

Kaitlin Evans

From: Macedon Ranges Shire Council - do not reply <noreply@openforms.com>
Sent: Thursday, 25 June 2020 9:57 PM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Subject: Draft Budget, draft Council Plan and draft Strategic Resource Plan - 2020/21 submission
Attachments: Letter to MRSC 250620.docx

Draft Budget, draft Council Plan and draft Strategic Resource Plan - 2020/21 submission

Question	Response
Have your say	
Please share your feedback.	Please refer to attached letter.
If you would prefer, you can also upload a written submission here	Letter to MRSC 250620.docx
Do you wish to speak at the Council Meeting on 8 July in regards to your submission?	No
Tell us about you	
First name	[REDACTED]
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How did you find out about this?	Word of mouth

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25 June 2020.

Dear MRSC Councillors.

I write with regards to the apparent restructure underway within Macedon Ranges Shire Council (Council) at present.

As a resident of [REDACTED] for the last [REDACTED] years, I have developed an appreciation of Councils investment in the Health and Wellbeing of our community.

Health and Wellbeing is clearly articulated across key documents open for consultation as number one priority, a true pillar of these strategic documents.

To date I have been impressed by the role Council has played in this space, in particular Suicide Prevention and post Suicide response and community support.

Council has been a key player in the local community in advocating for the re- set of the North West Melbourne Primary Health Network funded Place Based Suicide Prevention trial site here within the Macedon Ranges. Indeed, a senior employee was Chair of strategic working group within this project, and from what I understand was recently made redundant leaving Councils role within this Pilot uncertain with no indication from Council forthcoming about its intentions.

Council have played a pivotal role in developing a Post suicide response process with local partner agencies, furthermore this structure was embedded, if not, aligned to Councils emergency management response to ensure a coordinated response is enacted which engages a range of local stakeholders to ensure impacted communities are supported.

As it stands, in the tragic event that someone was to die by Suicide within the Macedon Ranges, the structural response pivots around Councils role at the (currently vacant) helm of this response

Fair to say, I am somewhat perplexed and disappointed about this recent restructure. As far as I can see, there is no indication of this in the 2017-27 Council Plan.

Clearly there will be an underlying financial and strategic rationale driving these decisions, however I and I am sure Councillors are becoming increasingly aware of the detrimental impact this restructure has on the work mentioned above which is just a sample, albeit, an important one.

The above work is tied to numerous local stakeholders, many of whom have benefited from intellect and wisdom held within redundant roles of this restructure with no opportunity to realign and determine who their new 'go to people' will be.

Perhaps even more concerning is that 'if' any of this work is to remain, the apparent structure of the remaining directorates don't on first glance present a natural home that aligns with these areas.

So in concluding, can you please outline how this restructure aligns with the 2017- 2027 Council Plan?

Is there an opportunity to pause and engage stakeholders and partners on councils work to ensure there is an eyes wide open to the full impact of this course of action. If not;

Can Councillors please outline how you understand the Macedon Ranges Community/ Community Groups and partner agencies in the work above will be consulted with or advised in order for those bodies to pivot and realign accordingly?

I look forward to your response to my questions, but more importantly I urge you to reflect upon these actions, the damage already done, expertise lost and subsequent fractured relationships and what course of action Council will take to remedy this.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Sent: Thursday, 25 June 2020 11:41 PM
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Question	Response
Have your say	
Please share your feedback.	<p>My [REDACTED] and I are the property owners of [REDACTED].</p> <p>My [REDACTED] family have been here since settlement over [REDACTED] years ago with my [REDACTED] being the [REDACTED] generation since the [REDACTED] family settled in the [REDACTED]. Hopefully our [REDACTED] in a couple of years will be the [REDACTED] generation on [REDACTED].</p> <p>I thank the council for the efforts to improve the dangerous section of Sidonia Rd at the South West end - closest to Baynton Road which is the first 5 kilometres of Sidonia Rd over the last couple of years. This was a section that [REDACTED] used to call "Death Corner" owing to the close calls the School bus had with some trucks.</p> <p>I ask the Council to not do any works on the North East end of Sidonia Rd beyond the 5 kilometres that has been done, as it is in satisfactory condition and not needing any works done to widen it or make it a more major road. It is safe as it is & the effect of widening the North East end of Sidonia Road & making it more major will only lead to more traffic travelling faster, which is not desirable, given the livestock that are mustered down the road and the slower vehicles such as</p>

	<p>tractors, motorbikes & quad bikes.</p> <p>I ask the Council to give sincere thought to not improving the North East end of Sidonia road as has been done in the first 5 kilometres.</p> <p>Please call me ASAP to discuss this issue.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
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How did you find out about this?	Council's website

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 26 June 2020 2:01 PM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Subject: [REDACTED] Draft Budget 2020/21

The draft budget on the MRSC website under Appendix A2 has a generally comprehensive schedule of Customer Fees and Charges.

There is a glaring omission insofar as there are no charges listed in regard to the Kyneton Airfield.

This lack of charges associated with the Airfield is at variance with basically all similar facilities in Victoria. This situation is especially financially damaging given the outgoings and staffing overheads incurred in recent times in regard to this facility.

Whilst it is pleasing that such outgoings and overheads are absent from the draft budget, the lack of equity due to the lack of fees and charges, particularly for casual use by non ratepayers remains unacceptable. A brief search of fees and charges for both city and country airfields will yield comparative costs and charges.

This anomaly deserves rectification before the budget is presented for ratification

Yours in expectation

[REDACTED]

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Kaitlin Evans

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 26 June 2020 6:05 PM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Subject: MRSC Budget 2020-21
Attachments: COUNTRY VILLAGE OR MELBOURNE SUBURB.docx

[REDACTED]
Re: MRSC Budget 2020-21
26 June 2020

I feel it is time that plans were made for a bypass of Riddells Creek so that the traffic
- from the Calder Freeway to the Hume Freeway does not have to travel through the middle of our town.
- from Romsey and Lancefield to Gisborne, Melton, Bacchus Marsh, Ballarat and Werribee, Geelong does not have to travel through the middle of our town.

Here is an example of what is already happening in our little town:

This morning at 9.30am we were overtaken on the LEFT at the Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House by a car that when we turned from Richardson St onto Kilmore Road, was still coming down the hill from Dromkeen, yet it caught up with us at the RC Primary school and followed us through Riddells Creek as fast as our 50kph would allow it, till it sped past us on the LEFT at the Neighbourhood House and then turned under the bluestone bridge onto the Sunbury Rd.

Residents of Riddells Creek have moved here because they recognize that it offers something very precious in being out of the "rat race". It is time now to make sure that this is preserved and one of the biggest threats to it is traffic.

MRSC is clearly planning for the population of Riddells Creek to expand. At the same time the populations of Romsey and Lancefield are increasing rapidly and while many residents of those townships go East or South to work, many go North and West, via Riddells Creek.

We need planning to divert Kilmore Road South of the railway round our town please. Can it please at least be put on the agenda?

Can we please have a traffic survey of our town budgetted in the 2020 Council Budget?

I attach a letter to the July 2020 [REDACTED] that says it all

Yours faithfully,
[REDACTED]



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COUNTRY VILLAGE OR MELBOURNE SUBURB? OUR FUTURE DIRECTION.

Riddells Creek is fortunate that it has, so far, avoided losing the benefits of country life with easy city availability. It is the reason [REDACTED] chose to move here in [REDACTED]. It gave my [REDACTED] convenience to family and I found a small country town with amazing similarities to where I [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Boronia on the Dandenong Ranges lower slopes.

Riddells Creek 2020 and Boronia 1960 share the following similarities:

2500 home sites with a central cluster of homes and shops with general open farmland for about 15km around.

50 km from Melbourne CBD approximately with a railway station with similar trip times to Melbourne.

A number of the main shops (about 15 to 20 - typically a milk bar, petrol station, small supermarket etc.)

Increasing numbers of families with children.

Logically becoming a focus for the expansion of Melbourne and Housing Developers.

Main connecting road single lane each way through the centre of the town shopping centre with enough width for expansion.

Nobody had the foresight to realize that Dorset Road, Boronia would gradually develop, by necessity, into the three lane highway that it has become. The road and traffic have totally suburbanised the look and culture of Boronia. There is almost nothing left of my Boronia and it now looks the same as every other suburban part of Melbourne or any other large town in the world.

The future plans for Riddells Creek make the same mistake and fails to prevent the inevitable development of Kilmore Road into a major, multi lane through town connecting road and the effect on the character and liveability on the township of Riddells Creek.

Boronia was trapped with a rapidly increasing population with a similarly rapid increase in the through traffic on Dorset Road. By the 1970s Boronia was struggling to maintain any 'village identity'. The development of housing meant that within 20 years there was no farmland between Boronia and Melbourne, a 15 km expansion with limited reaction except but make existing roads bigger. Dorset Road was forced to become a four lane main road through the centre of town.

Any alternative was not considered early enough in the planning process to be viable, a bypass being considered too late. Now, like every main road in Melbourne it is wall to wall shops that blur everything.

Riddells Creek has reached the time in its development, due to the inevitable increase in Melbourne's population, that to avoid becoming 'just another Melbourne wall to wall suburb' we need to consider recommending a relocation of Kilmore road to bypass Riddells Creek central, logically to the south side of the railway line.

