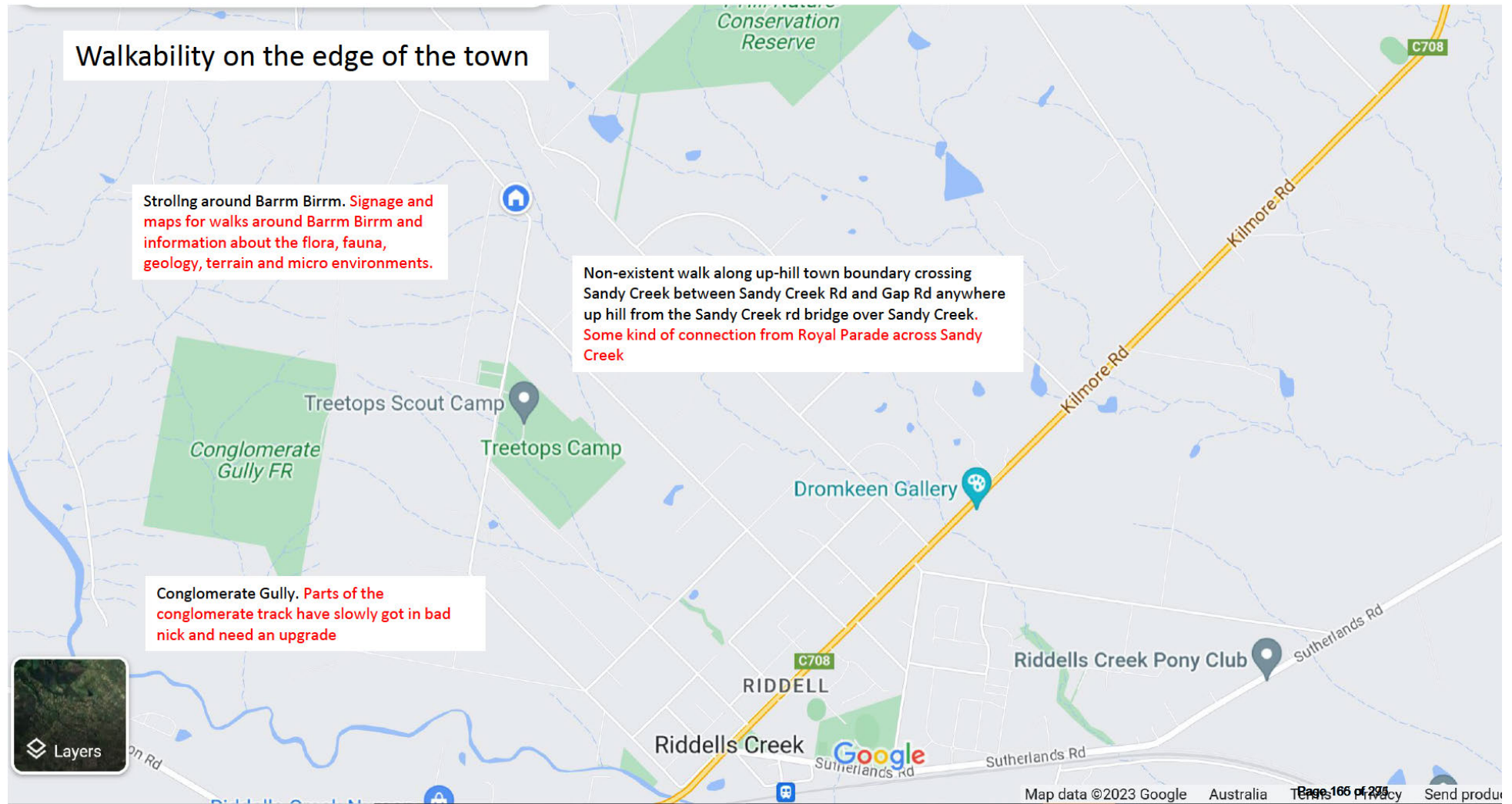
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Kathryn Court to Riddells Creek Train Station ... consolidated paths

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Kind regards,

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Macedon Ranges Shire Council  
Councillors and Council Staff

Emailed Only:

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- All 9 Councillors

**RE: *What Riddell Wants* Budget Submission 2024 / 2025**

Dear Councillors and Council Staff,

***What Is What Riddell Wants?***

*What Riddell Wants* is a community-organised project setting an agenda for the long-term development of Riddells Creek. Based on community input it has four strands, Infrastructure, Services, Environment and Social.

Each Strand has adopted a focus from the input of the community and is working towards practical improvements for Riddells Creek.

Further information on *What Riddell Wants*, including each Strand's current focus, is provided in Appendix A.

***Budget Submission***

Based on the work of each Strand to date *What Riddell Wants* has constructed the following budget submission. Please note that this submission is not intended as a summary of each Strand work.

*What Riddell Wants* is calling on Council to fund the following in the 2024 / 2025 budget:

- A. **A pedestrian/cycling/horse bridge over Riddells Creek north of the Carre Riddell road bridge.** This will connect Riddell to the shared trail that will come from New Gisborne, Macedon and Woodend and provide for better

access to the south side of the actual Riddells Creek and to the Nursery and Early Learning Centre. It will help make it safe for pedestrians, horses and cyclists to exit and enter the town. Placing it north of the Carre Riddell road bridge will ensure it serves not just the shared trail but community desire to access the south side of Wybejong Reserve and beyond. Further a connection south of Carre Riddell road bridge can be provided as part of a connection under the rail line, via the creek course, to the Riddell South development (as is shown in the developers latest plan).

- B. **A shared path on Sutherlands Rd, from Racecourse Rd to the Lions Park.** This will provide safe walking from Rangeview Estate into the town centre, and for walkers, runners and dog walkers doing a circuit.
  
- C. **A shared path on Southbourne Rd, from Parkview Terrace to Racecourse Rd.** Parents and kids will be safer getting to and from the playground on Parkview, or getting out to Main Road and Sutherlands Road.
  
- D. **Signage for Murnong Creek, Riddells Creek.** Funds for name signage for Murnong Creek (ex Riddells Creek Main Drain) at prominent locations.
  
- E. **Fund a project to scope the service needs of our older population and those with a disability in the Riddell community.** The study would look at what gaps exist currently (especially now that Aged Services have gone to external providers earlier this year), what solutions could be activated by the community into the future and inform the Council where additional services are required. The study would also make some recommendations about what services are likely to be needed with population growth into the future. Estimated budget figure \$10,000.
  
- F. **Fund a community notice board at the entrance to town** with a town map and for notifying both community and visitors about Riddells Creek. This map and shelter would be the springboard for navigation through the town, including to Riddells Creek environmental destinations, open spaces and recognition that the First Nations people Wurrunjeri Woi Worrung are owners

of land and waterways in Riddells Creek. An example of this can be found at the Romsey Library.

The town map/shelter would be supported by a visitors map which would be available at the notice board and also at the Neighbourhood House, Post office and other places so that visitors can navigate their way around town.

Budget estimate \$5,000.

Each of these projects align with the Community Vision 2021 – 2031, Council Plan 2021 – 2031, Financial Plan 2021 – 2031.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our budget submission. We look forward to inclusion of these ideas in the 2024 / 2025 budget.

Kind regards,

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Enclosed (provide context of items A, B and C)

- PRIORITIES FOR IMPROVING WALKABILITY IN RIDDELLS CREEK Community input into the *Riddells Creek Network Movement Study*

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**Community input into the *Riddells Creek Network Movement Study***

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## 1. Introduction

### ***Focus on Riddells Creek welcome***

The Riddells Creek community welcomes the focus on Riddell via the *Riddells Creek Movement Network Study* (the Study). The Draft Recommendation Report has provided an excellent jumping off point from which the What Riddell Wants community group has based its further work.

The Infrastructure Strand of 'What Riddell Wants'<sup>1</sup> wants to build on the momentum of Macedon Ranges Shire Council's (MRSC or Council) Study so that we see some actual allocation of funds and the commencement of physical works, rather than more reports and strategies. We want intentions turned into actions. We want to encourage the Council to love Riddells Creek a bit more, and start taking action to enhance its village feel.

## 2. Why focus on walkability and the current situation in Riddells Creek

Riddells Creek suffers from some key drawbacks in respect of movement.

### ***Vehicular traffic dominates***

Movement in Riddells Creek is dominated by vehicular traffic on the main roads, much of which is busy through traffic, as well as the impacts of vehicles coming and going from residences. This has a major negative impact on non-vehicular movements, e.g. those on foot (including those using mobility aids), cyclists (of any type) and horse riders.

### ***Non-vehicular traffic is locked in***

Of the several main road 'gateways' into our town, all present dangerous squeeze spots where would-be pedestrians are forced into dangerous proximity to fast moving vehicular traffic (often heavy vehicles). None of these gateways are currently safe for pedestrians, cyclists or horse riders. So at present, rather than gateways, these locations are effectively barriers. See Appendix A to this document for an expansion on these gateways as barriers.

### ***Discontinuous non-vehicular routes***

To the extent that paths do exist, they are often discontinuous, sometimes ending abruptly mid-street. As a result, people are discouraged from walking or cycling.

### ***Missed health and social benefits***

Due to the aforementioned residents of Riddells Creek are missing out on the health benefits of walking and the sense of well-being and opportunity for increased social connections that comes with being outside and interacting in public space with other residents.

### ***Use of the term walkability***

Note that throughout our work and community engagements we have used the term "Walkability" as a simple headline tag, to focus the attention of community responders on what we want to achieve in considering the Study. However, "Walkability" is not intended to be limited to pedestrians, but rather to encompass all forms of non-vehicular people movements in Riddells Creek. That is it applies to all types of pedestrians –functional and recreational – all types of cyclists and, in some places, horse riders.

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<sup>1</sup> For detail on 'What Riddell Wants' refer to Appendix G; in short it is a citizen led process to identify what Riddells Creek needs and take action to achieve this.

### 3. Our process & inputs

The Council Engineers have reached out to key community groups and asked that they provide feedback on priority projects based on these groups' specific local knowledge. 'What Riddell Wants'<sup>2</sup> Infrastructure Strand has gone beyond this and sought input from the Riddells Creek community.

'What Riddell Wants'<sup>2</sup> Infrastructure Strand undertook the following to arrive at four Priority Route/Areas for improving walkability for the town as a whole. We have:

- Reviewed and analysed the *Riddells Creek Movement Network Study* (the Study) in detail
- Conducted a resident survey<sup>3</sup> asking where they walk *or would like to walk*, and ideas for improvements
  - 74 online responses, 7 verbal responses at the 16 Sept. 2023 Farmers' Market, (n. 81) = 256 comments on how to improve walkability<sup>4</sup>
  - 50% of respondents had not heard of the *Riddells Creek Network Movement Study*
- Collated the data from the resident survey to,
  - identify the Priority Route/Areas, and therein,
  - the projects required to deliver over time these Priority Route/Areas as coherent wholes
- Undertaken detailed discussion and analysis of all of the aforementioned within the What Riddell Wants Infrastructure Strand and with the Riddells Creek Planning Group<sup>5</sup>.

In this document, wherever possible, we refer to the item number of the 97 Projects listed in Appendix 2 of the Study.

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<sup>2</sup> For detail on 'What Riddell Wants' refer to Appendix H.

<sup>3</sup> Promoted at the Riddells Creek Farmers' Market, 16 Sept 2023, via posts on local Facebook groups, request to all community groups on the Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House Community Group list to distribute to their members, ad hoc flyer drop; survey open for 2 weeks prior to Friday 29 September 2023.

<sup>4</sup> This data is available upon request.

<sup>5</sup> Riddells Creek Planning Group is a group formed to focus on the appropriate development of Riddells Creek via the Amess Rd and Riddells South development.

Priorities for Improving Walkability in Riddells Creek (v7.2, For Distribution)

#### 4. Adopting a holistic view that will result in a coherent whole

##### ***Movement Study's Approach***

The Study determines network classifications/maps for a number of modes of movement, for example walking, cycling and vehicles. This part of the Study is considered a holistic approach.

The Study then conducts a gap analysis which results in a list of 97 projects. That list, while nearly complete, does have a few omissions and inaccuracies which we rectify in our feedback and priority recommendations below.

At this point in time the 97 projects do not appear to be ordered or prioritised in a way that will result in delivery of a coherent whole.

Further, while the use of multi-criteria analysis is understandable in the context of the need to prioritise, in itself it will not lead to projects which are funded leading to a coherent whole.

##### ***What Riddell Wants Proposed Approach***

##### ***A holistic focus on routes***

We propose that the above can be addressed by examining and understand what routes:

- the community values the most; and therein
- which projects (from the Study or the resident survey) enable these.

In essence individual projects can then be considered as components of a particular route. Thus, in the first two instances, we have considered what routes we believe should be the priorities (Section 6). Then within these routes we have also identified the key enabling projects/components (included in Section 6, details in Appendices C – F).

A key reason for considering routes is that Riddells Creek currently has little non-vehicular people movement infrastructure (pavements etc.). But what there is, is mostly discontinuous and does not present coherent, continuous routes that promote connectivity.

Consideration of routes, has enabled us to employ both a top-down strategic view as well as a bottom up consideration of individual projects.

##### ***Cost vs Impact on Connectivity***

Routes will contain elements that are both higher cost as well as those that are low cost, yet both types can combine to make a whole route more functional and attractive. For example, shared foot bridges across creeks to permit safe passage around dangerous squeeze spots will be more costly, but high value in improving walkability. They are essential to several of the most popular routes becoming safe and welcoming for the whole town, pedestrians and cyclists.

Changing vehicular speed restrictions and adding pedestrian crossings or refuges will be much lower cost, but are still important elements that, together, make a route work. This should be remembered in any project ranking in which some critical enabling elements, which might be more expensive projects, are ranked higher, but the other lower cost elements fall lower in the ranking. All contribute to the total route such that the sum is greater than the total of the parts.

*Alignment with major council initiatives*

We have also considered the need to connect these priority routes with important longer-term Council projects. Mainly, at the western entry to the town, this is the connection to the Woodend to Riddells Creek Shared Trail. At the eastern end of town, we have also borne in mind the longer-term potential for ultimately creating a long-distance cycling/walking route from Riddells Creek to Romsey via the Kilmore Rd which would further promote cycling and bicycle tourism as a recreational drawcard to Riddells Creek and the broader region.

*Balancing 'in town' vs 'out of town'*

We have been mindful of the need to balance the needs of residents living closer-in to the town centre, with the desire to also create longer routes through the town which connect to the natural features of the area or locally significant tourist or retail destinations.

Thus, one of the routes we have also identified is an area closer-in to town, that should receive priority attention as this will serve pedestrian needs in the higher density living areas, where there are a higher proportion of residents needing to use mobility aids as well as parents with prams accessing shops, the school and so forth.

This creates a desirable overlap of some projects contributing both to the two longer priority routes and the 'in town' higher density living area, such that the two approaches to prioritisation are complementary.

## 5. How can Council use the Walkability Priorities?

The identified Walkability Priorities can be used to improve Riddells Creek by being:

- incorporated into the Multi-criteria Analysis (with a significant weighting),
  - i.e. Does the project contribute to the communities Walkability Priorities as determined by the work of What Riddell Wants Infrastructure Strand?; weighting 20%
- being adopted as clear direction to the Council in its capital works/budgeting across all Departments/projects, and its advocacy with State Government

When implementing these priorities, the Council should:

- **Balance the needs of people living close to town, with those living further out from town.** Not everything can be done at once, but all residents deserve a safe and enjoyable way to walk around their town.
- **Provide paths that suit what the user needs.** Mobility scooters and mothers with prams walking to the shops and town centre need concrete paths, but people who walk/run/cycle/dog-walk on longer routes may prefer a firm, well-drained gravel path. Many respondents to the resident survey said that that firm, wide gravel paths were more desirable beyond the town centre.
- **Design paths that fit the character of each neighbourhood and preserve the environmental values of the town.** Meandering paths moving around trees, instead of cutting them down, are as valuable as straight paths.
- **Plan for routes, not sections.** Discontinuous sections need to be linked up to make coherent routes. Addressing the dangerous squeeze spots at the several main road 'gateways' into the town should be an early consideration as they would be strategic 'enablers' for longer routes.

## 6. The Walkability Priorities of Riddells Creek

### **6.1 Make Main Road a safe and welcoming place for pedestrians**

Riddells Creek will have a public way along Main Rd/Kilmore Rd, running from Gyro Close, across Sandy/Dry Creek, linking in Dromkeen, through town, across Riddells Creek itself, and beyond towards Gisborne.

As a busy vehicular route, the Main Rd currently dominates the centre of Riddells Creek to the detriment of all other (potential) users. This whole stretch should be safe and enjoyable for all modes of pedestrian and cycling travel to move along the route and to cross it. What will achieve this?<sup>6</sup>

- Provide continuous wide pathways along each side of Main Road from Gyro Close to Melvins Rd
- Deal with the dangerous squeeze points where Main Road crosses Riddells Creek and Sandy/Dry Creek (a shared bridge for pedestrians and cyclists across Riddells Creek, near the Carre Riddell road bridge, was the mostly highly ranked project by residents).
- Plan for the connection of the Woodend to Riddells Creek Shared Trail Project into the centre of Riddells Creek; deliver connection by 2025 at latest in line with Shared Trail Project timelines
- Address the Main/Station/Sutherland junction, including creating pedestrian crossing points to make it safer for both pedestrians and vehicles.
- Calm the traffic by reducing entry speeds to the town and moving speed reductions farther out.
- Make it safe to cross Main Road at several key points. Crossing points should be regular and convenient for pedestrians to use.

### **6.2 Improve the north-south pedestrian thoroughfares of the town.**

The resident survey shows Gap Road to Richardson to Southbourne, and Sutherlands Road to Racecourse Rd are important north-south routes residents use daily. They walk with prams, dogs and/or children on bicycles and scooters. They need to become thoroughfares that are welcoming, ease to use and safe. What will achieve this?<sup>7</sup>

#### *6.2.1 Gap Road to Richardson to Southbourne*

- Gap Rd recreational shared path Royal Parade to Whittakers Lane
- Gap Rd shared path, Whittakers Lane to Main Rd
- Main Rd crossing refuge at Gap Rd/Richardson St
- Upgrade existing footpath to shared path on Richardson Street
- Shared path on Southbourne Rd

<sup>6</sup> For detailed project listings against each priority refer to Appendix C.

<sup>7</sup> For detailed project listings against each priority refer to Appendix D.

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#### 6.2.2 Sutherlands Road to Racecourse Rd

- Shared path along Sutherlands Rd, from the Lions Park to Racecourse Rd (equal 2<sup>nd</sup> mostly highly ranked project by residents, not identified in Study's list of 97 projects)
- Safe crossing point at Fitzgerald St or Stephen St (if delivered in between these two streets as per Project No. 88 a footpath must also be provided on the south side of Southbourne Rd linking Fitzgerald St and Stephen St)

#### **6.3 Footpaths and safe connections for people living close to or moving around the town centre.**

People walk into town and back from the higher density residential areas east of Whitakers Lane and west of Rangeview estate. They need continuous, high-quality footpaths: at present they have neither. What will achieve this?<sup>8</sup>

- To the NW of Main Rd, create/complete paved footpaths in the grid bounded by Main Rd, Melvins Rd, Gap Rd and Somerville Lane, including a shared pedestrian/cycle bridge over Murnong Creek on Somerville Lane.
- To the SE of Main Rd, create/complete paved footpaths in the area bounded by Main Rd, Sutherlands Rd, Rangeview Drive and Amess Rd. This includes a paved shared path on Racecourse Rd besides the Recreational Reserve which is not identified in the Project list of the *Riddells Creek Network Movement Study*. Or, at a minimum, completing the short unmade section on Racecourse Rd, between the existing concrete paved path near the junction with Richardson St, with the existing gravel path alongside the Recreational Reserve, which would be a very low cost 'quick fix'.

#### **6.4 Enabling the recreational trails of the town.**

Riddells Creek is a town for people who enjoy long walks, running and cycling. Shared trails will connect and open up the town to the green world around Riddell. Where should these shared trails be?<sup>9</sup>

- Along Dry Creek, from Amess Road to Sutherlands Road, including a bridge at Kathryn Court
- A complete path up to Royal Parade (Barrm Birrm Nature Reserve)
  - Gap Rd recreational shared path Royal Parade to Whittakers Lane
  - Gap Rd shared path, Whittakers Lane to Main Rd
- The circuit along Gyro Close, Sandy Creek Rd and cross connecting to Gap Rd at Plantation Rd
- The public reserves along Riddells Creek and Murnong Creek.

<sup>8</sup> For detailed project listings against each priority refer to Appendix E.

<sup>9</sup> For detailed project listings against each priority refer to Appendix F.

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## 7. What are the Top 10 Projects?

The following are the Top 10 Projects What Riddell Wants Infrastructure Strand are calling for. The top 30 is provided in Appendix B.

PRIORITY NO.	Project Description	Study Proj. No.	Enables Priority Route/Area			
			1	2	3	4
1	A pedestrian bridge across Riddells Creek	Resident Idea	Y			Y
2	A shared path on Sutherlands Road from Racecourse Rd to the Lions Park.	Resident Idea		Y	Y	
3	A shared path on Southbourne Rd, between Racecourse Rd and Parkview Tce.	4		Y	Y	
4	A pedestrian bridge on Main Road across Dry Creek/Sandy Creek	Resident Idea	Y			Y
5	A shared trail on Gap Rd from Main Rd to Royal Parade (compact gravel north of Whittakers Lane)	32, 36		Y		Y
6	Pedestrian operated signals for crossing of Main Road at the School.	Resident Idea	Y		Y	
7	A bridge across Murnong Creek (ex Riddells Creek Main Drain) on Sommerville Lane.	Resident Idea			Y	
8	A footpath on the north side of Main Road from Sexton St to Sandy Creek Road & Shared path on the south side of Main Rd from Richardson St to Dry Creek	9 / 28	Y			Y
9	Safer speeds on Main Road on both approaches to the town <sup>10</sup> and better recommended speed signage where there are no footpaths, i.e. 20km/h past pedestrians, cyclists and horses	69 – 76 <sup>8</sup> / Resident Idea	Y	Y	Y	
10	Safe crossing over Sandy Creek on Sandy Creek Rd (at approx. No.47)	Resident Idea				Y

Table Key for Route/Area Priority Numbering

- 1 Making Main Rd Safe
- 2 Improving North-South Pedestrian Throughfares
- 3 Town Centre & Surrounds Connectivity
- 4 Enabling the recreational trails of the town

<sup>10</sup> What Riddell Wants Infrastructure Strand is advocating for speed reductions different to that of the Study. See Appendix B where this priority is elaborated on.

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## 8. What criteria should be used?

What Riddell Wants Infrastructure Strand have:

- reviewed the *Movement Study's* suggested assessment criteria to prioritise projects (refer to p50);
- reviewed the Microsoft Excel work sheet provided by Council Engineers, with an electronic file name '220073\_Riddells Creek MCA DRAFT\_230914.xlsm'; and
- provided Council Engineers with an amended version of the aforementioned Microsoft Excel worksheet, with an electronic file name '220073\_Riddells Creek MCA DRAFT\_230914\_WRW VERSION 1.1.xlsm'.

While the amended version of the Microsoft Excel worksheet has the bulk of feedback on the multi-criteria analysis the following points are also provided:

- We encourage Council to avoid slavishly applying the multi-criteria analysis (MCA) to justify the project priorities and ensure it is used as a guide to rational thinking. That is once all projects have been put through the MCA consider the results in the context of creating coherent routes.
- Consider how such an analysis could be applied to routes as a whole.

### ***Guide to our multi-criteria analysis feedback in the amended Microsoft Excel Sheet***

In the Microsoft Excel sheet, we have:

- Suggested new weighting for the key performance indicators (KPIs) 'Arterial roads / rail corridors / non-Council land', 'Significant infrastructure', 'Aligns with relevant Council strategy' and 'Stakeholder support'.
- Broken the KPI 'Proximity to essential services' into three related but separate KPIs, including providing weightings, weighting guides, raw scoring guide and suggested source data.
- Added a new KPI, 'Addresses a Walkability Priority Route/Area', including providing weightings, weighting guides, raw scoring guide and suggested source data.
- For the Road Safety KPI provided an updated/suggested weighting guide and source data (changes marked in yellow and bold).
- Added a new column N (marked purple) to provide detailed comments, e.g. reasoning for our suggested changes or feedback on existing information in the Microsoft Excel sheet.

## 9. Corrections to the Trafficworks Movement Network Study report

There are errors in the maps. These should be corrected before errors become embedded and accepted as a factual basis going forward (especially by those less familiar with the town).

**The General Traffic Classification** (p 17 ) is inaccurate. The area north-west of Gap Road is known as Barrm Birrm, has locked gates on the public roads and is to become a conservation reserve. This area should remain part of the Walking Classification (p 18), and become part of the Pedestrian Facilities map (p 45) as part of the walking network. The Place Classification also needs amending to fit this situation.

**The Walking Classification** (p 18) is inaccurate, and inconsistent with the Pedestrian Facilities map (p 45). Main Road from Gyro Close in the north to Rivergum Road in the south, and Sutherlands Road from Rangeview Estate to Main Road should each be rated as W2, because they are primary pedestrian routes. In addition, Gyro Close needs to be a higher classification than W5.

**The Walking Hierarchy** (p 30) is incomplete:

- Main Road walking route should be understood as one continuous route from Gyro close to beyond the Carre-Riddell bridge to Williams Lane;
- Sutherlands Road to Yellowgum, and Gap Road, are Primary Routes.
- Dry Creek, which has a streamside reserve and potential as a recreational trail south of Amess Road to Sutherlands and should be identified as such.
- Recreational trails identified along Sandy Creek and Murnong Creek are mainly on private land and will be difficult to turn into public routes. By contrast, Murnong Creek from Somerville across Whitakers Lane to Bolitho (as Wimbi Creek) is public reserve and could carry a recreational trail.
- Southbourne Road/Richardson Roads is a significant walking route that people use to move out to Main Road and should be a primary route.

**The Street Hierarchy** (p 26) is inaccurate. Sutherlands Road is a Main Activity Street at least to Rangeview Estate.

**General traffic (p17) and Freight classification (p19)**, should somehow identify the opportunity to create a long term by pass / alternate route to the south of Riddells Creek, e.g. from the Riddell Rd along the southern boundary of the Riddell South development area, along Suthersland Rd, along Amess Rd and east of the Amess Rd development site.

**'Riddells Creek Town Centre Opportunities Summary'** (p 55) describes a few important improvements that do not appear in the project list at Appendix 2 of the report. Pedestrian access out of and into town across the Creek is a major opportunity for the town centre but does not get mentioned.

**A missing project** is the section of Racecourse Road from Richardson St to Sutherlands Rd. There is a gravel path bordering the Recreational Reserve on the west side of Racecourse road in this section, but it lacks a connection to short sections of concrete paved path near Richardson. The aforementioned Riddells Creek Town Centre Opportunities Summary (p55) mentions an "Improved shared path treatment along the eastern side of Racecourse Rod", however neither appear in the projects list. Project 34 at Racecourse Rd only goes from Amess Rd to Southbourne Rd.

**Projects 72 and 76** (Speed restriction changes) appear to be duplicates.

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**Projects 40 & 41** (shared path on Gyro Close) both use an “Unnamed Rd” as start and end points. It is not clear where this location is, but in effect, this shared path is along the full length of Gyro Close and the projects can be considered as one. If the ‘Unnamed Rd’ is the unnamed *path* that is an existing cut-through on the easement between street numbers 149 and 173 on Gyro Close and numbers 130 and 138, then the two projects serve to distinguish two sections of shared path along Gyro Close and in that case, the section from Kilmore Rd should have the greater priority of the two.

**Project 42** (shared path on Gap Rd), has an incorrect road name as its start point and seems redundant. This start point cannot be Sandy Creek Rd as that road runs parallel to Gap Rd for its entire length. In any case the full length of Gap Rd is addressed by shared path projects 32 and 36 so project 42 could be redundant.

**The criteria for assessment.** There are no weightings for criteria (p 50), and no separate categories for pedestrians and cyclists. There should be a specific criterion for pedestrian use. ‘Stakeholder and community sentiment’ should include other matters raised in the comments that relate to general amenity in the town. ‘Prioritise projects within Amess Creek development’ in the criteria ‘Alignment with local strategy and policy’, is problematic as a criteria, given the lack of a PSP for the area and residents opposition to the development at its proposed density. *Refer also to section 8 of this report for detailed feedback on the multi-criteria analysis.*

### Appendix A. Further Information on Town Entrances as Gateways or Barriers?

There are four or five 'gateways' to the centre of Riddells Creek township:

1. To the South, the main road to/from Sunbury as it passes under the bluestone rail bridge and at the T junction with the Main Road/Kilmore Road.
2. To the West, the main road to/from Gisborne (the Main Road/Kilmore Road) at the Carre Riddell road bridge over the Riddell Creek itself.
3. To the North-East, the main road to/from Monegeetta (the Main Road/Kilmore Road) where it is bridged over Dry Creek/Sandy Creek and at the foot of the blind crest over the hill to the NE.
4. To the East, on Sutherlands Road where it crosses Dry Creek.
5. To the North on Sandy Creek Rd (at approx. No.47 Sandy Creek Rd).

All of these gateways were raised as dangerous squeeze spots in the resident survey conducted.

Each of these gateways is a dangerous squeeze point for pedestrians, cyclists or horse riders. For example, to pass these locations a pedestrian has to be quick of foot, very alert, wait for gaps in the traffic and pass quickly along the very narrow or often non-existent verge.

If a pedestrian was caught in these squeeze spots when two large/heavy vehicles were passing in opposite directions at the same time, there is a great danger to the pedestrians simply because there is insufficient width. This is especially possible at the first three listed above, due to the heavier traffic at those locations. The risks are magnified greatly for those not fleet of foot, or unaware, or needing mobility aids, pushing a pram, or walking dogs etc.

The 'gateways' are satisfactory for vehicles (although they could clearly be improved), but **they are barriers for non-vehicle users**, and in particular for people living outside the higher density part of the town. They discourage people venturing into town on foot or by bicycle, and discourage those living inside from venturing further out by foot or bike etc. for walking recreation, dog walking, cycling, or to visit Dromkeen, Riddells Creek Nursery of the childcare centre etc. Dealing with squeeze points will do a lot to improve walkability in Riddells Creek.

Squeeze points need to be rectified *before* improvement of the rest of routes into and out of Riddell. For example, improving the shared path along the existing wide and grassy verges on roads will add little value if a person on that route encounters a squeeze spot like that at the Sandy Creek/Dry Creek bridge on the Kilmore Road. Three of the four squeeze spots are created by road bridges over creeks, that can be rectified by the construction of separate pedestrian/shared footbridges. The exception is the bluestone rail bridge which poses a particularly challenging problem, especially if the Woodend to Riddells Creek Shared Path project is completed to the South of the railway line, alongside Markham Rd (which is one of its two alternate routes currently shown on the project's plans).

**Appendix B: Top 30 Projects**

The following are the Top 30 Projects What Riddell Wants Infrastructure Strand are calling for.

