

Agenda

Submitters Committee Meeting
Wednesday 4 February 2026 at 7:00 PM
Held online and livestreamed at mrsc.vic.gov.au

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7.1 Hearing of Submitters in Relation to the Budget 2026/276

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Macedon Ranges Shire Council acknowledges the Dja Dja Wurrung, Taungurung and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land and waterways. Council recognises their living cultures and ongoing connection to Country and pays respect to their Elders past, and present.

Council also acknowledges local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander residents of Macedon Ranges for their ongoing contribution to the diverse culture of our community.

2 RECORDING AND LIVESTREAMING OF THIS COMMITTEE MEETING

This meeting is being recorded and streamed live on the internet, in accordance with Council's 'Live Streaming and Publishing Recordings of Meetings' policy, which can be viewed on Council's website.

3 PRESENT

4 APOLOGIES

5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

6 PURPOSE OF SUBMITTERS DELEGATED COMMITTEE

Council receives written submissions on a variety of matters which need to be considered by Council during the decision-making process. The Submitters Delegated Committee affords people who have made a submission a specific opportunity to appear in person to expand on their submission, if they wish to do so, for the nominated matters above as outlined in the instrument of delegation.

7 REPORTS

7.1	HEARING OF SUBMITTERS IN RELATION TO THE BUDGET 2026/27
Officer:	Travis Harling, Manager Finance and Reporting
Council Plan relationship:	Our Performance
Attachments:	1. General Input and Comments 2026-27 ↓ 2. Projects 2026-27 ↓

Summary

Council invited the public to contribute to the development of the Budget 2026/27 through a community engagement consultation process that ran from 30 October to 11 December 2025. Preparing Council's annual budget requires many inputs, and this opportunity was provided to ensure that Council understands the community's current priorities to strike the right balance and allowing the community to share ideas and feedback, to suggest or support projects, infrastructure, and initiatives.

Eighty-Nine (89) submissions were received prior to closure of the advertised consultation period.

The purpose of this meeting is to hear from those submitters who have expressed a desire to make a verbal presentation in support of their submission. Council will then consider the submissions as part of the development of the Budget 2026/27 in the coming months.

Recommendation

That the Committee

- 1. Notes the submissions received for consideration in the Draft Budget 2026/27 and the supporting verbal presentations;**
- 2. Notes that these submissions will be referred to the Council Meeting at which the draft Budget 2026/27 is presented for adoption; and**
- 3. Notes that responses and recommendations on submissions received will be prepared for Council's consideration at that meeting.**

Background

In accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Acts 2020 and 1989* and consistent with Council's *Community Engagement Policy*, the community was invited to provide submissions to support the development of the Budget 2026/27.

Discussion

Each year, Local Government Victoria publishes the Better Practice Guide: Planning and Model Budget to support councils in preparing their annual budgets. The Better Practice Guide annually highlights that the budget is a short-term plan that specifies the required resources to fund Council's services and initiatives over the coming 12 months and subsequent three

financial years, and that it should be consistent with the first four years of the Financial Plan. The Model also outlines the requirements for containing both strategic and operational information covering details of services and initiatives to be funded and the objectives to be achieved, as well as indicators and performance outcomes.

Finally, it specifies that the budget should outline major initiatives and priorities and the funding of services through financial statements detailing income, expenditure, assets, liabilities, equity, cash and required capital works.

The preparation of these documents with this consultation period remains consistent with the requirement of Section 90 and 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and forms part of the Integrated Strategic Planning and Reporting Framework developed as Part 4 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Summary of Submissions

The eighty-nine submissions which were received are presented as an attachment to this report. Submissions are presented in the order they were received, and in accordance with privacy principles, submitters' personal details have been redacted. Councillors have been separately provided with an un-redacted version of each submission.

Consultation and engagement

Council continued the innovative early-engagement approach first introduced last year. For the second year running, feedback was gathered through Council's website and a structured online survey designed to capture more detailed input. To support accessibility, Council officers were available to assist community members with their submissions if required.

The initiative was actively promoted across multiple social media platforms and through targeted print advertising campaigns. All submissions received were formally acknowledged, and each contributor was invited to speak at the Submitters Delegated Committee.