If there are no plans made then, simply due to forecast population growth, Kilmore Road will be forced to be developed as a major cross town link road between the Calder and the Hume freeways at about a 50km radius from Melbourne. If that happens it is no longer if but when will Riddells Creek become just another Melbourne indistinguishable suburb. Not a future I look forward to.

The Riddells Creek community, if it wishes to remain a community, should ensure that any future development plan includes bypassing Riddells Creek. Remember history repeats.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Kaitlin Evans

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, 27 June 2020 10:37 AM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Subject: Draft budget

Question

How can it cost \$350000 to upgrade the showers at the Riddell football club?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Kaitlin Evans

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, 27 June 2020 11:48 AM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Subject: MRSC 2020 Budget Submission

To Whom it May Concern,

After having read your draft Budget I am sending this email to request that you add funding for an essential survey for the Riddells Creek community.

Due to the amount of changes predicted for Riddells Creek and the expanded volume of houses and people planned there will be an enormous increase in traffic flow around the town shopping precinct and the station area.

I live on the corner of Racecourse Road, which was originally Racecourse Lane and therefore originally designated a small thoroughfare, Amess Road and Main Road . At present delivery trucks for the Supermarket and other businesses and also local shoppers use Sutherlands Road and Racecourse Road to avoid negotiating into Station Street and then onto Main Road.

Construction vehicles for the Rangeview Estate use this road also.

If and when the Amess Road development goes ahead there will be even more heavy vehicles heading out on to Main Road. They will be proceeding through the town past the school, the kindergarten and the shopping strip. At present many drivers ignore the speed signs and don't slow until well into town.

Already there is an increase in traffic flow due to the construction of many new units and small houses along Main Road.

Therefore I believe it is of most utmost importance that a survey take place as soon as possible, long before any new developments take place.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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From: Macedon Ranges Shire Council - do not reply <noreply@openforms.com>
Sent: Sunday, 28 June 2020 10:18 PM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Subject: [Sender Unverified] Draft Budget, draft Council Plan and draft Strategic Resource Plan - 2020/21 submission

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Question	Response
Have your say	
Please share your feedback.	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am a resident and ratepayer and would like to submit my feedback on this budget. I have reviewed the draft documents and I am very surprised that MRSC has put out a budget that seems to be redundant and erroneous. In light of the organisational restructure and the removal of the Community Wellbeing directorate, why has MRSC knowingly put out a budget that is out of date and incorrect? This is either incompetence or a deliberate attempt to mislead the community. Which is it?</p> <p>If the organisational restructure is meant to create efficiencies, then why are MRSC's operating costs going up in the budget? I note operating costs are increasing in 2020/2021 and so are employee numbers, with total staff numbers increasing by FTE 5.1. Can you please explain this?</p> <p>Why does the Community Wellbeing directorate appear throughout the budget when this directorate was removed in February / March 2020? Where are all the community-related projects to be rehoused in the organisation?</p> <p>I would like to know the total cost of this restructure, including transition arrangements, redundancy payments and legal / FairWork costs. Has this restructure been value for</p>

	<p>money? Can you quantify the cost of the skills and experience which have been lost in the restructure, and the loss of productivity during what has inevitably been a disruptive process during a global pandemic?</p> <p>I believe MRSC should at the very least do the community the courtesy of submitting accurate, current documents for our input. Please do not forget that you are ultimately accountable to your community and the ratepayers in this shire. I would expect MRSC to re-do this budget and submit the amended version for public scrutiny.</p> <p>I await your response.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>[Redacted Signature]</p>
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Do you wish to speak at the Council Meeting on 8 July in regards to your submission?	No
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How did you find out about this?	Council's website

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From: Macedon Ranges Shire Council - do not reply <noreply@openforms.com>
Sent: Monday, 29 June 2020 9:17 AM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Subject: Draft Budget, draft Council Plan and draft Strategic Resource Plan - 2020/21 submission

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Question	Response
Have your say	
Please share your feedback.	On page 21 of 2020-2021 draft budget i can not find any information at all on the cost to council of managing the "cost neutral" airfield . This cost was \$28000 + in 2019-2020 will it be more in 2020-2021 ?
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 26 June 2020 4:36 PM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Subject: MRSC Draft Budget submission from [REDACTED]

Dear Macedon Ranges Shire Council,
On behalf of the [REDACTED] who have worked on community engagement and response for an improved vision for the precinct at and around the Woodend Community Centre since 2014, we thank you for including this project in your 2021 Council Plan. We appreciate the revised Masterplan and Feasibility Study is underway, and thank you for budgeting for this project in this year's budget. We note that there are no budget allocations proposed for next year. If there is the opportunity for an allocation of \$10,000 to \$15,000 in the 2021 Financial Year Budget to further assist in this planning, designing and community engagement phase, we believe this would be funds well spent to keep the momentum going on this important project following completion of the work currently underway.

Warm regards,
[REDACTED]

Kaitlin Evans

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 29 June 2020 10:36 AM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Subject: Budget 2020-2021

Hi MRSC

Please consider funding a traffic survey in Riddells Creek for next year's budget.

Since we moved to Riddell nearly [REDACTED] years ago the traffic through and around the town has increased enormously. Hotspots need to be identified, surveyed and solutions created.

The worst place is Station St where the confluence of the supermarket and associated small business including the medical centre has turned this once quiet thoroughfare into a busy and dangerous road where shoppers pop out from behind cars and dart across the road. Cars reversing out are met with horn blasts and the squeal of brakes; and irresponsible drivers are not leaving the carpark by the driveway but driving over the footpath and kerb and channel onto the road causing a few near misses.

Station St is a really busy street with people driving to the station, medical centre, pub, shops and supermarket.

Other busy areas are outside the school during pick up and drop off times and outside the newsagency/bakery. The corner of Gap Rd and Main Rd is a busy intersection too.

Cheers

[REDACTED]

Kaitlin Evans

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 26 June 2020 12:31 PM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Cc: Lyn Hovey
Subject: Riddells Creek Traffic Survey

Proposed Traffic Survey,

I support the suggestion for a traffic survey for Riddells Creek. There are a number of issues facing the planning of the township and in particular i believe there are four of particular merit for attention .

1 Increased density

Areas of the township are increasing in density and over time this will result in more movements of people and goods around the township focusing on strategic points such as the commercial area, the station and special facilities for uses such as education, commerce, industry and social interactions.

2 Proposed shopping centre

A new shopping centre is being considered and the current shopping centre has inadequate provision of transport routes for a larger facility and associated elements such as walkways and traffic and general pedestrian comfort. The historic walk from the station to the historic nursery is also relevant. Retention of trees and hopefully improvements to other landscape elements need to be integrated into the provision of traffic facilities. Pedestrian movements as well as vehicles are important. The ways that the commercial facilities on either side of Kilmore Rd are linked will be a significant issue as well as access throughout the centre.

3 Proposed rezoning of the Amess Road development

This will provide a significant increase in overall population for the township. There are many traffic and parking issues such as intersections located away from the site of the development which will be impacted by traffic. For example, the intersection of Amess Rd and Sutherlands Rd is inappropriate for current traffic, particularly for traffic turning left from Amess Rd. Additional traffic here would produce a very dangerous intersection in my opinion. Another intersection that should be considered in this context is the intersection of Racecourse Rd and Sutherlands Rd.

4 Riddells Creek Township Protection plan

Despite the recommendation of the 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission to produce Township Protection Plans for settlements at high risk of bushfires, there is no such plan for Riddells Creek. CFA has advised residents that the township is rated as at EXTREME risk from bushfires (the capitals come for CFA, not me). At the time that the structure plan for the township was prepared it was suggested in writing to council that this was an opportunity to prepare such a plan and integrate it with the proposed Structure Plan which would then have a broader context. Unfortunately that opportunity was not taken.

In fact, Riddells Creek is very poorly provided with transport corridors to cope with bushfire emergencies. For example. the linkages from the north-east to the south-west are truncated at a number of points giving a very dangerous situation for residents as well as firefighting services attempting to protect themselves as well as fight the fires which can be expected to occur at multiple points throughout the township, many simultaneously.

Unfortunately CFA has provided residents with a Community Information Guide which is inaccurate (erroneously identifying the north east as the most vulnerable segment which has never been corrected despite being informed in writing of the error). In any case, this guide does not comply with the

recommendation of the Royal Commission to produce a Township Protection Plan which had been adopted by the state government.

Riddells Creek remains in the EXTREME category of risk but planning is not carried out to address that risk. A traffic survey would go one step towards addressing this. In the meantime, residents still await the production of a Township Protection Plan. I fear that this may occur in future only after another Royal Commission into deaths from bushfires in Riddells Creek. I can only hope I will survive such a circumstance and am able to make a submission.