*Table Key for Route/Area Priority Numbering*

- 1 Making Main Rd Safe
- 2 Improving North-South Pedestrian Throughfares
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- 4 Enabling the recreational trails of the town

PRIORITY NO.	Project Description	Study Proj. No.	Enables Priority Route/Area			
			1	2	3	4
1	A pedestrian bridge across Riddells Creek	Resident Idea	Y			Y
2	A shared path on Sutherlands Road from Racecourse Rd to the Lions Park.	Resident Idea		Y	Y	
3	A shared path on Southbourne Rd, between Racecourse Rd and Parkview Tce.	4		Y	Y	
4	A pedestrian bridge on Main Road across Dry Creek/Sandy Creek	Resident Idea	Y			Y
5	A shared trail on Gap Rd from Main Rd to Royal Parade (compact gravel north of Whittakers Lane)	32, 36		Y		Y
6	Pedestrian operated signals for crossing of Main Road at the School (refer to Priority No. 17 for remainder of Kilmore Rd/Main Rd crossings)	Resident Idea	Y		Y	
7	A bridge across Murnong Creek (ex Riddells Creek Main Drain) on Sommerville Lane.	Resident Idea			Y	
8	A footpath on the north side of Main Road from Sexton St to Sandy Creek Road & Shared path on the south side of Main Rd from Richardson St to Dry Creek	9 / 28	Y			Y
9	<i>Safer speeds on Main Road</i> on both approaches to the town: - Frost Lane to Filmer Place: 60km/h - Filmer Place to Riddell Rd: Support 40km/hr however encourage Council to consult community on this - Riddell Rd to Rivergum Rd: 60km/h - Rivergum Rd to Williams Lane: 80km/hr. & <i>Better recommended speed signage</i> where there are no footpaths, i.e. 20km/h past pedestrians, cyclists and horses	69 – 76 / Resident Idea	Y	Y	Y	

PRIORITY NO.	Project Description	Study Proj. No.	Enables Priority Route/Area			
			1	2	3	4
10	Safe crossing over Sandy Creek on Sandy Creek Rd (at approx. No.47)	Resident Idea				Y
11	Regional trail (or at least shared path) from Riddells Creek to Riddells Creek Nursery (Study states Flour Mill Lane)	24	Y			Y
12	Shared path along Amess Rd, Kilmore/Main Rd to Wohl Court (including a pedestrian bridge to address the squeeze point where Amess Rd crosses Dry Creek)	35				Y
13	Shared path along Amess Rd, Wohl Court to Sutherlands Rd (consider firm packed gravel path)	43				Y
14	Shared path along Sutherlands Rd, Yellowgum Ave to Amess Rd	44		Y		Y
15	Shared path along Sommerville Lane, from Melvins Rd to Sandy Creek Road	1			Y	
16	Shared path along Main Rd/Kilmore Rd from Sandy Creek to Rd to Gyro Close	29	Y			Y
17	Safe crossings* for Kilmore Rd/Main Rd at: a. 56 Main St to Walter J Smith Reserve b. Immediately east of Bolithos Rd c. 126 Main Rd / Immediately East of Memorial Drive d. Gap Rd/Richardson St e. Amess Rd / Sandy Creek Rd f. East of Sandy Creek/Dry Creek (around the Dromkeen driveway)  *Safe crossings at these points could take the form of wombat crossings, refuge crossings or pedestrian operated signals, as appropriate to the context of each point.  Refer also to Priorities No.6 and 22b	a. Resident Idea b. Resident Idea c. Resident Idea  d. 90 e. 89 f. Resident Idea	Y	Y	Y	Y
18	Footpath along Sexton St, from Main Rd/Kilmore Rd to No.13 Sexton St	11			Y	
19	Recreational trail along the Riddells Creek (initially focused on the north side), Carre Riddell Bridge to Smith's Nursery	Resident idea				Y
20	Shared path along Bolithos Rd, Mahoneys Rd to Royal Parade (compact gravel north of Whittakers Lane)	33		Y	Y	



PRIORITY NO.	Project Description	Study Proj. No.	Enables Priority Route/Area			
			1	2	3	4
21	Shared path along Melvins Rd, Mahoneys Rd to Royal Parade (compact gravel north of Whittakers Lane)	37		Y	Y	
22	Main Rd/Kilmore Rd, Station St and Sutherlands Rd intersection, including: a. Signals or roundabout b. Pedestrian crossing west of intersection c. Wombat crossing on Station St d. Wombat crossing on Sutherlands Rd	a. 83 b. Resident idea c. 85 d. 84	Y	Y	Y	
23	Footpath along Merrifield St, Mahoneys Rd to Sommerville Lane	2		Y	Y	
24	Footpath along Mahoneys Rd, Bolithos Rd to Sexton St	17			Y	
25	Footpath along Sutton St, Mahoneys Rd to Sommerville Lane	19			Y	
26	Recreational trail along Dry Creek, Grandview Close to Sutherlands Rd, including a pedestrian bridge at Kathryn Court	Resident Idea				Y
27	Shared path along Sandy Creek Rd, Main Rd/Kilmore Rd to Bus Court	30		Y		Y
28	Footpath along Mahoneys Rd, No.7 Mahoneys Rd to Merrifield St	38			Y	
29	Shared path on Racecourse Rd, Amess Rd to Southbourne Rd	34			Y	
30	Widen the footpath from the School staff car park entrance to Memorial Drive to make it a shared path and even with the gutter & Install wombat crossings where the paths cross the School staff car park entrance and Memorial Drive.	Resident Idea	Y			

Refer also to following page

The following projects from the Study either do not appear in the Top 30 or are not mentioned at all in the resident survey. However, based on their potential to positively impact walkability What Riddell Wants Infrastructure Strand supports them and have noted them below. *Refer to table on the following page.*

Projects supported by What Riddell Wants Infrastructure Strand but not appear in the Top 30.

Study Proj. No.	Project Description	Enables Priority Route/Area			
		1	2	3	4
69 – 76	Speed reductions; for the specifics of Main Rd/Kilmore Rd see Priority 9 in the Top 30 table above	Y	Y	Y	
Various	Support all other projects that increase walkability via provision of paths				
77 – 79	Roundabouts at: – Main Rd/Kilmore Road and Riddell Rd – Main Rd/Kilmore Road and Gyro – Main Rd/Kilmore Road and Sandy Creek Rd (and integrating Amess Road)	Y			
Resident Idea	Riddells Creek bypass from Riddell Rd, south of the Riddell South development area, Sutherlands Rd, Amess Rd and south east of Amess Rd development, connecting to Kilmore Rd	Y			
88	P.O.S crossing Sutherlands Rd		Y		

**Appendix C. Detailed Project Listings for Making Main Rd Safe**

(Generally provided in order from west to east along the route; other than speed reductions and pedestrian crossing points)

All projects bar one which would contribute to making Main Rd safe are within the Top 30.

Item (Study Proj. Number / WRW Survey Idea)	Priority Based on WRW Infrastructure Strand Top 30 Table & WRW Infrastructure Strand Comments
Regional Trail, Riddells Creek – Williams Lane  (No. 24 / WRW Survey Idea)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No.11</b></li> <li>- Ensure Gisborne – Riddell Cycling Trail follows the Kilmore Rd from Hamilton Rd onwards</li> <li>- If Gisborne – Riddell Cycling Trail sits south of Kilmore Rd/North of rail line:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o ensure refuge crossings are provided at the Riddells Creek Nursery and Flour Mill Lane (Childcare)</li> <li>o cross to the north side of Kilmore Rd at approx. 2 Rivergum Rd to bring the trail into town via a pedestrian/cycling bridge on the north side of Carre Riddell Rd bridge</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Provide footpath down Flourmill Lane to childcare centre</li> <li>- Work with Riddells Creek Nursery to provide appropriate pedestrian entrance separated from vehicle entrance</li> </ul>
Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge over Riddells Creek, north side of Kilmore Rd  (WRW Survey Idea)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No.1</b> (20% of survey respondents mentioned this bridge)</li> <li>- Position bridge on north side of Carre Riddell road bridge, see notes above about how this would connect into the Regional Trail.</li> </ul>
Refuge Crossing / P.O.S Points / Wombat Crossings Over Main Rd/Kilmore Rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No.17</b>, except where noted</li> <li>- <b>Combined the 6 crossing points over Kilmore Rd were supported by 20 comments</b></li> </ul> <p>From west to east along Kilmore Rd:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>56 Main Rd / Walter J Smith Reserve Main Entrance</i> (WRW Survey Idea)</li> <li>- Immediately east of Bolithos Rd (WRW Survey Idea)</li> <li>- Pedestrian crossing west of Main Rd/Kilmore Rd and Station Street intersection; <b>no.22</b></li> <li>- <i>Primary School Crossing, upgrade to refuge and pedestrian operated signal</i> (WRW Survey Idea; <b>no.6 in the Top 30</b>)</li> <li>- <i>126 Main Rd</i> (WRW Survey Idea)</li> <li>- <i>Gap Rd / Richardson St</i> (No.90)</li> <li>- <i>Amess Rd / Sandy Creek Rd</i> (No.89)</li> <li>- <i>East of Sandy Creek/Dry Creek</i> (WRW Survey Idea)</li> </ul>

Item (Study Proj. Number / WRW Survey Idea)	Priority Based on WRW Infrastructure Strand Top 30 Table & WRW Infrastructure Strand Comments
<p>Shared path from Riddells Creek pedestrian/cycling bridge to Montessori Preschool (or shared path from Riddells Creek pedestrian/cycling bridge to Station Street via rear of Montessori Preschool and Neighbourhood House)  (WRW Survey Idea)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Could be easily delivered as part of the Gisborne-Riddells Creek Path</li> <li>- Not in Top 30 but essential connection to create a shared continuous path along the Main Rd/Kilmore Rd spine</li> </ul>
<p>Wombat crossings Station St and Sutherlands Rd junction  (No. 84 &amp; 85 / WRW Survey Idea)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No. 22</b></li> <li>- Strongly supported by community; refer to recent letters written in support of Council funding submission</li> </ul>
<p>Upgrade footpath to shared path outside primary school &amp;  Zebra/wombat crossings at primary school car park entrance &amp; Memorial Drive car park entrance  (WRW Survey Idea)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No.30</b></li> <li>- Footpath that currently exists is not sufficient to handle primary school drop off and pick up pedestrian volumes or Farmer’s Market Day pedestrian volumes</li> <li>- Widen existing footpath to at least 3m and make curb/guttering even height with new footpath</li> </ul>
<p>Shared path Richardson St to Sandy Creek Rd</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No.8</b></li> </ul>
<p>Footpath, Main Rd Service Rd (north side), Sexton St to Sandy Creek Rd (No.9)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No.8</b></li> </ul>
<p>Pedestrian &amp; Cycling Bridge over Sandy Creek/Dry Creek (eastern end of town)  (WRW Survey Idea)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No.4</b></li> <li>- WRW believes it is best placed on the south side of Kilmore Rd, with a crossing point to the north side of Kilmore Rd provided approx. around the Dromkeen driveway</li> <li>- If provided on the north side of Kilmore Rd ensure an appropriate crossing point/refuge is provided for safe access to Dromkeen</li> </ul>
<p>Shared Path, Sandy Creek Rd to Gyro Close  (No. 29 / WRW Survey Idea)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No.16</b></li> <li>- Begin on south side of Kilmore Rd, cross Dry Creek south side of Kilmore Rd (see above), cross Kilmore Rd at approx. the Dromkeen driveway and continue path on north side of Kilmore Rd and connect to Gyro Close.</li> </ul>

Item (Study Proj. Number / WRW Survey Idea)	Priority Based on WRW Infrastructure Strand Top 30 Table & WRW Infrastructure Strand Comments
Speed reductions on Main Rd/Kilmore Rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No.9</b></li> <li>- Frost Lane to Filmer Place: 60km/h</li> <li>- Filmer Place to Riddell Rd: Support 40km/hr however encourage Council to consult community on this</li> <li>- Riddell Rd to Rivergum Rd: 60km/h</li> <li>- Rivergum Rd to Williams Lane: 80km/hr.</li> <li>- WRW Infrastructure Strand recognizes speed reduction/traffic calming will increase pedestrian safety</li> <li>- Given the strong view likely from the community in respect of the appropriate speed limits for Kilmore Rd between Filmer Place and Riddell Rd it is considered appropriate Council consult the community on any reduction in this area, e.g. 40km/hr. permanently</li> </ul>

**Appendix D. Detailed Project Listings for Improving North-South Throughfare**  
(Generally provided in order from south to north along the route)

All projects bar two which would contribute to improving north-south throughfares are within the Top 30.

Item (Study Proj. Number / WRW Survey Idea)	Priority Based on WRW Infrastructure Strand Top 30 Table & WRW Infrastructure Strand Comments
A shared path on Sutherlands Road from Racecourse Rd to the Lions Park.  (WRW Survey Idea)	- <b>No.2</b>
P.O.S crossing on Sutherlands Rd  (No.88)	- Not in Top 30 but supported by WRW
A shared path on Southbourne Rd, between Racecourse Rd and Parkview Tce.  (No.4)	- <b>No.3</b>
Upgrade Richardson St to a shared path on its western side	- Not in Top 30 but if a shared path is provided on Southbourne Rd it would provide consistency of footpath width from Parkview Tce to Main Rd/Kilmore Rd and reflect the use it gets by community.
A pedestrian crossing point across Main Rd/Kilmore Rd at Gap Rd/Richardson St	- <b>No.17</b>
Speed reductions on Main Rd/Kilmore Rd  (No. 69 – 76)	- <b>No.9</b> - In the vicinity of the Gap Rd/Richardson St and Main Rd/Kilmore Rd crossing point the speed limit should be 60km/hr
A shared trail on Gap Rd from Main Rd to Royal Parade (compact gravel north of Whittakers Lane)  (No. 32 & 36)	- <b>No.5</b> - Resident survey identifies Gap Rd as a popular walking route

**Appendix E. Detailed Project Listings for Town Centre & Surrounds Connectivity**

Item (Study Proj. Number / WRW Survey Idea)	Priority Based on WRW Infrastructure Strand Top 30 Table & WRW Infrastructure Strand Comments
A shared path on Sutherlands Road from Racecourse Rd to the Lions Park.  (WRW Survey Idea)	- <b>No.2</b>
P.O.S crossing on Sutherlands Rd  (No.88)	- Not in Top 30 but supported by WRW
A shared path on Southbourne Rd, between Racecourse Rd and Parkview Tce.  (No.4)	- <b>No.3</b>
Upgrade Richardson St to a shared path on its western side	- Not in Top 30 but if a shared path is provided on Southbourne Rd it would provide consistency of footpath width from Parkview Tce to Main Rd/Kilmore Rd and reflect the use it gets by community.
A pedestrian crossing point across Main Rd/Kilmore Rd at Gap Rd/Richardson St	- <b>No.17</b>
Speed reductions on Main Rd/Kilmore Rd  (No. 69 – 76)	- <b>No.9</b>
Refuge Crossing / P.O.S Points / Wombat Crossings Over Main Rd/Kilmore Rd	- <b>No.17</b> , except where noted - <b>Combined the 6 crossing points over Kilmore Rd were supported by 20 comments</b>  From west to east along Kilmore Rd: - <i>56 Main Rd / Walter J Smith Reserve Main Entrance</i> (WRW Survey Idea) - Immediately east of Bolithos Rd (WRW Survey Idea) - Pedestrian crossing west of Main Rd/Kilmore Rd and Station Street intersection; <b>no.22</b>

Item (Study Proj. Number / WRW Survey Idea)	Priority Based on WRW Infrastructure Strand Top 30 Table & WRW Infrastructure Strand Comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Primary School Crossing, upgrade to refuge and pedestrian operated signal</i> (WRW Survey Idea; <b>no.6 in the Top 30</b>)</li> <li>- <i>126 Main Rd</i> (WRW Survey Idea)</li> <li>- <i>Gap Rd / Richardson St</i> (No.90)</li> <li>- <i>Amess Rd / Sandy Creek Rd</i> (No.89)</li> <li>- <i>East of Sandy Creek/Dry Creek</i> (WRW Survey Idea)</li> </ul>
<p>Shared path from Riddells Creek pedestrian/cycling bridge to Montessori Preschool (or shared path from Riddells Creek pedestrian/cycling bridge to Station Street via rear of Montessori Preschool and Neighbourhood House)</p> <p>(WRW Survey Idea)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Could be easily delivered as part of the Gisborne-Riddells Creek Path</li> <li>- Not in Top 30 but essential connection to create a shared continuous path along the Main Rd/Kilmore Rd spine</li> </ul>
<p>Upgrade footpath to shared path outside primary school &amp;</p> <p>Zebra/wombat crossings at primary school car park entrance &amp; Memorial Drive car park entrance</p> <p>(WRW Survey Idea)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No.30</b></li> <li>- Footpath that currently exists is not sufficient to handle primary school drop off and pick up pedestrian volumes or Farmer's Market Day pedestrian volumes</li> <li>- Widen existing footpath to at least 3m and make curb/guttering even height with new footpath</li> </ul>
<p>Shared path along Sommerville Lane, from Melvins Rd to Sandy Creek Road</p> <p>(No.1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No.15</b></li> </ul>
<p>Wombat crossing, outside 80 Main Rd, to get across the service road to P.O.S</p>	
<p>Shared path along Bolithos Rd, Mahoneys Rd to Royal Parade (compact gravel north of Whittakers Lane)</p> <p>(No.33)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No.20</b></li> </ul>



Item (Study Proj. Number / WRW Survey Idea)	Priority Based on WRW Infrastructure Strand Top 30 Table & WRW Infrastructure Strand Comments
Shared path along Melvins Rd, Mahoneys Rd to Royal Parade (compact gravel north of Whittakers Lane)  (No.37))	- <b>No.21</b>
Main Rd/Kilmore Rd, Station St and Sutherlands Rd intersection, including: a. Signals or roundabout b. Pedestrian crossing west of intersection c. Wombat crossing on Station St Wombat crossing on Sutherlands Rd  (Various, refer to No.22 in Appendix B)	- <b>No.22</b>
Footpath along Merrifield St, Mahoneys Rd to Sommerville Lane  (No.2)	- <b>No.23</b>
Footpath along Mahoneys Rd, Bolithos Rd to Sexton St  (No.17)	- <b>No.24</b>
Footpath along Sutton St, Mahoneys Rd to Sommerville Lane  (No.19)	- <b>No.25</b>
Footpath along Mahoneys Rd, No.7 Mahoneys Rd to Merrifield St  (No.38)	- <b>No.28</b>
Shared path on Racecourse Rd, Amess Rd to Southbourne Rd  (No.34)	- <b>No.29</b>
All other projects that provide for paths within the area to the right	- To the NW of Main Rd, create/complete paved footpaths in the grid bounded by Main Rd, Melvins Rd, Gap Rd and Somerville Lane, including a shared pedestrian/cycle bridge over Murnong Creek on Somerville Lane.

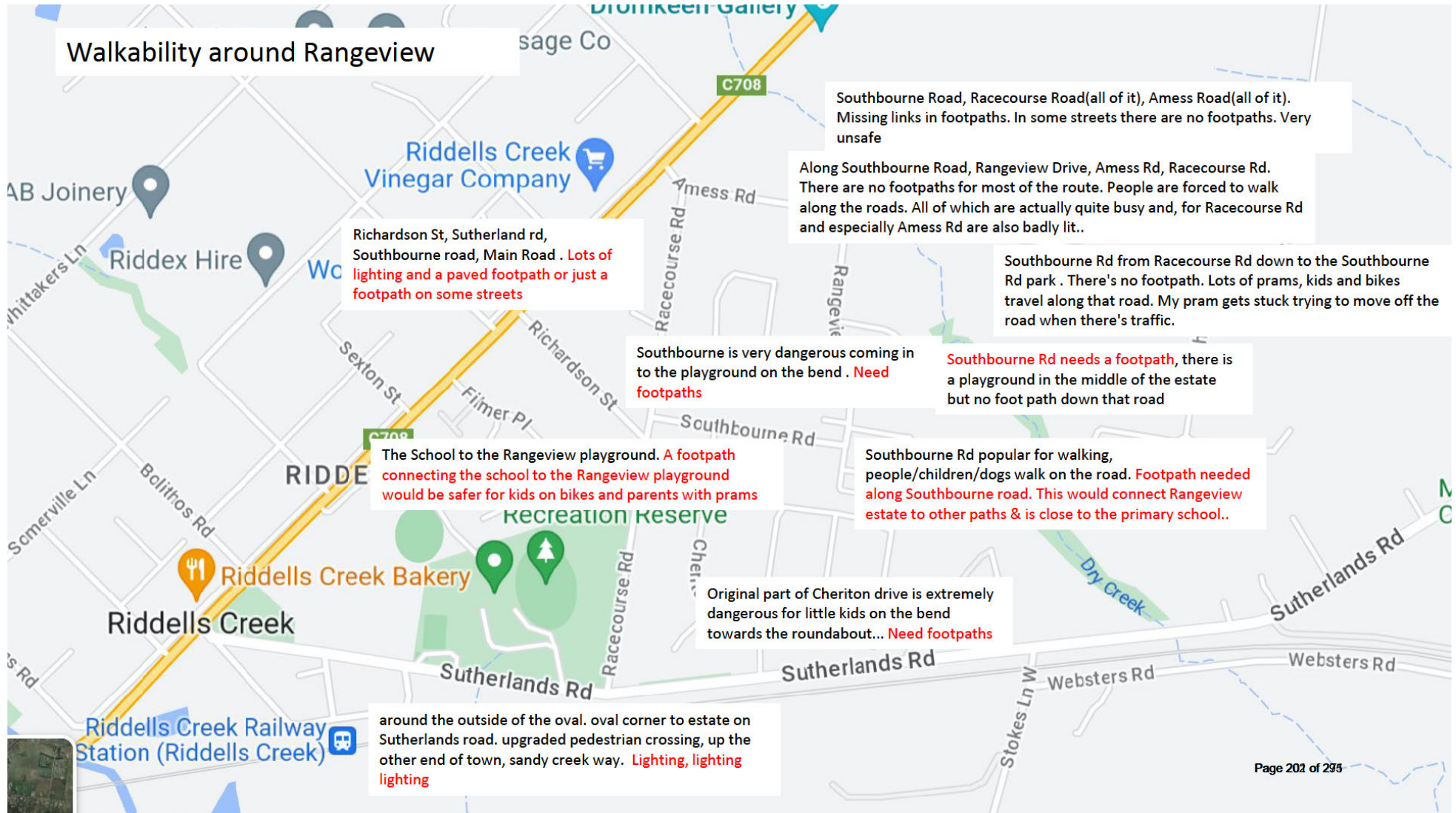
<p>Item (Study Proj. Number / WRW Survey Idea)</p>	<p>Priority Based on WRW Infrastructure Strand Top 30 Table &amp; WRW Infrastructure Strand Comments</p>
	<p>- To the SE of Main Rd, create/complete paved footpaths in the area bounded by Main Rd, Sutherlands Rd, Rangeview Drive and Amess Rd.</p>

**Appendix F. Location Listings for Enabling The Recreational Trails Of The Town**

Item (Study Proj. Number / WRW Survey Idea)	Priority Based on WRW Infrastructure Strand Top 30 Table & WRW Infrastructure Strand Comments
Along Dry Creek, from Amess Road to Sutherlands Road, including a bridge at Kathryn Court	- <b>No.26</b>
A shared trail on Gap Rd from Main Rd to Royal Parade (compact gravel north of Whittakers Lane)  (No. 32 & 36)	- <b>No.5</b> - Resident survey identifies Gap Rd as a popular walking route
The circuit along Gyro Close, Sandy Creek Rd and cross connecting to Gap Rd at Plantation Rd	- Significant number of Top 30 projects would facilitate this loop, i.e., <b>No. 4, 9, 10, 16, 17e, 17f, 27</b>
The public reserves along Riddells Creek and Murnong Creek	- Riddells Creek, <b>no.19</b> , Including a bridge/connection to Smiths Nursery

**Appendix G: Survey Results, Comments Provided By Participants Mapped To Areas  
Of The Town**

Refer to following pages.



**Walkability Sutherlands Road**

MAAB Joinery, Riddells Creek Vinegar Company, Riddex Hire, Whitakers Ln, Racecourse Rd, Amess Rd, Rangeview Ct, Sutherlands Rd, Dry Creek, Riddells Creek Recreation Reserve, Kristy Amos Photography, Websters Rd.

**The missing bridge** that was removed by the council between Kathryn court and rangeview estate, leaving no safe way to cross the creek, no safe way for the elderly to walk and no safe way for children to walk to school. Not to mention how dangerous this is in times of heavy rain or summer with snakes. **Footpaths along sutherlands rd linking to Amess rd do there can be one big walking track.** Many people walk their dogs along sutherlands rd which is 80kms and very dangerous. When the houses were built a footpath / slip road was promised by the developers however it never happened

Council easement that follows Dry Creek through Sutherlands Road to the back of Rangeview estate. The area is poorly maintained and needs mowing, particularly the council area behind 59 Kathryn Court. (this time of year is a snake risk). To cross the creek the embankment is "unnecessarily hard to walk" on. Mostly the creek is dry, but when it rains and the creek is flowing, there is no way to cross.

It would be great if this trail/path between Sutherlands Road and Rangeview Estate is more bike-friendly. It could also be better landscaped as it feels like it is not a public space and not welcoming, some seating along the creek would be nice.

Sutherlands Road needs the footpath continued from the park to Racecourse Road. Either continue footpaths or put in new footpaths to provide a supportive surface to walk on and also to be able to get off the road so you are not hit by a car.

I regularly walk from home in Yellowgum Ave to town centre and railway station. **Would love to see the footpath joined from Racecourse Road to where the concrete footpath ends at the beginning of Sutherlands Road..**

Most roads in RC are unsafe to walk at night to a combination of no footpaths, poor street lighting and broken road edges. There are No footpaths in the old town at all, only safe place to walk at night is the RangeView estate. **Improve/upgrade footpaths especially shopping precinct to football grounds Sutherland side**

Station street from supermarket to chemist or Bendigo ATM., Paving uneven both sides. Severe slope on east side. Feel very unsafe walking it..

Lighting on Sutherlands Rd / Recreation Reserve entrance is non existent. It's an accident waiting to happen.

I regularly walk with my young children from the rangeview estate along Sutherlands road to the lions park There is a big section that is unsealed gravel, from racecourse road to Hamilton street. This means our young children cannot ride their scooters. **It needs to be sealed/concrete..**

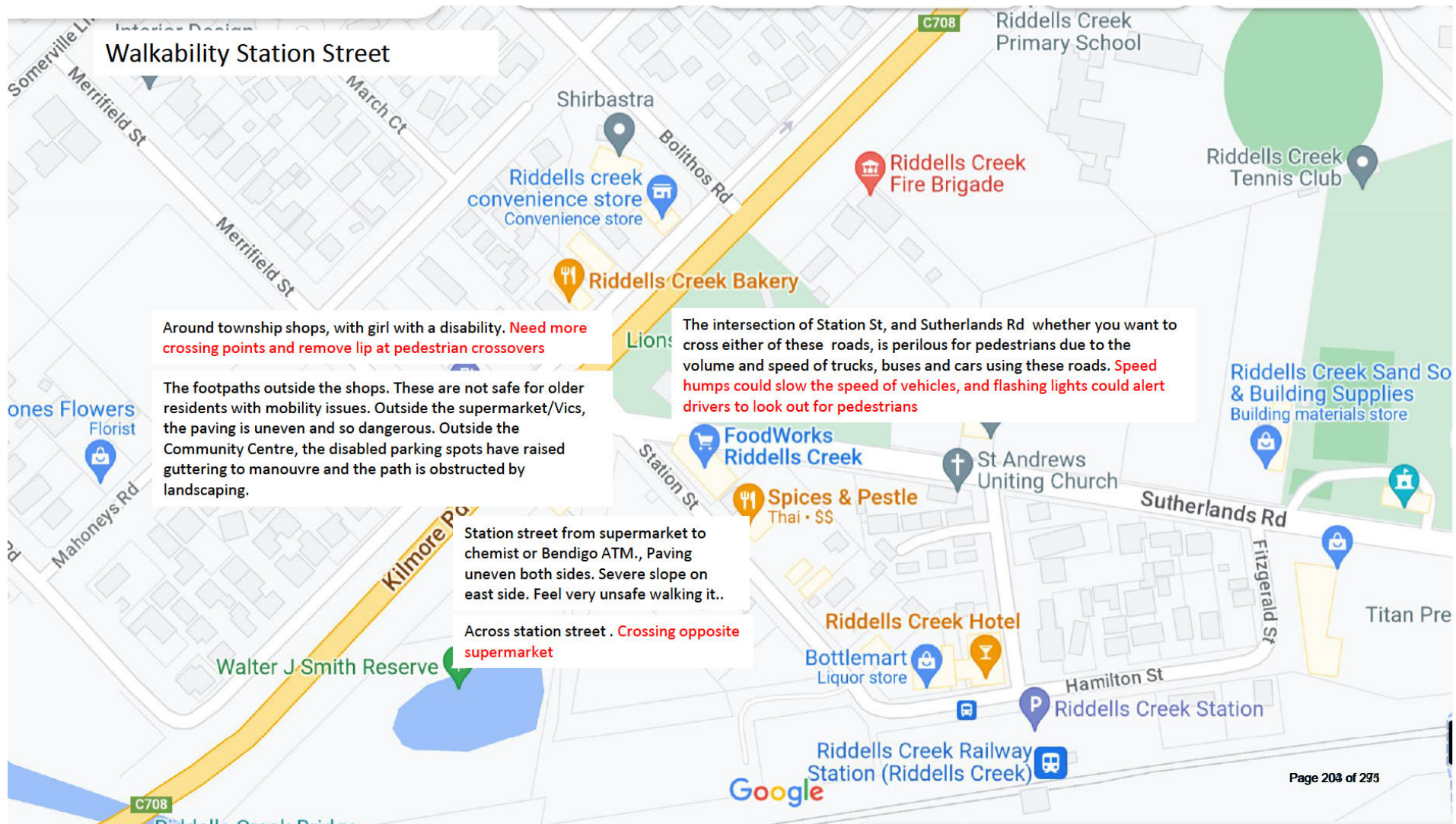
Sutherlands Rd from park to Racecourse Rd. **Path needs improving... widening and made level..**

Sutherlands Road between Racecourse Road and Amess Road.: Fast traffic, no footpath, off road is boggy. **Needs a path, does not need to be sealed, a Sandy track would be fine.**

**A track on Sutherlands road (a very dangerous road to run on)**

**Along Sutherlands Rd, tracks through the trees so that people don't have to walk along the road risking being trapped by passing traffic.**

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### Walkability north of Main Road

No marked footpath up Gap Road - cars can travel down that stretch with speed and bends in the road make it difficult to see people walking on the road, plus walkers may not see the cars coming in either direction. Plus some walkers walk on the wrong side of the road. It is important that walkers have safe access to Barrm Birrm and Royal Parade, plus it will encourage more people to go to this amazing asset. **Solution: a gravel path on one side of Gap Road which is maintained, clearly signed and wide enough to take both bicycles and walkers.**

South down Gap Rd, turn right into Main Rd and walk down to the shops/supermarket. No footpath on Gap Rd - **we need a footpath.**

Bolithos road to Royal Parade. Very dangerous as uneven terrain. **Grade the surface or bitumen road**

The walking route up Melvin's, along Royal Parade and down Gap (or vice versa) is very popular. There is no pedestrian walking path along Gap Road and Melvins road and Gap Road in particular can be quite unsafe as the speed limit is high. Also there are blind spots. **Pedestrian path added on Gap Road from Main Road to Royal Parade at a minimum.would ensure safety for all pedestrians. .**

Erect recommended speed (20km/hr) signs where there are no footpaths, e.g. Melvins Rd, Merrifield St, Bolithos Rd, Gap Rd, Edward St and Sandy Creek Rd.

I would like to see Murnong Creek starting around Whittaker's Lane better utilized, with a walking track alongside it and cleared of weeds.

North of Main Road. **We just desperately need a footpath on all these streets (one side of the road would suffice)**

A bridge-over landscape treatment that connects Sommerville across the creek

Pedestrian/cycle/horse bridge linking the two parts of sommerville lane

Gap Road heading into town. No footpaths and gap road is getting busier. **Need footpaths**

Sexton to Main Road. **Just build footpaths/ it's not hard, it's not expensive**

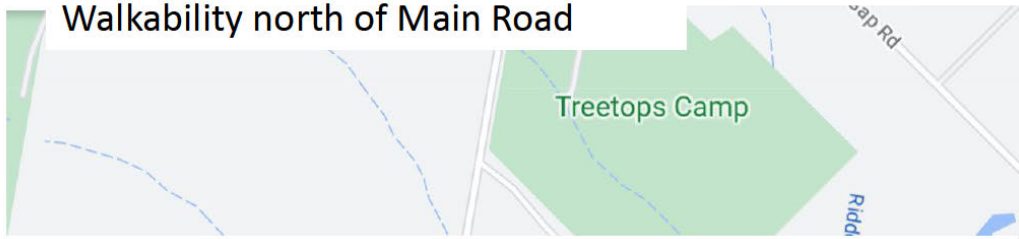
Main road down to bolithos road up two or three streets back and around to main road again. **The areas where there are footpaths most aren't in great condition with cracks and uneven surfaces.**

There is only a very short stretch of footpath on Bolithos road meaning that families cannot safely walk or cycle with young children and exercise (running groups in particular) cannot safely exercise (especially at night when visibility is poor). This is also the case if people want to head west on Somerville lane and south on merrifield street to the town centre. **. We just desperately need a footpath on all these streets (one side of the road would suffice)**

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Walkability north of Main Road



Full footpath connectivity is required for the full perimeter and inside areas of the Neighborhood Residential Zone 1. (Main Rd-Melvins Rd-Somerville Lane-Gap Rd-Main Rd). Most of our footpath gaps are not considered priorities under current capital works projections.