Collaboration

Officers have worked with the community to seek their contributions and input as part of shaping key documents. These contributions, collected during this engagement period have been reviewed and continue to be considered by Councillors and officers as they develop the Budget. This approach ensures that the community's needs and priorities can be reflected in the financial planning and decision-making process, to best represent and serve the interests of the community.

Innovation and continuous improvement

The Budget is an important part of Council's integrated strategic planning. The Budget forms one of the key elements to Council's overall Integrated Strategic Planning and Reporting Framework.

Relevant law

Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020* requires councils in Victoria to prepare a budget for each financial year. The *Local Government (Performance Reporting and Accountability) Act 2014*, and the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020*, specify the requirement for a budget to include major initiatives and the Regulations prescribe the relevant information disclosure requirements.

In accordance with the *Gender Equality Act 2020*, a Gender Impact Assessment was not required in relation to the subject matter of this report.

Relevant regional, state and national plans and policies

Nil.

Relevant Council plans and policies

The preparation of the Budget document underpins the annual priorities set out in Council's Council Plan (Shaping the Ranges 2025–2035). Progress against these annual priorities directly advances the broader objectives of the Plan.

Climate Impact Assessment

A climate impact assessment will be undertaken for each submission that progresses to the next stage of consideration. Should a submission be recommended for inclusion in the 2026-27 Budget, Council will complete a comprehensive assessment to evaluate its environmental implications, alignment with climate objectives, and contribution to long-term sustainability outcomes.

Financial viability

Community submissions will be reviewed and considered in conjunction with internal priorities and the provision of current day to day services to the community. All internal and external submissions are evaluated for potential inclusion in the annual budget, it is important to ensure a balanced budget is maintained annually.

Sustainability implications

Council funding of services continues at similar levels to previous years.

Officer declaration of conflicts of interest

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect conflict of interest in this matter.

It should be noted that several Council officers are ratepayers of Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Budget 2026/27
Community Submissions
General Input and Comments