Kaitlin Evans

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 29 June 2020 7:57 AM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Subject: Re: Budget Submission
Attachments: Attachment [REDACTED] Budget Submission 2020-21 Costings.pdf;
[REDACTED] Budget Submission 2020-21.pdf

Please find attached the budget submission for [REDACTED]. The submission comprises two documents:

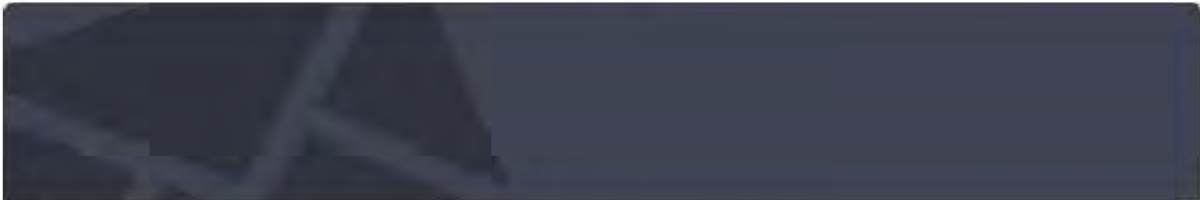
[REDACTED] Budget Submission 2020-21, and
Attachment [REDACTED] Budget Submission 2020-21 Costings.

The submission has also been uploaded on the MRSC website.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

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Sent: Sunday, 28 June 2020 8:08 PM
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Subject: Draft Budget, draft Council Plan and draft Strategic Resource Plan - 2020/21 submission
Attachments: Attachment [redacted] Budget Submission 2020-21 Costings.pdf; [redacted] Budget Submission 2020-21.pdf



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Please share your feedback.	Budget Submission. Please find uploaded two files: - [redacted] Budget Submission 2020-21.pdf, and - Attachment [redacted] Budget Submission 2020-21 Costings.pdf.
If you would prefer, you can also upload a written submission here	Attachment [redacted] Budget Submission 2020-21 Costings.pdf [redacted] Budget Submission 2020-21.pdf
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How did you find out about this?	Other: Experience from previous years.

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STAGE ONE				
ITEM	QTY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE EXC. GST	TOTAL
Site Preparation				
Excavation Work by Machine, including leveling/regrading, cutting out paths		item		
Creation of Mounding		item		
Quality soil / fill for mounding areas				
Preliminary Sub-Total			Sub-Total	\$4,000.00
Drainage				
Drainage (slotted agricultural drain)		lm		
Surface Drainage (pit)		ea		
Drainage (150mm wide precast surface trench grate) if required across path		lm		
Connect to Storm Water (assume ready connection)		item		
Drainage Sub-Total			Sub-Total	\$2,000.00
Hardscaping				
exposed concrete aggregate to pathways as per plan	150sqm	ea.	\$150.00	\$22,500.00
Stage One Total			Total	\$28,500.00
10% of the 'Total' as Contingency			10% Conting.	\$2,850.00
Sub-Total			Sub Total	\$31,350.00
10% GST on Overall Sub-Total			GST 10%	\$3,135.00
Grand Total			Grand Total	\$34,485.00
STAGE TWO				
Edging				
Steel Edging - Formboss Retainer to maximum 300mmH (picnic area near swing)		lm		\$3,000.00
Steel Edging - Formboss Retainer to 100mmH - 2 zones (flat boulder seat area & picnic area near by)		lm		\$3,000.00
Steel Edging - Formboss to miscellaneous areas				\$1,000.00
Edging Sub-Total			Sub-Total	\$7,000.00
Hardscaping				
supply and install rock steppers 30-40mm sawn stone	22	ea.	\$80.00	\$1,760.00
supply and install rando rock boulders, some suitable for seating	2	items	\$1,100.00	\$1,110.00
supply and install flat boulder seats	3	ea.	\$800.00	\$2,400.00
supply and install large slate steppers for slide area	7	ea.	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
Excuvate dry river bed, supply and install paddock rock, washed sand, and river pebbles	1	ea	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
Supply and install large timber slab seat and random upright tree trunks for childrens area	1	ea	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Supply and install upright pillar boulder	1	ea.	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Supply and compact crushed road base for picnic areas, and rock boulder seat area		ea	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Supply and compact compacted Tuscan Toppings for picnic areas and rock boulder seat area		ea	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Supply and install recycled railway upright sleepers for entry path		ea	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Hardscaping Sub-Total			Sub-Total	\$25,970.00
Stage Two Total			Total	\$32,970.00
10% of the 'Total' as Contingency			10% Conting.	\$3,297.00
Sub-Total			Sub Total	\$36,267.00
10% GST on Overall Sub-Total			GST 10%	\$3,626.70
Grand Total			Grand Total	\$39,893.70
STAGE THREE				
Softscaping soil preparation				
Soil Preparation (adding of composted mulch)		sq.m		\$2,000.00
Mulch (75mm depth composted bark mulch)		sq.m		\$1,000.00

ITEM	QTY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE EXC. GST	TOTAL
Allowance of free mulch from Council has been included)				
Lawn - hyrdo seed				\$2,500.00
Supply and install soft fall mulch to swing and slide area (2zones)			\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Soft Works Sub-Total			Sub-Total	\$7,000.00
Softscaping (Planting)				
Supply and planting of all Trees including stakes and aggi pipe	38	item	\$200.00	\$7,600.00
Supply and planting of all Shrubs		item		\$1,500.00
supply and planting of tube stock revegetation		item		\$5,000.00
Allowance for volunteers to assist in planting has been included (value \$2000)				
Planting			Sub-Total	\$14,100.00
Equipment				
Play Evolution Swing, supply & install Prices estimates				\$3,500.00
Play evolution Slide, supply and install prices estimates				\$2,000.00
Supply and install rubber matting for slide		ea	\$800.00	\$800.00
Equipment			Sub-Total	\$6,300.00
Total			Total	\$27,400.00
10% of the 'Total' as Contingency			10% Conting.	\$2,740.00
Sub-Total			Sub Total	\$30,140.00
10% GST on Overal Sub-Total			GST 10%	\$3,014.00
Grand Total			Grand Total	\$33,154.00

Budget Submission – Wyralla Reserve Landscape Plan

The Wyralla Reserve Landscape Plan was endorsed by Macedon Ranges Shire Council (MRSC) at the ordinary meeting on the 19th December 2018. The resolution is as follows:

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the Wyralla Reserve Landscape Plan; and**
- 2. Commend and thank the Friends of Wyralla Reserve for their commitment and efforts in completing the Wyralla Reserve Landscape Plan.**

It was moved by Cr Radnedge seconded by Cr Mees that the Officer Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

This landscape plan came about as a result of:

- Grants to ██████████ Inc from the MRSC of \$1500 and the ██████████ ██████████, both to develop a landscape plan,
- These grants being used by ██████████ Inc to contract ██████████y ██████████ to articulate community survey feedback into a draft landscape plan, and
- Enthusiastic support for this landscape plan from Council Officers (Gilchrist and Frank) leading to Kathleen Murphy Landscape design being directly contracted by MRSC to incorporate agreed changes co-ordinated between Council Officers and ██████████

The agreed changes for the Wyralla Reserve Landscape Plan involved some engineering requirements identified by Council engineers. However, as a result of assessing overall costs a major change was a requirement by Council Officers to make the landscape plan a staged process. Council Officers wanted a three-stage process of approximately equal proportion in order to 'smooth' any annual budget allocations. In other words, the staged process was to allow three 'small' draw downs on budget rather than one large amount. (See attached spreadsheet for details of the three agreed stages with the annual costings.) Although this would extend the completion of the Wyralla Reserve Landscape Plan to three years, the requirement by Council Officers was accepted by ██████████ ██████████ Inc and incorporated into the Wyralla Reserve Landscape Plan as presented to Council.

Having been endorsed by Council as a landscape plan, a budget allocation for stage 1 was made in the MRSC Budget 2019/20. This was for \$35,000 and was detailed in this budget as follows:

4.3.2 Reserves

Capital Works Projects to be funded from Financial Reserves in 2019/20

Reserve	Project	Funds (\$'000)
Public open space south	Wyralla Reserve landscape	35

(Budget Report 2019/2020. Adopted by Council 26 June 2019, page 46)

4.5.2 Budgeted new capital works

Wyralla Reserve landscape plan implementation

(Budget Report 2019/2020. Adopted by Council 26 June 2019, page 51)

A tender for the stage 1 was made by MRSC in late January 2020 and a contract agreed shortly after. The stage 1 works were completed to specification several months ago. This was a pleasing start for the development of the Wyralla Reserve according to the Council endorsed landscape plan.