2/ Full kerb and gutter is required in this area to better manage water run off. This is required infrastructure to support the already approved higher density growth in this precinct. Murnong Creek (Formerly Main Drain) must be maintained and structurally supported to ensure cleaner discharge to Riddells Creek of water run off. This is nowhere to be seen in any forward planning yet still the builds keep happening.

3/ The Main Rd Service Rd between Sexton and Gap Rd must be addressed. The 'track' as it currently is doesn't cut it. The number of Unit constructions there demands it.

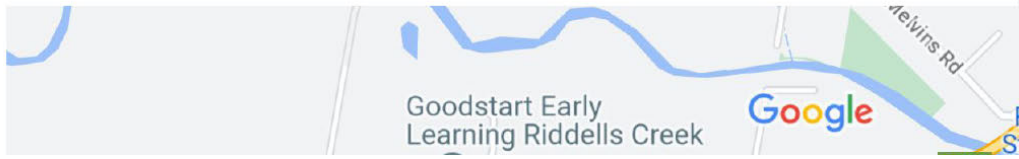
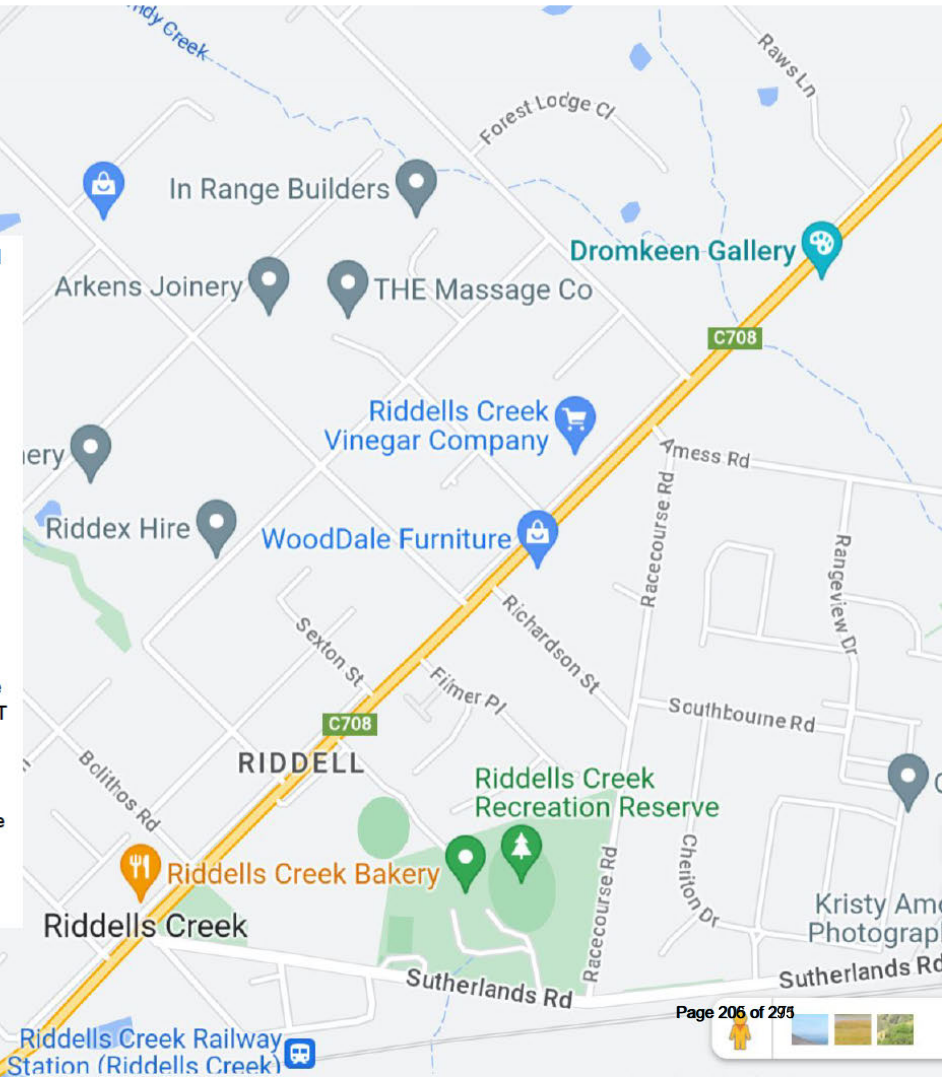
4/ Council needs to get off its backside and complete the overdue Town Centre Plan.

5/ Take advantage now of available grant money (albeit minimal) to place pedestrian/wombat crossings on the Cnr of Sutherlands Rd and Station St. If we procrastinate we wont get it.

6/ Speed Humps in high unit density streets.

Last, but by no means least, is that Council must be held to account to stay within the guidelines of the finalised and gazetted Riddells Creek Structure Plan together with its approved C100 amendments. Determining the Amess Rd's Precinct Character is paramount. It cannot be overbuilt and it cant be more dense than that of its inner neighbours. Full Stop. Another potential example of a zone build non compliance as it currently sits lies with the proposed child care facility on the Cnr of Sexton and Main Rd. That land is NOT currently zoned for that. The area assigned and zoned for that is in Sutherlands Rd bordering the back of the School. A change here means simply that there will be changes everywhere else.

This is not an exorbitant and long list of must do works but it is all catch up stuff and it will take Council to at least the expiration of our current structure plan (2036) to achieve it. If they are allowed to go it their way we will have a population explosion here with many needed structures of basic support remaining incomplete not to mention NO State Govt infrastructure to support that growth. These issues will not be addressed by building more rooftops.



Walkability along Main Road

**Treetops Camp**

**Treetops Low Ropes**

**Manna Gums Tiny**

**MAAB Joinery**

**In Range Builders**

**Arkens Joinery**

**THE Massage Co**

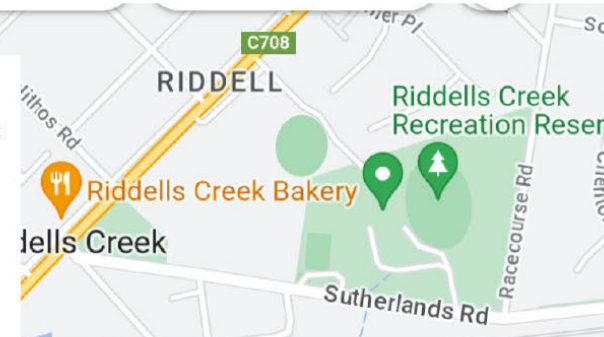
**Dromkeen Gallery**

**Notes:**

- Main road, especially leading up to the Sandy creek road junction. Difficult terrain for a pram, wheelchair or mobility aids to use due to no hard surface
- Amess Road to township: walking here, 80 km/h traffic feels unsafe
- Main Road from Sexton Street on the west side. Inaccessible for people mobility issues
- Consistent shared width concrete / gravel path; this already exists from Mechanics Hall to primary school crossing. Needs gaps filling from a) Carree Riddell Bridge to Mechanics Hall, b) school staff carpark entrance to Memorial drive (push parking out a bit + pedestrian crossings at staff car park and memorial drive), c) Richardson Street to Dromkeen driveway and after crossing the Kilmore Rd at around the Dromkeen driveway entrance, from there to Gyro Close. This would be highly complementary to the Woodend – Riddell bike path.
- Footpath out the front of Riddells Creek Primary school. Footpath to be widened and level with the existing gutter. Current path is too narrow for safe use. Including a zebra crossing at entrance to staff car park.
- Crossing from 58 main road to the Walter Smith reserve. It can be almost impossible to cross here safely. There is poor visibility and it is difficult to see cars coming in to the town. Cars speed in both directions on this particular section of road. Speed limits are wrong but won't change drivers behaviour unless it's enforced/policed. There needs to be some sort of infrastructure to slow cars down and enable people to cross safely to the reserve. This would also make cars slow down entering Riddell. Making the existing intersections at Merrifields and Station Street safer. It would also prevent cars speeding towards the intersection at Sunbury road, which is also difficult to navigate
- From 58 main road to the primary school. It is difficult to cross walking along the main road. Cars come from many directions at high speeds and it is hard to know if they are turning or going straight ahead. It is also difficult for school children to walk to school independently. I would like to see zebra crossings at Merrifields and Bolithos road.
- Melvins Rd, along Kilmore Rd, cross Kilmore Rd, along Station St and back. Speeding cars along Kilmore Rd - Lower speed limit to 40kph; Install at least 2 roundabouts (one at Station St, also incorporating Sutherlands Rd intersection; the other at The memorial gates of the Primary School) OR RAISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS (like speed humps but the width of a crossing) at those same sites. A physical deterrent to speeding is far better than pedestrian lights which DO GET IGNORED. A lot of drivers simply cannot or will not SEE female pedestrians - I have about 2 near hits with screeching tyres each YEAR
- Slow traffic to 40km/hr from Carree Riddell bridge to 130 Main Rd; at least between say 7am and 8pm (other times 50km/hr) and use those big speed signs/electronic signs that flash. Also make it 60km/hr from 130 Main to approx. 100 metres east of Gyro Close/Kilmore Rd intersection at all times. Speed from Carree Riddell bridge to current 80km/hr on Gisborne Rd becomes 60km/hr; current 100km/hr to railway bridge crossing becomes 80km/hr

### Walkability Gisborne end of town

Melvins Rd, through Wybejong Reserve, under the Kilmore Rd bridge, through the Lion's Park, along Station St. **This route not usable in wet weather. Need a marked and maintained trail path through Wybejong Reserve; easier access to the stairs from this path to prevent slipping in wet weather (in other words, extend the stairs upwards to LEVEL ground rather than sloped so young children don't need to hold hands that even adults often can't spare); create a HIDDEN GEM by painting the area under the Kilmore Rd into an Australian Native themed mural rather than the ugly graffiti and bare concrete that is currently visible; improve the "stairs" leading to the lake in the Lion's Park (young children need to hold hands again), loose gravel is NOT ideal; create an extension to the path from Wybejong Reserve to go around behind the kindergarten and Neighbourhood House to Station St. Currently, NONE of this walk is viable in wet weather AT ALL - which is a good 5 or 6 months of the year. Earlier this year, I was diagnosed with TWO TORN TENDONS in my right ankle that will take two or three years to heal. I can't use this route at all now even in clear weather, yet it always felt safer to me than my Kilmore Road route, as it was the only "clean" and healthy way I could avoid crossing Kilmore Rd.**



By the creek, there is no footpath between Rivergum Road and the town. If you live that side of Riddell you can't walk to the shop, or even out on the streets.

Riddells creek primary school to flour mill lane no safe footpath along Kilmore road to walk home. Busy 100km road no walk path . Kilmore road needs bike and footpath alongside railway line then could walk or bike into town safely

I have occasionally walked to the nursery, and which I would do so more frequently, but crossing the road bridge feels quite dangerous. A walking path with its own pedestrian bridge over the creek is essential for pedestrian safety. There has been a substantial increase in traffic over the bridge over the 35 years we have lived in Riddells Creek.

The bridge is too narrow to allow vehicles and pedestrians to use the bridge at the same time. The speed restriction to 70 km/hr increases the risk for pedestrians. **Dedicated foot (and bicycle) bridges would allow safe movement over the creek.**

Carre Riddell bridge is too dangerous to walk across. **Needs a pedestrian/cycle/horse bridge (same with Sandy/Dry Creek at other end of town).**

There is no continuous path to walk along the creek

The creek; it's not overly accessible or easy to walk in some places, especially in wetter seasons. **Probably needs better paths, I don't like the idea of paving the pathways with bitumen (I oppose this) but maybe a maintained gravel path which is cleared/widened all along the creek and under the historic bridge etc.**

The creek; it's not overly accessible or easy to walk in some places, especially in wetter seasons. **Gravel pathway**

Difficult to walk across the bridge and then safely cross to Wybejong Park with cars coming from Sunbury under the viaduct as well as travelling at speed on the road to and from Gisborne. Also difficult to walk to the plant nursery - high speed traffic and no designated path **Solution: a walking bridge across Riddells Creek on the Wybejong Park side and a maintained, gravel path from the creek to the nursery**

It is dangerous for pedestrians walking from Riddell towards Riddell Road or further along Gisborne /Kilmore Road. **A safe footpath on the bridge over the creek in Riddell.**

Road bridge is dangerous to walk over with the only alternative to walk through the creek which is also hazardous, dangerous and limiting depending on how much water is running through the creek. **A walking bridge over Riddells Creek in Wybejong Park enabling access both sides of the creek...there are lovely walks both sides but no access other than the main bridge which has no walkers path.**

**It would be great to walk over the bridge out of Riddell towards Gisborne.**

I would walk into town from the Sunbury side BUT the Carre Riddell Bridge is unsafe for pedestrians and REALLY SCARY. Most roads in RC are unsafe to walk at night due to a combination of no footpaths, poor street lighting and broken road edges **Build a separate pedestrian bridge**

I would like to safely walk across the bridge along Kilmore road to access the other side of Wybejong park. I have also seen people try to cross the bridge and I fear that it is a matter of time before a pedestrian or cyclist is injured or killed. **The current bridge is too narrow to accommodate a pedestrian safe pathway. Widen to allow for this or install a separate footbridge**

**Walkability Dromkeen end of town**

Sandy Creek Rd >> Cutevan Cr >> Gyro Cl loop **IPaths (not paved please!)** required for traffic separation. Better street lighting. Gyro Cl speed limit needs to be reduced from 80kph to 60kph..

Two Hills estate to town (i.e., from N side of Sandy Creek Rd **No paved walks, narrow bridge at angle to Sandy Creek Rd over Sandy Creek with no provision for pedestrians! Overgrown verges on NE side of road, impaired visibility on SW side. Before I moved to Riddells 20+ years ago, I went everywhere on a bicycle. However, this was a lethal mode of transport in the Macedon Ranges. Local roads are still lethal for bicycling and much walking...**

Along the main road into town from Gyro Close.. **A crossing over Sandy Creek**

From Sandy creek Rd to Dromkeen. There is a dangerous bridge on Sandy Creek Rd that has a small barrier and a very high drop to the creek. It is very tight for pedestrians and cars to cross together. **A footbridge alongside the Rd bridge to accommodate pedestrian's, also a gravel path from this footbridge similar to that around the footy oval that heads toward the main Rd and to Dromkeen**

No pedestrian path where the road narrows to cross creek.

**Bridge over Sandy Creek needs widening for pedestrian creek crossing**

Walk from township to Dromkeen. No path and next to dangerous traffic. **Lower speed limit**

Kilmore Road/Amess Road intersection is busy, many cars try to pass cars turning Right into Amess road leaving Riddell on the outside (where there is no road shoulder). The school buses stop here and kids are required to cross the road at this spot. **This intersection could be widened to allow cars to continue along Kilmore Road while other cars turn right. It would be great to have a pedestrian crossing or safety island. The introduction of traffic lights might be helpful to slow traffic..**

**It would great if there was a path on the side of the road up dromkeen hill.**

If you want to walk to or from Dromkeen you take your life in your hands by crossing the bridge which has no shoulder for pedestrians to get across, or anywhere to safely walk on the other side. If Amess Road development goes ahead, how are those residents encouraged to walk and safely get from and from centre of town? Also important that people are encouraged to view and use Dromkeen as an iconic asset to be preserved, valued and supported **Solution: pedestrian bridge across the creek and gravel walking paths on both sides.**

The bridge is too narrow to allow vehicles and pedestrians to use the bridge at the same time. The speed restriction to the north is 100km/hr, increasing the risk for pedestrians. **Dedicated foot (and bicycle) bridges would allow safe movement over the creek.**

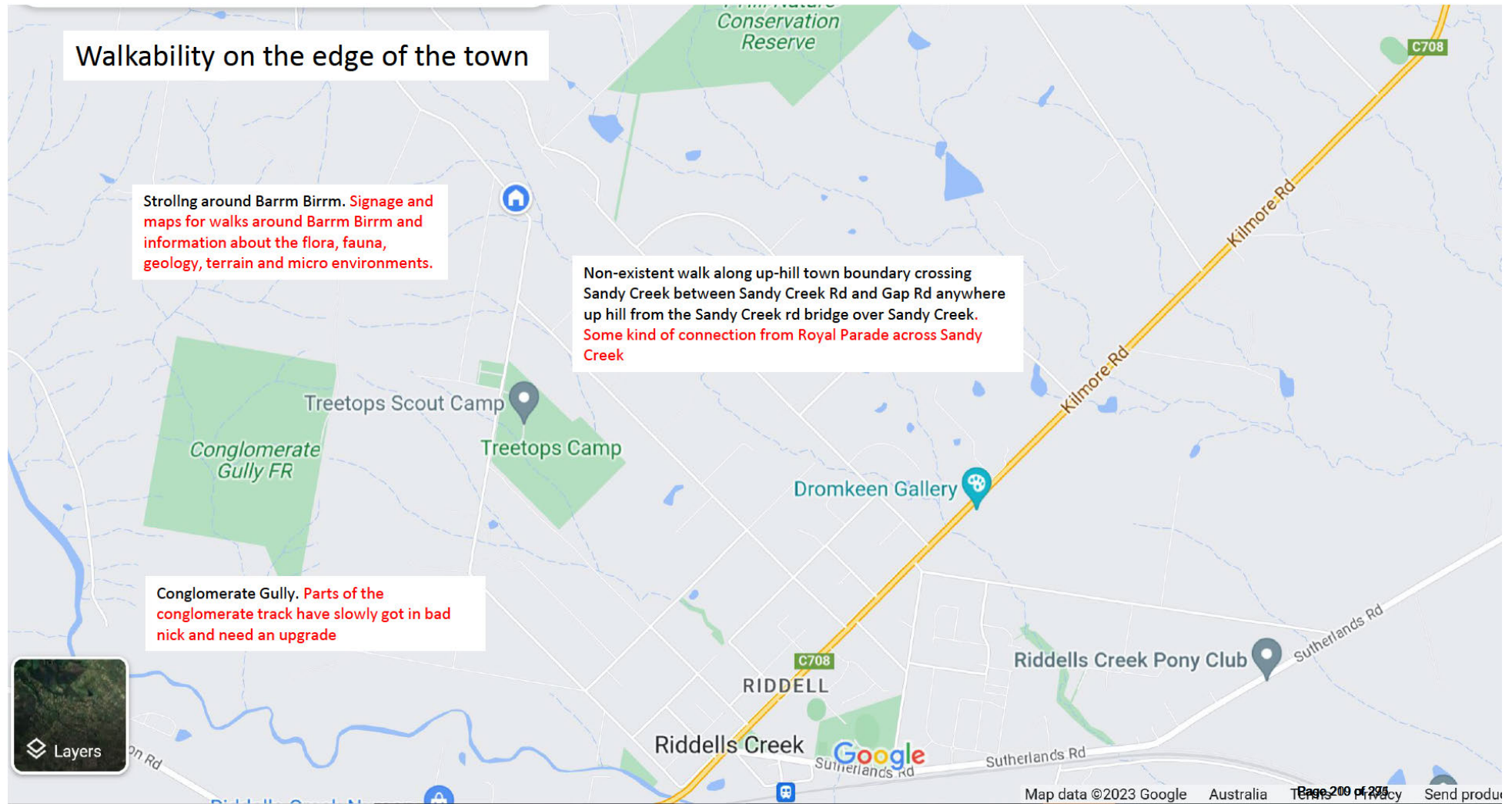
A footpath along Amess Road from Main Road to Sutherlands Road.

No pedestrian path where the road narrows to cross a creek.

Kathryn Court to Riddells Creek Train Station ... consolidated paths

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**Appendix H. What Riddell Wants One Page Overview**

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WHAT RIDDELL WANTS			
Infrastructure Strand	Services Strand	Social Strand	Environment Strand
<p><b>Focus for June – December 2023:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walkability &amp; Safety</li> </ul>	<p><b>Focus for June – December 2023:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playgroup for under 2s</li> <li>Input into the Disability Action Plan</li> <li>Aged care, NDIS &amp; dyslexia service gaps</li> </ul>	<p><b>Focus for June – December 2023:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Riddells Creek venue &amp; community spaces listing</li> <li>Linking &amp; assisting vulnerable residents, esp. after emergencies</li> </ul>	<p><b>Focus for June – December 2023:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental expo</li> <li>Swampy Business – Rangeview Basins (rehabilitation of Murnong Creek)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other action areas identified:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Living options for older residents</li> <li>Appropriate development that fits the character of the town</li> <li>Room for commercial activity</li> <li>Sporting facilities for a growing town</li> <li>Safe movement for all road users</li> <li>Access in emergencies</li> </ul>	<p><b>Other action areas identified:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Services to meet the needs of the community into the future</li> <li>Services that meet the needs of every stage of the life cycle and all abilities</li> <li>Looking after our vulnerable residents</li> <li>Resources for shared community usage</li> <li>Enhancing bike infrastructure as part of the Shared Trail build</li> </ul>	<p><b>Other action areas identified:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shared spaces to gather and socialise</li> <li>Events that bring people together</li> <li>Knowing what is happening in the town</li> <li>Knowing what we are as a town: our identity and vision</li> </ul>	<p><b>Other action areas identified:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connections to the natural environment</li> <li>Indigenous/First Nation cultural awareness and visibility</li> <li>Climate change resilience building – Riddells Creek Cool Changes</li> <li>Energy literacy and building awareness of sustainable energy option</li> </ul>

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I have attached a letter of support for [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] Network's submission to Macedon Ranges Shire Council's 2024-25 Budget.

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Dear Macedon Ranges Shire Council

Letter of support for [REDACTED] to Macedon Ranges Shire Council's 2024-25 Budget

The [REDACTED] Group fully supports the Upper Deep Creek Landcare Network's submission to Macedon Ranges Shire Council on its 2024/25 Budget. The network's request is for Council to fund three projects: Gardens for Wildlife, Urban Biodiversity Officer, and Urban Forest Strategy, which are interconnected and focused on enhancing the environmental values of the shire's towns.

### **1. Gardens for Wildlife**

The provision of Macedon Ranges Shire Council's support in the 2024-25 Budget for the Gardens for Wildlife will implement an action in Council's *Biodiversity Strategy (2018)* - Action 2.32: *Support residents to preserve and plant locally native vegetation as much as possible and consider implementing an urban biodiversity program such as "Gardens for Wildlife"*.

To date this action has not been acted on by Council, as up until now it's been volunteers from groups, such as ours who have promoted Gardens for Wildlife in the Shire. [REDACTED] his predominately by promoting Gardens for Wildlife at our marquee at the Lancefield Farmers Market.

It's time for Macedon Ranges Shire Council to support a Gardens for Wildlife program by providing funding for a dedicated staff resource to develop, promote and implement the program, and to also fund indigenous plants for urban residents who participate in the program to encourage them to create gardens using indigenous plants for habitat and food sources for native fauna.

### **2. Urban Biodiversity Officer**

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### **3. Urban Forest Strategy**

Macedon Ranges Shire Council needs an Urban Forest Strategy to guide Council's strategic direction on enhancing and protecting trees and vegetation to create urban forests in its towns. As our towns grow such a strategy is required to enhance liveability and our environment.

We request Macedon Ranges Shire Council to give careful consideration to the Upper Deep Creek Landcare Network's submission to Council's 2024-25 Budget.

Yours sincerely

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Please find enclosed our Redacted due to Privacy Reasons submission to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council 2024/2025 Budget.

I have also enclosed Letters of Support from our member Redacted due to Privacy Reasons groups.

Yours sincerely

Howard Stirling

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Macedon Ranges Shire Council  
mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Dear Macedon Ranges Shire Council

2024/25 Budget Submission - [REDACTED] k

The [REDACTED] welcomes the opportunity to provide the following submission on Macedon Ranges Shire Council's 2024/25 Budget. The [REDACTED] submission is proposal for funding three projects:

1. **Gardens for Wildlife**
2. **Urban Biodiversity Officer**
3. **Urban Forest Strategy**

These three proposals are closely related and interconnected as they are focused on enhancing the environmental and amenity values of the shire's urban areas, in its towns and villages.

1. **Gardens for Wildlife**  
**2024-25 Budget - \$41K for Gardens for Wildlife Program**

Background: Gardens for Wildlife Victoria is a state-wide network of local government and community group partnerships, which supports collaboration, connections and the establishment of new Gardens for Wildlife programs. There are currently Gardens for Wildlife programs in more than 25 municipalities across Victoria.

In Macedon Ranges Shire volunteers from groups such as [REDACTED] have for several years been promoting the Gardens for Wildlife program. Up until now support for Gardens for Wildlife is being done by volunteers. However, it's time for Macedon Ranges Shire Council to support a Gardens for Wildlife program with a dedicated staff resource to develop, promote and implement the program, and other resources to encourage urban residents to create gardens using indigenous plants that create habitat and food sources for wildlife.

The Council funding to be provided in 2024-25 for the Shire Council's Gardens for Wildlife program will build on the work done by volunteers to promote Gardens for Wildlife, by Council providing resources to expand the reach of the program, including promotional and educational resources for residents in the Shire, garden assessments and advice on plantings, and the provision of 10,000 free indigenous seedlings annually to be planted in urban gardens in the Shire.

Council support for Gardens for Wildlife will implement an action in Biodiversity Strategy (2018) - Action 2.32: *Support residents to preserve and plant locally native vegetation as much as possible and consider implementing an urban biodiversity program such as "Gardens for Wildlife".*

The Biodiversity Strategy notes that “Council and the community recognise the environmental and amenity value of native vegetation and habitat within town boundaries. Our township areas have high value natural areas that are home to rich diversity of native plants and animals. They also provide important opportunities for residents to connect with nature close to home...Encouraging residents to create wildlife-friendly gardens can also have a huge impact on local biodiversity. The use of locally native plants in gardens and public open space areas, including as a part of new subdivisions can create havens for insects, lizards, butterflies, birds and arboreal mammals. Native plants are also ideal as they are naturally adapted to suit local environmental conditions, low maintenance, drought tolerant, require minimal water and no fertilisers or pesticides.” (page 95)

Funding this project will contribute to Council’s ‘Healthy environment, healthy people’ theme in Council’s 2021-2031.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council already has great series of booklets on flora and fauna that will be invaluable in supporting the delivery of a Gardens for Wildlife program in the Shire.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council’s Gardens for Wildlife program:

- will encourage urban residents to create gardens using indigenous plants that create habitat and food sources for wildlife,
- garden assessments will include advice about the benefits of planting climate-ready native vegetation by selecting species and provenances to extend genetic diversity and match future climatic conditions,
- the 10,000 free indigenous plants to be planted in urban areas each year will be to local areas and climate-resilient, provide habitat and help mitigate the impact of climate change, and help create urban forest areas in Mitchell Shire,
- will also foster social connections between like-minded urban residents who want to connect with nature and share their passion for wildlife gardening together.

#### **Budget breakdown**

Breakdown of Council funding (\$41,000) sought in 2024-25 for Gardens for Wildlife Program:

- **Plants - \$30,000** (in 2024-25 & annually thereafter with a 5% annual increase for plants price increases):
  - 10,000 free indigenous seedlings (\$3.00 each) annually (including trees) for urban households participating in Council’s Gardens for Wildlife Program. This includes the provision of up to 50 indigenous seedlings (shrubs, ground covers, and trees) for each urban household who applied for and had their gardens assessed by Council’s Urban Biodiversity Officer, including the provision of advice on indigenous plants species selection and assistance with finalising applications for plants. Note - the indigenous plants will be ordered from local nurseries.
- **Designer - \$3,000:**
  - design flyers to promote the Shire Council’s Gardens for Wildlife program,
  - design online application form for urban residents to apply for a garden assessment by Council’s Urban Biodiversity Officer to provide advice on suitable plants for home gardens in urban areas,
  - design application form from residents for Council’s Gardens for Wildlife program’s free indigenous seedlings giveaway,
  - design flyers on the Shire Council’s Gardens for Wildlife workshops and webinars.
- **Print - \$8,000:**
  - 500 copies of flyers to promote Council’s Gardens for Wildlife program,
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- 500 copies of application form from residents for Council's Gardens for Wildlife program's free indigenous seedlings giveaway,
- 500 copies of brochures that provide examples of species to be planted in urban areas,
- 400 copies of plastic Gardens for Wildlife plaques to attach to letterboxes (\$12 each = \$4,800).

## **2. Urban Biodiversity Officer**

**2024-25 Budget - \$90K (including Super + on-costs)**

P/T FTE 0.6, on-going from 2024-25: Band 6 annual salary = \$91K to \$99K + 11.5% Super + on-costs (pro rata for FTE 0.6 per week)

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has a Biodiversity Officer who works FTE 0.8, but who is spread thinly in this role. The provision of funding for the Urban Biodiversity Officer position is imperative for the delivery of Council's Gardens for Wildlife program.

The Urban Biodiversity Officer would also deliver a wide range of other urban biodiversity-related tasks required for Council. This new role would enable Council's Biodiversity Officer to focus more strategically on biodiversity in rural areas and public land and implementation of Council's Biodiversity Strategy.

## **3. Urban Forest Strategy**

**2024-25 Budget - \$80K to hire consultant to develop strategy**

Macedon Ranges Shire Council needs an Urban Forest Strategy to guide Council's strategic direction on enhancing and protecting trees and vegetation in its towns and villages. The strategy will set the strategic direction on how to protect, enhance and manage the shire's urban forest over the next 10, 20 and 50 years.

The strategy will help improve canopy cover and greening within towns and villages. The strategy will cover all trees and shrubs within towns and villages on both public and private land.

The Shire's urban areas face many challenges including:

- **Climate Change** – harsher conditions for trees to establish, survive and thrive.
- **Urban Subdivision** – loss of canopy due to housing subdivisions in urban areas across the shire.
- **Community Perception** – a negative perception of trees from a risk, litter, or infrastructure damage perspective.
- **Emergency Management** - bushfires, floods and storms have already caused significant impacts to some of our communities in our very recent past, and the financial and health and wellbeing strain can be overwhelming. Damage from these events can be exacerbated by trees or branches.
- **Funding and Resources** – finite funding makes increasing tree planting and other opportunities difficult, especially when competing with other services.

The Urban Forest Strategy will mitigate the above challenges by setting clear objectives, actions, and targets to be delivered over 10, 20 and 50 years. A key focus of the strategy should be to increase canopy coverage within road reserves and parks and identify opportunities to improve tree retention and protection on private land in urban areas.

The Strategy will need to include an Action Plan and priorities for each township and village based on short (1-3 years), medium (4-6 years) and long term (beyond 7-10 years) timeframes as well as

ongoing actions. The Action Plan will be reviewed every three years. This review will include evaluation of the progress, targets, and indicators in the strategy.

The strategy will assist in directing council resources to locations of highest priority. Budgets will need to be prepared for each of the short, medium, long and ongoing actions aligning to timeframe years of delivery. This will include both capital and operational funding avenues as appropriate.

The **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** requests Macedon Ranges Shire Council to give careful consideration to our submission above on Council's 2024-24 Budget.

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Please find the attached submission & quotes from Malmsbury hall committee for above.

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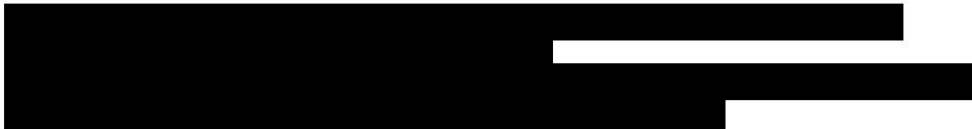


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## Committee

Submission to the Macedon Ranges Shire budget 2024/25 and  
Council Plan (2021-31)

This submission includes initiatives to: -

- 1 replace gas heating in the main hall.
- 2 add solar panels to the building.
- 3 add an electrical storage battery.
- 4 replace 2 commercial gas stoves in the kitchen.

**Costing estimates**

Heating - Install 4 reverse cycle split system units in the main hall  
\$28,457

Less Committee contribution

- \$ 10,000

Net

\$18,457

Solar panels & battery

\$62,939

\$62,939

Stoves replacement 2 \* induction ranges 90cm & installation 2 \* \$12,499 + \$4000  
(install & remove) \$28,998

\$28,998

**Total**

**\$105,396**

**Justification for the expenditure**

Supports the Council commitment to reaching a Zero Net Emissions status for its operations by 2030 & specifically by -

- "Getting off gas" at Council-owned buildings.
- Increasing generation and supply of power through installing solar panels and battery power storage at Council-owned buildings,
- Exploring options for creating offsets that provide co-benefits for local communities, economies, and biodiversity.