	About your idea	Please provide detail about your general input on services or priorities. If you have data to back up how this will address the problem or opportunity you can put it in here. If you have more detail than the 1000 character limit, you will have an option to upload supporting documents.	Where in the Shire do you spend most of your time?	Please enter the township/area:	How important are these areas for Council investment in the coming budget year?	What other areas are important to you?	What three priorities should Council focus on in 2026/27?	Do you think Council is investing the right amount in its services overall?	Please explain your answer:	Do you have any other comments on Council's priorities and focus over the coming Budget Year?
C1	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	Fully Demolish, and Brand-New Build of the Woodend Campase Park/Five-Mile Creek Toilets (Male & Female) Blocks, thats been their since the Early 1960's/1970's, Better/More, Lighting within the Park with more or better Upgraded BBQ's and to Seal/Ashphealte the Road within and around and, out of the Woodend Campaspe Park instead of it being a Dirt and Pot-Hole all the time	Woodend, Kyneton and Gisborne	Woodend	Roads and Footpaths - 5 (most) Parks and Open Spaces - 5 (most) Waste and Recycling - 5 (most) Environment and Climate Action - 5 (most) Youth, Families and Seniors - 5 (most) Business and Tourism - 5 (most) Arts, Culture & Events - 5 (most) Other (please provide details) - 5 (most)			Too little		
C2	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	I've been waiting for an opportunity to express how much we would love to see a bike track connecting some of the country roads into Lancefield. We live on Ashworth Road We around the area would love to see a safe bike track connecting some of the country roads into Lancefield. We live on Ashworth Road, and like many local families, we'd love a way to ride into town safely. A path along Burke and Wills Track or Three Chain Road would be ideal. With new business park developments planned on Three Chain Road, a bike track would fit perfectly and improve safety for cyclists and walkers. Right now, riding on the roadside is far too dangerous, especially for kids. A proper bike track would make a huge difference for families and the whole community.	Macedon Ranges	Lancefield	Roads and Footpaths - 5 (most) Parks and Open Spaces - 5 (most) Waste and Recycling - 5 (most) Environment and Climate Action - 5 (most) Youth, Families and Seniors - 5 (most) Business and Tourism - 5 (most) Arts, Culture & Events - 5 (most) Other (please provide details) - 5 (most)	Family friendly	Roads, traffic, parks	About right	I think it just needs to be a bit more of a focus now the population is growing	No
C3	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	I just want to share my perspective on the role of Council and what my rates should and shouldn't cover. My top priority is those things that other community groups (particularly activist groups) don't cover. Ie. Roads, rubbish, council amenities and maintenance. My lowest priority is activist areas like climate change, environment newsletters, and indigenous politics that are the domain of other levels of government, or other community organisations, eg. Landcare. Whilst these issues are important, there are community-focused groups that work well in those areas, and council need not duplicate or fund them, particularly as extra levies are then contemplated to cover the resultant shortfall for basics like roads and rubbish.	Woodend	Woodend	Roads and Footpaths - 5 (most) Parks and Open Spaces - 5 (most) Waste and Recycling - 5 (most) Environment and Climate Action - 1 (most) Youth, Families and Seniors - 2 (most) Business and Tourism - 2 (most) Arts, Culture & Events - 2 (most) Other (please provide details) - 1 (most)	Senior council employees salaries seem out of control.	Roads, rubbish and amenity maintenance including graffiti removal.	About right	Council is doing well in service provision, but rates could be contained if the "extras" and their staffing were contained.	I am annoyed that when I complain about activist spending, councillors tell me these expenses are mandated by government in order to attract funding. This is political interference. Council don't need to advise on matters such as climate change or energy, pushing Labor agendas using specialist staff who should be working within a political party or other community organisations rather than ratepayer funded.
C4	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	Build a swimming pool and gym facilities in either Ramzi or Lancefield due to rise of people in the community	Lancefield in Romsey	Lancefield	Roads and Footpaths - 5 Parks and Open Spaces - 5 Waste and Recycling - 2 Environment and Climate Action - 2 Youth, Families and Seniors - 4 Business and Tourism - 4 Arts, Culture & Events - 1 Other (please provide details) - 1	Roads fixed the potholes	Gym and fitness facilities potholes and running and pathway track	Too little	Don't piss part around get it done	
C5	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	We have no footpaths on the west (quarry) end of Tylden. It is impossible to push a pram over the open drains, overgrown grass and creeks. There are planned paths in the latest Macedon Ranges footpath plan. It would make a huge difference to the community. Especially families walking to school each day. It would also open these areas up for casual walkers and dog walkers in the town. Any type of path will do. I would love sealed paths but anything would be better than the mud we walk though now. Thanks for your help.	Tylden	Tylden	Roads and Footpaths - 5 Parks and Open Spaces - 4 Waste and Recycling - 3 Environment and Climate Action - 4 Youth, Families and Seniors - 4 Business and Tourism - 1 Arts, Culture & Events - 4		Footpaths in Tylden, shade in children's parks, arts and culture			
C6	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	As a ratepayer for over 45 years (now retired), I would like to express my disappointment regarding the recent removal of one of the small budget items, being the receipt of a free pass for parking at Hanging Rock when you have a meal at the cafe there. I feel that whilst there would be some saving in the parking costs, this would be more than offset by ratepayers like me and my wife ceasing to use the cafe, including us bringing our friends and relatives. I am aware that visitors to the area can obtain such a free parking pass and this disappoints me more, as I believe ratepayers should be prioritized to receive such a benefit. One possible part-concession could be to allow the free pass for ratepayers who hold a Seniors Card? Your consideration of this suggestion would be greatly appreciated.	Macedon Ranges	Gisborne	Roads and Footpaths - 5 Parks and Open Spaces - 4 Waste and Recycling - 5 Environment and Climate Action - 2 Youth, Families and Seniors - 5 Business and Tourism - 4 Arts, Culture & Events - 3	Refer my comment above regarding free parking at Hanging Rock.	Refer above - obviously those marked as '5' (most) are my priorities.	About right	I am not knowledgeable enough on what the Council does to make any comment	Refer my suggestion above regarding free parking at Hanging Rock.
C7	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	I would like to shine a light on the ridiculous speeds being travelled down McGeorge road in the Willow estate in Gisborne. I live on McGeorge Road near Brooking road and what is evident is not a single car travels at the required 50km speed, unfortunately to make things worse cars are accelerating hard after the roundabout which has led to unreasonable vehicle sound levels within my home despite double glazed windows and insulation. It is also becoming increasingly dangerous to enter and exit my short driveway as it is impossible to judge the car speed around me. I fear for my wife and kids and the people and children that wait at the bus stop nearby. This has been raised several times with council and police with no luck as I have been advised it's somehow not council problem despite speed calming measures or initiatives sitting with council. As a local resident I am fed up at the lack of care shown to address what I believe is a serious problem.	Willow estate Gisborne and town centre	Gisborne	Roads and Footpaths - 5 Parks and Open Spaces - 4 Waste and Recycling - 4 Environment and Climate Action - 2 Youth, Families and Seniors - 4 Business and Tourism - 4 Arts, Culture & Events - 2	Gisborne town centre	Road safety, traffic congestion and parking	About right	All in all the council is doing a great job considering the influx of population in the area.	Please just consider how we can slow vehicles down McGeorge Road to a safe and reasonable speed noting the willow estate dwellings are not rural properties and we don't have the luxury of having large hedges and long driveways to change vehicle orientation and block out vehicle noise.