Stage 2 for Wyralla Reserve Landscape Plan now needs to be funded. Stage 2 requires \$39,893.70. **The reasons for stage 2 funding in the 2020/21 budget include:**

- This is a **Council endorsed three stage plan “implemented” in the 2019/20 financial year** with stage 1 funded from the 2019//20 budget. It would be disingenuous to halt the funding when the plan for three stages originated with the Council,
- A local park has been “**Priority actions**” since 1999 (Macedon Ranges Open Space Strategy 1999 Volume 1, page 35). As a result of this extreme elapsed time priority should be given to this endorsed project,
- **Public Open Space – South Statutory Reserve**, the appropriate financial reserve for funding open space projects, has a balance (See draft Budget Report 2020/21.) such that the funding for stage 2 of the Wyralla Reserve Landscape Plan would only represent a single figure percentage, **approximately 3%**. It should also be noted that developer contributions for the estates within 500 metres of the Wyralla Reserve have not been returned to the estate in any meaningful proportion that can be identified,
- The completed pathways, the main works of stage 1, are simply interesting winding tracks leading to nowhere. Indeed, the only apparent functionality of the paths is to allow the reserve to be crossed. Without the stage 2 works, and then stage 3, these pathways are essentially meaningless. The **pathways form the template for stage 2 and 3**,
- In these **COVID-19** times getting the open space of the Wyralla Reserve into a usable state as a local park is fundamental to promote the health and wellbeing of the community. Provision of a conducive space for fresh air and recreation will help with both mental and physical health of the community, and
- The **Covid-19** restrictions have seen many residents out and about, chiefly walking and/or jogging. Observation suggests many children, both in prams and walking, are residents in the immediate area. Children will receive most benefit from the Wyralla Reserve Landscape Plan with stage 3 which includes two pieces of play equipment. Stage 3 cannot progress without the completion of stage 2.

The [REDACTED] look forward to continued co-operation with the MRSC for the completion of the endorsed Wyralla Reserve Landscape Plan, as agreed upon. The funding of stage 2 for the financial year 2020/21 is a minimum requirement to keep this project of track. It would be appropriate to also fund stage 3 so that this highly detailed and well thought out landscape plan can be delivered as soon as possible to the local community. It should also be noted that the completed Wyralla Reserve Landscape Plan will be a show piece for the Macedon Ranges to be enjoyed by all.

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Draft Budget, draft Council Plan and draft Strategic Resource Plan - 2020/21 submission

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Please share your feedback.	Good afternoon. my name is [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and I have raised the issue of a footpath on the western side of Station Road, New Gisborne before. Correspondence with Cam McFarlane, Kylie Park, Steve Polak and all Councillors. The subdivider/developer of PS 603654P apparently paid 33% of the total cost over 10 years ago. The current budget has no provision for this work and it appears that there is no realistic provision for the work in any of the "Statement of Capital Works" to y/e 30.6.2024. Please reconsider and allocate the funds in hand as a matter of priority. Regards, [REDACTED]
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Please refer attached letter.

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29 June, 2020

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To: Margot Stork – CEO - mstork@mrsc.vic.gov.au

To: Janet Pearce – Mayor - jpearce@mrsc.vic.gov.au

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Re: 2020/2021 Draft Budget Report Submission - Proposed Kyneton RV dump point

This letter forms the submission of our comments regarding the 2020/2021 Draft Budget Report and thank you to council for the opportunity to comment.

Our [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the proposed site near the Kyneton Tourist Information Centre (KTIC) where the RV dump point is currently proposed. We understand that an assessment is being carried out to assess the costs of relocating the dump point to possible sites in Kyneton and have been told verbally by a council officer that the KTIC is likely to be the most cost-effective option.

Although the site may be the most cost-effective option, it is not the most suitable with regards to the amenity and safety of the area and most residents including ourselves have major objections to the proposal. These objections have been formally forwarded to council by [REDACTED] over the last twelve months in separate correspondence.

Can we take this opportunity please to request council consider alternative sites and have funds allocated to upgrade these alternative sites as necessary to meet the environmental and traffic requirements associated with the installation of the dump point?

The Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia have announced on their Facebook page that **eleven** new dump points have been installed at various locations around Australia since the start of 2020. Of those new dump points, **seven** are located at Showgrounds or sporting precincts. **Four** are located at tourist/camping areas.

None were located near people's homes.

Can we request please that the Kyneton Showgrounds be considered as a possible site and funds allocated to upgrade or amend existing facilities and roadway so as the new RV dump point can be accommodated? There are already public toilets and suitable sewerage infrastructure between the top and bottom ovals. There is already a caravan parking spot on Mollison St outside of the Showgrounds if tourists want to stop and walk in to town. It is a shorter more convenient walk to town than the Bourke St site.

The existing site of the dump point, Kyneton Mineral Springs reserve seemingly requires an upgrade of the public toilets as these have been decommissioned and is now an unsightly area where the public dumps rubbish. It is understood that the neighbouring river needs protecting. A suitable water treatment facility in accordance with today's standards similar to the BioCycle wastewater treatment system which uses aerobic bacteria to decompose waste, may be an option to consider.

As a guide, it is understood based on advice from a local hydraulic engineer that a facility such as this for a three-bedroom house costs approximately \$15,000 and needs to be at least 60m from a waterway. The reserve area between the main road Burton Ave and the parking area is in excess of 60m away from the waterway and could meet these requirements. Can we request that this option is considered and upgrading the existing toilets and site to accommodate the RV dump point be considered in allocation of funds in the budget?

Thank you for your time. We do not require to add anything further verbally to this submission at the upcoming council meeting on the 8th July, 2020.

Yours Faithfully,

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Draft Budget, draft Council Plan and draft Strategic Resource Plan - 2020/21 submission

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Monday 29 June 2020.

Thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback on these DRAFT documents.

Our intention in reviewing these documents was to seek out any information that would make it clear what the Council's intentions are moving forward with specific work that the Shire's now defunct Community Wellbeing Directorate has held carriage of previously. This work, that we reference below, is work that the Council have been leading and championing over the past 10+ years.

This work is very important to us as a local community group, but we also feel that this work is critical to the ongoing mental health and wellbeing of our local community members.

We want to remind everyone reading this submission that Macedon Ranges Shire Council are seen as trailblazers/leaders across Victoria (and beyond) they have been well and truly noted and celebrated for the work they have done with the ground-breaking Live4Life model. Their advocacy work was instrumental in setting up an appropriate governance structure for the Macedon Ranges Place Based Suicide Prevention Trial Site to ensure better outcomes for the community. That they were invited, very specifically, to address the Victorian Royal Commission into Mental Health earlier this year for the work they have been able to do in lifting the capacity of its community should leave no one in any doubt that the continuation of this critical work is imperative.

We hope that this avenue open to hear community voices, might prove an opportunity for clarification of which Department and which Position will have responsibility of the following:

- Council's role in the recently extended North West Melbourne Suicide Prevention Trial Governance Structure – in both the Reference and Stewardship Groups.
- Council's ongoing support of the Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group.
- Council's leadership of the Macedon Ranges Suicide and Sudden Death Recovery Committee
- Council's position on the Macedon Ranges Local Safety Committee
- Macedon Ranges Healthy Masculinities Project
- Macedon Ranges Health and Wellbeing Partnership Group
- Loddon Mallee Prevention Network
- To research and develop social policy and report on progress objectives included in Council's Health and Wellbeing Plan
- Working in partnerships with community groups to deliver local projects that improve community wellbeing and respond to community and social needs
- To identify and develop strategic responses to key community social equity issues and deliver initiatives with community partners.

One of the strengths of the Council's work has been, over a long period of time, the building and sustaining of strong, resilient, enduring community partnerships. Working side by side with agencies and organisations and community members with a shared and common purpose. Best practice community development principles always at the forefront of the work.

It is our hope, as a community group that was born through a Council facilitated robust and innovative process, that there is a well thought out, carefully planned and adequately resourced continuity plan in place for this important work in 2020/21 and ongoingly.

For those groups who have been engaged and supported and worked alongside staff from Council's Community Wellbeing Directorate over a very long period of time it has been very disappointing to hear that changes are being made that may impact external stakeholders. That there has been no real engagement in any process, to date, with external stakeholders that might help inform these decisions is equally disappointing.

We would also like to express our concerns that these documents are still very much referencing a former Council structure - with Four Directorates.

The Community Wellbeing Directorate is clearly articulated, and costings provided including projected growth until 2024.

As this Directorate no longer exists in the new Council structure as at July 1 2020 - are these documents actually a true reflection of Council's intentions for the 2020-21 period?

Our concern is these documents are inviting the community to have their say on something that appears, in light of recent public announcements already redundant.

If this is the case – would it not have been a more transparent process if there had of been some sort of preface that what is out for public consultation currently will, quickly and inevitably alter as a result of a significant restructure? We can see no explanation of any impact the decisions being made will inevitably have on what is being offered up in these DRAFT documents.

We look forward to your response, at your earliest convenience.

Regards

[Redacted]

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Subject: 2021 Budge submission
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Please let me know if you have any questions

Thanks & regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Macedon Ranges Shire Council

Budget Submission

Written by [REDACTED]

I have read the budget submission for the 2020/21 council budget and I would like to submit the following.

1. There was much reference to the Covid-19 situation however the response provided in the budget was to provide funding for local business and lower/remove costs for permits. This is very admirable, however there is a missed opportunity to support residents. The authors of the budget have not indicated that Gisborne has changed in last few months from being a dormant region where the population is employed closer to Melbourne and return to their homes in the evening. That has changed, many of us work from home and find that Macedon ranges is void of the many services that are now required. I see many men & women trying to escape their home offices after work by walking and getting out for some respite/mental break. Walking through Gisborne there is an obvious priority to manage the sports fields, however the environment required for respite/mental break like the botanic gardens and other reserves are either not yet finished and poorly maintained. I see a lot of new projects that will not improve mental wellbeing, I would propose that you stop taking on new initiatives and fix what is broken and finish what is incomplete.
2. Much of the capital works projects should be rationalised. Netball courts, football & cricket make up 5% of the population and yet take the lions share of the budget. In addition, the Gisborne business park upgrade is an insensitive expense at this time and demonstrates that the lack of discipline required to manage funds during this turbulent period. In the introduction for the budget there was much discussion on the need to account for Covid-19, but what the budget contains is the same old plan of the year before?
3. Riddles Creek Football shower at \$350,000 cannot be correct & needs to be rationalised.