As the hall is currently gas (bottled) heated & uncooled, easy to use heating & cooling will increase the use of the hall in winter and on extremely hot days, which increases social cohesiveness in the community especially benefitting the relatively large number of new arrivals, increases hall revenue, draws in more tourists and revenue for local retail businesses, service providers, entertainers, caterers etc.

Assist the development of more community groups who would have access to all year-round premises.

Draw more larger functions to the Hall e.g., weddings, family occasions etc. and more independent operators such as music and artistic groups.

## Summary of elements of the proposal

### Heating & Cooling

Outside of a small split system in the dining room, the Malmsbury Hall is heated by an old **gas** (bottled) heating system which is environmentally a disaster as it is a fossil fuel and against Council policy. It is extremely expensive to run & chews through gas bottles. There is no cooling which means that it is quite intolerable in heat waves, more of which are expected in the forthcoming El Nino and with worsening climate change.

Proposal envisages installing 4 split system units in the main hall – outside pump components would be relatively unintrusive & protected from vandalism.

Quotes are attached.

### Electricity generation & storage

#### Install inobtrusive solar panels and a battery at the hall.

- Install 30 KW unobtrusive solar panels (72) generating 37,643 KWH per annum.
- Converter equipment (2 X 12.5)
- Battery with storage capacity 14 KWH

Benefits include-

- Supporting the Council's Zero Net Emissions policy, reducing or eliminating electrical costs and perhaps even gaining net revenue.
- Providing the Council with environmental offsets.
- Contributing to community education about solar power & storage.
- Hall independent of outside power in disasters e.g., extreme fires, storms etc

Quote is attached.

**Replacement of commercial ranges**

The Malmsbury Hall has two large old gas ranges that do not function particularly well and new operators often have difficulty with the units

They should be replaced as they are gas, expensive because of gas bottle supply and not in accordance with the Council's Towards zero policy, and of course as gas contribute to our general environmental catastrophe.

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Please find attached an early stage budget submission for the Environment and Sports Teams.

It has not been costed and is the ideation behind creating a more formal submission.

Please let me know what the process is from here and I am very happy to work with the environment team and sports team to refine this and cost this to support the work in the shire.

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**Budget Submission MRSC: Green Sport Action: We Play for Our Planet**

The following submission has not been costed.

**1. Background to submission – local action already completed.**

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**2. Why work with sports?**

Sport and Active recreation create opportunities for people to be healthy through physical activity and emotionally and socially connected to other members of their community. Sport and recreation is worth billions of dollars in health, mental health and wellbeing prevention costs, social connection and volunteering time to AUS every year.

We know that physically and mentally healthy people who are socially connected do better in times of emergency particularly if they know who to call and where to go.

We know that people are less resistant to environmental messaging if it is delivered through their sports team.

We know that Australian Sports and major events are looking to improve their environmental credentials and maintain their social license to operate.

National Sporting Organisations and State Sporting Organisations have social impact plans for reconciliation, EDI, Culture and now increasingly Environmental Sustainability. Their work endeavours to influence what is happening in community sport. In Victoria this is supported regionally by a collective of Regional Sports Assemblies and by regional area managers who work for specific sports.

Sports in Australia who are most advanced in the environmental sustainability this space are signatories to the UN Sports For Climate Action Framework. The framework is aligned to the SDGs and wellbeing economy principles. Sports are working on emissions reductions, waste and pollution reduction, nature protection, repair, and connectivity. There may be opportunities to incubate or test ideas with them for mutual benefit.

There are also a growing number of advocacy groups representing athlete voice including Footy for Climate, Cricket for Climate, Surfers for Climate and Front Runner Athletes.

We know that the climate disruptions we face can decimate participation, particularly of more vulnerable groups.

Here is an example of what this would look like for Tennis.

With increasing temperatures daytime participation will decrease and under lights play will increase in the cooler times of day.

Night play increases light pollution and decreases access of more vulnerable groups.

If daytime play is cancelled due to heat policies created by Tennis Australia or Tennis Victoria groups who miss out might include– morning sessions for cardio tennis for mums with bubs in tow, early afternoon for older social players, afterschool kids lessons and tournaments, PWD play during the day (it is unlikely carers can take PWD to sessions in the evening). It is women with families, young people and vulnerable people due to age or underlying health conditions who will miss out. Those with financial means, ability to participate without home or work responsibilities and are healthy adults will have more access than other groups.

Bushfire smoke has similar repercussions- even if there is not a fire here.

If facilities are damaged there are similar repercussions.

Sport does not occur nor does active mobility in extreme conditions or when there is loss or damage to infrastructure.

When there are cancellations or delays and increasing insurance premiums community clubs experience loss of revenue (this goes up the chain to associations, and governing bodies at local, state and national level). Some may not be financially viable anymore or need to increase participation fees and general costs of food and beverage and uniform (again impacting some community members ability to afford participation). Loss of continuity in participation means people drop out and we have seen this throughout COVID - post COVID we saw a drop in volunteering return and in return of youth and vulnerable people to sport.

Increasing fuel costs and fuel poverty, all linked to cost-of-living crisis has a flow on effect – if a family can't afford petrol and there are not safe active mobility, public transport or lift share options to attend, they can't participate, they lose access to physical ability, mental health benefits and social connection.

Climate disruption can decimate participation, particularly of more vulnerable groups. Less participation decreases the health and wellbeing of communities and the viability of community organisations relying on local business sponsorship, membership fees and volunteers, organisations like sports clubs.

The shires climate emergency plan indicates sport is an area to work in:

*Sustainable sports 1.1 Promote and support actions for sustainability amongst sports clubs in the shire (eg, plastic-free canteens, textile and equipment reuse and recycling, entrance to the renewable energy market, water literacy).*

There are many opportunities to reduce sports impacts through funding available from state and federal government to support changing lighting and energy sources, change over hot water appliances etc.

The Victorian strategic framework for sport and active recreation - [Active Victoria 2022-2026](#) highlights the importance of supporting regional communities to maintain access to sport and physical activity and the risks presented by climate change to regional and remote communities.

Working with sport can support the MRSC climate emergency plan, biodiversity plan and other actions that reduce our impact on the environment, provide adaptations to changed and rapidly changing climate and support the creation of healthy and resilient communities within a wellness, distributive, and regenerative model.

Sport is recognised as being a facilitator of social impact that changes and normalises behaviours. It has a national following across codes. There may be potential for the shire to provide consultative fee-based support to other council wishing to set up or adapt a like approach.

We do not have to re-invent the wheel there are multiple activations that we can use to help develop a shire wide approach. Here are some examples that contain a wide range of activations:

- [Planet League](#)
- [Save Today Play Tomorrow](#)
- [Sustainable Sport Program](#)
- [Pledgeball](#)
- [Green Sports Day](#)

With a well-being approach there may also be opportunities to connect with VicHealth and a collection of other organisations to develop an incubator project.

The first step is however to generate a baseline to see the extent of the problem and the most impactful place to start.

Sport is not an innocent bystander and impacts climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss.

### 3. Summary of risks to Sport in our changing environment.

- Infrastructure loss and damage
- Air Quality
- Water Quality and Scarcity
- Heat
- Extreme weather
- Drought
- Shifting shoulder seasons and competition for reduced playable space
- Declining volunteerism
- Declining financial health of clubs
- Disproportionate impact on sport codes
- Rising insurance premiums
- Declining participation and declining coaches and administrators

### 4. BUDGET IDEAS:

1. Sporting Club Environmental Impact and Resilience Audit of clubs across the shire to establish baseline data.
2. Desktop research of impacts of climate change specific to our region.
3. Desktop research of activations that are currently available that support findings from the audit to develop own activations relating to council priorities (see the 'can we' comments in the audit information below).
4. Launch a program of work on Green Sports Day

**Sporting Club Environmental Impact and Resilience Audit of clubs across the shire to establish baseline data.**

**4.1. Understanding and Literacy**

- 4.1.1. Does the sports community (focus on committee members) understand the impacts of climate change on their sport, have they already been impacted by climate change, do they know how to make a difference at their club?
  - 4.1.1.1. Can we increase understanding of the impacts of climate change on sport in the shire and support activation to take action at a local level. Offer sports specific carbon literacy across the shire and possibly connect across shires in Loddon Mallee. Possible courses include [AimHi Earth](#), [Carbon Literacy Project Sports Kit](#) (currently under creation as an Australian version) or customising [Amble Studios: The Adaptation Game](#). Seek funding from the Australian Sports Commission, Sustainability Victoria or Sport and Recreation Victoria via ministerial discussions.

**4.2. Reach**

- 4.2.1. How many sports clubs are there, what codes are played, where are they located – mapped to schools, biodiversity corridors and active mobility corridors. How many people play sport in the shire, what are the intergenerational demographics, do people play where they live or travel to other towns, what influences this? Who and how many people will be influenced by activations in this space are there some hard to reach groups?

**4.3. Impact**

- 4.3.1. **How much and what types of energy and water are used, where is it sourced from, what is the appetite for changed energy provision**
  - 4.3.1.1. Can we reduce energy and water use, change energy providers (via VECCO or tenancy agreements), reduce costs to clubs and council, support just transition through design, contribute to community resilience by increasing access to facilities in down time and climate disruption? Do we need to improve water and energy literacy?
  - 4.3.1.2. Can sports clubs be home to energy resilience and be the centres for emergency. Can we use these facilities and have multiple tenancies and booking systems? Can we value the infrastructure of sports clubs to increase civi engagement through multiple tenancies that cross over and develop better tenancy agreements?
- 4.3.2. **How are uniforms and equipment procured and turned over, does it provide revenue to clubs, are there 'giveaways' from the club, league, association, state or national body**

4.3.2.1. Can we reduce textile waste, link into shire textile waste recycling projects, can we reduce equipment waste, can we influence the giveaway culture, can we reduce costs to the club and participants through design, fact sheet for clubs.

**4.3.3. How much travel takes place in the home and away season for training and fixtures, are facilities connected to active mobility corridors, is travel to and from considered safe and accessible, is there infrastructure, bike racks and water stations and share vehicle culture available or is it understood**

4.3.3.1. Can we create active mobility corridors that support active transport to training, home fixtures and events at the clubs. Can we introduce a lift share app or encourage lift sharing for away fixtures?

4.3.3.2. Can we map where and how a whole community from a club wants to travel and create a pop-up intervention to ride, walk and lift share to and from home fixtures and training?

4.3.3.3. I have estimated that for 2 children, 2 sports, 4 terms that I drive well over 3,200 kms a year (minimum).

**4.3.4. Food and beverage service – Does the club have kitchen, food and beverage facilities, Packaging and food waste audit, canteen or food truck services volunteer or paid, is there hydration refill options, what do users think of the canteen choices provided, does the club utilise the 4 bin system, are venues left in good condition after training and match day?**

4.3.4.1. Can we find ways to introduce Plastic free hydration and canteens and connect with other climate action planning?

**4.4. Biodiversity – where are clubs located and what is the opportunity, they present in terms of connecting biodiversity corridors or undertaking minimal landscaping to support local biodiversity. What are the clubs mascots and can they engage in [#WorldWithoutNature Day](#) an initiative of the WWF.**

4.4.1. Can we support public golf courses to undertake rewilding like Woodend Golf Course, can we engage families in small scale landscaping and planting days at local venues (gardens out the front, nesting boxes on key trees, etc.) A summary of the work done on course has been attached to this submission.

4.4.2. Can we support clubs to participate in world without nature day

4.4.3. Some examples of sport and collective work include the [World Surf League](#), [Cricket Australia](#)

**4.5. Communications - is there any form of communication at the club relating to litter, hydration or food choices, energy or water use, active mobility to the club, protecting nature**

4.5.1. Can signage and bin influencing be introduced, can children from the club's design signage, bin influencer stickers, ground signage, canteen signage?

**Green Sports Day**

Green Sports Day happens every year on the 6<sup>th</sup> October ( a global day) We could be the first shire to have this in the world.

We could link community funding for green sports initiatives based on the audit and desktop research.

Solutions can encourage some competitiveness tangible, fun and playful – something you can see, feel, do that has a lasting legacy...examples are included above and may also include



- Run education session on site or – publish a series of articles in the local magazines like the Woodend star about how to be a green sport – or environment newsletter (we could even start a sports newsletter for environment AND other things!)
- Signage – blank space for education and messaging on all the footy field signs – so much council advertising space for activations that sports clubs can do, at least get people to put their rubbish in the bin – this could be expanded to respect, reconciliation, equity and inclusion signage – it would look great!
- Run plogging events pre-season and with runner groups – or emu bobs!
- Cycle Macedon ranges and plant trees- link to strava app and get out of shire people to commit to a safer climate future to protect the places they love to cycle here
- Goggle and cap collection at swim centres for reuse and recycling
- Plastic Free Canteens – change the way we do hydration and coffee + HEALTH my kids only get unhealthy food at canteens. Have a fact sheet and also get all canteen managers and coffee truck people together to talk about it
- Bin Influencers create stickers for at sports clubs and provide some email communications and possibly do a couple of videos of local sports people doing the right thing
- Wear green arm bands and back story of interconnection between sport and nature and our shared responsibility as a TEAM to protect our one planet.

#### 5. Possible Supporting Organisations

- Green Planet Sport is a small regenerative sport consultancy that operates as a business out of the MRSC.
- Sports Environment Alliance is a member based sustainable sport organisation who could support and or amplify the work as it progresses.
- Footy for Climate
- Cricket for Climate
- Sport and Recreation Victoria
- Greater Western Water
- Sports Focus
- Let Me Be Frank
- Sustainability Victoria
- CEBIC
- Game On Recycling
- Landscape Foundation Australia



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Woodend Golf Club northwest of Melbourne has received local council funding to undertake a re-wilding project to enhance the course surrounds. Pictured is Woodend's signature par three 11th



## Re-wilding Woodend

*Kate Torgersen looks at the project to re-wild Woodend Golf Club northwest of Melbourne and the positive impact it will have on flora and fauna as well as the local community.*

**A**nabel Sides is a resident in the Macedon Ranges north west of Melbourne who has a passion for future-proofing sport. During one of Victoria's many COVID-enforced lockdowns, Sides approached me to say the local council had a grant opportunity that would be perfect for golf courses within that shire. I knew straight away this could be a fantastic opportunity to showcase the key environmental benefits of golf.

Sides is founder of Green Planet Sport, a regenerative sport consultancy business that offers advice to create a clear path to climate action through the development of bespoke purpose projects, grant finding and grant-application writing. A childhood spent farming and a lifetime in sport has been the foundation

for Sides to establish the company. Her aim is for sport to be involved in tackling climate change and to build a better future for sport, children and the planet.

We have all witnessed the impact of the ongoing global pandemic on community sport. Throughout long lockdowns, the effects on the physical and mental health of golf club members and the wider community, in particular young people, has been significant.

It is hard to believe that as sport meets the challenge to 'build back better' post pandemic, that it is not the pandemic that will be the biggest challenge sport will face this decade. The biggest challenge will be climate change and the associated complexity of disruptions within our natural, social and economic ecosystems.

Adapting now to the challenges that courses and clubs will face ensures a future where they can continue to deliver play and manage the disruptions with less impact on financial security of the club, jobs, nature and the health and wellbeing of club members and the wider community.

This article aims to focus in on one action – re-wilding – that brings health to and fosters resilience in the land, waterways, wildlife and people that call their golf course home. If the world's golf courses focus some time on land use, then that's a positive for the planet.

### THE STORY SO FAR

Woodend Golf Club in the Macedon Ranges is taking up the challenge to future proof its course by embarking on a series of

activities to become more sustainable. In 2020 the Macedon Ranges Shire Council and consultants created the *Woodend Region Climate Change Action Plan - Cool Changes 3442*.

When the shire's community funding scheme was announced for 2020, Sides saw an opportunity for sports clubs to apply within the environment stream to pilot the region's first Green Sport Action plan. As a member of Woodend Golf Club, Sides contacted secretary Barney Hearnden, which led to the creation of a collaborative grant application titled, *Future Proofing Woodend Golf Club: A Green Sports Action*. The application was successful.

The club subsequently engaged Environmental Golf Solutions to create an environment master plan (EMP). Sides provided in-kind support for action planning, member surveys, partnership development and future proofing sport planning.

On paper this sounds formal, complex and somewhat overwhelming. In reality, the consultants take the complex elements away. They create the maps, the plans, the plant lists and the activity ideas for greatest impact. This leaves the golf community to focus on the project's bones that make long-term success possible: the partnership, collaboration and community building, the ideas sharing and learning, and the connections. Re-wilding is all about people looking after their place and all creatures great and small that call it home.

The project is now at the point where the course play zones (out-of-play, recovery and play) have been identified. Regeneration and protection zones have been earmarked and first-year pilot sites allocated and plants ordered. A mow and no-mow map is in design while nesting box type, number and locations are nearly finalised.



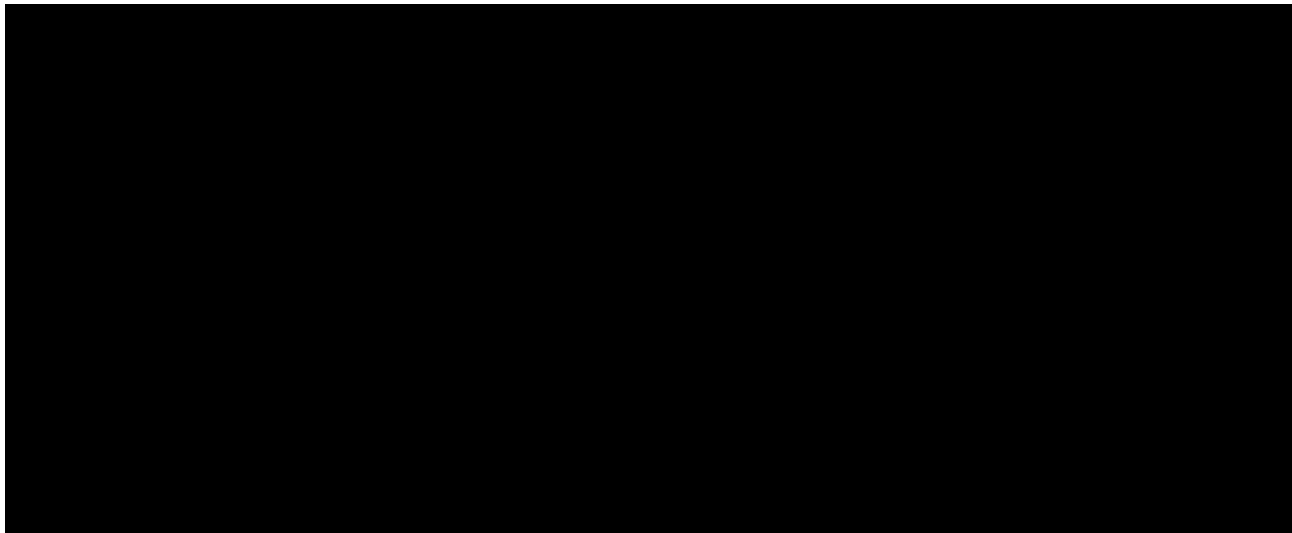
*While the Woodend re-wilding project is still in its infancy, it has captured the imagination of golf club members as well as receiving buy-in from local community groups*

Plots for Year 1 include the raised and tufted grassland to protect an out-of-play zone from ball entry, a pollinator plot, a weed-control region abutting grassland due for regeneration in Year 2 and several remnant grassland protection and enhancement sites.

Woodend course superintendent Grant Davies is one of the key players in the project to re-wild the course and its surrounds. Davies says the approach is to keep a balance of native vegetation and exotics. The course has a fairly even split between the two through the front of the course and to the back where most of the remnant vegetation and re-wilding opportunities lie.

Davies has a keen eye for species identification and his love of the golf course, the game and the environment will continue to see the project thrive under his leadership, supported by an army of passionate Woodend volunteers.

"Our revegetation project gives the club a chance to give back to the course that we play and love," Davies says. "With Kate's guidance and the engagement of local community and environmental groups, we will over time see significant cost and time savings with less time spent mowing rough and out-of-play areas. The environment will benefit from the native plantings and the increase in biodiversity. And





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The project is at the point where regeneration and protection zones around the course have been earmarked and first year pilot sites allocated and plants ordered

the course will become an even more beautiful place to be.”

Club secretary Hearnden adds: “During pandemic restrictions, over 80 per cent of our members surveyed missed the social interaction that being part of the club provides. This project offers another way for members and the wider community to be involved at the club.

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

While club members are getting behind the project, so too is the local community. To date there have been many ‘walks’ of the golf course to get the re-wilding project to its present point. The latest community gathering showed what the maps and plans mean, allowing a joint vision for the scope of

possibility in future years. Club members and staff joined with community representatives from Landcare, Council, Woodend Bee Friendly Society and consultants to identify plants and share information and new ideas.

When asked about what the re-wilding project means to Woodend, representatives were in agreement the project would provide significant benefits for local flora and fauna as well as the Woodend community.

“This project is a great opportunity for two community organisations to collaborate on connecting the natural environment unique to our township,” says Peter Yates of Woodend Landcare. “We are working on an environment master plan for the Five Mile Creek precinct that adjoins the golf club. We supported each other’s application to the MRSC

community-funding scheme and together we are identifying walking paths to connect the spaces and collaborating on plant identification and revegetation management techniques.

“In years to come the golf course’s re-wilded areas will be a great resource for Woodend Landcare to be able to show what is possible and upskill our members together with the club volunteers to identify local wildlife species and learn about revegetation management techniques.”

William Terry from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council believes such a project as the one being undertaken at Woodend could be done on golf courses across Australia and has been impressed with the level of community engagement it has generated.

“I am blown away by the opportunity for enhancing habitat at Woodend Golf Course,” says Terry. “The course re-wilding will support such a variety of wildlife. As nesting boxes are introduced, remnant vegetation is enhanced, weeds are controlled and plots of revegetation are put in place, we should see a resurgence in native species. It is exciting to think that the club may be home now and in the future to near threatened or threatened species.”

Ross Brierty from Woodend Bee Friendly Society has applauded the club for the creation of a bespoke pollinator plot on course and says Australian golf courses should consider investing in such work.

“Woodend’s approach is almost an extension of our community work to support bees in the local environment,” says Brierty. “Offering support on location, plantings and pitfalls of chemical use that can impact both native and introduced bees, along with hive type and location, helps everyone in the community appreciate the importance of bees and how to protect them as an integral part of our food web.”



Just some of the endemic species present at Woodend GC. Left is Wurmbea dioica (early Nancy), middle is Diuris chryseopsis (Golden moths) and right Pimelea humilis (common rice-flower)



*Kate Torgersen talks to members and community group representatives during a recent course walk*

This aspect of the project also received a tick of approval from Dr Mark Hall, a postdoctoral research Fellow in the area of pollination, community and landscape ecology from the Hawkesbury Institute for the Environment (Western Sydney University).

"The planned Woodend Golf Club pollinator plot will be a great opportunity to



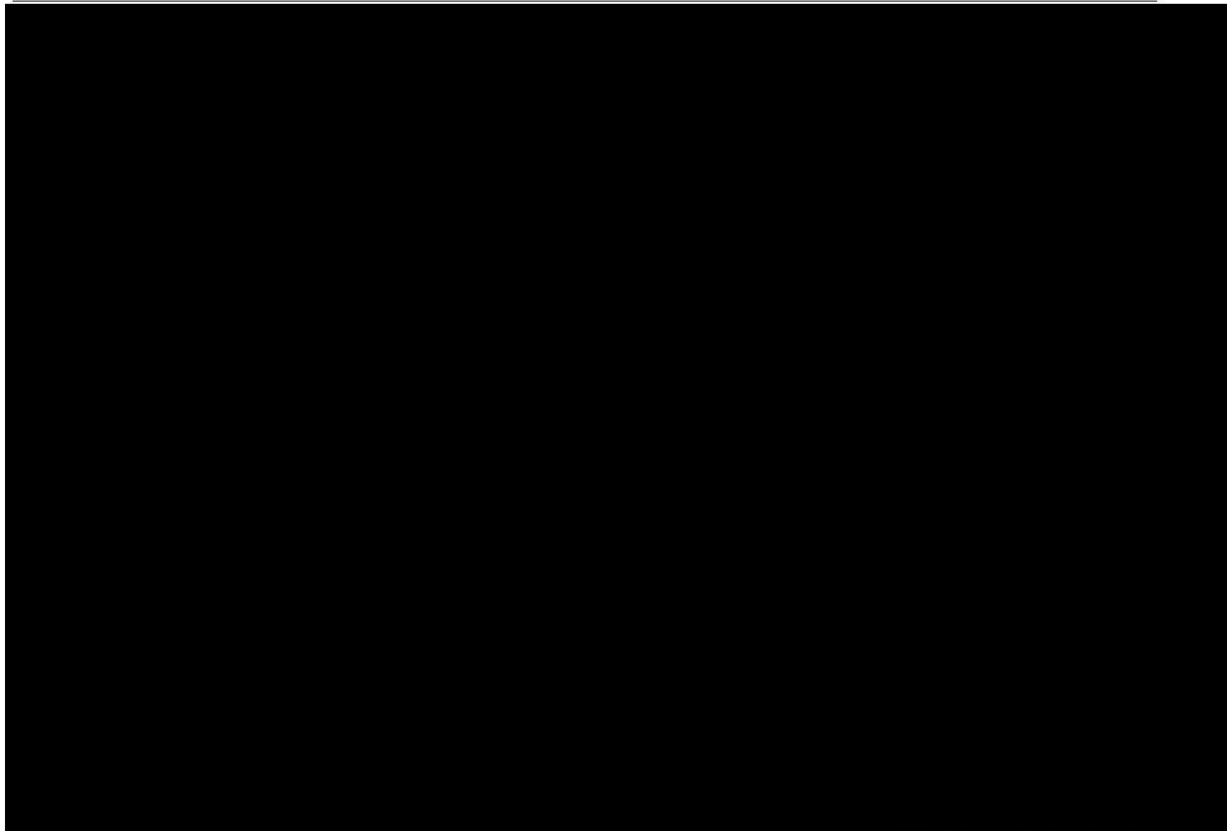
*Woodend has a fairly even split between native and exotic species, with the back nine where most of the remnant vegetation resides and re-wilding opportunities lie. Pictured is the par three 14th*

transform a greenfield site into a pollinator haven," Dr Hall says. "It will also feed into the hive of pollinator activity and research being undertaken by the Upper Campaspe Landcare Network. The initiative of this sports club to be part of supporting wildlife shows their connection to their community and an understanding of new methods of course

stewardship. These types of changes are critical to support healthy local pollinators."

**JUST THE BEGINNING**

While the Woodend re-wilding project is still in its infancy, so far it has captured the imagination of golf club members as well as receiving buy-in from the local community.





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Nature enthusiast and Woodend member Erica Fredriksen sums up what such a project means.

"I am new to Woodend and the game of golf," explains Fredriksen. "I have loved seeing the wildlife on course, in particular the birdlife, and the recent course walks have opened my eyes to so many plants I had never seen before. Golf is such a great way to connect to our natural world."

**Editor's Note:** Woodend Golf Club will provide project updates through its social media channels as it evolves. Interested observers can connect with the club on Twitter @ GolfWoodend.

*The re-wilding project at Woodend offers another way for members and the wider community to be involved at the club*

### RE-WILDING 101 – GETTING THE PROCESS STARTED

**A**nnabel Sides and Kate Torgersen provide some useful tips and advice for golf clubs looking at re-wilding their golf course.

- Allocate time, money and resources to re-wilding your club. This could be through applying for a grant, having a fundraiser or setting up a 'green golfer' membership.
- Explore skills with your club to create an environment master plan (EMP) or seek expert advice from a specialist environmental consultant.
- Find out who are the traditional owners of the land on which your club sits and seek to engage with them. Welcome them on course and into your club to be part of the planning process to share local wildlife knowledge, land and waterway management techniques, as well as to identify local significance of the region.
- Ensure your EMP encompasses plant identification and pilot areas, longer-term plans, water, fertiliser and chemical management, seed banking and weed control, seasonal-mow schedules, plus zone identification (riparian, grassland, forest, remnant, revegetation or buffering).
- Identify out-of-play, recovery and play zones and what these mean and why the club has chosen them as part of the environment master plan.
- Investigate being part of a university study for habitat.
- Provide club members and visitors with a bird guide and map as part of their cart hire. Get them involved in local bird count blitzes by encouraging them to download an app and be part of the annual Australian bird count and frog ID program.



- Talk to the local water-catchment authority and see if there are ways to collaborate with them to manage water quality and revegetate and manage riparian zones.
- See if you can work with local tree project volunteers to propagate or provide seed (especially if your course is located in an urban area).



- Talk to a local Landcare to support seed banking for future regeneration projects.
- Use the club platform to write about your efforts to support wildlife.
- Contact local schools to see if they're interested in a nature and junior golfer program.
- Offer local community engagement at the club through walking tracks, outside of tee times.
- Leave what falls on country on country and resist the temptation to clean up out-of-play areas.
- Allow spaces to green, such as car park areas, rooftops and those out-of-bounds areas that can all contribute to habitat.
- Promote re-wilding practices through social media and broader media channels to connect people to your project.
- Utilise signage to showcase the regeneration areas.
- Join a community of practice such as Environmental Golf Solutions, which hosts Zoom chat sessions where people can ask questions and listen to case study examples.
- Know that when seeking funds, there are opportunities outside of normal sports grants. A conversation with Annabel Sides from Green Planet Sport can help generate ideas around what might be available.
- Take drone footage and pictures to compare your course in future years.
- Commence re-wilding in small out-of-play zones or areas that already have native vegetation.
- Look to include threatened or near-threatened endemic species in your plantings.
- Start today.

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Please find attached Redacted due to Privacy Reasons 2024/2025 Budget Submission (2 documents).

Kind regards,

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20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Macedon Ranges Shire Council,  
P.O Box 151,  
Kyneton, VIC. 3444  
via email : [mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Budget 2024/2025 Submission

**Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** tourism, hospitality and visitor economy businesses in the Macedon Ranges.

We provide below and attached **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** requests for the 2024-2025 budget. We have also indicated TMR's support for projects submitted separately by tourism and business stakeholder groups.

**1. Implementation of the Hanging Rock Master Plan**

Council is to be congratulated on their role in the successful sale and transfer of the East Paddock to the State and the release of the Hanging Rock Masterplan. **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** supports the advancement of the Masterplan with a priority focus on the pre-construction phase, Visitor Information Centre and Smoker's Creek precincts. TMR requests Council's support and action to ensure these projects are advanced.

**2. Daylesford to Hanging Rock Wellness Rail Trail**

TMR thanks Council for their ongoing support of the Daylesford to Hanging Rock Rail Trail Project and understand Council will be funding further preparatory work in this budget. **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** supports the Daylesford to Hanging Rock Wellness Rail Trail Project.

**3. Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival**

**Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** supports Council's ongoing leadership of the Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival and eagerly awaits plans for the 2024 Festival. **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** has long advocated for the festival to support and benefit community groups and we look forward to this being a component of 2024 festival plans. **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** looks forward to the release of the 2023 Festival Report and proposed 2024 Event Management Report to support operator planning for the 2024 festival.

**4. Macedon Ranges Business Breakfast**

**Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** recognises and thanks Council for their ongoing support of the highly successful Macedon Ranges Business Breakfast. **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** has committed to deliver the 2024 Macedon Ranges Business Breakfast with ongoing support from Council. Refer attached.

**5. Thrivng Villages Project**

In 2024, Tourism Macedon Ranges (**Redacted due to Privacy Reasons**) will launch a program to support the revitalisation of villages in the Macedon Ranges. To create "Thrivng Villages".

The first part of the project involves the development of a regional vision and activation plan with support of the **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons**. This will outline a future direction for the villages of the Macedon Ranges, identifying where the villages need to be from an economic and

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social resource perspective, and how they will get there. Communities will be engaged in the process. [Redacted] has secured funding for this phase through Business Victoria's Flood Recovery Grant Scheme.

The next phase will take the "big picture" position and work with individual villages to develop their own plans to activate their towns (Town Activation Plans). These plans will reinvigorate, revitalise and support thriving and growing villages and communities.

Local Business and Tourism Associations (BATAs) will lead the "Town Activation Plan" projects and will need to express interest and then source the funding for their individual town plans. Each plan costs \$10,000 + gst. [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] these plans.

[Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] has secured funding to deliver these two plans through Business Victoria's Flood Recovery Grant Scheme.

[Redacted] requests Council consider a grant project to support BATAs to secure Town Activation Plans for their village(s). Refer attached.