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C8	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	Redesdale Rd between Kyneton Resource Recovery Facility and Rollinson Reserve entrance has a very bumpy section of road...in our ute and truck particularly. The problem is mostly when you head north on that side of the road. Would it be possible to redo that bit of road? Thanks for doing the edges of the road too it has made a big difference when it rains.	Home	Edgecombe	Roads and Footpaths - 5 Parks and Open Spaces - 3 Waste and Recycling - 5 Environment and Climate Action - 5 Youth, Families and Seniors - 3 Business and Tourism - 3 Arts, Culture & Events - 3	Public toilets are few and too far away in some sections of the town.	Roads, Public toilets,	About right		
C9	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	The highest priority for the 2026/27 Budget should be the full funding and expedited completion of the Woodend-Riddells Creek Shared Trail. As Gisborne residents who enjoy running and cycle long distances, we view this trail as the critical "spine" of active transport in the Macedon Ranges. We urge Council to ensure there are no delays in the staged construction of this project. Secondly, we ask Council to invest in the Daylesford to Hanging Rock Rail Trail (feasibility and design). Our goal is to see a continuous off-road network exceeding 50km. By completing the Woodend-Riddells Creek trail and linking it to the Daylesford corridor, the Council would create a nationally significant asset. This scale is required to support local endurance athletes and attracts high-yield cycle tourism, similar to the success of the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail. Please prioritise the completion of the Woodend-Riddells Creek Shared Trail above all else.	Greater Gisborne area, Woodend, New Gisborne, Macedon etc.	New Gisborne	Roads and Footpaths - 5 Parks and Open Spaces - 4 Waste and Recycling - 3 Environment and Climate Action - 2 Youth, Families and Seniors - 2 Business and Tourism - 4 Arts, Culture & Events - 5	Active Transport	Expedite the Woodend-Riddells Creek Shared Trail, Invest in the Daylesford to Hanging Rock Rail Trail, Fund the "Missing Link" (Gisborne to New Gisborne)	Too little	Despite significant rates, investment in 'basics' like roads, paths, and infrastructure is too little. Council must stick to core business: stop spending on peripheral issues and prioritise tangible assets like the regional trail network.	We encourage Council to focus on inter-town connectivity rather than just intra-town footpaths. While local paths are important, the region lacks safe, long-distance infrastructure (20km+) for runners, walkers and cyclists. With the population growth in Gisborne and surrounding towns, road shoulders are becoming increasingly unsafe for exercise. The Council's priority should be shifting long-distance active recreation off the roads and onto dedicated trails. We want to see the Macedon Ranges become a premier destination for trail running, walking and cycling, starting with the immediate delivery of the Woodend-Riddells Creek link.
C10	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	I live quite close to Ross Watt reserve and I look at all that wonderful space that could be transformed to benefit the local community. In Gisborne/New Gisborne we have an abundance of organised sporting activities but not much for casual activities. Ross Watt would be perfect to put in facilities for casual recreational activities. A half basketball court for shooting practice, soccer nets for goal practice, a BMX track or skate park, a handball court. When I walk around the area I see so many basketball nets in the front gardens of houses. How good would it be if the kids could gather together and practice their shots. Ross Watt is so close to New Gisborne primary school, so there are so many young people in the area that would benefit from casual physical activity. These facilities would not be too expensive and would be wonderful for the area.	New Gisborne	New Gisborne	Roads and Footpaths - 3 Parks and Open Spaces - 5 Waste and Recycling - 5 Environment and Climate Action - 5 Youth, Families and Seniors - 5 Business and Tourism - 3 Arts, Culture & Events - 3	Increasing the green canopy. I live in Thom street and in this area the street trees are dying due to lack of water and care. Some should be replaced because they are not suitable i. e. not hardy enough.	The main priority for me is to provide shopping facilities in new Gisborne. It is totally ridiculous that I have to drive into Gisborne to get a bottle of milk. I know this is on the plans but it should be fast tracked to reduce congestion on Station Road	About right	I think you are doing a pretty good job overall	Please ensure there is sensitive housing development. There was a hideous monstrosity of a building built across the road from me and it was two years of hell, with constant noise, trucks, builders utes and their lunch rubbish blowing everywhere.