Capital Works Projects to be funded from Financial Reserves in 2020/21

Reserve	Project	Funds (\$'000)
Plant replacement	Plant and fleet purchases	1,200
Hanging Rock	Hanging Rock Strategy development	19
Senior citizens accommodation	Senior Citizens unit upgrades	80
Public open space West	Black Hill Reserve track and drainage works	60
Public open space Central	Gilbert Gordon netball court	130
Public open space Central	Woodend Buffalo Reserve – public toilet	150
Public open space East	Barrm Birmm acquisition – operational expense	30
Public open space East	Riddells Creek Football/Cricket shower upgrade	350
Public open space East	Romsey Ecotherapy Park	175
Public open space East	Romsey Five Mile Creek masterplan	165
Public open space East	Lancefield Park oval lighting	64
Public open space South	Gisborne open space land purchase	250
Public open space South	Gisborne Fields landscape plan implementation	231
Public open space South	Gisborne Hobbs Road Reserve security upgrade	77
Community Facilities - West	Kyneton Kindergarten	80
Romsey DCP	Metcalf Drive Romsey upgrade	100
Commercial Development	Gisborne Business Park upgrade	700
Planning Footpath Works	Footpath program	10
		3,871

4. At a time when much of the community is facing job losses, reduction of pay and an uncertain future it is insensitive to put forward a 2.5% increase in rates (pg 5). Given the commentary to support business, there is not mention on how the council budget will support a much larger residential population that is no longer dormant. This is not the right time to introduce a rate increase and the proposed capital projects need to be prioritised and rationalised. There is need to support the “natural” open space for the well being of the community. Netball courts, showers for the football and cricket and the Gisborne business park upgrade MUST and SHOULD wait.



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Submission to Macedon Ranges Shire Council Draft Budget 2020/2021

Stage 1 Refurbishment of MRSC building at 47 Victoria Street Macedon



Summary:

[REDACTED], on behalf of the Macedon and Mount Macedon community seek allocation of funds in the 2020/ 2021 budget to cover the \$90,000 shortfall to commence refurbishment of the Council owned building at 47 Victoria St.

Council officers formed a working group with [REDACTED] representatives in a unique partnership to prepare the tender documents for a building contractor. According to Council officers the most suitable contractor, willing to work with in-kind community trades people, is still \$90,000 over the amount allocated from 2019/2020 budget and fundraising efforts.

In the May 2020 Council meeting, authority was delegated to Council officers to award contract C 20:1054 to the suitable building contractor, however this could not be done as it was over budget. This tender process was finalised after Council's 2020/2021 Draft Budget allocations and MCH request that the \$90,000 now be included.

Since March 2019 volunteers, committed to the establishment of a Community House at the site, have contributed considerable hours to successfully fulfil fundraising obligations as outlined in the Expression of Interest process.

During the fundraising campaign that raised over \$30,000 from over 77 community and business donors, a ground-swell of community interest and enthusiasm has been generated with the anticipation that the doors to the Community House may be open in 2020.

If MRSC cannot meet this shortfall the building will remain empty and \$30,000 will need to be returned to donors. The community would be justified in feeling frustrated and disappointed at the waste of significant volunteer hours and fundraising efforts, should the vision for this community space not be realised.

Background:

47 Victoria Street, Macedon comprises a council owned weatherboard building constructed in the late 1940's as a Maternal and Child Health facility. In 2015 Council closed the facility and the building has been vacant since the end of 2016.

In response to the Expression of Interest process in late 2018, the [REDACTED] formed to make a submission, expressing an interest in utilising the facility for a variety of community purposes. The Group also provided a business plan and budget with the proposal to contribute cash and in-kind works totalling \$43,500.

At the Council meeting on 27 March 2019, Council resolved:

- to not proceed with the statutory process to sell 47 Victoria Street; and
- to seek the estimated \$186,000 via the 2019/20 budget process to fund works to renovate the building to be suitable for community use.
- if this is not successful seek required funding through subsequent budget review and development processes.

Consequently, on 26 June 2019 Council adopted the 2019/20 Budget that included funding for works at 47 Victoria Street, Macedon. The works would be funded from cash and an in-kind contribution totalling \$43,500 from [REDACTED] and \$142,500 from Council, in line with the submission.

In 2019 the [REDACTED] p became incorporated as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Macedon Ranges Shire Council entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to form a partnership with the [REDACTED] Committee of Management to deliver the agreed refurbishment works at 47 Victoria St and assist Council in this process.

This Project Reference Group has been meeting over the last 6 months to oversee work on the project. Council officers have managed the commissioning of architectural and structural engineering plans, planning permit and procurement processes and the initial construction works on the building that have been undertaken, including removal of asbestos. A public tender for completion of the works was conducted and multiple tender applications received. A building contractor who was willing to work with in-kind trades people was considered favourable in the tender process.

In the May 2020 Council meeting, authority was delegated to Council officers to award contract C 20:1054 to the suitable building contractor. This was after the the cut off date to be included in Council's Draft budget and we now seek \$90,000 in the 2020/2021 Budget.

Community Contributions:

The [REDACTED] has met its commitment to Council to raise over \$40,000 towards the Stage 1 building refurbishment. This coincided with the onset of COVID 19 and following the devastation by bushfires in the state. It was anticipated that the community would have donation 'fatigue' following the bushfires and we also expected funds to come to a halt when the uncertainty of COVID stopped cash flow for many households.

A six week multi strategy fundraising campaign was conducted over March/April 2020 incorporating:

- An online Start Some Good Campaign generating \$13,600 from 66 donors
- A direct donation Founding Friends initiative for larger contributions, receiving donations from 11 individuals and local businesses including:
 - Mount Macedon Realty
 - The Mount Macedon Shared Table and Vicki and Les Hawken
 - Keatings Real Estate Woodend
 - The Gallery Mt Macedon
 - Willowglade Mt Macedon
 - Millet Road Maker
 - Office Choice in Gisborne
- A successful grant submission to the GREAT Association
- An additional \$100 in cash and coin donations received at a Farmer's Market information stand engaging many locals keen to support a community hub at Victoria St.

An extensive amount of hours have been put in by volunteers on the Committee of Management and the working group to initiate and manage the online campaign as well as seeking direct donations from the community and business. This has been done via Zoom meetings when social distancing has been in place.

Despite the bushfire and COVID crisis financial donations from locals, businesses and community organisations totalled \$31,797.57. In addition, a number of local tradespeople and building professionals generously offered to provide electrical, plumbing, landscaping and structural engineering services to the value of approximately \$9,000. The pro bono structural engineering services have already been provided to Council and many individuals and business are keen to form an ongoing relationship with the Macedon and Mount Macedon Community House.

The Committee of Management continue to meet to develop a strong governance structure, mission and vision despite limitations during COVID.

Recommendations

- It is our request that the shortfall of \$90,000 be allocated in the 2020/21 Budget so that work commenced by Council officers can continue and we may see the building operational as a Community House by the end of 2020.
- The [REDACTED] has worked extremely hard to fulfil our partnership agreement with Council. We are committed and look forward to continue working with Council officers under the Memorandum of Understanding to see the building works complete.
- There is a groundswell of support and interest in being part of the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] within our local community. The recent bushfire and COVID crisis have demonstrated the importance of having a central hub where emergency relief efforts and communications can focus.
- Project donors have been anticipating that the refurbishments would commence before the end of the financial year and a prospective lease to be taken up later in 2020. The committee needs to explain to donors and community members why the project is not progressing as planned by the Council and advise them of Council's future intentions.
- If this project does not progress and the building works at 47 Victoria Street are abandoned by Council, the [REDACTED] Inc will need to return almost \$32,000 to 78 donors. The community would be justified in feeling disappointed and frustrated at the wasted volunteer hours and fundraising efforts.

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Subject: [REDACTED] submission - MRSC 2020/2021 Budget
Attachments: [REDACTED] Submission final 20-21 MRSC budget.pdf

[REDACTED]

Please find attached the [REDACTED] submission on the MRSC 2020/2021 Budget.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Submission
30 June 2020

Macedon Ranges Shire Council 2020-2021 Draft Budget

The [REDACTED] raises the following concerns:

1. MRSC'S Failure To Provide Expenditure and Funding Sources For Individual Budget Items

The [REDACTED] had hoped Council would have seen the error of its ways and reversed the 'blank' budget produced last year which withheld information about expenditure and funding sources for individual spending items. However, we note that this year this unacceptable practice has been reversed only to the extent of providing individual expenditure and funding sources for capital works. Expenditure on individual works items in works programs and new initiatives at Appendix A1 remain unidentified and unknown this year.