**6. Capability Building Project**

[Redacted] commends the MRSC Economic Development Team on the delivery of the 2023 Capability Building Project to support and strengthen business and industry groups in the Macedon Ranges. [Redacted] proposes an Annual Governance Health Check session to follow up on this project and a "Make a Difference" workshop to encourage participation in Business and Tourism Associations and Community Groups. Refer attached.

Please find attached a list of budget requests and a further list of stakeholder projects that [Redacted] support.

We respectfully request Council's consideration of [Redacted]s proposals for the 2024/2025 budget and please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned for further information. A representative of [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] Ranges would be happy to present in support of our submission.

Kind regards,

Redacted due to Privacy Reasons

Andrew Towner

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Redacted due to Privacy Reasons **COMMUNITY BUDGET PROPOSAL 2024-2025**

Priority Item	Status	Location	Outline	Benefits	Approx Funding	Timeframe	Comment
<b>VISITOR ECONOMY</b>							
Shire-wide Tourism Signage	New	Shire-wide	<u>All of Shire tourism signage plan</u> with staged & co-funded implementation	-visitor servicing	\$40,000 Jointly funded by state.	TBC	Was not delivered in 2023
Update Visitor Economy Impact Study 2017	Update	Shire-wide	Update study from 2017	-assist to allocate resources and quantify value of visitor economy to MR Shire	\$15,000	3 <sup>rd</sup> qtr 2024	Council confirmed this data will be provided in regional Destination Mgt Plan. Only consolidated data with Hepburn provided. Data for Macedon Ranges still required.
Development of visitmacedonranges Dining Directory	New	Shire-wide	New directory on visitmacedonranges to promote dining options & capture updated holiday trading hours	-improve visitor servicing - aid business referral -increased efficiency for VIC	\$15,000	October 24	Brief provided to Council on 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2023

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**TOURISM MACEDON RANGES COMMUNITY BUDGET PROPOSAL 2024-2025**

Priority Item	Status	Location	Outline	Benefits	Approx Funding	Timeframe	Comment
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>							
Macedon Ranges Business Breakfast	Ongoing partnership between MRSC & [REDACTED]	Open to businesses community across the Shire	Business breakfast with guest speaker	Build operator capability, resilience & networking	\$6,000	October 2024	
Capability Building Workshop: Annual Governance Health Check	Program continuation	Shire-wide	Follow-up program to support Capability Business Workshops offered in 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• upgrade business group know-how</li> <li>• support volunteer groups journey to professional management</li> </ul>	Council to negotiate with [REDACTED]	2024	
Capability Building Workshop: <a href="#">“Make a Difference”</a>	Program continuation	Shire-wide	Program to identify potential future leaders to support industry, business and community groups	Develop a stream of volunteers to support industry, business and community groups	Council to negotiate with [REDACTED]		
[REDACTED] Thriving Villages Program	New	Shire-wide	[REDACTED] and Activation Plan as prerequisite to individual Town Activation Plans	This project will mobilise the region’s businesses and communities to co-create an overall regional vision to inform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-kind support</li> <li>- Workshop venue</li> <li>- Workshop delivery support</li> </ul>	2 <sup>nd</sup> qtr 2024	

**TOURISM MACEDON RANGES COMMUNITY BUDGET PROPOSAL 2024-2025**

Priority Item	Status	Location	Outline	Benefits	Approx Funding	Timeframe	Comment
				development of an implementable activation plan with the goal of creating thriving and resilient towns.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grant program to support 4 individual Town Activation Plans (\$10,000 + gst per village) \$40,000</li> </ul>		

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**TOURISM MACEDON RANGES COMMUNITY BUDGET PROPOSAL 2024-2025**

Priority Item	Status	Location	Outline	Benefits	Approx Funding	Timeframe	Comment
<b>SUPPORT FOR STAKEHOLDER BUDGET PROPOSALS*</b>	<b>Applying Stakeholder Group</b>						
<i>Specialist horticultural position</i>	<i>[Redacted]</i>	<i>Shire-wide</i>	<i>Funding for specialist horticultural position to support high needs gardens such as Ecotherapy Park and Botanic Gardens</i>	<i>Ensure maintenance and upgrade of Council's valuable horticultural assets</i>	<i>Refer EMRBATA</i>	<i>Refer [Redacted]</i>	
<i>Five Mile Creek Master Plan final implementation</i>	<i>[Redacted]</i>	<i>Romsey</i>	<i>Fund final implementation of Five Mile Creek Master Plan</i>	<i>Five Mile Creek was noted as an important asset in the Draft Romsey Structure Plan. It is another passive recreation asset that compliments the Ecotherapy Park and adds to the town's amenity.</i>	<i>\$365,160.00 Refer [Redacted]</i>	<i>Refer [Redacted]</i>	

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**TOURISM MACEDON RANGES COMMUNITY BUDGET PROPOSAL 2024-2025**

Priority Item	Status	Location	Outline	Benefits	Approx Funding	Timeframe	Comment
<b>SUPPORT FOR STAKEHOLDER BUDGET PROPOSALS*</b>	<b>Applying Stakeholder Group</b>						
Region-wide Tourism Signage	[Redacted]	Shire-wide	All of Shire tourism signage leveraging consistent branding principles	Refer [Redacted] submission	\$40,000	3 month plan	
Toolkit for Tourism Success Program	[Redacted]	Shire-wide	Workshop & 1:1 coaching to support tourism business success (Refer [Redacted] submission)	Increase quality and range of tourism offering [Redacted] submission)	\$20,000	6 months	
Vineyard Growth Program	[Redacted]	Shire-wide	Refer [Redacted] Submission	[Redacted] Submission	[Redacted] Submission		

\* [Redacted] these projects that have been applied from by the stakeholder groups indicated. Please refer to stakeholder group submissions for full project details.

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To Whom It May Concern.

Please see attached 2024-2025 MRSC Budget Submission from [Redacted]

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19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

To: Chief Executive Officer, Mayor and Councillors  
Macedon Ranges Shire Council (MRSC)

**Re: Macedon Ranges Shire Council Draft 2023-2024 Budget**

I write on behalf of the **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on MRSC's Draft 2024-2025 Budget.

In the context of its *Statement of Purpose 2*, "To advocate to stakeholders and seek opportunity and initiatives to promote eastern corridor economic development and the local visitor economy", **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** has prioritised the following for consideration of budget allocation;

**1. Specialist Horticulture Maintenance Services for Botanic and High Profile Gardens**

The Macedon Ranges visitor economy is incredibly important to the region. The demand for experiences in nature includes those in the region's Botanic Gardens and similar open space destinations such as Romsey Ecotherapy Park. As well as an important community resource, Romsey Ecotherapy Park is a vital visitor attraction in the eastern corridor, having earlier this year been awarded Parks Leisure Australia's Park of the Year Award (Victoria and Tasmania). High profile and, in the case of Romsey Ecotherapy Park, complex gardens require specialist maintenance compared to the Shire's more regular parks and open spaces. Failure to adequately maintain these spaces will most definitely result in their deterioration with a subsequent loss of reputational integrity for them as both visitor-worthy assets and outstanding community resources. In the case of the multi-million dollar Romsey Ecotherapy Park, Council's financial investment was significant which is another reason to prioritise its specialist maintenance. Complex plantings, art installations, water features and other infrastructure elements dictate a higher level of maintenance is required. Failure to do so will seriously risk the ongoing reputation of this and other specialised gardens/parks which are important to the Macedon Ranges visitor economy.

**2. Visitor Signage Romsey Ecotherapy Park**

Currently, there is only finger blade signage in the immediate vicinity of the Romsey Ecotherapy Park. The Park itself is to some extent obscured from the Main Road. Given the visitor/tourism credentials of this eastern corridor asset, **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** requests budgetary consideration for formal tourism signage - either "Gateway" or "Advance" signage (as per Vic Roads Tourist Signing Guidelines). This will support both planned and spontaneous awareness of this attraction by visitors to the region.

**3. Romsey Five Mile Creek Master Plan Implementation (Stage 2)**

The development of the Five Mile Creek Master Plan in 2019 and its anticipated implementation was welcomed by **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** at the time as a wonderful synergy project to the Romsey Ecotherapy Park. The prospect of a "precinct" of well planned

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open space was exciting from both a visitor asset and local community amenity perspective as well as its potential knock-on economic importance and utilisation cannot be underestimated. Despite the original Implementation Plan scheduling Stage 2 for completion in 2022-2023, this has not occurred or, apparently, been funded. The Draft Romsey Structure Plan's Strategy 12 action is to "Continue to implement the Five Mile Creek Master plan". The importance of steadily implementing the Five Mile Creek Master Plan cannot be underestimated in both an environmental amenity context and the knock-on visitor economy sense. [Redacted] requests Council seriously consider funding allocation to Stage 2, costed in October 2022 at \$ 365,160. This would include expanding the path network along the south side of the Creek to create a loop walk and tree planting for shade and habitat. It also includes improvements to Wrixon Street entry including path connections, bridge crossing, frontage fencing and signage.

In addition to the visitor asset benefit, the project will have excellent health and wellbeing outcomes for the Romsey community as well as providing much better connectivity allowing active transport in the township.

#### Summary Statement

[Redacted] seriously committed to ongoing advocacy for economic development, the visitor economy and community amenity in the eastern Macedon Ranges which, in turn, benefits the Shire more generally. The limited amount of visitor economy product in the eastern corridor desperately needs nurturing. [Redacted] implores Council to seriously consider the above items for consideration in the 2024-2025 Budget.

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Please find attached Budget Submission pertaining to the 2024-2025 Macedon Ranges Shire Council Budget.

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18<sup>th</sup> May 2023

To: Chief Executive Officer, Mayor and Councillors  
Macedon Ranges Shire Council (MRSC)

**Re: Macedon Ranges Shire Council Draft 2023-2024 Budget**

I write on behalf of the group of community members formerly collectively known as  during the design and construction of Romsey Ecotherapy Park.

We are grateful to have this opportunity to comment on MRSC's Draft 2024-2025 Budget.

➤ **Specialist Horticultural Maintenance Position for Botanic and High Profile Gardens**


We are committed to advocating for the ongoing maintenance of Romsey Ecotherapy Park to the standard this complex and important community and tourism resource requires and deserves. Part of the funding argument to allow construction of this Park was its value as a visitor economy asset and health and wellbeing resource in the eastern corridor of the Macedon Ranges. For these benefits of the Park to be ongoing, specialist horticultural maintenance services are required compared to more regular reserves and parks. Failure to adequately maintain the Park's special spaces and infrastructure will most definitely result in their deterioration with a subsequent loss of reputational integrity for them as both visitor-worthy assets and outstanding community resources. This sort of specialised horticulture maintenance position would also apply to other feature gardens and parks in the region such as Botanic gardens.

Council, State Government and Federal Government all made significant investment into Romsey Ecotherapy Park which was the Victorian/Tasmanian Park of the Year on 2023 (Parks Leisure Australia). As a high profile regional asset, it is imperative that its reputation and that of its investors is maintained.

➤ **Tourism Signage for Romsey Ecotherapy Park**

Given its visitor credentials, Romsey Ecotherapy Park would benefit from installation of Regional Roads Victoria tourism. Unless people are familiar with the Park, the current finger blade signage is inadequate for those planning visits to the Park and those who could discover it incidentally as they travel through the region.

➤ **Romsey Five Mile Creek Master Plan Implementation (Stage 2)**

The development of the Five Mile Creek Master Plan in 2019 and its anticipated implementation was welcomed by  as a wonderful synergy project to the Romsey Ecotherapy Park. In an era where the link between wellness and experiences in nature is in people's consciousness more than

ever, the prospect of a “precinct” of well planned open space was exciting from both a visitor and local community asset perspective

Our understanding is that Stage 2 implementation was originally scheduled for 2022-2023 but was not funded. We do hope budgetary consideration can be given for this to occur in 2024-2025.

**The Redacted due to Privacy Reasons Inc members request that Council seriously consider including the above initiatives in the 2023-2024 Budget.**

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Your sincerely,

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## Macedon Ranges Shire Council Budget Submission

The **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** a sub group that focuses on all aspects of sustainable transport within the Macedon Ranges. This includes advocating for improved infrastructure for active transport, improved public transport and support for other transport projects such as electric vehicles and e-mobility, which help to support our overall vision of creating and nurturing environmental, social, and economic sustainability throughout the Macedon Ranges Shire.

To do this we educate and assist our community to adopt lifestyle changes and engage in projects and activities designed to:

- Reduce our carbon footprint by encouraging walking and cycling, e-mobility and the use of public transport
- Reduce our dependency on cars which in turn helps people financially
- Educate people on the social and health benefits of active transport which create connection, encourage physical activity and allow people to experience their environment from a different perspective.

These activities directly support the themes under the Council's vision as outlined below:

- Connecting communities: A connected community is where people have access to the services they need and are empowered to contribute, creating a sense of belonging.
- Healthy environment, healthy people: The community prioritises the protection of the natural environment and recreational facilities.
- Business and tourism: Business and tourism is about prioritising and promoting the people, resources, services and our regional identity to ensure economic growth.

During 2023/24 we have organised a number of events including the e-bike expo in Woodend and the EV expo in Malmsbury, coordinated Ride to School activities at five different schools across the Ranges, a showing of Motherload (a film about people's direct experiences of switching from driving to using e-bikes, particularly cargo-bikes). We have also commenced work on a local sustainable transport map for Woodend.

In 2024/25 we would like to continue work on the following projects:

- Develop our sustainable transport maps, also for other townships such as Gisborne and Kyneton.
- Work with the community and Council of the provision of improved cycle parking at key locations
- Work with schools to undertake school travel surveys and where needed, improve cycle parking at schools, support cycle training for children
- Work with Council to improve walking routes to schools and work with school communities to create informal 'walking buses' with parents' supporting children walking to school
- Work with Council to create wayfinding around key towns via active transport links
- Work with DTP on promoting local bus services, with the potential to use an app so that residents can book the flexi bus services more easily.

- Create a ready-reckoner to help people calculate the amount of solar they would need to charge an electric car
- Support two more sustainable travel events across the Shire.

Our estimated budget for the above is:

Item	Budget estimate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable transport maps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$10,000 for design and production</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cycle parking at key locations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council budget, dependent on location</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School travel surveys and where needed, improve cycle parking at schools, support cycle training for children</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$2000 for surveys</li> <li>• \$20,000 for cycle parking</li> <li>• \$10,000 for cycle training</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve walking routes to schools and work with school communities to create informal 'walking buses' with parents' supporting children walking to school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council budget, dependent on location</li> <li>• \$5,000 for signage and training for walking buses</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Council to create wayfinding around key towns via active transport links</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council budget dependent on location</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with [REDACTED] on promoting local bus services, with the potential to use an app so that residents can book the flexi bus services more easily.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [REDACTED] budget</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a ready-reckoner to help people calculate the amount of solar they would need to charge an electric car</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not yet costed</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support two more sustainable travel events across the Shire.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$5,000 per event to support booking, materials, paying for guest presenters etc</li> </ul>

I look forward to hearing form you on these ideas. As usual, we will continue to support Council in it's sustainable transport endeavours in other work that Council is leading on.

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19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

To whom it may concern

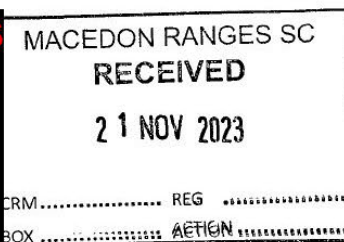
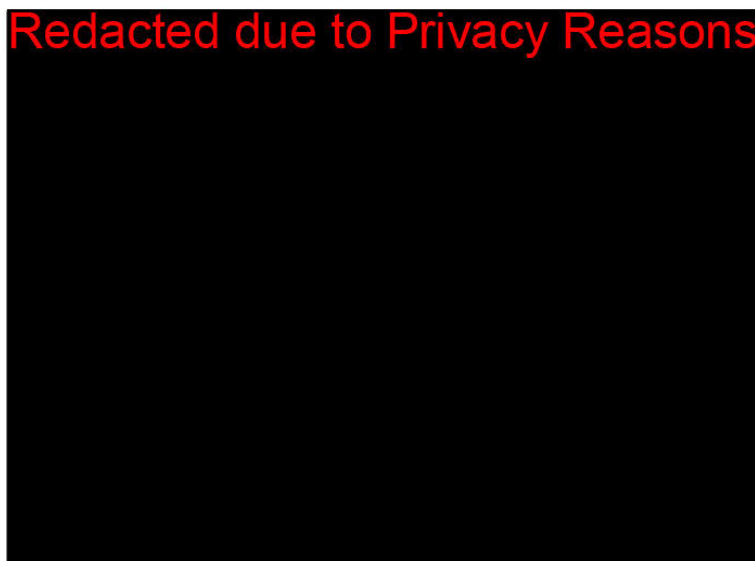
I appreciate this opportunity to have my say on the Macedon Rangers Shire Council Draft Budget 2023-24.

I wish to make the following statements with regards to the MRSC Domestic Animal Management Plan.

I am a resident of Mount Macedon [redacted]. One issue that continues to be of concern is wandering cats at night despite the cat curfew and dogs off leads, despite the Domestic Animal Management Plan requiring dogs to be on-leads.

**Wandering cats**

Where I live on Mount Macedon, I regularly see and hear cats wandering during the night and during the day time. I regularly hear cat bells under my bedroom window at 4.00am. [redacted], constantly and sometimes daily has pictures of cats wandering through her garden captured on CC TV cameras. Other residents also report seeing cats in their garden at night, this is across many locations on Mount Macedon. Mount Macedon is a Rural Conservation Zone, and miraculously still has wild life and birds living here. Wandering cats put our very vulnerable birds and small mammals at very high risk of being killed. Recently I visited a friends place, only to be told that the neighbours cat had just killed a pardalote, in the day time.





And then there is [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] is actually quite famous on Mount Macedon. [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] is the posterboy for wandering cats, he lives in Childers Road. He is regularly seen on the grounds of the [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons], he is very sociable, he is also seen at [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] and then continuing up-hill in Stanley Park, a Conservation Reserve. We saw him on site in October 2022 as he was walking out of the driveway heading north., how many residents have seen "Noodles". Noodles wears a disc on his collar stating "**Likes to wander**". More recently he was seen with a GPS tracking device on his collar. A couple of years ago, Noodles disappeared for some time. His owners posted a plea on the "Neighbour Next door" web site seeking help from the community for help to find him. There was so much sympathy and concern for the safe return of "Noodles." We also regularly see posts on the "Neighbour Next Door" web site for lost/found and wandering cats, not only at Mount Macedon but also at Gisborne, Woodend, Macedon and Riddells Creek.

The cat curfew is not adequate to protect our wildlife, especially on Mount Macedon in this Rural Conservation Zone. I urge Council to review the cat curfew and push to have 24hr all year round curfew and the sooner the better. However, a total cat curfew will only work if it is monitored and council gets serious with the owners and that the message gets through to residents 100%.

[Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] given to me. I made it very clear to his former owners that he would not be allowed outside unsupervised. This was years before the curfew came in. If allowed outside on his own, he would have been a [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] machine in the sensitive environment I live in. [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] was taken for walks on a harness and long leads. He accepted this as his way of life, this is what I call Responsible Pet ownership.

### **Dogs on/off leads**

It is pleasing to see many residents being responsible and walking their dogs on leads. and also utilising the dog off lead areas. However, this does not always happen. Just a week ago and all on one day, I witnessed locals walking their dog off lead just outside my front gate on Mount Macedon, at the Macedon Supermarket, a dog owner walking his dog, off lead. On Honour Avenue, a dog being walked with an owner, off lead. At Centennial Park, a small fluffy dog off lead came racing up to me with his owner quite some distance away. On Douglas Road, a small curly haired dog seen regularly running down the road, an escapee. Today, a local resident reported to me the following, a dog came into her garden and was nudging her in her back, this was a large dog. This [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] She did not know who the dog belonged to or where the dog came from. She saw this dog again in her garden the following day and on a number of occasions and in a neighbouring garden racing around a chook shed driving the chooks into a state of panic. Additionally, another resident is seen regularly walking his two dogs around Mount Macedon and across the road in Stanley Park, a Conservation Reserve. The local website "Neighbour Next Door" regularly has post of dogs going missing on Mount Macedon and in all surrounding towns, currently there are posts of dogs that have been found wandering around Gisborne. We see posts of dogs missing all the time. One post was for two very large Italian Mastiffs missing heading in the direction of the Regional Park. Support and

sympathy posts followed, there were so many people concerned about the two lost dogs. One supportive post from Mount Macedon stated that their two large dogs had gone missing and were found after two weeks at the Macedon Winery on Bawden Road. These dogs were wandering in the Regional Park for two weeks, how much damage did they do?

Tourists are bringing their fur babies up to Mount Macedon to experience the visitor experience on visiting the open gardens. While these precious pets are kept on leads, the owners do not pick up after their dogs, this also occurs with locals walking their dogs. Also visitors, while walking on our road reserves, if they pass a residential property with a local dog behind the gate, there is usually a screaming session of dogs barking at each other, another contributor to the loss of our amenity. There are also concerns about the amount of dogs visiting the Regional Park with visitors. Dogs appear in increasing numbers at the tea rooms, on walking tracks, Sanitorium Lake and on Mount Towrong with many dogs off leads.

**The MRSC Biodiversity Strategy 2018 makes the following statement under the heading- 6. Threats Facing Biodiversity - Domestic dogs can impact on the behaviour, dispersal and survival of native animals. This includes through their scent which can discourage some native species from staying in an area, and direct chasing and predation.**

#### Stanley Park

At Stanley Park Conservation Reserve, on Mount Macedon, is a location with a considerable amount of fauna on site all the time, things are not much better. There are 14 signs around the reserve informing visitors that dogs must be on a lead, these are always ignored by both visitors and locals. The MRSC Biodiversity Strategy, makes comments on dogs in sensitive areas, see above. Recently, dogs off leads are witnessed all the time. Visitors and locals claim that they didn't know that there was such a regulation. At times, locals walking their dogs feel that they do not have to abide by this Local Law. One local stated that her voice is her lead. She is seen in the reserve regularly with her dog off lead.

Stanley Park is a location where in the first instance the reserve desperately needs more visible signage advising visitors that their dogs must be on a lead. In the second instance, dog visitation needs to be reviewed as to whether dogs should be allowed in the reserve at all, this for the protection of the fauna that lives and visits there.



This new sign appeared on the Corner of Mount Macedon Road and Anzac Road earlier this year. I have not seen this sign anywhere else in the Shire or on Mount Macedon. Stanley Park would in the short term benefit of having this sign in the Conservation Reserve at all entrances until further considerations are made about Stanley Park and dogs on leads.

**Additional concerns.**

There is no other emerging problem that is occurring on Mount Macedon in recent years. We are seeing new residents now bringing in very large dogs, there are so many very large dogs up here now. Many properties on Mount Macedon are on acreage, 1 acre to 25 acres. Properties with large dogs allow the dogs to have free movement over the full property and their movements are not supervised. All of Mount Macedon including private properties are wildlife corridors. I have noticed that where I live, wildlife that previously frequented both my garden and surrounding properties are no longer there. I always had two koalas annually on neighbouring properties and in my garden, but since the new owners acquired two very large dogs that have access to the whole property the koalas no longer visit. At times I can hear these dogs racing down the full length of their acreage barking all the way down to the creek at 4.00am. I would like to ask council to consider that property owners have a fenced back yard up to ¼ acre for their dogs on a day to day basis so that they can't wander everywhere and have impact on wildlife, they can then have them on leads when walking over the rest of their acreage. Our wildlife needs protection to protect their habitat and survive.

This concludes my submission on the Draft MRSC Budget for 2023-2024.

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Dear Councillors and CEO,

Please see the attached Budget Submission for your consideration.  
Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me or our secretary Redacted due to Privacy Reasons at any time.

Please note that I would like to present the submission in person at a submitters' meeting at the appropriate time.

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24<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

Mr Bernie O'Sullivan,  
Mayor and Councillors,  
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## Submission for Ash Wednesday Park Master Landscape Plan Funding Allocation in the 2024-25 Shire Budget

Dear Councillors,

On behalf of Redacted due to Privacy Reasons

Redacted due to Privacy Reasons I present supporting reasons and documents to assist Councillors with their decision.

The 2024/2025 Budget Submission is summarised by the following main points,

1. There was an allocation of \$50k for works in the 2019/2020 Budget that has been used to fund part of the 'Stage 1' (Short Term Package 1) of the Ash Wednesday Park Masterplan (AWP). This section of "Stage 1" works has been partially completed.
2. A further \$100K of funding for "Stage 1 (Short Term Package 2)" was allocated towards the project in the 2021/2022 Budget. This section of "Stage 1" works has been partially completed during the 2023-2024 budget year. The reasons given, by Council staff, for the shortfall of funding for works specified in the Masterplan design was due to the increased cost of the works.
3. This submission requests that a further \$100K be allocated in the 2024/2025 Budget in order that we can facilitate the completion of the balance of works that are defined as "Stage 1" of the Masterplan and more specifically below,
  - (a) Item 1.04 Digital Sign depicting the history of the area and the Ash Wednesday Bushfires and their effects on the communities amidst the devastation of that time. Information could also depict places to visit of historic significance such as Hanging Rock, Open gardens etc. Redacted due to Privacy Reasons  
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  - (b) Item 1.10 the Carpark Upgrade and placing of bollards to stop visitors using the park grounds and designated picnic areas for parking. The bollards would stop any damage to the valuable monies spent on the Ash Wednesday Park upgrade. Chains could be erected leaving the capacity for council grounds maintenance staff to access the park. The carpark upgrade should also include the formalising of car spaces to provide a more efficient flow from the street interface and the parking areas at Ash Wednesday Park. Redacted due to Privacy Reasons

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The following reasons are provided in support of the budget submission,

4. The AWP project was first supported by the Gisborne Shire Council on 6<sup>th</sup> January 1988,
  - (a) The project has the support of the community and volunteer groups including the [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons]. Community funds, grants and donations allowed Ash Wednesday Park to come to life by a resilient Community to provide ongoing activities and recreational opportunities for future generations.
  - (b) It has always been our goal for the full implementation of the AWP Masterplan by February 2023 to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the devastation that occurred in the Macedon and Mount Macedon townships and a memorial to those that lost their lives. This 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary has now passed.
  - (c) Councillors and the community have supported the AWP Masterplan. [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] seeks your support in this 2024/2025 budget to complete the "Stage 1" section of the Masterplan.

The \$100K sought in the 2024/2025 Budget has also made allowance for the cost increases that are evidenced daily as well as providing a contingency fund for other incidentals that may arise. The items 1.04 and 1.10 are shown as part of the 'Short Term' implementation of the AWP Plan which is within years 1 – 7. The carparking area may be possible to fund via Councils Parks and Maintenance programs for existing infrastructure.

## Conclusion

We ask the Councillors look at this Submission for allocation of \$100k in the Budget Papers favourably and support the submission.

Councillors have before them an opportunity to provide an injection of funds into a community asset to help to further improve, maintain and address important and well utilised Park and playground which is a focal recreation destination point in the Macedon township. The location is walking distance to the Macedon Transport hub and Village shopping precinct.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me or our [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons].

I thank you for the opportunity of this submission, and would like the further opportunity to present the [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] Submission at a future Submitters' Meeting.

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# Ash Wednesday Park Master Plan

April 2020



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## Introduction

The Ash Wednesday Park master plan has been developed by Council with the Macedon community in 2019 and 2020.

The master plan is to provide guidance for future development of the park, and, as best practice, takes a holistic view of the public open space in this area that is managed by Council. As a result the master plan considers both the actual parcel of land Ash Wednesday Park sits on and the public open space towards Jubilee Hall.

The master plan considers the preservation of the natural environmental attributes, capturing and showcasing the history of the park which encompasses Indigenous heritage/culture, Ash Wednesday fires, and the connectivity between points of interest (train station, public toilets, Jubilee Hall, primary school, Macedon township and Mount Players Theatre etc.) and the park.

A copy of the master plan is included as an appendix to this report, along with supporting documents such as costed, staged implementation plan, planting schedule and materials palette.

### Vision

The master plan lays out an approach to the improvement of Ash Wednesday Park over the next 10 to 20 years. The intention is to preserve and regenerate the ecological value of the park, while improving visitor facilities in a considered and appropriate way. This plan aims to pay respect to the history of the park, including its purpose as a place of memorial.

## Background

Ash Wednesday Park is a small yet important park located on Smith Street in Macedon with adjoining Council managed open space towards Jubilee Hall also used by the community albeit as a bush land area. Council is the land owner and manager of the park with adjacent land ownership shared with VicTrack, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and private residents.

The park is classified as a district level playground in Council's Playground Strategy 2009-2014 and is well used by local residents and visitors due to the natural shade, serenity and close proximity to the township, train station, Jubilee Hall and Mount Players Theatre.

Current facilities include a barbecue shelter, playground, drinking fountain and multiple picnic settings and park benches. The closest public toilets are located 125m away, further along Smith Street opposite the Macedon Railway Hotel. Jubilee Hall is also located within the Park and is managed by the Macedon Ranges Community Halls Inc.

Council's Open Space Strategy 2013 outlines a priority project for Macedon/Mount Macedon to 'prepare a master plan for Ash Wednesday Park.

Council's Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2018-2028 outlines a key direction of the Macedon/Mount Macedon district to 'continue to work with the local community to explore opportunities to establish a significant play space/community hub (e.g. multipurpose stage, amphitheatre, picnic areas and play space). The strategy also includes action 1.1.2 'implement priority recommendations from the Shire's Open Space Strategy including... preparing a master plan for Ash Wednesday Park in Macedon.'

In 2018, the Macedon and Mt Macedon Business and Tourism Association ('MMMBATA') made a submission to Council's budget process and were successful in securing funding towards the development of a master plan to guide future development for the park.

Pollen Studio were engaged to develop both a master plan and a costed, staged implementation plan.

# Consultation

Pollen Studio and Council have worked closely with the local community throughout the consultation process, to develop a master plan which reflects many views and priorities amongst the local residents.

## Brainstorming session

An initial brainstorming session was facilitated by Pollen Studio and provided an opportunity for residents to create their wish list for Ash Wednesday Park and to help inform the draft master plan.

Overall, a high level of priority was placed on retaining the natural bush setting of the park, improving existing conditions and use. Suggestions included:

- Park etiquette signage (pick up after your dog, no heat bead barbecues, take rubbish home etc.)
- Signage to inform ecology of the park (species of trees, wildlife in park)
- Infrastructure upgrades to include bike rack, bike repair station, outdoor fitness equipment, a stage with electricity, skate park, playground improvements, extension of shelter and barbecue facilities, inclusion of a public toilet
- Monument to reflect Ash Wednesday fires memorial
- Changes to parking to create accessible and minibus parking, installation of bollards
- Improved drainage and formalization of water way, including upgrade of bridge crossing
- Improved weed management and revegetation areas, including potential bush tucker planting
- Improved connectivity between train station/viaduct and Jubilee Hall/primary school. Including internal walking paths between regeneration areas.

## Walk-shop

After consideration from internal Council departments, the ideas and suggestions discussed at the brainstorming session were collated to inform a first draft master plan, which was subsequently presented to local residents at an onsite 'walk-shop' facilitated by Pollen Studio.

Members of the community engaged in a walking tour and open discussions/debate on the elements included in the updated plan. It also provided an opportunity for both Pollen Studio and Council officers to engage in discussions regarding the rationale behind why certain elements and facilities were included/excluded from the first draft master plan.

Discussion topics and feedback included:

- Effects of redevelopment and increasing capacity of the park
- Inclusion of skate friendly elements (e.g. Steel rimmed curbs or bollards) within the park, rather than a skate park facility
- General consensus on location of the stage, with an emphasis on a multipurpose structure
- Regeneration boundaries and maintaining open grassy areas
- Dispersing facilities around the shelter to avoid congestion and reduce risk with high pedestrian and car traffic
- Removable bollards to reduce vehicle access to inner road, creating flat space for bike/scooters etc. yet ability to open in busy periods
- Some support for the inclusion of a public toilet.

Each person in attendance was provided the opportunity to vote on their priorities for the park which has helped inform the staged implementation plan.

### Public Exhibition of Draft Master Plan

Council resolved at its meeting on 23 October 2019 to approve the draft master plan for a four week period of community consultation in November 2019.

The draft master plan underwent a period of community consultation over a four week period from 4 November to 30 November 2019, which included:

- Comments sought on Council's 'Have Your Say' web page
- Comment sought directly from those on the established stakeholder contact list including previous submitters
- Promotion via Council's social media.