C11	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	More spots at Kyneton Kindergarten. Our 3 year old missed out on a spot at Kyneton Kindergarten next year which would have been a short walk from our home. We will now need to drive to Woodend to pick him up and drop him off from the Kindergarten there.	Kyneton and Woodend	Kyneton	Roads and Footpaths - 3 Parks and Open Spaces - 5 Waste and Recycling - 5 Environment and Climate Action - 5 Youth, Families and Seniors - 5 Business and Tourism - 3 Arts, Culture & Events - 3	Co-working spaces or govt hubs.	Kindergarten and school spots. More bus routes and times to connect Kyneton to the train station.	About right		
C12	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	Hi, I would like to request a left hand passing lane on the corner of Saunders Rd and Colman CRT New Gisborne. I was nearly involved in an accident turning right into Colman CRT when a large truck with a trailer came up very fast behind me and was unable to stop. The truck had to swerve off the road to the left on to the verge to avoid a collision.	Gisborne Macedon and Woodend	Gisborne	Roads and Footpaths - 4 Parks and Open Spaces - 4 Waste and Recycling - 4 Environment and Climate Action - 5 Youth, Families and Seniors - 4 Business and Tourism - 4	Children's play grounds		About right		
C13	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	Our smaller towns and villages have fallen under a single "small towns" strategy plan since 1999. Whilst some of them have grown only marginally in that time, others have doubled or even tripled in population. Within the next budget can the strategic planning department please allocate funds to updating and rezoning (where appropriate) each of these small towns growth strategies within the next 12 months. I would really appreciate a focus on Tylden and providing a plan for infrastructure and growth in coming decades.	Tylden	Tylden	Roads and Footpaths - 4 Parks and Open Spaces - 3 Waste and Recycling - 3 Environment and Climate Action - 2 Youth, Families and Seniors - 4 Business and Tourism - 5 Arts, Culture & Events - 2	Tertiary education facilities within shire	Small towns strategic planning	Too much		
C14	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	I have contacted MRSC a number of times of the state of the Lions Park in Romsey. The public toilets are old and needs updating. The adjoining undercover seating area is dark even during daylight hours and uninviting. Theses facilities are constantly used by the public travelling through Romsey and in my opinion doesn't reflect well on our facilities. Skylights or similar will improve lighting and more native shrubs, plants and trees will enhance the park. It seems as though this doesn't receive the same upkeep and maintenance as the Skate Park facilities or the All Abilities Park.	In the township of Romsey	Romsey - Lions Park next to the 1860 Hotel	Roads and Footpaths - 5 Parks and Open Spaces - 5 Waste and Recycling - 4 Environment and Climate Action - 4 Youth, Families and Seniors - 4 Business and Tourism - 5 Arts, Culture & Events - 4	New sporting facilities similar to those in the Gisborne/New Gisborne ateas	Roads, public spaces and free tipping of green waste	Too little	From a local resident's perspective, it appears the East and South Wards (Riddells Creek, Romsey & Lancefield) do not have the same budgetary priorities as Gisborne and Kyneton does.	Riddells Creek and Romsey are fast growth areas and infrastructure is poor and not keeping up the population increases. The West and North wards have much better sporting facilities with local and state government funding whereby our wards don't.
C15	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	Should provide funding to town centre activation plan projects	Romsey	Romsey	Roads and Footpaths - 5 Parks and Open Spaces - 5 Waste and Recycling - 4 Environment and Climate Action - 1 Youth, Families and Seniors - 3 Business and Tourism - 4 Arts, Culture & Events - 3					
C16	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	Climate change is causing more frequent and severe bushfire, therefore we need to change our approach to fuel reduction. Large scale burn off affects wildlife,plant diversity and can be dangerous to our communities eg Cobaw State Forrest burn off 2015. Cool or prescribed burns is a light burn that maintains fuel reduction and reduces fire intensity. "Bushfire Front" has an article "The science behind prescribed burning " which supports this idea. In New South Wales cultural burning has been carried out by traditional owners, ecologists, Local Land Care and the Rural Fire brigade with success. If indigenous people were involved it would help form cross-cultural partnerships and I'm sure that grants could be sought to help pay for this project. Please consider this idea as we need to look after our land for future generations.	South Ward	Macedon	Roads and Footpaths - 4 Parks and Open Spaces - 3 Waste and Recycling - 4 Environment and Climate Action - 4 Youth, Families and Seniors - 4 Business and Tourism - 3 Arts, Culture & Events - 3	Senior care, road maintenance	Bushfire management, Senior care and road maintenance	Too little	Observations show that more money is required	