Council's advice last year, that ratepayers should consult Quarterly Reports for full disclosure, was not helpful. Quarterly Reports present 'after the fact' information, not what is proposed to be spent in budgets *before* it is spent. Nor has any 'saving' or benefit been noted in tendering results last year, said to be the justification for Council concealing the amounts it proposed to spend on individual items in the following financial year.

The [REDACTED] again expresses its strong objection to such abysmal governance processes, which not only make it impossible to produce informed comment on the budget but also transgress the most basic democratic principles Council claims to espouse. Unless or until the concealed information is made public, this Council's legacy will be that it is less transparent and accountable in financial matters than its predecessor (2012 – 2016) Council.

2. Appendix A1 – New Initiatives *\$1.911 million total expenditure, 19 expenditure items.*

From the Appendix's footnotes it appears \$1.1 million of the total expenditure is for a coronavirus support package for business. It appears the remaining \$811,000 is intended to be spent on 8 other projects and 10 additional staff positions but never is it revealed how much is to be spent on each individual item.

Although the [REDACTED] supports the inclusion of projects such as those relating to Barrm Birrm, Open Space Strategy and Vegetation Protection Overlays, there is no indication of how much or how little financial commitment Council is making to them, or whether the bulk of the remaining \$811,000 is instead taken up funding new staff positions.

3. New Council Staff

The [REDACTED] is increasingly concerned about additional costs being imposed on ratepayers from escalating staff numbers and related expenditures. This year's Statement of Human Resources shows an increase of 5.1 equivalent full-time positions (EFTs) and an additional \$1.7 million staffing costs. This translates into 27.9 additional EFT employees and almost an additional \$3 million costs just in this and last year's budgets, both of which have failed to provide information about expenditures for each individual new position.

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SUBMISSION TO MACEDON RANGES SHIRE COUNCIL re 2020-2021 Budget

As in previous years, the budget document is little more than a marketing brochure. There is insufficient information and detail for anyone to be making a constructive submission.

There is no comparison of current year actual figures against last year and against budget. Although this information may possibly be separately gleaned from quarterly reports, the last of these on Council's web site is for the September 2019 quarter. The annual report is not planned until this September. There is nothing in the budget indicating what, out of the expenditure that was budgeted in 2019-2020, remains unspent or is over budget or is carried into the 2020-2021 budget. The balance sheet shows last year's budgeted assets and liabilities but what is the actual?

Some of my more specific questions include:

1. What is the budget for legal fees and on what basis is that calculated? For example, what was spent in previous years and what is the success rate at VCAT?
2. What are the details of income and expenditure for the airfield? I have repeatedly asked this and, given that various of Council's marketing documents claim:

- (a) The airfield is cost neutral; and
- (b) The airfield provides an (unsubstantiated and unquantified) economic benefit to the Shire

my request for further detail is more than reasonable.

3. I can see nothing tangible that relates directly to the Action Plan in relation to tourism. Tourism is the biggest private industry in the Shire and income and expenditure is simply buried under other headings in this document.
4. Council has voted to sell the East Paddock at Hanging Rock. Where is that income shown in the Budget? How will that income be spent?
5. Council has submitted to purchase part of Kyneton Primary School. Where is that expenditure in the Budget?
6. Expenditure on the Saleyard is reported to have exceeded the current year's budget by 100%. Where is that treated and exactly how much more than that overspend is needing to be spent?

It is, quite frankly, an insult to anyone with an interest in their Shire to be given such a document on which to analyse and comment. If Council is really interested in public comment, it needs to go beyond hiding behind the "bare bones" legal requirements of local government reporting. If Council is serious about public engagement, the calculations behind the overall glossy document would be publicly available and give sufficient detail and transparency.

Kaitlin Evans

From: Macedon Ranges Shire Council - do not reply <noreply@openforms.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 30 June 2020 1:27 PM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Subject: Draft Budget, draft Council Plan and draft Strategic Resource Plan - 2020/21 submission

Draft Budget, draft Council Plan and draft Strategic Resource Plan - 2020/21 submission

Question	Response
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Please share your feedback.	As a resident of [REDACTED], I have become increasingly frustrated by the continued illegal collection of firewood in the area of bush to the west of Royal Parade, starting at Melville's Road and continuing to Gap Road. Collection along Royal Parade also continues. Is it possible to allocate funding to provide appropriate signage eg. " No firewood collection without a permit", along the length of Royal Parade to deter illegal firewood collection? Thank you [REDACTED]
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Kaitlin Evans

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 30 June 2020 2:14 PM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Subject: Budget Submission from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] would firstly like to thank council for allotting \$250,000 for open space purchase in Gisborne. This will begin to make up for so much of our open space land that has recently been lost to car parking, Aldi, selling off, developments, roadworks and widening, and other pressures being experienced in Gisborne.

We also support the other initiatives coming from the Public Open Space reserve fund of Gisborne Fields and Hobbs Road security.

We do request more of the \$1,235,000 is spent on acquiring more open space land in Gisborne. Our projects include working on Bunjil Creek in Gisborne, this is a long term project and it follows the planning scheme and other council documents to provide a pedestrian linkage and biolink from the confluence of Jacksons Creek, 4.2 kilometres to Mount Gisborne. A land acquisition program is needed to achieve this goal and adding to the \$250,000 from the remaining estimate for next year of \$1,117,000 would have a positive and enormous community benefit to thousands of residents who would then have better off-road pedestrian access.

Another key area which would benefit the community could be achieved through the open space south fund is the Gisborne pine plantation, it is an important linkage for Gisborne Secondary College students to walk through on their way to and from school, it is used widely by Gisborne's community, it was donated to the community by forward thinking residents in 1929, the purpose of which was as a bird sanctuary and plantation, it must remain in the community hands as part of Gisborne's open space network. The pine plantation has also been identified as a burial place for the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung so is very significant and needs protection.

[REDACTED] would also recommend that council reviews its current 'preferred tree species list' as the current list promotes environmentally irresponsible practices which are polluting our waterways and inhibiting natural processes. Locally native species must be the preferred options.

Best Regards,
[REDACTED]

Kaitlin Evans

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 30 June 2020 3:08 PM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Subject: Budget Draft
Attachments: [REDACTED] letterhead.docx

To Whom It May Concern:
Macedon Ranges Shire Council/Current Budget Draft 2020
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regards,
[REDACTED]



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Macedon Ranges Shire Council

Submission to Council Draft Budget

Thank you for the opportunity to submit to the current budget.

Feedback from  are presented below in point form:

- Full support for the projects which are included from Public Open Space South reserve fund: Gisborne Fields, Gisborne Open Space purchase and security for Hobbs Road Reserve.
- Open Space South ward fund, \$1,235,000. Why is so little being spent when there are many fitting projects which have been identified for many decades, including:
 - Gisborne Botanic Garden.
 - Melbourne Water co-works Plan with Macedon Ranges to purchase and secure land for Gisborne Biolink Strategy enacted.
 - Public acquisitions including: land on Gisborne Secondary College side of Bunjil Creek. Gisborne Pine plantation needs to be back in the community hands to realise the original purpose of a Bird Sanctuary and Plantation, (not pines but indigenous species for the bird sanctuary component). It is also a significant Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung site with a recorded burial and must be recognised and protected as such.
- Gisborne and New Gisborne Honour Avenues, this omission shows a lack of respect to our veterans and history, it must be included to be formally recognised.
- The current 'Preferred Tree Species' list of the MRSC needs updating to reflect ecological best practice and conservation as outlined in the MRSC Biodiversity Strategy. This is an urgent need and should be funded.
- Barrm Birrm acquisition program and the Five Mile Creek – Romsey project, is supported.
- The Bushland Reserve Signage Strategy needs reviewing to include regulatory and conservation values. Currently it has little or no relevance to the ecological values and protection of bushland reserves or legislation. This needs to be funded.

- Significant Native Tree Register - Currently missing from Macedon Ranges Shire, this is an important listing requirement for our significant assets and protections. This should be a new initiative as we have many significant native trees including some with Aboriginal Cultural Heritage values, and many with vital habitat values.
- Support for a review of the Open Space Strategy 2013 document. The 1999 version was a much better document. The current one appears to lack the important environmental/ecological focus which is vital. Gisborne biolink, increasing public open space for passive and conservation purposes and acquisition of land in Gisborne is vital. This document needs to address the current practice of sporting and active recreation activities negatively impacting on conservation or passive areas, eg: cross country running in Daly Nature Reserve which contravenes the purpose, damages the reserve and sends the wrong message to participants and the community.
- Updating Green infrastructure (passive open spaces and conservation). Gisborne is experiencing a change from previous descriptions as a commuter township to having many people now working from home. These workers are now much more active in the community, needing walking linkages to escape from “work” during lunch breaks and after work. The Gisborne biolink project along Bunjil and Howey Creeks is urgently required, and has strategic direction through a long history of documents including the current planning scheme. This must be funded as a top priority, there is funding available in the Public Open Space South reserve to begin this process.

We respectfully request the above matters be addressed in the current Budget proposals.