All feedback received has been considered by Council's environment, parks and recreation officers and the consultants in terms of guiding the final master plan, with the following key changes made to the document:

- Inclusion of car park upgrade works into the master plan implementation plan as item 1.10
- Inclusion of weed management as part of the project description for items 1.02 and 1.09 in the master plan implementation plan so as to re-emphasise the importance of this work
- Revision of the master plan plant list and indicate that these are guidelines and subject to final approval by the relevant authorities at implementation
- Clarification on the need to undertake further investigations and seek approvals when determining the final precise location of the proposed multi-purpose stage
- Clarification on the ongoing annual maintenance cost for assets developed through the master plan, noting more accurate assessment of future maintenance costs should be undertaken as part of future detailed design and implementation
- Various formatting updates required to finalise the master plan.

# Implementation

Pollen Studio have provided a draft staged and costed implementation plan to inform the execution of the master plan. A materials palette and planting guidelines also accompanies the master plan to provide visual guidance at the detailed design stage.

It is important to note that once items are funded the detailed design process is to include:

1. Any authority guidelines, approvals and consultation as required and amending the works in regards to these. As examples, the advice of Melbourne Water in terms of details relating to treatment and plantings near the creek areas through the park. The advice of the gas supply authority in terms of the proposed stage and proximity to the gas supply line.
2. The approval of Council's environmental and parks teams and Melbourne Water of the details of any plantings at the implementation stage prior to the sourcing of plants. The planting guidelines provide initial guidance.

## Stage one

Council's 2019/2020 budget includes an allowance of \$50,000 to commence the implementation of stage one works as identified in the draft implementation plan, which has been developed in consideration of the priorities outlined by the community at the walk-shop.

Based on the outcomes of the community consultation undertaken so far, this includes improvements to the entertainment area, being the construction of a multipurpose stage/platform and drainage and other improvements to the open grassy area.

Once the final draft master plan has been considered by Council, detailed design for stage one works will commence in 2020.

## Ongoing

Based on the estimates provided in the draft implementation plan the development of all stages would cost in excess of \$200,000. The master plan has been developed to provide guidance for the development of the park over the next decade and will require a range of funding sources to support full implementation.

The annual maintenance cost of assets developed through the master plan should be calculated at industry levels which is currently 2 per cent of total investment cost. An accurate assessment of future maintenance costs should be undertaken as part of future detailed design and implementation.

Once finalised, Council officers will encourage the community to use the master plan to apply for different funding streams available through Council, State and Federal Governments or other funding programs.

Community groups will also be encouraged to take ownership in progressing the plan i.e. Landcare hosting community planting days to implement the revegetation phases of the master plan.

# Appendices

# 1. Ash Wednesday Park Master Plan

## VISION

This master plan lays out an approach to the improvement of Ash Wednesday Park over the next 10 to 20 years. The intention is to preserve and regenerate the ecological value of the park, while improving visitor facilities in a considered and appropriate way. This plan aims to pay respect to the history of this park, including its purpose as a place of memorial.

## KEY

- 01 Playground Upgrade
- 02 Carpark Upgrade
- 03 Open Lawn Area
- 04 Stage / Multipurpose Platform Area
- 05 Bush-tucker Planting
- 06 Picnic Area Upgrade
- 07 Bicycle Repair / Bicycle Parking
- 08 Regeneration Area
- 09 Memorial / Information Signage
- 10 Creek Restoration / Riparian Planting
- 11 Drainage Line Naturalisation / Nature Play
- 12 Native Feature Planting
- 13 Grassy Area / Regeneration
- 14 Creek Crossing Point / New Bridge
- 15 Drainage Fix / Shrub Removal
- 16 Shelter Extension / Potential Future Toilet
- 17 Grassy Creek Crossing
- 18 Bin Relocation

## LEGEND

- |  |                            |  |                           |  |                         |
|--|----------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------------|
|  | Native Tree                |  | Upgraded Carpark (Gravel) |  | Grass (Seasonal Mowing) |
|  | Exotic Tree                |  | Path (Granitic Sand)      |  | Mulch (Under Trees)     |
|  | Riparian Planting          |  | Bush Track                |  | Regeneration Area       |
|  | Bush Tucker Planting       |  | Bollards                  |  | Gravel / Granitic Sand  |
|  | Native Feature Planting    |  | Lawn (Regular Mowing)     |  | Project Extent          |
|  | Existing Park Seat / Table |  | Regeneration Extent       |  |                         |



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## 2. Materials Palette



NATURE PLAY (NATURAL EDGING)



NATURE PLAY (FALLEN TREE REUSE)



NATURE PLAY (LOG STEPPERS)



FLYING FOX (ADVENTURE PLUS)



PICNIC SETTING (FURPHY)



BICYCLE REPAIR STATION (SECURABIKE)



GRANITIC SAND PATH



RECYCLED PLASTIC BOLLARDS (REPLAS)



GRAVEL CARPARK



ACER RUBRUM 'OCTOBER GLORY'



CITRUS AUSTRALASICA (BUSH TUCKER PLANTING)



BANKSIA INTEGRIFOLIA



EUCALYPTUS MELLIODORA



POA LABILLARDIEREI (RIPARIAN PLANTING)



DILLWYNIA CINERASCENS (NATIVE FEATURE PLANTING)



HOVEA HETEROPHYLLA (NATIVE FEATURE PLANTING)



LOMANDRA FILIFORMIS (NATIVE FEATURE PLANTING)



DIANELLA REVOLUTA (NATIVE FEATURE PLANTING)

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PROJECT  
Ash Wednesday Park, Macedon

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Macedon Ranges Shire Council

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### 3. Implementation Plan

#### STAGED / COSTED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

CLIENT: Macedon Ranges Shire Council							POLLEN STUDIO	
UPDATE: 18.03.2020								
Ash Wednesday Park, Macedon								
Item	Project	Master Plan Number	Quantity	Unit	Rate (xGST)	Estimate Cost (xGST)	Priority	PACKAGE
1.00	<b>Stage:</b> Small Permanent Stage / Multipurpose Structure	4	1	item	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	SHORT TERM	1
1.01	<b>Open Lawn Area:</b> Grassy Area Graded & Seeded / Seating Renewal / New Seating / Tree Planting / Creek Regeneration / Agg Drain	3	1	item	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	SHORT TERM	
1.02	<b>Drainage Fix:</b> Vegetation Removal / Drainage Works / Weed Management	15	1	item	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	SHORT TERM	
1.03	<b>Footpaths:</b> Granitic Sand Path Network	.	280	m2	\$50.00	\$14,000.00	SHORT TERM	2
1.04	<b>Partial Playground Upgrade:</b> New Play Elements to form part of Existing Play Ground / Potential Nature Play / Potential Flying Fox	11	1	item	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	SHORT TERM	
1.05	<b>Drainage Line Naturalisation:</b> Rock Mulch / Planting / Crossing Log	11	140	m2	\$100.00	\$14,000.00	SHORT TERM	3
1.06	<b>Memorial:</b> Signage about History of Park. Project to be Community Led	9	1	item	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	SHORT TERM	
1.07	<b>Bicycle Repair Station:</b> Public Pump and Tools / Bicycle Hoops	7	1	item	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	SHORT TERM	4
1.08	<b>Regeneration Area:</b> Weed Management / EVC Plantings	8	10,500	m2	\$5.00	\$52,500.00	SHORT TERM	5
1.09	<b>Riparian Planting:</b> EVC Appropriate Planting / Weed Management	10	185	m2	\$50.00	\$9,250.00	SHORT TERM	
1.10	<b>Car Park Upgrade:</b> Resurface / Bollards / Renew	2	500	m2	\$80.00	\$40,000.00	SHORT TERM	6
Detailed Design, Project Management + Contingency (15%)						\$33,037.50		
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>\$293,287.50</b>		

2.00	<b>Playground Upgrade:</b> Existing playground equipment upgraded at end of life.	1	1	Item	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	MEDIUM TERM	
2.01	<b>Information Signage:</b> Signage about Etiquette in Park / Safety	9	2	item	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00	MEDIUM TERM	
2.02	<b>Native Feature Planting:</b> Mulch / Planting	12	380	m2	\$40.00	\$15,200.00	MEDIUM TERM	
2.03	<b>Creek Crossing Point:</b> Bridge or Culvert / Bridge Relocation / Path works	13	1	item	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	MEDIUM TERM	
2.04	<b>Bridge:</b> Bridge Upgrade / Bridge Relocation / Path works	14	1	item	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	MEDIUM TERM	
2.05	<b>Bin Relocation:</b> Closer to Parking	18	1	item	\$500.00	\$500.00	MEDIUM TERM	
2.06	<b>Grassy Creek Crossing:</b> Culvert Treatment	17	1	item	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	MEDIUM TERM	
Detailed Design, Project Management + Contingency (15%)						\$15,855.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>\$121,555.00</b>		

3.00	<b>Bush Tucker Garden:</b> Planting / Signage	5	80	m2	\$25.00	\$2,000.00	LONG TERM
3.01	<b>Picnic Area Upgrade:</b> Picnic Setting Renewal / Terracing of Slope / Tap	6	1	item	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	LONG TERM
3.02	<b>Shelter Extension:</b> Additional Future Shelter / Potential Public Toilet. Provision of toilet to be considered in conjunction with planning for Smith Street toilets.	16	1	item	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	LONG TERM
Detailed Design, Project Management + Contingency (15%)						\$28,800.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>\$220,800.00</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>						<b>\$635,642.50</b>	

Note: Implementation order and timing is aspirational and dependent upon funding opportunities that may arise.

	Indicative Timeframe
SHORT TERM	1-7 Years
MEDIUM TERM	7-12 Years
LONG TERM	12+ Years

## 4. Planting Guidelines

### Planting Guidelines - Ash Wednesday Park

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BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME
<b>Exotic Trees - Planted around Open Grassy Area (3)</b>	
<i>Acer rubrum 'October Glory'</i>	October Glory Maple
<b>Native Trees - Planted Throughout Reserve</b>	
<i>Acacia dealbata</i>	Silver Wattle
<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	Blackwood
<i>Acacia verticillata</i>	Prickly Moses
<i>Eucalyptus melliodora</i>	Yellow Box
<i>Eucalyptus obliqua</i>	Messmate Stringybark
<i>Eucalyptus radiata</i>	Narrow-leaf Peppermint
<i>Eucalyptus rubida</i>	Candlebark
<i>Eucalyptus ovata</i>	Swamp Gum
<b>Native Feature Planting - Planted at Entry (12) and around Grassy Area (13)</b>	
<i>Acrotriche serrulata</i>	Honey-pots
<i>Bossiaea prostrata</i>	Creeping Bossiaea
<i>Cassinia aculeata</i>	Common Cassinia
<i>Clematis aristata</i>	Mountain clematis
<i>Coprosma quadrifida</i>	Prickly currant-bush
<i>Correa reflexa</i>	Common Correa
<i>Dillwynia cinerascens</i>	Grey Parrot-pea
<i>Gahania sieberiana</i>	Red-Fruit Saw-sedge
<i>Goodenia lanata</i>	Trailing Goodenia
<i>Goodenia ovata</i>	Hop Goodenia
<i>Hardenbergia violacea</i>	Purple Coral-pea
<i>Hovea heterophylla</i>	Common Hovea
<i>Leptospermum lanigerum</i>	Woolly tea-tree
<i>Lomandra filiformis</i>	Wattle Mat-rush
<i>Lomandra longifolia</i>	Spiny -headed Mat-rush
<i>Olearia argophylla</i>	Musk Daisy-bush
<i>Olearia lirata</i>	Snowy Daisy-bush
<i>Pimelea humilis</i>	Common Rice-flower
<i>Pultenaea daphnoides</i>	Large-leaf Bush Pea
<i>Rubus parvifolia</i>	Native raspberry
<i>Sambucus gaudichaudiana</i>	White Elderberry
<i>Solanum laciniatum</i>	Large Kangaroo Apple
<b>Native Waterway Planting - Planted in Creek Restoration (10) and Drainage Line Naturalisation (11)</b>	
<i>Blechnum nudum</i>	Fishbone Water-fern
<i>Carex apressa</i>	Tall sedge
<i>Carex breviculmis</i>	Common Grass Sedge
<i>Dianella revoluta</i>	Black-anther Flax-lily
<i>Dianella tasmanica</i>	Tasman Flax-lily
<i>Gahnia radula</i>	Thatch saw-sedge
<i>Isolepis fluitans</i>	Floating club-sedge
<i>Lomandra filiformis</i>	Wattle Mat-rush
<i>Lomandra longifolia</i>	Spiny -headed Mat-rush
<i>Poa labillardierei</i>	Common Tussock-grass
<i>Poa sieberiana</i>	Grey Tussock-grass
<i>Polystichum proliferum</i>	Mother Shield-fern
<b>Bush Tucker Planting - Planted in Bush-tucker Planting (5)</b>	
<i>Austromyrtus dulcis</i>	Midyim Berry
<i>Citrus australasica</i>	Finger Lime
<i>Lomandra filiformis</i>	Wattle Mat-rush
<i>Mentha australis</i>	River Mint
<i>Rubus parvifolia</i>	Native Raspberry
<i>Tetragonia tetragonoides</i>	Warrigal greens

Note: This list forms an initial guideline only and will be open for further development and consultation during Detailed Design

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**Kaitlin Evans**

**From:** Redacted due to Privacy Reasons  
**Sent:** Sunday, 26 November 2023 9:32 PM  
**To:** Redacted due to Privacy Reasons  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** 2024 Budget Submission  
**Attachments:** Redacted due to Privacy Reasons

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Dear Councillors and CEO,

Please see the attached Budget Submission for your consideration.  
Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me or our secretary Redacted due to Privacy Reasons at any time.

Please note that I would like to present the submission in person at a submitters' meeting at the appropriate time.

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24<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

Mr Bernie O'Sullivan,  
Mayor and Councillors,  
Macedon Ranges Shire Council,  
P.O. Box151,  
Kyneton Vic. 3444

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**Submission for Funding Allocation in the 2024-25 Shire Budget to,**

- A. Relocate the Bus Shelter away from the EV Station at the corner of Smith and Victoria Street**
- B. Address parking at the newly created parking spaces and specifically allocated to the EV Station**
- C. Jubilee Hall Mural – Protection artworks and surface**

Dear Councillors,

On behalf of **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons**

**Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** present follow to assist Councillors with their decision.

**The following reasons are provided in support of the budget submission,**

**A. Relocate the Bus Shelter away from the EV Station and the corner of Smith and Victoria Street**

Since the new EV Charging Station has been completed and whilst the project and its' completion must be commended it has provided safety issues because,

- (i) The EV and Parking location is where the bus stop shelter is and has been located (for many years) for school children and other transport user to easily be in a common, safe location
- (ii) The Bus Shelter should be and have clear (and appropriate) designated signage visible and away from the exposure and conflict with motor cars parking and or using the EV Charging posts.
- (iii) The Bus Shelter should be moved to the southern end of the public toilet block and adequate 'pick up' space provided for buses to stop and to be off the through carriage way lanes
- (iv) This safety issue has been created by the location of the EV Charging station and dedicated parking spaces.

**B. Address parking at the newly created parking spaces and specifically allocated to the EV Station**

Since the new EV Charging Sation has been completed whilst it is being well utilised it has created the following safety issues,

- (i) Vehicles charging have been reversed into the locations which is an illegal practice and parking law in Victoria and the Vic Roads guidelines

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- (ii) Vehicles driving away after charging has completed are exiting the parking spot in a forward motion and into oncoming traffic (travelling at up to legal speeds of 60kmph). This is a dangerous practice because the oncoming traffic is close from an approaching 'blind corner' and the close proximity of the Charging facility near the main intersection where bus and truck traffic is regularly passing during each day. Appropriate signage or other means of ensuring the safety at this location is recommended. There are regulations for refuelling of vehicles and their safe movement before and after refuelling.

### C. Jubilee Hall Mural – Protection artworks and surface

The Mural in the room at Jubilee Hall has been at the location since it was first designed and created by location historians Ms C. **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** after the Ash Wednesday Bushfires (1983). The artwork was created to depict the burning mountain (Mt. Macedon) and the creating was completed using materials that had been through the intense bushfire heat which allowed glass and other items, from properties in the area, to melt and weld themselves together.

- (i) The mural surface is showing signs of wear because of its' age and constant exposure to light, temperatures within the hall (especially with the previous open flames gas heaters) and other factors.
- (ii) The Mural should have a protective cover such as perspex or glass fabricated to protect the surface and unique character of the artistic sculpture.
- (iii) The Mural should in no way be lost to our history and the capacity of new residents and future generation to enjoy the artwork. It is the only one of its kind that MMMBATA is aware of

### Conclusion

We ask the Councillors look at this Submission for allocation of funds in the Budget Papers favourably and support the submission.

Councillors have before them an opportunity to ensure an historic piece of art is kept and maintained in the best possible condition. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me or our **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons**

I thank you for the opportunity of this submission, and would like the further opportunity to present the **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** Submission at a future Submitters' Meeting.

Yours Sincerely,

## Redacted due to Privacy Reasons

## Angle parking

If you park at an angle other than 90° (e.g. 45°), you must position your car with its rear nearest to the centre of the road (unless a sign says otherwise). You are permitted to reverse into a 90° angle park but not if the park is centre of the road parking.



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## Parking - VicRoads



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**Kaitlin Evans**

**From:** Cr Annette Death  
**Sent:** Monday, 27 November 2023 6:15 PM  
**To:** Macedon Ranges Shire Council  
**Subject:** Redacted due to Privacy Reasons dog parks in the Shire

Budget submission for recording and response

**From:** Redacted due to Privacy Reasons  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 10 October 2023 1:02 PM  
**To:** Cr Annette Death <adeath@mrsc.vic.gov.au>; Macedon Ranges Shire Council <mrscmail@mrsc.vic.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Redacted due to Privacy Reasons and dog parks in the Shire

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Hello,

## Redacted due to Privacy Reasons

As one of the Redacted due to Privacy Reasons in the community we are always looking at ways to improve the lives of Macedon Ranges Shire residents, with a particular focus on our patch of Gisborne, New Gisborne, Riddells Creek, Macedon, Mount Macedon and Bullengarook.

Redacted due to Privacy Reasons for more than Redacted due to Privacy Reasons d have long been frustrated that there is not a single fully-fenced dog park in the entire shire. This became especially evident during the COVID lockdowns where dog parks became central to both dog and human mental health.

Last week at a local business breakfast I had the pleasure of having a conversation with Mayor Death about the possibility of our Redacted due to Privacy Reasons partnering with MRSC to fund fenced dog parks in our community.

We briefly discussed two options as priorities:

1. Adding some gates to the Clifford Reserve/Greene St Macedon oval, which is currently designated off-lead. This oval only needs gates added to make the whole oval a fenced dog park as it already has cyclone wire fencing around its perimeter.
2. Creating a fenced dog park on the green space behind the Gisborne council offices. This space is already designated off-lead but is not really utilised by anyone (having observed this on multiple occasions). There is ample space to create a proper fenced, dedicated dog run there where people could safely train their dogs and have them socialise without fear of them being able to run away.

Melbourne Council recently installed temporary dog park fencing in a similar-sized space in West/North Melbourne. I've visited it a number of times while in the city with my dogs and it was very well used. Perhaps MRSC could consider such a trial in partnership with the Bendigo Bank?

While there are now designated off-lead areas in the Ranges, they are almost all sports fields and obviously sports have priority. Creating this space away from the sports fields will reduce the risk of interactions between people playing sports and dogs and reduce dog waste on the ovals too.

Another potential spot for a fenced dog play area is

Dogs are an essential part of so many lives in the Macedon Ranges. They are integral to the good mental health of thousands of residents, yet MRSC has done nothing to support dogs and their owners beyond providing some dog waste bag units.

Given how many people live in the area without children but with dogs, what services are being provided for these residents? They are not accessing children's playgrounds, kindergartens etc but are still paying rates. Residents shouldn't have to travel 27km to Sunbury to get to their closest fenced dog park when there is an abundance of parkland readily available in our Shire that just needs some fencing. At what point do these residents get their needs taken into consideration with the same weight as families with young children?

We appreciate that the Council has limited funding and that is why we are interested in partnering with you on this project, along with the other projects on which we are already collaborating.

The quick win at Clifford Reserve/Greene St Macedon could be actioned with minimal effort or cost and would be immensely valued by people. We are keen to move on this ASAP.

We would be happy to meet with you to discuss this further.

I look forward to your response.

With thanks,

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Attachment A - Summary of Submissions received by Survey

Please note where cells may be truncated, refer to attachments that follow

Community Consultation: Budget 2024/25 & Council Plan 2021-2031 (Year Four)

Online Survey Feedback	ID	Group or committee name	Contact role (e.g. Secretary, Treasurer, President)	Contact name	Town	Request Type	Summary of Request	Please describe your specific idea, proposal or initiative...
	6	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons	Kyneton	Upgrade to Council Facilities	Installation of Security Cameras	<p>Safety Cameras</p> <p>Redacted due to Privacy Reasons a One Star Status, for Women's inclusion in sports. We are the first soccer club in Victoria to achieve this.</p> <p>A part of the assessment criteria is women's safety and as the club approaches 50% parity male Vs female participation, we need to address the safety concerns.</p> <p>The operation and installation of the cameras will not require council staff or human resources.</p> <p>The cost of the two camera may seem high, however allow me to first explain the details as best I know it; The two cameras will cover the entire area of the fenced fields. The HD cameras and can be adjusted to blur any images not relevant to the soccer field. The soccer fields cover approximately 120x120m. The camera's connected to subscription service allowing interactions or incidents tracking on the grounds. The images are saved on a secure hard drive. The cameras will need access to high speed NBN via a suitable router and modem. The cost is approximately \$15,000.</p> <p>As an example, in the past a girl has chipped a tooth, caused by an off the leash dog - however without proof - the dog owner avoided injury payment. We're looking to keep the grounds safe for everyone and Women's Safety was highlighted as a major concern for keeping healthy.</p>
	7	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons		Incomplete Survey	Incomplete Survey	
	8	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons		Upgrade to Council Facilities	New Clubhouse for Redacted due to Privacy Reasons	A new clubhouse for Redacted due to Privacy Reasons. A new clubhouse has already been fully designed with completed plans and costings by the architect. MRSC helped to fund and drive this and it is now ready for the next stage of development.
	9	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons		Upgrade to Council Facilities	Request for Tennis Hit Up Wall	<p>We have been asking for a tennis hit up wall at the recreation reserve for several years now. It was part of the community planning proposal in 2009, and was in the scope of works undertaken by Redacted due to Privacy Reasons for the multi-purpose courts. Due to lack of funding as the works progressed, it was omitted from the final version. A few years ago we received another grant to finalise the work, however, despite best attempts to find a solution, were hit by road blocks by council due to safety issues and insurance risk.</p> <p>We are still without a hit up wall, and I personally feel let down by council, having been promised one twice.</p> <p>Let's not forget that the world's top players practiced against a wall when they started out. If a Tylden resident wants to practice, but has no partner to play with, they could still do so if there was a wall.</p>
	13	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons		New Infrastructure - Walking Paths	Pedestrian Path along Lauriston Reservoir Road to Kyneton Railway Station	Pedestrian path along Lauriston Reservoir Rd to Kyneton Railway Station. Most important from Harpers Lane or Rogers. This is to prevent serious accidents. LR Rd is definitely not safe for people to walk along. Please fix this!?!?!?
	14	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons		New Infrastructure - Walking Paths	Connecting walking paths for Kyneton and connection from town to town	<p>As a member of the Redacted due to Privacy Reasons, I see a number of issues in the mornings that have not been addressed strongly enough in the current budget.</p> <p>One: Cars- Stronger walking paths. Mainly connecting new estates in our of town (particularly Kyneton but other towns as well probably) to the CBD and even connection to other towns need to be prioritised to minimise this traffic. Students need to be able to ride or walk to school safely from all over the place and these routes should be direct and safe. This is</p> <p>Two: Connecting communities and tourism. We need the capacity for residents to be able to ride a bike or take a walk between town to town and then out to Hanging rock. The whole of the Ranges needs to be connected by walking paths and the current budget is almost silent.</p>
	15	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons		New Infrastructure - Traffic Bridge	Traffic Bridge for Edgcombe Street	The traffic bridge to the Kyneton South Estate is still not budgeted for and is desperately needed for even the houses that are currently there or being built.
	16	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons		Upgrade to Council Facilities	Improvements to IR Robertson Reserve	<p>Will your idea need design or scoping work to be done?</p> <p>&gt; Initial design and scope is complete, final costing to be completed</p> <p>Will your idea require Council staff or other human resources to deliver it?</p> <p>&gt; No</p> <p>Will there be any significant costs?</p> <p>&gt; No</p> <p>Is this an upgrade to an existing facility or new facility?</p> <p>&gt; Yes, Upgrade to exiting</p> <p>What's the timetable for your idea? Is it time dependent (does it need to be complete by a certain date?)</p> <p>1-4 months</p> <p>The three active user groups of I.R. Robertson Reserve would like to put forward three funding request for the 2023/2024 budget for consideration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Access to materials to improve all weather roads within the reserve this can include recovered road base or gravel - The clubs are happy to spread the material - Cost potentially nominal to \$8k</li> <li>2. Grant to run recycled water from road onto the property - Water permit has already been completed - Cost: Initial estimates \$20-\$30k</li> <li>3. Grant to purchase materials to build Approximately 50 permanent horse yards on site - Cost: Approximately \$30k</li> </ol> <p>Due to improvements on the grounds over the last 5 years, there are now three active user groups of the grounds who run and organise multiple events per year that draw competitors from across Victoria to Macedon ranges council. These events bring revenue to local business and promote tourism. Additionally the infrastructure constructed provides resources to the local community inline with the 2021 Community Vision of Health People.</p>
	17	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons		General Feedback	Rates too high	We are paying too much as far as rates go for no good reason.

ID	Group or committee name	Contact role (e.g. Secretary, Treasurer, President)	Contact name	Town	Request Type	Summary of Request	Please describe your specific idea, proposal or initiative...
18	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons				Upgrade to Council Facilities	Upgrades	Much-needed building upgrades to the 40 year old clubhouse. MRSC has already developed plans for the project but has yet to receive funding. The works included repairs to the falling internal roof, improvements to toilet and change rooms and important disabled toilets and access.
19	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons				Upgrade to Council Facilities	Construction of canopy over the synthetic bowling green to provide year-round bowling	Refer to project proposal provided by separate email.
20					New Facilities	New sports facilities for Gisborne and New Gisborne to accommodate population growth	The sports facilities in the Gisborne area have much to be desired. Gisborne and New Gisborne are targeted for rapid population growth, yet we are not seeing the investment in our sports facilities required to match current demands, let alone future demands. Yes, the New Gisborne sports precinct will be great, but it is not sufficient. The existing facilities in Gisborne are barely usable at times. Sankey Reserve needs ball protection fencing, an electronic scoreboard and proper drainage. The skate park is hugely popular despite it's sub-optimal condition and design. The space has so much potential and could provide enjoyment for youths of all ages. The Ross Watt Reserve is wasted space with very little on it. If Gisborne is expected to swallow the population growth, we need to make investments now to service the increased population.
21	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons				New Position	Employee full time community resiliency advocate	Dear MRSC representative, I write to you as the Redacted due to Privacy Reasons, our community led disaster resilience committee. The purpose of this group is to prepare and mitigate our town for the potential and future disasters this town may face. In the course of this role, my job is to connect community townsfolk and community ideas (to further implement the goals of the group) to council members and other authoritative bodies. For this to work, a council member must be present in their role of community liaison regarding resiliency. Redacted due to Privacy Reasons our current council liaison, has done a wonderful job in her role of connecting relevant council areas to the needs of the townsfolk in the course of resilience, flood recovery, and advocacy. However, this role is temporary, and at cessation of her involvement we will either need to find another council liaison - who hasn't worked with our community in this setting before - or be left adrift. I implore the MRSC to consider employing a full time community resiliency advocate, to continue the work that Leah has started. The benefits of this would far outweigh the potential costs involved, and with the growing interest in community resilience and the formation of multiple disaster resiliency groups in the Macedon ranges, this - I feel - is a critical role for the council to fill. Any member of MRSC who wishes to discuss this further with me is welcome to reach out through any of the communication methods I have supplied for this submission. I look forward to hearing from you. Best Regards Redacted due to Privacy Reasons
22	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons				Upgrade to infrastructure	Upgrade northern section of Jeffrey's Street Woodend	The Northern section of our street is a gateway of sorts onto the Rotary Track, the Five Mile Creek walk and also a popular place for locals and tourists to walk down on their way to the multiple sporting facilities surrounding us. We also have frequent cars parking in our narrow dirt street so that dogs can be walked in the bush reserves at the northern end of Jeffreys St. The residents of Jeffreys St (Northern section) would love our street to be modernised to support the increased traffic, car and pedestrian use. We have constant problems with erosion of the street surface, pot holes, dust, car parking predicaments, and poor access to some of the properties. A simple walk down our street would demonstrate that there are no drainage facilities, with mud and rain water flowing in channels down towards Five Mile Creek. In essence the street is narrowing due to erosion and the numbers of street users are increasing. We would love nothing better than to have our street widened, surfaced, drained adequately and planted with beautiful trees as it deserves being a gateway for locals and tourists alike. The planning, costings and human resources would require the expertise of council members.
23	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons				General Feedback	Management of road maintenance, increase car parking, revie the land/property development to avoid VCAT and focus on Gisborne.	1. Road maintenance increased. 2. Redevelop car parking in townships (especially Gisborne). Never a space. Some shops require customers for over 2 hours but that is not available anywhere that is safe/convenient. 3. Stop multi story buildings being approved when the population is growing older, in fact developers are selling them for aged residents and logically people will not be able to use the higher levels. Also consider location re shops and medical facilities etc. Review the council land/property development process as it seems Council never make a decision and almost everything goes to VCAT and locals lose out on having their wishes for the future. 4. Don't waste funds on murals etc. when real improvements can be made. 4.Focus more on Gisborne as the population, economic center of the Shire.
24	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons				Upgrade to Facilities	New Perimeter fencing at Lancefield Park Recreation Reserve	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons would like to replace the perimeter fence on our main oval. This will be a major project for our committee and community and there is a significant cost.  Oval Fence Project is one of the main projects on the Lancefield Park Recreation Reserves 2012 Masterplan and 2022 Masterplan Review that we have not been able to deliver due to the significant costs. WE are certain it will be the main priority in our Masterplan currently being developed in partnership with MRSC.  Lancefield Park Recreation Reserves has 12 user groups, and all use the oval to varying levels, and all would love to see the fence replaced for health and safety, improved functionality as well as aesthetic reason.  We would like to undertake and complete our Oval Fence Project by November 2024 in time for the return of the famous Lancefield Gift. The Lancefield Gift (similar to the Stawell Gift) was an annual event in Lancefield from the late 1900s up until 1960, when it ceased for unknow reasons. Our community is seeking to revive the Lancefield Gift and have recently received approval and whole heated support from the Victorian Athletics League.  Our budget submission will not require Council staff to deliver this project. Our project will be delivered by the Redacted due to Privacy Reasons. We would value MRSC support and advice and would be happy to work together to deliver this project.