Regards,

[Redacted signature]

Kaitlin Evans

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Sent: Tuesday, 30 June 2020 12:26 PM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Subject: [Sender Unverified] Draft Budget, draft Council Plan and draft Strategic Resource Plan - 2020/21 submission

Draft Budget, draft Council Plan and draft Strategic Resource Plan - 2020/21 submission

Question	Response
Have your say	
Please share your feedback.	<p>Given the public notification in the Midland Express on 23 June 2020 that the restructure at the organisation was now complete and would be implemented from 1 July, how can this draft budget be considered as accurate? Given the considerable changes that have occurred across the organisation it is not clear from this document what services will be continued and whether priorities in this document will remain.</p> <p>Can you please explain what cost efficiencies have been made through the restructure?</p> <p>Pg 12 and 13 - Promoting Health and Well being is a priority - if so, can you please confirm whether the priorities listed on these pages will still be implemented and if so how, given the removal of positions that were responsible for this work.</p> <p>Pg 14 - Can Council confirm the continuation of the listed projects originally being delivered within the Community Wellbeing directorate since the restructure?</p> <p>Given that the employee costs are not accurate as the draft document shows the four directorate structure, these should be updated and provided to the community.</p> <p>Can a draft budget which is clearly not correct and contains a number of inaccuracies and inconsistencies be adopted</p>

	without it going back out for community comment? I encourage councillors to defer the adoption of the budget and ensure that a revised budget is provided to the community for further comment.
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Kaitlin Evans

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 30 June 2020 11:10 PM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Subject: Budget submission

Dear Council,

Please find enclosed the budget submission from [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in the Macedon Ranges [REDACTED] supports the projects which are included from Public Open Space South reserve fund: Gisborne Open Space land purchase, Gisborne Fields, and Gisborne Hobbs Road Reserve security upgrade.

[REDACTED] supports the Public Open Space East reserve fund initiatives of Barrm Birrm acquisition – operational expense and the Romsey Five Mile Creek masterplan.

[REDACTED] fully supports the new initiative of the Open Space Strategy – the current document is in desperate need of review to better align with ecological processes, the Biodiversity Strategy, the Statement of Planning Policy, Melbourne Water’s Healthy Waterways strategy and implementing pedestrian linkages which also provide wildlife corridors as indicated in the 1999 version which was a superior document. Open space must also be specific to conservation and stop inappropriate activity.

Public Open Space South reserve fund is listed as having a total of \$1,235,000 in it. Why is so little being spent when there are many fitting projects which have been identified for many decades. These include:

- Gisborne Botanic Garden.
- Melbourne Water co-works Plan with Macedon Ranges to purchase and secure land for Gisborne Biolink Strategy enacted.
- Public acquisitions including: land on Gisborne Secondary College side of Bunjil Creek, Pine plantation to secure as original purpose, 'A Bird Sanctuary and Plantation of locally native species, (not pines. The Pines were temporary fund raiser for Christmas trees fund for school, noting the State Government were gifted this land, so why should we have to buy it back?
- Cultural Heritage partnership with Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung, especially in regard to the Gisborne pine plantation, which contains a burial site so would have important cultural heritage significance.

[REDACTED] is extremely disappointed to note that the Gisborne and New Gisborne Honour Avenues are not included in the budget – there is a community expectation to include the protection and formal recognition of these assets, which was highlighted in the Midland Express edition from 4 February 2020. This omission shows a lack of respect to our veterans and history and should be included.

Some suggestions that should be included in the budget:

Gisborne Botanic Gardens:

* Restoration and maintenance of the original ANZAC Ave with the *Acacia melanoxylon*, as the Blackwood Ave. The world’s tallest flowering wattle, flowers on ‘Wattle Day’ 1 September a National Celebration as Consecrated by ANZAC, RSL & Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung. This could be achieved through utilising the funds in the Open Space South reserve fund.

- * Defining of the natural amphitheatre in the Gisborne Botanic Garden and its planting, also achievable through the Public Open Space South reserve fund.
- * Wedding services in botanic gardens need to be reinstated, this would ensure funding towards progress and maintenance of the gardens. Currently weddings are not permitted in botanic gardens, but the fee for such is listed on page 74, of Budget.
- * Sporting, recreational activities are currently encroaching and damaging conservation areas, culturally significant/sensitive places and areas designated for passive recreation. This practice needs to be realised and stopped. As does the cost to community propping up sport effect which does not serve the entire community.

Other areas:

Damage is occurring in 'Bird watch' at Dixon Field, Stanley Park and many other refuge areas in Nature Reserves.

- * [REDACTED] calls for update and alignment of the 'Preferred Tree Species' list of the MRSC, to the environmentally responsible MRSC Biodiversity Strategy. Update to reflect ecological recovery not ecologically irresponsible damaging and in conflict to Catchment Management Authorities policies, programs and disregard for environmental process.
- * Bushland Reserve Signage Strategy review needed. It must include regulatory and conservation values, currently it appears to only cover tourism information and direction, and has little or no relevance to bushland reserve and Environmental legislation.
- * Significant Native Tree Register: Currently missing from Macedon Ranges Shire, this is an important listing requirement for our significant assets and protections which are currently lacking.
- * Updating Green infrastructure (passive open spaces and conservation): Seems to not be updated to reflect forecasting to meet the needs of a 'working from home' community for walking and connectivity around Townships for lunch breaks, after work relief and passive exercise, based on the same sporting requests as previous years, that target sporting functions that boarder community can not engage with.
- * Has council direction to incentivising our community towards a healthier lifestyle utilising car tech (recharging parking stations), solar parking metres, (5G connect on existing infrastructure to protect viewlines and larger tower incursions) etc.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

Kaitlin Evans

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 30 June 2020 11:13 PM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Subject: Budgetary submission

To the Macedon Ranges Shire Council,

Subject: Budget submission from the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] supports many items in the draft budget for 2020/2021, these include the purchase of open space in Gisborne and the security upgrades to protect Hobbs Road Reserve.

* Open spaces are imperative for our wildlife to survive, as opposed to sporting facilities, but actual open spaces which are filled with habitat and forage along with access to the general community. Gisborne is known for kangaroos at the golf course as a tourist attraction and also for wildlife corridors and habitat inside the town boundaries. More spaces, corridors and “stepping stones” to accommodate our native creatures are important to their survival as well as human mental health.

The south ward open space reserve fund has a substantial amount of money left idle in it, so this open space purchase funding should be increased to include more land purchases along Bunjil and Howey Creeks which is an ideal habitat for our wildlife and also a great opportunity for people to walk and link the township with other areas towards Mount Gisborne while experiencing nature close to home.

* The Gisborne Botanic Gardens is an ideal area for vast improvement, the ANZAC Avenue which is currently in disrepair needs to be restored with the beautiful and ecologically functional Blackwood species, this needs to be a connecting canopy for the passage of wildlife, but will also facilitate a shady area for people to walk and enjoy. There is identified wildlife activity in these gardens, it has a water supply being surrounded by Jacksons Creek and the direction is to house indigenous plantings, this needs to occur for our wildlife and our community. There appears to be no funding for this important project which has so much community, wildlife and natural environment education potential, funding for progress is a must.

* The 'Preferred Tree Species' list of the MRSC, is ecologically damaging, does not follow best practice and is encouraging the continued practice of planting inappropriate species, which do not provide supporting habitat and forage for much of our wildlife. Deciduous trees are a pollutant to waterways and should not be recommended for use in an environmentally significant place like the Macedon Ranges. We would support a “significant native tree register” be established and funded to encourage and recognise our native vegetation and the role it plays in supporting wildlife.

* Council's nature strip policy could be expanded to improve wildlife corridors and production of locally native seed banks.

* 'Barrm Birrm' acquisition program is supported and urgently required.

* Open Space Strategy review is supported. The new strategy needs to align with the necessary biolinks like Gisborne's Bunjil and Howey Creeks, best practice ecological outcomes and council's biodiversity strategy.

* Open Space South reserve fund has \$1,235,000 in it. This allows more to be spent on improving our open space networks, biolinks and native habitat. There are urgently required projects that need funding from this fund, including:

- Gisborne Botanic Garden.

- Public acquisitions to realise the Gisborne Biolinks including: land on Gisborne Secondary College side of Bunjil Creek, * Gisborne Pine plantation to secure as original purpose of the donation by local families, 'A Bird Sanctuary and Plantation' (of locally native species).

- Cultural Heritage partnership with Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung in the pine plantation works and acquisition as it is well-known that there is evidence of it being a burial site.

Sincerely



Kaitlin Evans

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 30 June 2020 9:06 PM
To: John Hausler; Macedon Ranges Shire Council; Cr Janet Pearce; Cr Mandi Mees; Cr Andrew Twaits; Cr Bill West; Cr Helen Radnedge; Cr Henry Bleeck; Cr Jennifer Anderson; Cr Roger Jukes; Cr Natasha Gayfer
Cc: Dean Frank; [REDACTED]
Subject: 2020-2021 Budget Submission
Attachments: 2020-21 Budget Submission - Ash Wednesday Park Landscape Masterplan.pdf

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Evening All,

Hope this finds you all well and you are continuing to stay safe.

Attached please find the 2020-2021 Budget Submission [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] urges you to support our submission in order to continue the great work and advocacy of the community past and present, and business houses from both Mt Macedon and Macedon.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me or our [REDACTED]
I request that our group be allocated some time to present, in support of the Submission, at the appropriate Council meeting.

Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Monday June 29, 2020

Mr. John Hausler,
Director of Corporate Services,
Macedon Ranges Shire Council,
P.O. Box 151,
Kyneton Vic. 3444

**Submission for Ash Wednesday Park Master Landscape Plan
Additional Funding Allocation in 2020/2021 Budget**

Dear Mr. Hausler,

As you would be aware, MRSC allocated \$50K in the 2019/2020 budget however this work has not been progressed for a number of reasons, one of which being the COVID-19 pandemic. To this end it is requested that this amount be carried over into the 2020/2021 financial year.

On behalf of the Macedon and Mount Macedon communities, we request that an additional \$150,000 in funding be allocated in the 2020/2021 Budget for works identified as "Short Term" priorities in the Implementation Plan contained within the Ash Wednesday Park Master Plan approved 1st May 2020 (Ref: CX.3 Attachment 2).

We believe that these funds could, in part if not entirely, come from South Ward Public Open Space Fund Reserve, which we understand was specifically established for projects such as Ash Wednesday Park.

The following reasons are provided in support of the increased funding allocation:-

- Would provide sufficient funding, as identified in the Implementation Plan, to complete around 68.20% of the Stage 1 work;
- Provide a tangible and meaningful response to the community's advocacy for this project since 1987;
- Greatly assist our efforts in attracting additional funding from other sources;
- Increase the likelihood, obviously subject to additional funding opportunities in the following two years, to enable the entire project to be completed by the 40th anniversary of the Ash Wednesday bush fires;
- Enhance the tourism experience for visitors to the area;
- Would provide a high quality playground and parkland precinct within walking distance of the Macedon village and railway station.




Some of the current activities and events held at the Ash Wednesday Park are,

1. Daily use by children while waiting for the school bus (morning and evening)
2. Group picnics and children's birthday parties
3. Annual Christmas community party held in December each year
4. Destination point for teenagers and adult bike riding excursions and events

Some future uses we have identified include:-

1. School excursions to explore nature and wildlife
2. Another Tourist destination point during the Autumn Leaves Period
3. Meeting point for bike riding groups
4. Integration with the Proposed Shared Trails project between Woodend and Riddells Creek as a central meeting point
5. Form part of the Arts Precinct with Jubilee Hall and Mount Players Theatre

We urge you to support our Submission and further commit to future budget funding to ensure that this project is completed by the 40th Anniversary of the 1983 Bushfires. This is an existing well utilised Park and, upgrades and an enhancement are long overdue.

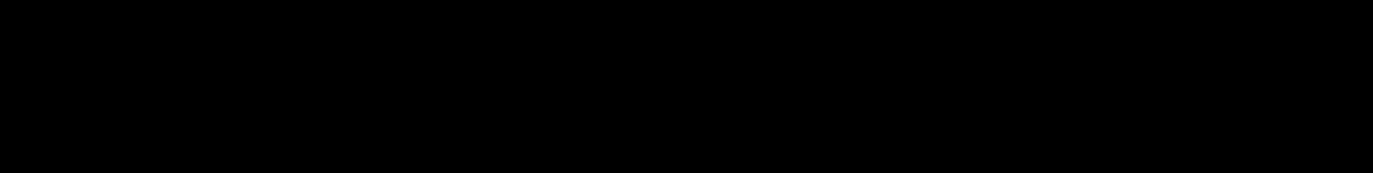
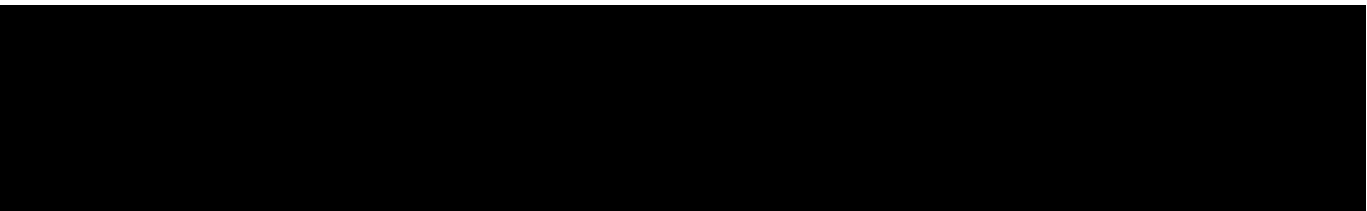
Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me or our 

I request to be given the opportunity to make a presentation in support of this submission at the designated Council Meeting.

Yours sincerely







Kaitlin Evans

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dear John

Please find attached my submission to the Council Draft Budget

regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

John Hausler
Director Corporate Services
Macedon Ranges Shire Council
PO Box 151
Kyneton Vic 3444
e: jhausler@mrsc.vic.gov.au

30th June 2020

Dear Councillors

Re: Submission to the MRSC draft Budget 2020/2021

I would like to make this submission to the Councillors of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

I have been a resident of the Macedon/Mt Macedon [REDACTED] and have watched the growth of our area and increased visitor numbers to our two small towns over recent years. [REDACTED]

My request to Council is for BBQ facilities to be installed at Tony Clarke Reserve. This could be funded through the South Ward Open Space Budget. In recent years we have seen the number of visitors to Mount Macedon explode. We have seen how increased visitation is impacting on Stanley Park. The Stanley Environmental Management Plan states that other visitor locations should be promoted for visitation to take the load off Stanley Park.

In recent years facilities at Tony Clarke Reserve have been used for the "Autumn Leaves" yet it is not promoted for visitation for family and social. Visitors have been directed there for parking. Tony Clarke Reserve has suitable facilities for visitation other than sport. The reserve has a large playground, significant parking, a large toilet block including disabled toilet. There are also four small brick wood fired BBQ's available, not up to current standards, there are no tables or seating. This is the very thing that needs updating and with existing conditions is something that could easily be accommodated.

The Macedon Ranges Open Space Strategy 2013 states “.

Manage visitor demand

- Spread the load between multiple sites with significant carrying capacity
- Designate Tony Clarke Reserve as the primary sporting complex to serve Macedon & Mount Macedon. Provide local social/family recreation facilities and a perimeter trail.

Appendix1. Classification

Flora and Fauna

Open space areas reserved or provided for the protection of flora and fauna. This may include existing bushland, grassland, wetlands and waterways, as well as potential habitat/biolinks.

I hope Council will give my request serious consideration.

Yours truly

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Kaitlin Evans

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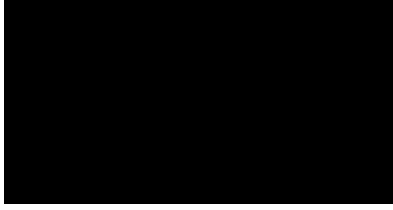
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Dear Mr Hausler
Please find attached our submission for the MRSC Draft Budget on behalf of the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Regards

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30th June 2020

Dear Mr Hausler and Councillors

Re: Submission to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council Draft Budget 2020/21

Thank you for this opportunity to make a submission on behalf of [REDACTED]. We request that Council review, replace and update the regulatory, advisory and interpretive signage within the Stanley Park. This could be possible by utilising funding from the South Ward Open Space budget.

The existing signage within the reserve does not serve the needs of Stanley Park today. The existing signage has either been damaged by visitors, interpretive signs that have aged and are no longer legible and there is signage that reflects Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Bushland Reserves Sign Signage Template & Style Guidelines 2015 that urgently needs reviewing. There is regulatory and advisory signage that is out of date and needs updating to reflect current local laws. Currently, we have fourteen regulatory signs around the reserve yet visitors ignore most of them all of the time. The existing regulatory signs are very small, 7 cm's across in size and are located on bollards at three locations in the reserve and the remainder are on the main entry signs at the toilet block and at the BBQ entrance. Once again very small and difficult to see and generally ignored. The existing signage is not located where visitors are likely to see them. The reserve urgently needs interpretive signage that highlights the significance of the flora and fauna in the reserve, to date we have over 200 flora species identified in Stanley Park, over 70 bird species as well as a very diverse population of fauna that lives and breeds in the reserve. Yet, we have nothing that informs visitors about the significance and purpose of the reserve. Stanley Park Bushland reserve is currently under review for rezoning with the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme Amendment C126 to become PCRZ – Public Conservation Resource Zone.

On Sunday 28th June visitors at Stanley Park had a large number of visitors in the reserve. They were observed with portable gas BBQ'S – prohibited signage is displayed, when these visitors were approached regarding regulatory signage, they stated that they had not seen the signage. There were also children riding bicycles into the bush areas between the trees, prohibited on displayed signage. Other visitors had set up a picnic area in the bush area under the trees. We also need signage that we were unable to include when the new signs were rolled out. These include “No Camping” “Dogs on leads” (New Local Law), Pick up after your dog, our sign is advisory yet it is a local law. We also need signage to reflect the presence of wild life on the site.

For a number of years now the [REDACTED] has been very concerned about the capacity of the reserve and the ever- increasing numbers of visitors to the reserve, we have concerns that unless we are able to manage visitor behaviour that Stanley Park that we will lose much of what it represents, its significance as a place of environmental significance. Additionally, should we be successful with this application to Council, that the [REDACTED] requests that they be consulted and that they be fully involved with every aspect with the development of the signage.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]