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25					New Facilities	Fenced/enclosed dog park for Macedon Ranges Shire	A fenced/enclosed dog park is desperately needed in the Macedon Ranges. This will require design and scoping work in addition to Council staff to deliver. Some of the initial scoping has already been completed in the Gisborne Fields Concept Plan: <a href="https://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/6/strategies-amp-plans/gisborne-fields-landscape-plan.pdf">https://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/6/strategies-amp-plans/gisborne-fields-landscape-plan.pdf</a>  This would be considered an upgrade to an existing facility. Costs should be covered by the next annual budget.
26					New Infrastructure - Walking Paths	Connect footpaths at Station Road	Issue - a disconnect of two pedestrian paths separated by a busy main arterial thoroughfare putting at risk pedestrians crossing that road (Station Rd).  Solution - connecting the two cement paths on the north bank of Jackson's Creek (between creek and Sankey Reserve) via an existing viaduct under Station Road. There is ample space for this to occur subject to some engineering (excavation and minor retainer wall installation) on the east side entrance to the viaduct.  Result - separated safe pedestrian (including pram and wheelchair) access to continue the leisure activity along Jackson's Creek. Station Rd is only going to get busier as the town continues to grow and New Gisborne expands. This project will ensure safe passage for all. No costings have been considered but would be assumed a low to medium budget activity in keeping with Parks and Gardens oversight.
27					Domestic Animal Management	Permanently restrain cats to property	I welcome the dusk to dawn cat confinement law but I would like to see them permanently restrained to the owners premises either confined indoors or in an outdoor enclosed area. I would like the council to prosecute repeat offenders to the law and I would like council to trap stray cats on council reserves from time to time.
28					Domestic Animal Management	Requesting fair treatment for registered dog breeders while prioritising action against unregistered breeders in the area who don't follow ethical guidelines.	a more friendly approach is needed in regards to dog breeders within the shire, those that are registered with Dogs Vic. or MDBA need to be held in better regard and not treated like large scale puppy farmers. Council need to concentrate more on the non registered breeders within the area that do not comply with any AO code of ethics.
29					Domestic Animal Management & Signage	Provide signage and increase patrols of animal offlead areas in Kyneton	In relation to the Domestic Animal Management Plan, there are some clear revisions to the existing plan that need to occur. We live on Mill Street Kyneton which is directly adjacent to a timed off lead area in Kyneton. Daily, dog owners cut through Mill St and by-pass the offlead area with their dogs off-lead. We have had frequent occurrences where dogs are freely roaming on Mill Street untethered. Dogs enter our property, defecate in our yard and have bailed up our children. On the weekend I reversed from my driveway and had to brake heavily as 2 dogs ran onto my driveway as the owners had them off lead. This is daily! Multiple dogs and owners every day. Repeated calls and complaints to the council have proved fruitless. We seek for Council to:  - provide signage at either end of Mill St stating "Dogs must be onlead at all times on Mill Street. Penalties apply" -Spot check and issue fines to dog owners cutting through Mill Street with off lead dogs instead of the designated path areas
30					New Infrastructure - Walking Paths	New cycle/walking track from Kyneton Saleyards along Redesdale Road connecting Black Hill Reserve	1. A cycle/walking track from Kyneton Saleyards along Redesdale Road up Ennis Road connecting Blackhill Reserve. 2. Would require removal of some trees and a path added to the roadside allowing for the community to easily and safely use - would also promote tourism of the area. 3. Potentially also having access through the Pony Club land for those tourist staying at Bushland reserve.
31					Upgrade to Council Facilities	Lighting for [Redacted]	The [Redacted] is a vibrant recreational space in the south of the shire. With 6 floodlit courts the current lighting is old technology, draws a huge amount of power to run which for a small club is costly and replacement globes are getting harder to find. Going green is the way to go when the committee first proposed the idea to council in 2020. The club engaged Tennis Victoria consultant's who could advise the club of approx. costs on replacing the current lighting system to LED. A worked design and scope would be required. It is a significant cost approx \$150,000 plus at the time of consulting.  The [Redacted] through many committees and due diligence in applying for grants have successfully created a recreational space for all in the community! Court upgrades over ten years have cost the club over \$80,000. Which comes from hard work and a passion to provide a safe risk free space for all. On reading many previous budget allocations the Gilligan Reserve which the Sth Gisborne Tennis club is a tenant has never been considered or allocated monies for upgrades or new infrastructure.
32					Domestic Animal Management	Barking dogs and pet owner responsibilities	Campaign around barking dogs and the impact that this has on your neighbours and how this can affect your mental health and wellbeing. Providing education around what are your legal responsibilities are to ensure that your dog/s do not cause a nuisance by constantly barking and provide tools to mitigate the excess barking.
33					Business and Tourism	Support with mental health program for local business, program to track foot traffic, new events and Christmas decorations	Just in case your not allowed to open that I will put my ideas below: RESET day 24 - Shire-wide - \$10k A mental health day for the business owners and residents of the Macedon ranges -Improved Productivity, -Reduced Burnout -Enhanced Workplace Morale -Stronger Community Relationships -Promotion of Mental Health Awareness  Instant Loca - Shire Wide - \$25k A trackable foot traffic website that drives users to different businesses in the ranges, can be reskinned for different towns and or events, Budburst, autumn festival trackable data of users, interactive state fo the art app, retargeting information  Oktoberfest Event - Shire -wide - \$25k Block off Market Street and run a kyneton Oktoberfest festival in partnership with the Kyneton Hotel. Boost accommodation, Boost town spend, Boost the ranges as a whole  Xmas Fund Festival - Kyneton - \$20k Improve Kyneton XMAS vibe. Funds towards a large XMAS tree and mini xmas festival. Improved visitor experience  Rugby Macedon Ranges - Shire -Wide - \$50k Funding towards growing the first rugby union team in the ranges, goal posts, first aid kits, drink bottles, uniforms, balls, boosts reasons to move to the area, Boost community
34					Upgrade to Council Facilities	Drainage for pétanque club building and new design/works to club building.	1. Drainage issues around are petanque club building. This has been raised with the Shire previously however no action has been taken to date. 2. We would like to have our club building redesigned to open up the small internal rooms and make the toilet/s internal as opposed to their current external access. Again this has been raised with the Shire previously however no progress has been made.

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35					Upgrade to infrastructure - kerbside drainage	Improve kerbside drain sections in Brady Road (including installation of pipes and shallow drain) to assist with residents maintaining road side	<p>Budget proposal to reduce the risk of injury to senior residents and potentially others in Brady Road</p> <p>The kerb side drain has sections that are quite deep and with side walls which are quite steep. There is consequentially increased risk of injury to anyone attempting to mow these areas of their nature strip. 51 and 53 Brady Road specifically are maintained by senior residents. I consider myself reasonably fit for my age but feel that there is considerable risk to lose footing and slipping over whilst pushing / pulling a lawn mower on the steep sides.</p> <p>The proposal for next year's budget, or sooner if funds allow, is to have pipes installed so that the surface can be filled in and reduced to a shallow spoon drain at worst before someone is seriously injured.</p> <p>Some sections of Brady roads nature strip / drainage is currently suitable for residents to maintain as it is reasonably flat. It is time the rest of it is brought up to the same standard.</p>
36					New idea	Air monitoring station for each town and program.	Air monitoring stations one for each town in Macedon Ranges. As population increases Air quality is a serious issue. Macedon Ranges Health Data displays higher than state averages for serious disease and Air Quality is linked to this. We need to provide an objective basis to monitor this for the health and general quality of life in the Macedon Ranges. The Council can initiate this and should be able to gain support from EPA or state government. A weekly monitoring report could be printed in local paper or published on internet or social media.
37					Domestic Animal Management	Program for outside cat rung so cats don't roam.	Provide a special program for outside cat runs so people with cats can get a flat pack cat run at a special price so they don't let their cats roam. Probably needs to be meshed and 5 metres cubed. Council could work with a supplier to discount and encourage their use with discounted registration fees etc. We need to do more to protect native wildlife.
38					Upgrade to Council Facilities	Upgrade of the [redacted] car park.	<p>Upgrade of the [redacted] car park, including the provision of an accessible car parking space</p> <p>[redacted due to Privacy Reasons] grateful for the \$640,000 that MRSC provided in previous budgets to upgrade the clubhouse, a council owned asset, to comply with contemporary building codes and ensure council meets its obligations to ensure public buildings are accessible.</p> <p>With the completion of these building works, it is critical that council now ensures that there is a safe and accessible car park servicing the upgraded rooms, as it would for any other council building used by the public.</p> <p>The club leases the club house and the course from the council, and under the lease, council is responsible for the management of the car park and driveway. The car park is well used by golfers and visitors to our rooms, and is currently not safe due to uneven and slippery services and a lack of drainage and paths. Given the sloping nature of the car park, design work will be required and some trees may need to be removed.</p> <p>It is hard to estimate costs until further design work is undertaken</p> <p>This project delivers on the key themes of the Council vision of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Connecting communities - enabling easier and safer access to our golf club.</li> <li>Healthy environment, healthy people: boosting opportunities for recreation</li> </ul> <p>Business and tourism: enhancing the visitor experience for people visiting our club to play golf, particularly given our close proximity to Melbourne.</p> <p>It is important to re-iterate, that this not funding for our club, rather it is council investing it upgrading its own assets to ensure this important public facility is safe and accessible for the community and visitors.</p>
39					Upgrade to Council Facilities	Repair of tennis Court at Bullengarook	<p>In consultation with the [redacted due to Privacy Reasons] - we would like to see the tennis courts repaired to remove the tree roots growing through the cement base. The school has many play spaces but the enclosed area at the tennis courts provides another opportunity for the students to grow and learn. They currently have a tennis coach come to the school, but if he could work at the tennis courts it would be money better spent. Additionally this improvement could see a coach return to the club and build a stronger sporting community. We currently have 1 team still playing but for the first time it the 50+ year history they have had to hire alternative courts as their "home" courts to continue playing.</p> <p>Our alternative idea, which would be more costly, but the community would love and it would get some kids' attention would be to convert the courts into a dual space. A tennis court and basketball court combo. Again the [redacted] would utilise this and the safety of the students can be upheld as the entire courts are fenced.</p> <p>The entire community uses this area for parties, social gatherings, barn dances, Christmas events and many sporting events. We would ultimately love for lights to be installed at the oval and the tennis courts so we could enter tennis teams into the night comp and the football and soccer overflows from Gisborne town would have somewhere to train.</p> <p>Q. Will your idea need design or scoping work to be done? A. Yes, we haven't done any design or scoping work. If you will actually consider our idea, we can make some enquiries and make our request more official.</p> <p>Q. Will your idea require Council staff or other human resources to deliver it? A. Yes. NB We could but we are just volunteers and not trained professionals.</p> <p>Q. Will there be any significant costs? A. Yes, but we deserve it. Say \$50k to just repair the tennis courts to original playing condition. Say \$200k to build a basketball and tennis court combo Say \$500k to upgrade the lighting facilities and build a basketball / tennis court combo</p> <p>Q. Is this an upgrade to an existing facility or new facility? A. Upgrade to existing facility</p> <p>Q. What's the timetable for your idea? Is it time dependent (does it need to be complete by a certain date?) A. It isn't time dependent, but the sooner the better!</p>
40					Domestic Animal Management	Affordable and discounted desexing of animals	Affordable desexing for the animals in the shire. So many councils offer different types of discounts for desexing. And Macedon ranges misses out
41					Upgrade to Council Facilities	Additional funds available at Tony Clark Reserve to deliver female friendly facilities and oval drainage works.	MRSC is currently tendering architectural services for the upgrade of existing facilities at Tony Clarke Reserve to accommodate female footballer. It would be beneficial to have funds made available to undertake these works as soon as possible. The oval is also in need of drainage works.
42					Upgrade to Council Facilities	Funding to support 2023 Gilbert Gordon Master Plan	The [redacted due to Privacy Reasons] would support the installation of a new Electronic Scoreboard as per the 2023 Gilbert Gordon Oval Master Plan. We would also support the Indigenous Tree Planting as per the 2014 and 2019 Master Plan. We would support the new Social Rooms as per the 2023 Master Plan. We would also support any beautification works around the oval at Buffalo Stadium.

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43	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons				Botanical Gardens	Identification of trees in Council Botanical Gardens	MRSC oversee 3 botanic gardens.No other shire/council in Victoria has this responsibility. It is a known fact that gardens help in providing exercise,mental health wellbeing horticulture knowledge and tourism. In the Kyneton gardens alone there are 17 listed trees,many rare and exotic plant species but most disappointing is the lack of identification. Visitors want to know "what tree,plant is that?To this end the friends are sometimes contacted or referred to shire for assistance. A rotary engraving device supplied byGRAVOTECH systems Wantirna would solve the issue. At an approximate cost of \$15000,including materials,all 3 gardens would be identifiable. This would be cost effective as outsourcing labels is very expensive,hence the lack of new labels or replacement's being supplied . The equipment suggested is used by Geelong Botanic Gardens and is proven to be effective and in the longer term financially beneficial.
44					Upgrade to Council Facilities & Infrastructure	Improvement works to Tony Clarke Reserve, Footpath along Honour Avenue, Improved facilities at Clifford Reserve and Footpath Crossing from Ash Wednesday Park to opposite side of Smith Street	Footpath along Honour Avenue. Female change facilities at Tony Clarke Reserve. Additional storage at Tony Clarke Reserve. An improved deck at the pavilion at Tony Clarke Reserve that is compliant with Building Regulations (currently a liability to Council) Improved facilities at Clifford Reserve Footpath crossing from Ash Wednesday Park to opposite side of Smith Street.
45					General Feedback	Allocation of additional funds to Romsey for walking paths and natural assets.	I would like to see more money in general allocated to Romsey in this years budget, but specifically more around our walking paths and natural assets.
46					General Feedback	Requesting enhancements to Riddells Creek streetscapes, including amenities to support tourism and attract new businesses, such as improving facilities at the Rail Trail start/end point, hosting events, adding seating, improving signage, addressing traffic crossings, enhancing Lions Park, and upgrading or adding accessible toilets as needed.	Enhancements of Riddells Creek Streetscapes, more inclusions to support Tourism/attract new business with the Rail Trail start/end point at Riddells Creek increased foot/bike/traffic flow of users in town. Rail Trail precinct requires power down at the Walter J Smith reserve to service an array of services to support Rail Trail users for example; bike facilities, pump station for e-bikes, and storage /bike racks around town / or station/. Whether an additional toilet/shower/all-inclusive new toilet space for bikers in this location? Events to be hosted at this location, possible amphitheater to hold events, amazing location. Further seating around town and along main walking paths ie; stretch along the front of the school to the CFA. Requests for aged-appropriate seats within the Lions Park. Signage to prepare for this increase of tourism to Riddells Creek, additional suitable bridges/foot/ bike traffic will be required in some areas where difficult to cross. **Lions Park - open space increased additional landscaping/boulders to enhance natural play and to help with the problem of winter months of water pooling in the park making sludgy. Whether the existing all-inclusive toilet is up to 'Standards ' / requires hoist/ more suitable facility, or ready for an upgrade or an additional unit facing the roadside to access from a delegated disabled car park needed out the front of the Police station area to meet accessible footpath straight into the toilets. Consideration for increased Sporting facilities at the oval, Riddell Hub near the community center/potential library approach neighboring business/ or whether more suited in a different location in town.
47	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons				Upgrade to Council Facilities	The Redacted due to Privacy Reasons has received a \$15,000 grant for court resurfacing but seeks Council support to cover a \$13,500 shortfall, emphasising the club's vital role in the community and the need for top-quality facilities to accommodate the growing demand for netball in Romsey.	The Redacted due to Privacy Reasons received a \$15,000 grant from the Redacted due to Privacy Reasons resurfacing of the netball courts at the facility, however, there is a \$13,500 shortfall for the works which we would hope Council would support through the budget process. Redacted due to Privacy Reasons has been an integral part of the Romsey & Macedon Ranges community for over 140 years. We are first and foremost a locally-focussed, family-based club and we pride ourselves on friendships, unity, respect for ourselves and others, and providing leadership and development opportunities for young men and women in the Romsey community and surrounds. Netball is a thriving sport in Romsey, with demand increasing as the town grows. As well as regular weekly competition, in recent years the club has hosted the Riddell District Football Netball League and Riddell District Junior Football Netball League finals and grand finals on its courts many times. This brings much-needed funds into the town and provides much-needed revenue for the senior club. For these opportunities to continue to be offered, and for the club and town to continue to benefit from these events, it is important the club is able to offer top-quality surfaces and facilities for both its players and visiting teams. Therefore the club wishes to apply for funds to resurface the courts and to install a new large shelter for use by scorers, umpires and officials along the western boundary. A successful project will see a three-coat acrylic reseal of the courts which will provide a top quality and long-lasting surface which will reduce the need for major resurfacing for many years to come. The new shelter will ensure a more adequate area at the side of the court for use by umpires, scorers and officials, particularly when hosting major tournaments or finals. A specialist supplier will be engaged to deliver the works, and quotes have already been obtained. The works would be delivered as soon as possible. A reduced grant may only allow a one or two coat reseal of the courts, which will have a shorter lifespan and require the club to seek funds to reseal the courts within 18 months-2 years, if not earlier, to ensure the court surface remains at a high standard and the club is able to continue to host the growing number of junior and senior trainings and games required as well as top-level competition.
48					New Infrastructure - Walking Paths	Improving the walkability of Riddells Creek, addressing dangerous entry/exit points for non-vehicle users, and enhancing pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure through projects like a bridge over Riddells Creek, a shared path on Sutherlands Rd, and another on Southbourne Rd are essential to mitigate the negative impact of busy main roads on pedestrians and non-vehicular residents/visitors.	The 'walkability' of Riddells Creek is seriously neglected and the town is currently dominated by the negative effects of very busy main roads, to the detriment of pedestrians and all other non-vehicular residents/visitors. Of particular note are the 'barriers to entry/exit' for all non-car users that are created by the dangerous squeeze spots at all entries to the town. The first project listed below address the most important of these as well as creating a vital connection for the Woodend to Riddells Creek Shared Trail project (which the Council has committed to, yet there is, as yet, no route for its connection into the centre of Riddells Creek). The second and third projects below strat to address the neglected and discontinuous footpath infrastructure of Riddells Creek. 1. A pedestrian/cycling/horse bridge over Riddells Creek north of the Carre Riddell road bridge. This will connect Riddell to the shared trail that will come from New Gisborne, Macedon and Woodend and provide for better access to the south side of the Riddells Creek and to the Nursery and Early Learning Centre. It will help make it safe for pedestrians, horses and cyclists to exit and enter the town. 2. A shared path on Sutherlands Rd, from Racecourse Rd to the Lions Park. This will provide safe walking from Rangeview Estate into the town centre, and for walkers, runners and dog walkers doing a circuit. 3. A shared path on Southbourne Rd, from Parkview Terrace to Racecourse Rd. Parents and kids will be safer getting to and from the playground on Parkview, or getting out to Main Road and Sutherlands Road.

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	49					General Feedback	The Romsey community requires better services and facilities for young families, including improved access to kindergarten, council-run activities, a local swim school, and safer playgrounds, while also addressing the need for revitalising empty buildings, enhancing the town's appearance, and improving walking tracks, paths, and main roads.	<p>As a business owner and mother of 2 toddlers, there is a strong need in the community of Romsey for the growth of services to young families. This includes better access at the local kindergarten, council run activities at services such as the recreation centre. There is a demand for a local swim school to avoid the need to travel 20-30 minutes to access quality services. We are in desperate need of appropriate playgrounds. For young children, the play equipment in the town is not appropriate and can often result in injuries.</p> <p>The presentation of Romsey, from a business perspective needs some serious work. We have many empty buildings with the owners either not prepared to open or lease therefore leaving our town looking empty and limiting growth and job opportunities. It is important that council communicates with these owners to achieve an outcome that is desirable. As a business owner it is challenging to break into the market when there are minimal options.</p> <p>As a community we could benefit highly from improved walking tracks and paths, upgrades to main roads in and out of the town.</p>
	50					New Infrastructure - Footpath	New footpath along Bent Street, Macedon	A footpath along Bent Street. Bent street is a major thoroughfare in Macedon, and traffic do not generally obey the 60km speed limit. The road is narrow and the traffic is fast, with all the children and young families using the street (on foot) to access the childcare centre, it is an issue of safety to not have a safe allocated space for them to walk, instead having to share the road with the cars. There is plenty of room to make a footpath, and it would be well utilised so I'm wondering why this hasn't been a priority yet?
	51					Council Facilities Upgrade	The [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] seeks an allocation from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council 2024/25 Budget for the production of a detailed design for the upgrade of our current Bowling Clubrooms.	<p>The [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] seeks an allocation from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council 2024/25 Budget for the production of a detailed design for the upgrade of our current Bowling Clubrooms. The concept design has subsequently been provided by MRSC [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons].</p> <p>The detailed design will enable accurate costings to be obtained for the specified works which will in turn enable our Club to seek funding through Federal, State and Local Government Budgets / Grants. The Club will also seek funding from private sector contributors. As previously advised, the ongoing viability of any sporting club is dependent upon a strong membership base and suitable club facilities. Due to the age demographic of lawn bowls clubs, there are specific challenges in supporting the elderly and special needs members. In addition to the benefits of the physical exercise provided, our Club also provides a means of social interaction, critical to the mental wellbeing of members of all genders and capabilities.</p> <p>The Clubhouse, purchased and renovated by the Club in 1984, was originally a "drop-in centre" for victims / local residents adversely affected by the Ash Wednesday bushfires in 1983. The current toilet facilities are unsuitable as they provide no disabled capability. The 36 square metres of outdoor, undercover area is inadequate, as is the kitchen, which would not satisfy any modern domestic requirement. It is considered that if the current concept design, which addresses the aforementioned issues, is progressed to construction, our Club's ability to attract and retain members will be greatly enhanced and the social aspects of our Club will be more enjoyable for our players, visitors and guests.</p> <p>It is considered that our Club's proposal aligns with the priorities of: 2021 -2031 Council Plan - Connecting Communities - Healthy environment, healthy people &amp; Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2018-2028 - Theme 3: Active recreation and sport facilities - Goal: Support the sustainable provision of facilities that reflect community needs, contemporary standards and facilitate physical activity participation opportunities for the community. - 3.2 Develop and implement Asset Management Plans in accordance with Local Government best practice for leisure facilities and infrastructure</p> <p>I also wish to advise that the [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] is able to contribute \$5,000.00 towards the cost of the detailed design phase of this initiative. Should this request be approved, the Club shall seek an allocation from the 2025/26 Budget for the construction of the required works.</p>
	52					Council Facilities Upgrade	The [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] (a Council asset) is in need of upgrading/renewing the facilities to comply with current building codes and standards to provide efficient operations to the community users.	<p>The [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] a Council asset) is in need of upgrading/renewing the facilities to comply with current building codes and standards to provide efficient operations to the community users.</p> <p>The hall is used 5 days per week by the scout group with various units with occasional weekend use by local children and families. The group has doubled in size in the past 5 years now seeing circa 100 people per week utilising the space and we would expect this to double again in the next 3-5 years with our strategic plan for the growth of the Scout group and also the desperate need for additional spaces for other community groups, which we intend to support. Due to the growing demands on available infrastructure in [Redacted] is also used by [Redacted] weekly, hosts the 'whole town garage sale', was used by the production crew of the Robbie William's movie in the Macedon Ranges and we will continue to look for other user groups that could utilize the space during week days in addition to what we already do.</p> <p>In addition to the hall use already referenced, the scout hall car park area receives regular use by patrons utilising the neighbouring skate park, recreation reserve, dog obedience club area and other large community events. In addition to providing parking opportunities, it also enhances the passive surveillance for the skate park and recreation reserve which are quite isolated from other central community facilities in Riddells Creek.</p> <p>In particular, the group requests:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. upgrading from the existing septic system to the local sewerage connection available. The septic system currently fails and blocks repeatedly with limited access on occasions (until cleared) and is not considered to meet current health standards for a public amenity. It is understood there is a sewerage connection in the local vicinity that can be accessed with appropriate connections and approval from the authority, Greater Western Water (GWW).</li> <li>2. renewal of the existing driveways and car parking area due to excessive pot holes due to years of wear and tear and minimal maintenance. The driveway had some significant pot holes 'filled' recently as a temporary measure, pending a more extensive upgrade where levelling would be required to correct it's deteriorating state with years of no significant works occurring.</li> <li>3. Solar operated car park lighting to provide improved access and security for the area, adding to passive surveillance for the neighbouring skate park and recreation reserve.</li> </ol> <p>Neither of these requests have been costed as we believe these are better informed by relevant Council project officers. We expect that sewerage request will need to be scoped and coordinated with the relevant water authority/GWW to allow connection to the system noting this is not a Council managed asset. We understand the timing of this request to be subject to the approvals from GWW, but is considered a high priority due to the ongoing issues with the current septic system and growing utilisation by the community.</p>
	53					General Feedback	Greater support for seniors in Macedon regions.	Greater support for Seniors in the Macedon Regions



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54	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons				Upgrade to Council Facilities & Infrastructure	The [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] urgently needs support for the resurfacing of its deteriorating courts due to safety concerns and is seeking prioritisation from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council to ensure the facility remains open and safe for the community.	I am writing to you to make you aware of the current plight of our club and our desperate need of support for the re-surfacing of our three main courts. We have 5 courts in total. Our courts have continued to deteriorate over recent years and have now reached the point that we fear they are not of acceptable standard for competition play. Currently we are transferring our Macedon Ranges Tennis Association Thursday night matches to Lancefield's courts because of the state of our courts. Our synthetic grass courts have a number of surface issues. Firstly, the synthetic grass is wearing thin and tears are occurring. We have already patched our baseline area on our first court. On our second court there is a major tear on the northern baseline and there are many other areas wearing very thin. Secondly, our main three courts are extremely dirty, due largely to a loose base underneath the synthetic grass surface. These dirty patches are spread throughout our main three courts with several patches extremely bad. This problem multiplies whenever there is rain on our courts. The dirty patches become muddy and our club volunteers have to work on shovelling the mud off the courts to make play possible. This problem not only makes our club courts look unattractive to players, each of these patches become extremely slippery, whether wet or dry, making competition play extremely dangerous. Thus, we are faced with the stresses of whether or not to allow competition or social play on our courts. In a recent competition match, two players lost their footing and slipped on our court 2 surface. I was one of the players and sustained a muscle injury to my back, while the other player was uninjured fortunately. Our Club is extremely fearful that we won't be so lucky next time. Additionally, there is considerable moss on our courts which increases how slippery they are. Our courts continue to deteriorate and we are fearful of having to shut down the courts for junior tennis, social tennis and tennis coaching. In recent years, the Club has worked extremely hard to rebuild our Club after Covid. We have changed our coaching organisation, held Open Days, offered special memberships and also worked with Tennis Australia to supply new tennis racquets to all Foundation students at Romsey Primary school. Our junior coaching numbers have increased from single figures to approximately 40-50 children. We have also attracted new members to our Club. We have always aimed to make tennis a viable option in Romsey. This is close to becoming impossible. The prospect of closing our courts is becoming a reality. We have considerable savings, however nowhere near enough to re-surface our courts. We are applying for grants, wherever possible, and have reached out to all levels of government. We have also received a commitment from the Romsey/Lancefield Bendigo Bank for @20,000. We know that the MRSC have strategic plans for the Romsey Sporting Precinct, for the re-surfacing of five courts at the Romsey Tennis Club, however we are concerned when, and if, this may become a reality. In addition, the fencing around our courts is sub-standard and in need of replacement. Will your idea need design or scoping work to be done? I don't think so. Will your idea require Council staff or other human resources to deliver it? No Will there be any significant costs? We have received two quotes for synthetic grass resurfacing. They vary greatly \$108,000 - \$308,000. We are sourcing other quotes. Is this an upgrade to an existing facility or new facility? Yes an upgrade to a council facility. We ask that the re-surfacing of the Romsey Tennis Club's three main courts can become a priority from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council. Our members and the community of Romsey deserve facilities that are far better than the current courts. They deserve open courts, not a closed asset. Please help us keep the Romsey Tennis courts open and available to our community.
55	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons				Council Facilities Upgrade	Lighting for [Redacted]	Lighting for [Redacted]
56	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons				Botanical Gardens	The [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] are requesting the creation of a paid leadership position dedicated to the improvement of the Shire's three Botanic Gardens, with the power to implement master plan objectives, along with an assistant horticulture apprentice; funding for the Kyneton Botanic Gardens' entrance as per the approved master plan; and assistance in purchasing a state-of-the-art printer for producing plant labels in the gardens at an approximate cost of \$15,000.	<p>1. [Redacted] want Council to create a paid Botanic Gardens' position of leadership. This extra dedicated person would be appointed to work exclusively for the betterment of the Shire's 3 Botanic Gardens, and, would have the power to implement the approved master plans objectives. This person must be an experienced and qualified horticulturist.</p> <p>To facilitate and carry out what is needed for the Botanic Gardens, this leadership role would be greatly enhanced by having an assistant in the form of a dedicated horticulture apprentice.</p> <p>2. Prioritise and fund the Kyneton Botanic Gardens' Entrance (cnr Mollison and Closes Sts) as per approved masterplan, 4.3.</p> <p>3. Assist the [Redacted] group by contributing to the cost of purchasing a state of the art Printer for producing new plant labels within the 3 Gardens. Approximate cost of the printer is \$15000. The Friends wish to purchase it to start labelling the many significant trees and plants in the gardens. The Public always want to know what the plants are, but presently walk away in ignorance. The three ideas above would have many benefits. If the council invests in these proposals, the results would 'pay off' many times over in the future and the kudos would be immense for MRSC. The Shire would become known, even famous, for its fostering of its gardens and attract more visitation and tourism. Benefits of being able to implement the Masterplans include a healthier and more inviting environment, bringing more of the community to experience green spaces, encouraging the community to be active gardeners, provide mental health solace, and, with the labelling machine, the gardens would become an educational opportunity.</p>
57	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons				Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan	Support for recently adopted Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan	I ask Council to fund the next part of the Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan ( in accordance with the New Gisborne Tennis Club submission). The Masterplan recently adopted by Council is a very good proposed staged development to support the growing New Gisborne Community & the greater Macedon Ranges population.
58	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons				Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan	Support for recently adopted Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan	I would like to see the Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan move forward and become a reality.
59	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons				Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan	Support for recently adopted Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan	I would like to see the Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan move forward and become a reality. Thank you
60	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons				Domestic Animal Management	Gated dog park for Gisborne.	Gated dog park with drinking water, rubbish bins and seating. Gisborne has some nice large grassed area where this can be built. With 1 meter high cyclone fencing, double gates so it can be maintained with a ride on mower.
61	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons				Upgrade to Council Facilities	Replace existing heating, upgrades and car parking and landscaping for Lauriston Community Hall	We would like to replace the existing heating only, energy inefficient ceiling electric heater with a reverse cycle cooler/heater (the Daikin XL premium 9.4 kw FTXM95WVMA is \$4,630). We would like an outdoor tap to water the plants (\$1,400). We would like more car parking and landscaping to make the area more accessible in all weather and to make it safer to access the Hall (\$40,000). - Design and scoping work already completed. - Contractors have been contacted for quotes for each request. - This is an upgrade of an existing facility. Timetable: Heater replacement 2024 Outdoor tap 2024 Car park upgrade 2024 - 2025

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62					Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan	Support for recently adopted Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan	<p>Hello, [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons]. My [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] and myself currently do training there [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] each in addition to competing in Wednesday, Friday and Saturday competition matches.</p> <p>We very much need to improve the facilities at the club: to retain members and to encourage new members. When visiting other Macedon ranges tennis clubs it become increasingly apparent that New Gisborne has outdated and, at times, unsafe facilities.</p> <p>With this in mind, I strongly support the development in the recently endorsed Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan to move beyond a concept by completing the detailed planning, design work and cost estimate needed to seek major funding in a future council budget and/or government grant process.</p>
63					Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan	Support for recently adopted Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan	[Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] support the recently endorsed Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan and want to see it move beyond a concept by completing the detailed planning, design work and cost estimate needed to seek major funding in a future council budget and/or government grant process. What a fantastic opportunity to upgrade a communal area in a rapidly growing community
64					Infrastructure Upgrade - Roads	Remake the road between the beginning of Lauriston road ( corner Burton Ave) and Youngs Road.	<p>Remake, not patch for the 1000th time, the road between the beginning of Lauriston road ( corner Burton Ave) and Youngs Road. It has been a disgrace for years with council promising to fix it every year. It is the major/main road between Kyneton, Daylesford and Ballarat, and has a huge amount of traffic, including a lot of trucks. As a major road, apart from being in a terrible state, it has no outer white lines, it's too narrow, the warning word 'RAIL' doesn't even fit on the bitumen, as it is so worn away. During Covid, a small section was partly renewed but it was, I am told, a 'B' grade fix. In that short time since, there have been potholes galore in that new section, so it is costing the shire / ratepayers money to fix endlessly. It should have been done properly in the first place.</p> <p>At present most of the locals now play Russian roulette and drive right over the middle white line to avoid the worst of the road, sometimes barely missing a vehicle coming the other way, rising up over a crest.</p> <p>How will it help the community?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Less road rage</li> <li>Less danger</li> <li>Less wear and tear on our vehicles</li> <li>Happier people</li> </ul> <p>A better road in and out of town will speak volumes to Tourists</p> <p>Less talk about how much neglect there has been, and therefore hate for the council.</p> <p>( I don't hate council, but I am truly tired of driving @ 40 km an hour in parts and getting abused by other motorists.)</p> <p>Please, please please give us an 'A -Grade' upgrade soon!!!</p>
65					Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan	Support for recently adopted Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan	I would like to show my support for the New Gisborne Ross Watt master plan. As users of the tennis courts, and members of the club, our family are really keen to see some improvements made not only for us, but the growing population of New Gisborne. We are in desperate need of improved courts for safety and extra lights for our night time tournaments, particularly in winter when we need the lights on from 6pm, having only 2 courts makes for a very long and cold night for us and our competition teams.
66					Street Trees	Requesting the planting of more street trees, particularly in Mollison and Piper Streets, to slow down traffic, improve the environment, provide shade, and attract visitors, with the added suggestion of consulting with [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] tree expert [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] and considering research by Fleming's Trees on the benefits of street tree landscapes.	<p>More street trees please.</p> <p>Especially in Mollison and Piper Streets. I realise the roads are relatively narrow, but as in many other main streets in other towns, they can be planted in the middle of the roads. This has the desirable effect of slowing down traffic.</p> <p>Also adds to the greening and cooling of the environment, and attracts visitors. With the warming climate there are many hardy species of trees that would thrive and provide shade and beauty to the town.</p> <p>We are very fortunate to have a tree expert in Kyneton who would be more than happy to provide information on suitable trees, placement, etc.. [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] is [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons], who taught [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] at the [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] for many years, and recently gave a talk about how to adapt our plantings to the changing climate. [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] is a [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] so knows our environment.</p> <p>[Redacted due to Privacy Reasons]s have done numerous street tree landscapes and studies of their effects to the environment, particularly how much cooler they make to the summer street temperatures, etc. I would be happy to obtain more information about this if required.</p>
67					Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan	Support for recently adopted Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan	I wish to give my support for the Ross Watt master plan and to fully support the improvements that have been listed for the New Gisborne Tennis Club.
68					Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan	Support for recently adopted Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan	[Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] support the recently endorsed Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan and want to see it move beyond a concept by completing the detailed planning, design work and cost estimate needed to seek major funding in a future council budget and/or government grant process. What a fantastic opportunity to upgrade a communal area in a rapidly growing community
69					Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan	Support for recently adopted Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan	<p>[Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] I fully back the recently endorsed Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan and make it a reality, beyond the concept moving to detailed planning, design work and cost estimation to seek major funding into council budget and/or government grant process. This improved facility will encourage New Gisborne locals to join /play Tennis for many years to come and become more of a community space if the courts can be upgraded. As a [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] all play socially, but my children are both in competition on Friday eves and Saturday mornings, plus tarin Tuesday eves. Lights are urgent for better use of courts in evenings, and new courts would enable safer play and encourage new members from the rapidly growing community. The proposed plan includes improvements to the park at Ross Watt Reserve which will benefit everyone in the community and be a much safer, more welcoming and more attractive gathering space for young families and improved visual aspects to the New Gisborne aesthetic.</p> <p>I support initiatives to make New Gisborne more community minded and sports activities, I do however reject any subsequent growth that makes it feel less country and visual from the freeway. Crime has massively increased in the area, and believe if pockets along the main entrance and parks within are better lit, and more actively used by locals, this will make for more connection between locals and care for others, property etc. Detering youths to hang about and graffiti, or drink in areas where young children are. Car crime is massively on the increase in the Macedon Ranges with some stolen just this last week, more police presence and active community involvement, especially in sports/youth programs like [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] should be considered too.</p>
70					Upgrade to Council Facilities & Infrastructure	Completion of asphalts work at Kyneton Showground in line with Master Plan.	[Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] would like to see the completion of the asphalts works around the ground. The current Masteplan for the Showgrounds only has part completion of the works. It would be financially viable if it was completed with the other half of the works. [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] cost will be significant but beneficial to all of the Showgrounds user groups

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71					Upgrade to Council Facilities & Infrastructure	seeks to upgrade its show jumping arena to accommodate two arenas and two warm-up areas, along with adding horse wash bays, with a potential cost of \$50k, and while they can handle the arena upgrade themselves, they require council assistance for the wash bays, considering water access and placement.	We, club would like to upgrade our show jumping arena so it is flat and bigger to accommodate 2x show jumping arenas and 2x warmup arenas, to help out with hosting competitions, this could cost around \$50k. We would also like to look into adding wash bays for the horses, for this we need to consider water access and placing of these compared to the water access is. We have just upgraded our cross country course, solely funded by the club and sponsorship/donations by businesses. We would like to further improve our grounds with the above. The Wash bay we will require assistance by the council on if there is water access on the premises, the upgrading of show jumping arena we can organise ourselves, but saving money for this through the club will take many years, and council assistance would be greatly appreciated.
72					Upgrade to Council Facilities & Infrastructure	The is requesting council funding to renovate their kitchen area, which is currently showing signs of wear and decay, with potential OH&S concerns.	<p>Re – FY24/5 grant application WHRPC - submission to MRSC for consideration for funding</p> <p> commenced operating in approximately 2000 and currently consists of 71 members who actively participate twice each week in the sport of Petanque.</p> <p>This is an all-inclusive sport catering for varying levels of physical abilities and age groups. The group hosts state wide competitions, which attract members from all over the state, swelling the numbers considerably.</p> <p>Currently we share the Woodend Club rooms with two other groups, the Woodend Pony Club and Macedon Ranges Adult Riders.</p> <p> are seeking Council funding to renovate the kitchen area, which has been put together over time, and is clearly showing signs of wear and decay. Eg internal cupboard rotting and mould, ceiling falling down, some less than ideal wiring and cable placement etc. These matters are developing into OH&amp;S issues that will need to be addressed in the near future in order to be compliant.</p> <p> is active in its community participation and fundraising functions. We have received a builder's estimate for works (\$21,340 incl GST), but more detail would be forthcoming in due course.</p> <p>Looking forward to hearing back from you in due course.</p>
73					Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan	Support for recently adopted Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan	<p> the recently endorsed Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan and want to see it move beyond a concept by completing the detailed planning, design work and cost estimate needed to seek major funding in a future council budget and/or government grant process. What a fantastic opportunity to upgrade a communal area in a rapidly growing community.</p> <p>It is really embarrassing hosting teams in the junior comp with sub standard courts and court facilities. Please attend to this ASAP</p>
74					Business and Tourism	Toolkit for Tourism Success – how to be a better tourism operator in the Macedon Ranges sessions	<p>Toolkit for Tourism Success – how to be a better tourism operator in the Macedon Ranges</p> <p>NewMacedon Ranges MRAA Toolkit Session</p> <p>Part1: Engage a qualified expert to conduct a workshop to highlight areas where customer, service and facilities excellence can drive increased visitor satisfaction, repeat bookings, generate other income to businesses in the region and reduce risks (eg safety, insurance etc)</p> <p>Part2: Subsequently provide 1:1 coaching via a further 2 subsidized online appointments per participant to review individual areas and opportunities for businesses seeking increased host status, increased guest ratings and longer stays particularly in quieter months of the year.</p> <p>Part3: Conduct an online survey of participants to measure results and gain feedback 3 months after the toolkit session. Increase the quality offering of tourism opportunities and experiences in the Macedon Ranges.</p> <p>Increase the on sell of other businesses and visitor experiences (e.g. cross promotion by accommodation centres of other activities and local businesses) \$20,000</p> <p>months Seeking funding of \$20,000 for "Toolkit for Business Success – Macedon Ranges Naturally Cool"</p>
75					Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan	Support for recently adopted Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan	<p> the recently endorsed Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan and want to see it move beyond a concept by completing the detailed planning, design work and cost estimate needed to seek major funding in a future council budget and/or government grant process.</p> <p>What a fantastic opportunity to upgrade a communal area in a rapidly growing community</p>
76					New Idea	Evaluate the energy efficiency of older Council Housing properties in the Macedon Ranges, with a focus on attic insulation and draft proofing, aiming to identify properties most in need of retrofitting and assess their energy efficiency, potentially inspecting up to 15-20 properties and providing reports on each.	<p>The idea presented here is within of the realm of the Council Cool-ER Changes programme and more precisely will be looking at issues relating to equitable climate change transition; trying to reduce the energy bills of the most vulnerable people in the Macedon Ranges.</p> <p> the Healthy Home Project of the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group where we have identified very poorly insulated properties from low income families, mainly living in social housing. We have shown that by retrofitting attic insulation and by reducing draft proofing around windows and doors, up to 35% energy consumption reduction was achievable from typically a \$4000 investment per house making a real difference in the energy bills. We have upgraded about 10 houses within the programme.</p> <p>Here I propose to evaluate the energy efficiency of the older Council Housing properties of the Macedon Ranges Council; properties typically older than 20 years old. Despite having experience in the field, I am not (yet; studying for it) an energy assessor and I will not provide a score card for every inspected property. I intend to make simple checks by evaluating the level of attic insulation and the draft proofing during inspection. As mentioned above in the Healthy Home project, when these two aspects fail, it is a given that the energy bills are through the roof! The purpose of the survey is to identify the properties most in need of insulation retrofit.</p> <p>I suggest that up to 15-20 properties could be inspected representing the portfolio of Council Housing in the Macedon Ranges. There will be short report on each property where the energy efficiency of the appliances and the level of insulation (underfloor, wall, attic) will be reported. The tenants could possibly engage with me during the visit if they want to discuss concerns relating to their energy usage.</p> <p>Beyond identifying the properties most in need of an insulation retrofit like in the Healthy home project, the proposed study will help define the current state of energy efficiency of the older Council Properties and what level of effort should be applied to reach the current/future target standard.</p>

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77	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons				Upgrade to Council Facilities	Improve disability access to	The [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] would like to submit two items for funding for the 2024-2025 Council Budget. The two items will ensure that the House is more accessible for those with a disability. Item 1: Supply and commission single sliding door automatic operation including removal and disposal of existing front door and hanging the unit (the quote we have equates to \$10,205. Item 2: Supply, install and commission disability access swing door to existing toilet \$6,115.00 Total: \$16,320. No design or scoping work needs to be completed. This is an upgrade to existing facilities to ensure they are compliant with disability accessibility. Currently users of the house with mobility issues have to navigate a lip and also manual doors to enter the premises. Users with a disability have to navigate doors on the toilet that swing the wrong direction enabling difficult access. These projects have been noted on Council's Asset renewal database, which was completed a year ago. These facility upgrades need to be completed as soon as possible as our population increases and demand for services also increases. House users with a disability are increasing rapidly. Our idea directly relates to not only the Community Vision, but also Council Plan 2021-2031, Asset Plan 2021-2031, Disability Action Plan 2021-2025, Financial Plan - Service Performance Principals, Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025, and the Positive Ageing Plan 2020-2025.
78					New Infrastructure - Walking Paths	Request for three community-identified walkability projects in Riddells Creek, including a pedestrian/cycling/horse bridge over Riddells Creek, a shared path on Sutherlands Rd, and another on Southbourne Rd, aimed at improving safety and accessibility for pedestrians, cyclists, and horse riders in the area.	Riddells Creek is currently dominated by the negative impacts of busy main roads, to the detriment of all other modes of transport i.e. walking, cycling, horse riding in all their various forms and purposes (functional and recreational). I support the following three community identified walkability (walking, cycling, horse riding) projects that will help start to correct this imbalance for safety, health and other community associated reasons. The What Riddell Wants community group has identified a longer list of projects and routes that need to be addressed, but these three are a good starting point.  A. A pedestrian/cycling/horse bridge over Riddells Creek north of the Carre Riddell road bridge. This will connect Riddell to the shared trail that will come from New Gisborne, Macedon and Woodend and provide for better access to the south side of the actual Riddells Creek and to the Nursery and Early Learning Centre. It will help make it safe for pedestrians, horses and cyclists to exit and enter the town. Placing it north of the Carre Riddell road bridge will ensure it serves not just the shared trail but community desire to access the south side of Wybejong Reserve and beyond. Further a connection south of Carre Riddell road bridge can be provided as part of a connection under the rail line, via the creek course, to the Riddell South development (as is shown in the developers latest plan).  B. A shared path on Sutherlands Rd, from Racecourse Rd to the Lions Park. This will provide safe walking from Rangeview Estate into the town centre, and for walkers, runners and dog walkers doing a circuit.  C. A shared path on Southbourne Rd, from Parkview Terrace to Racecourse Rd. Parents and kids will be safer getting to and from the playground on Parkview, or getting out to Main Road and Sutherlands Road.  I recognise that Council cannot address rectification of all the Walkability deficits of Riddells Creek in one year, so Council should be also make a longer term commitment to addressing further Walkability projects over future years such that footpaths and shared paths connect up into sensible routes. This is quite unlike the current discontinuous and underwhelming situation which does not merit use of the word 'Network'.
79	Redacted due to Privacy Reasons				Council Facilities Upgrade	Allocate funds to [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] to restore and resurface the existing derelict tennis court as recommended in the Malmsbury Botanic Gardens Master Plan	The newly re-established [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] Club proposes that Council allocates funds in the 2024/25 Capital Works Budget to implement a key recommendation of the Malmsbury Botanic Gardens Master Plan, being to restore and resurface the existing derelict tennis court area within the gardens.  Restoration of the tennis courts as an active recreation space was key feedback received during community consultation for the Botanic Gardens Master Plan and members of the Malmsbury Community have recently sought to revive the Malmsbury Tennis Club. Restoration of the tennis courts was recommended in the Master Plan to be completed within the Short and Medium Term.  The Master Plan priority action plan and estimates provides the following:  **Minor Capital Works (\$25,000) -** Document existing tennis court area. Document proposed renovation works and submit plans for Heritage Approval. Remove existing wire fence, masonry hit-up wall, asphalt and turf surface.  **Major Capital Works (\$165,000) -** Demolish and Resurface Court Area including LayKold surface on concrete slab, black mesh fence around court only, access gate, turf and garden bed establishment.  The above estimates are based off the Master Plan recommendation that only one court be reinstated. The [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] Club seeks funding and Council's support for "two" courts to be reinstated to adequately support development of the game in Malmsbury.  **Malmsbury Tennis Club proposes that Council allocate funds for both the minor and major capital works in the 2024/25 budget.**  The Club submits that the proposal will help Council deliver on its Community Vision and Strategic Objectives in Council Plan 2021-2031:  **Theme 1 - Connecting communities** - reinstatement of the tennis courts will provide a flexible space for community members to meet and connect socially within Malmsbury  **Theme 2 - Healthy environment, healthy people** - reinstatement of the tennis courts provides opportunities for the community to engage in active recreation and will support a revived [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons]
80					Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan	Support for recently adopted Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan	[Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] iness and tourism -** reinstatement of the tennis courts restores a heritage element of the gardens and removes the existing derelict facility. enhancing the [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] strongly support the recently endorsed Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan and want to see it move beyond a concept by completing the detailed planning, design work and cost estimate needed to seek major funding in a future council budget and/or government grant process. This a fantastic opportunity to upgrade a communal area in the rapidly developing New Gisborne area.
81					Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan	Support for recently adopted Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan	I support the recently endorsed Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan to move beyond a concept by completing the detailed planning, design work and cost estimate needed to seek major funding in a future council budget and/or government grant process. [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] re members and [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] train and compete. The facilities are in real need of upgrade. The proposed plan will provide a fantastic facility for the continuity of the club, and the local residents.

**Kaitlin Evans**

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**From:** [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 29 October 2023 12:51 PM  
**To:** Macedon Ranges Shire Council  
**Cc:** 'Riddells Creek'  
**Subject:** 2024/25 Budget submission  
**Attachments:** 230510 Riddells Creek Rev B - Concept.pdf; Riddells Creek Pavilion Cost Plan A Estimate (Rev 2).pdf

Good afternoon.

I am contacting you to make a submission of the FY 2024/2025 MRSC budget.

My name is [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] and I am the president [Redacted due to Privacy Reasons] Club,

My submission is for a new clubhouse pavilion at the Riddells Creek Recreation Reserve to replace the existing clubhouse used by RCTC and Junior and Senior Netball clubs.

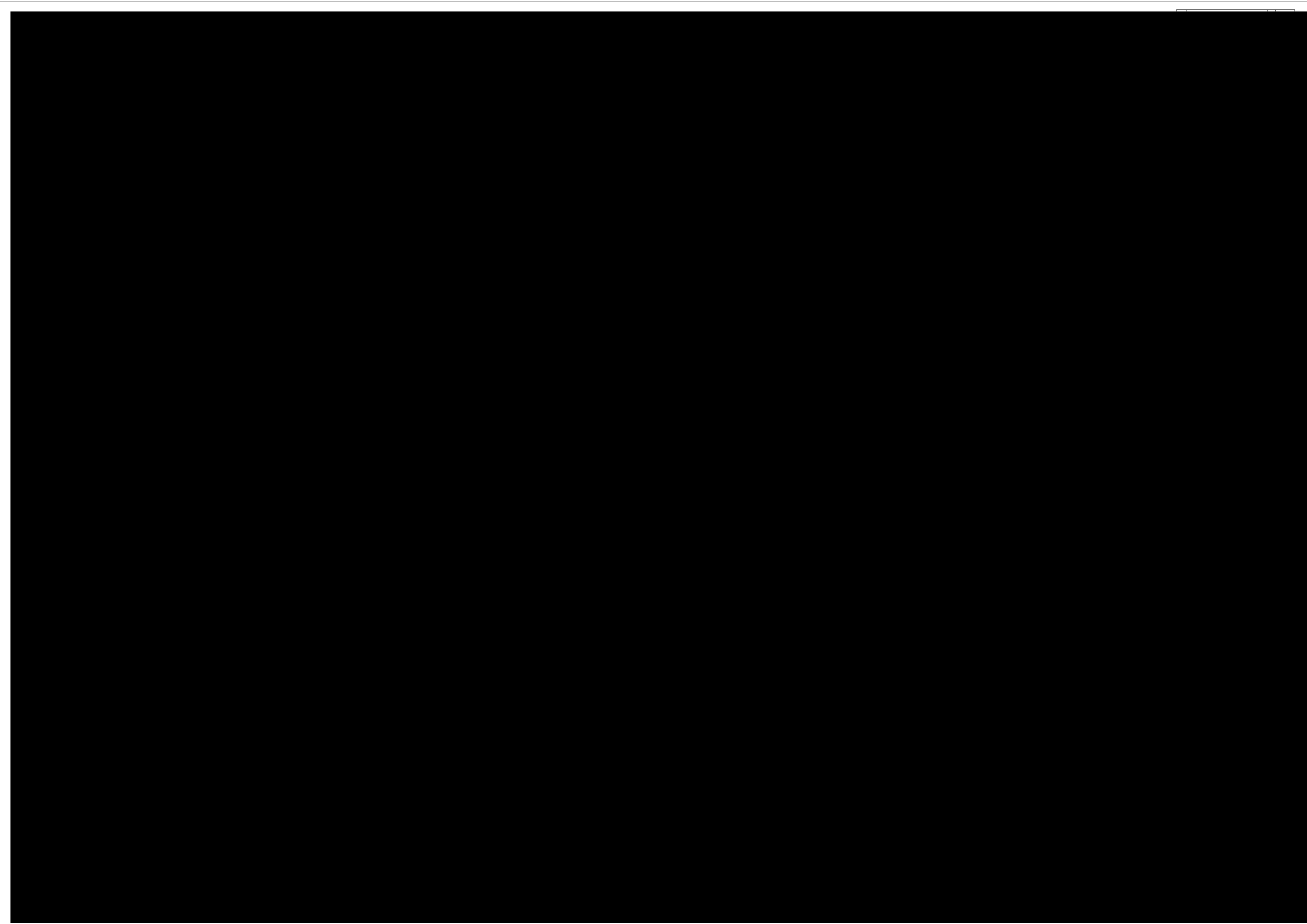
I have attached the concept design plans and the costings that have already been completed by council.

I would be available to present my submission to council to discuss further.

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**For**

**Macedon Ranges Shire Council**

**Preliminary Cost Plan 'A' Construction Estimate**

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**Subject:** 2024/25 Budget Submission - **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons**  
**Date:** Friday, 27 October 2023 12:33:27 PM  
**Attachments:** [Canopy Project Proposal - Government-Council Funding.pdf](#)

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Please find attached our project proposal in support of our online submission relating to the 2024/25 Council Budget.

If you would like to discuss any aspects associated with our project proposal please contact

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# PROJECT PROPOSAL

## Canopy over Bowling Green to enable Year-Round Bowling

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## WHO WE ARE

**Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** Club Inc. is centrally located in Gisborne at 1 Kilmore Road, a few minutes' walk from Gisborne's main shopping area and surrounded by attractive parkland next to Jacksons Creek

The Club was first formed in 1962 when the clubhouse consisted of a small bark rotunda. The rotunda was eventually replaced with a weatherboard clubhouse which, after surviving three major floods, was destroyed by fire in 1994. Members were then accommodated for the following two years in relocatable huts with portable toilets until a decision was made to purchase Macedon House across the road and this property served as the clubhouse for the next three years.

A new clubhouse was constructed on the original site and the move into the current building took place in 1999. A new synthetic green was constructed in 2015 funded by \$100,000 from the State Government and \$250,000 from Club members (which the Club was repaying \$50,000 per annum). The amount funded by members was fully repaid by 31 March 2020, in just 5 years.

A second new synthetic green is being constructed in 2022, funded by \$245,000 from the State Government, \$55,000 from Macedon Ranges Shire Council, and \$68,000 from the Club. Further, an expanded carpark is being constructed at the same time.



In 2014, prior to the construction of the first synthetic green, the Club had 80 members. Since that time the Club's membership has grown to 112 members (34 women and 78 men) and 100 "barefoot bowlers". It is expected that membership numbers will continue to grow with enhanced facilities and the fact that Gisborne is in a growth area.

The Club has a cross section of members. In fact, one of our members is the former State Junior Champion, while the Club's oldest member aged in his 90's still plays pennant bowls.

The Club has achieved recent success. The Club was Premiers in the Central Highlands Division in 1st Division in 2016/17 and 2017/18, and in 2nd Division 2017/18. In addition, the Club was Premiers in Midweek 1<sup>st</sup> Division in 2020/21, with that team winning the Central Victorian Championship and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the State Championship.

In 2021/22, the Club was Premiers in the new Highlands Playing Area in 3<sup>rd</sup> Division and Midweek 1<sup>st</sup> Division. The latter went on to win the Ballarat Highlands Bowls Region Championship and the ultimate – the Victorian State Midweek Pennant Championship.

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The Club has enhanced its corporate governance which includes implementing: new constitution; board charter; board committee charters; directors' skill mix (which includes the aim to have an appropriate gender balance); and a board and board committee code of conduct. Further, a formal lease of the Crown Land on which the Club is situated has been entered into. The lease retains the leasehold improvements in the ownership of the Club.

A range of policies have also been developed, covering among other things, fair play, player and spectator codes of conduct, health and safety, and child safety. In addition, a strategic plan and a risk management plan have been developed by the Club.



**WHAT WE WANT TO DO**

**Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** g Club wants to construct a canopy over the synthetic bowling green to provide year-round bowling. Currently the majority of bowling only occurs for 7 months of the year.

Such a development will give virtually complete protection and would enable the Club and its members, and visiting players to keep playing bowls come wind, rain, hail or shine, whatever the time of the day or night, and whatever season of the year come winter or summer.

The canopies are a solid and dependable structure with a life expectancy of over 35 years.

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This regionally significant development would provide significant physical and mental health, social, economic, and environmental benefits to the community of Gisborne and the region, and increase female participation in the game of bowls.

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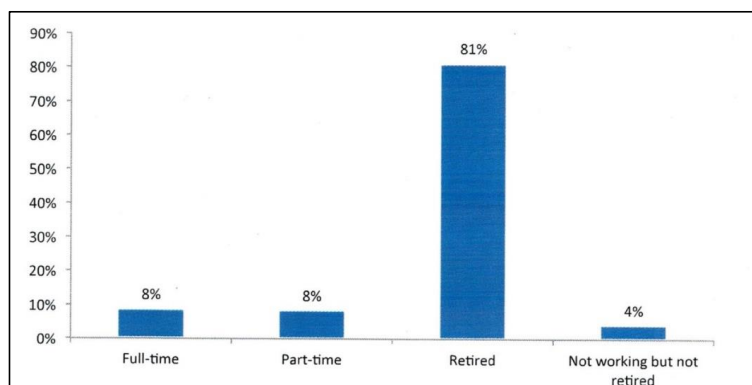
The construction of a canopy at Gisborne is in line with Bowls Victoria's strategic intent for covering of greens across the State (Refer Appendix 1). Bowls Victoria has advised that the Hume and Macedon Ranges area does not have sufficient covered greens to cater for demand, particularly when compared to similar growth corridors elsewhere in Greater Melbourne.

**WHY WE WANT TO DO IT**

A canopy over the synthetic bowling green will:

- promote **physical and mental health and wellbeing benefits** by enabling:
  - 1) those that are retired (that make up a large proportion of those that play bowls) to remain active all year round. The physical and mental health benefits are derived from participating in the game of bowls into older age, and from the strategic thinking required to play the game;
  - 2) the fostering of increased participation of females in the game of bowls due to the enhanced bowling conditions;
  - 3) those that work, a greater opportunity to play either socially or in competitions all year round, including at night after work;
  - 4) those that are at school/university (there is a growing number of younger players) would be provided a greater opportunity to participate in the game of bowls via school sports/learner bowls programs and in competitions with guaranteed facilities in all weather conditions;
  - 5) those with a disability a more suitable facility to enable physical activity by playing bowls;
  - 6) those linked with businesses to undertake corporate bowls events (competitive or social) and utilise the Club's function room;
  - 7) the venue to be rain and wind proof, and sun-safe, and therefore enable bowls to be played in all weather conditions (rain and extreme heat). Further, the canopy reduces the heat effect radiating from the synthetic playing surface; and
  - 8) The fostering of connections between team and club members all year round, which clearly extends beyond the green, including a safe social space for women to participate in bowls and other associated activities, especially if they no longer have a partner.

**Employment profile of bowlers<sup>1</sup>**

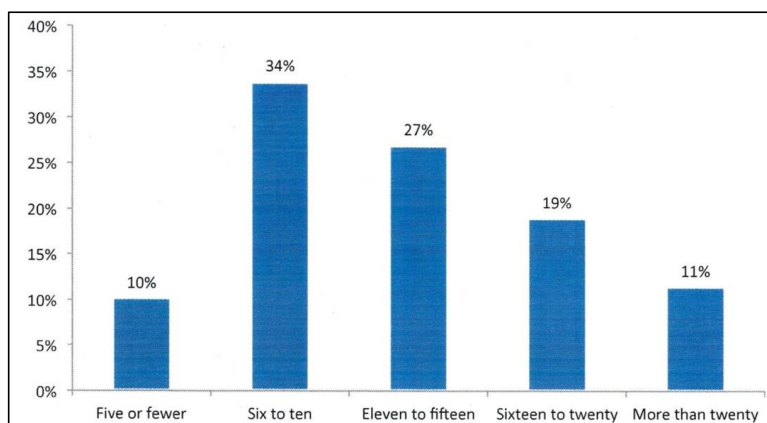


<sup>1</sup> La Trobe University Centre for Sport and Social Impact – *Building an evidence base to increase participation in Lawn Bowls, Final Report for Bowls Australia*, Pg 31

- provide a **social benefit** in a major growing community as it will enable bowls to also be played during the winter months and at night and enhance the opportunity for greater community participation in the game of bowls. With a greater opportunity for participation, research has disclosed that bowling clubs facilitate long lasting friendships that are often a central feature of the social network for older people.

People with a disability and students by playing bowls not only provides an avenue for physical activity but, equally important, another avenue for social connection.

**Hours per week spent on club activities<sup>2</sup>**



With the installation of a canopy over the synthetic green, participation levels are anticipated to increase by approximately 30 per cent.

- provide an **economic benefit** as it would enable:
  - 1) more bowling events to be played and accordingly an increased number of visitors to the area and increased patronage of local businesses. We believe this will increase awareness of the region as a travel and tourism destination;
  - 2) the Clubs associated with the Highlands Playing Area to play competitions all year round and bring revenue to the district. The Gisborne and District Bowling Club is part of the Highlands Playing Area which consists of clubs from Kyneton, Kyneton Golf, Woodend, Trentham, Diggers Rest, Macedon, Romsey, Lancefield, Kilmore, and Broadford;
  - 3) with increased bowling events during the day and at night (at the Club - social and competition, regional and State level) and guaranteed game scheduling in winter and summer with a waterproof and UV block-out canopy, the Club to generate increased social and full membership fees and general revenue;

<sup>2</sup> La Trobe University Centre for Sport and Social Impact – *Building an evidence base to increase participation in Lawn Bowls, Final Report for Bowls Australia*, Pg 35

- 4) high profile Bowls Tournament opportunities, such as a major regional and/or State female and/or male bowling events to be played during the winter months using the combined resources of Gisborne and Sunbury. The area would be a major attraction for such events due to not only the bowling facility but also the close proximity to the airport and Melbourne via rail and the freeway; and
  - 5) bowlers from the Loddon Mallee region to play in the winter months. There is no Bowling facility in the Loddon Mallee region that has a cover over their bowling green.
- provide **environmental benefit** by:
- 1) catching water run-off, via full guttering around the canopy, which can be stored in rainwater tanks for use at the bowling club);
  - 2) the canopy extends the life span of the synthetic playing surface;
  - 3) the fabric is UV stabilised and will not deteriorate under sun exposure, and has the required tensile strength to resist severe storm events;
  - 4) the fabric does not mould, resulting in lower maintenance costs;
  - 5) the LED lights having lower running costs compared with over metal halide lights. Further, the LED lights reflect off the fabric roof which results in shadow-free bowling at night; and
  - 6) the PVC translucent fabric does not need to run lights during sunny days, resulting in lower running costs.

### HOW WE WANT TO DO IT

The indicative cost to construct a canopy over the Club's synthetic green is \$980,000. (Light Weight Structures Architectural Solutions in June 2022 provided an indicative price range of \$930,000 to \$980,000 to construct this canopy. The Club has adopted the top end of the range in calculating the indicative cost as a contingency and cost escalation sum has not been included).

That price excludes costs associated with stormwater connection and Council fees associated with the development application documentation.

While the structure does not need lighting to play bowls during the day, the total cost of LED lighting, including all associated electrical work, to enable bowls to be played at night is \$54,000 which is included in the above indicative cost.

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Most of these Clubs have poker machines which have been used as the source of funding to construct their facilities.

The Redacted due to Privacy Reasons Club is a socially responsible poker machine-free community Club. Accordingly, the Club is seeking funds to the value of \$750,000 to construct a cover over Redacted due to Privacy Reasons Club synthetic bowling green which would be a great benefit for the region and the wider Victorian community.

**The Club is seeking support to obtain funds from the following sources:**

1. **\$600,000 from the State Government Local Sports Infrastructure Fund.**
2. **\$150,000 from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council.** This project is strategically supported by the Council's Sport and Active Recreation Strategy – Supporting the Installation of "Australian standard sports lighting at synthetic lawn bowls rinks" (paragraph 3.1.17 on page 32) and "continue to encourage club development and support initiatives as required" (page 45).

The Redacted due to Privacy Reasons will contribute \$230,000, mainly via borrowings from a range of sources, including from members. The Club will seek local community grants of up to \$100,000 as a means of further reducing the exposure to debt financing by the Club. Based on recent debt repayment history it is expected that this amount will be repaid within 5 years.

Your support of this project proposal and the associated funding request would be greatly appreciated.

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## Re: Covering of Bowling Greens across the State

**Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** see covered greens as vital to enabling all year-round play. Our strategic intent for the covering of bowling greens has a focus on both Greater Melbourne and key regional cities.

Our intent is to have covered greens in the 10 largest regional cities: Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Horsham, Latrobe, Mildura, Shepparton, Wangaratta, Warrnambool and Wodonga.

For Greater Melbourne, the strategic intent is to have covered bowling greens at major bowls centres with additional importance placed on growth areas. This will:

1. facilitate year-round participation and use
2. enhance the image of the sport
3. provide a more inclusive environment, particularly for persons with a disability
4. enable broader community health outcomes
5. increase social connectedness
6. provide economic benefits to the area/region
7. encourage new participants (social and traditional) and increase participation numbers
8. keep older Australians (e.g. over 60 years) active all year round
9. increase female participation in the sport
10. facilitate bowls being played as part of school sport programs in all weather conditions
11. meet increased demand in areas encountering significant population growth.

We currently have covered greens in most areas, with more either under construction or in the planning phase. One area that does not have sufficient covered greens to cater for demand is the Hume and Macedon Ranges area, particularly when compared to similar growth corridors e.g. Casey and the South East corridor, which has five undercover facilities and more planned.

The **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** Club's project which seeks funding to construct a year-round bowling facility is timely with the significant population growth in the Gisborne area which would result in a major community asset providing significant benefits to the Macedon Ranges.

We congratulate **Redacted due to Privacy Reasons** Club on their initiative in undertaking this project and wish them every success with the application.

Kind regards

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