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C17	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	Progress the Woodend Community Centre/Library redevelopment	Woodend		Roads and Footpaths - 3 Parks and Open Spaces - 5 Waste and Recycling - 2 Environment and Climate Action - 2 Youth, Families and Seniors - 3 Business and Tourism - 3 Arts, Culture & Events - 4			Too little		
C18	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	The Lions Club accommodation rebuild/refurbishment in Dundas st, Lancefield needs to move to the top of the Council priority list of funded projects. The small units which have been in constant use and demand have been dismantled for use for 2 or more years. There is an increasing and urgent need for accommodation for older single people in Lancefield and it is negligent to leave this project in the state it is in.	Lancefield	Lancefield	Roads and Footpaths - 3 Parks and Open Spaces - 3 Waste and Recycling - 3 Environment and Climate Action - 3 Youth, Families and Seniors - 5 Business and Tourism - 3 Arts, Culture & Events - 3		Accommodations. Recycling. Open spaces and the perennial roads	About right		
C19	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	U3A Kyneton utilises the Studio for Table Tennis at the Aquatic Centre twice a week during term times. This activity aligns with the MRSC's Aged Care policy and greatly benefits the community. However, the lift in the building has not been working for at least the past 18 months. Due to this inconvenience, some members are unable to participate in Table Tennis. It also means that U3A is unable to move to an alternative venue as the table tennis tables cannot be relocated safely. This matter is also a work health and safety issue. Fixing the lift in the Aquatic Centre is urgently needed. J. Taubman, President, U3A Kyneton (u3akyneton@gmail.com)	Macedon Ranges	Kyneton	Youth, Families and Seniors - 5			Too little	There is an urgent need to have the lift in the Aquatic Centre operational.	
C20	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	grants to support export marketing for Macedon Ranges businesses into SE Asia.	New Gisborne	NEW GISBORNE	Roads and Footpaths - 4 Waste and Recycling - 3 Environment and Climate Action - 1 Youth, Families and Seniors - 1 Business and Tourism - 5 Arts, Culture & Events - 3			Too little		
C21	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	Thank you for the opportunity to submit an idea. The children's school crossing in Gisborne on Aitken St, between Howey and Fisher Streets desperately requires an improvement. I lobbied the office of Mary-Anne Thomas several times over the last 18 months and have been told that the crossing is on the list for further works, yet nothing has been done. The crossing services children for both St Brigids and Gisborne Primary. Safety concerns have been raised by multiple crossing attendants internally for several years. Again no improvement has been forthcoming. It would be terribly unfortunate should there be a death or injury at this crossing when it has been flagged by so many and reported regularly as a danger to the community.	Macedon Ranges	Gisborne	Roads and Footpaths - 5 Parks and Open Spaces - 1 Waste and Recycling - 5 Environment and Climate Action - 1 Youth, Families and Seniors - 5 Business and Tourism - 3 Arts, Culture & Events - 1 Other (please provide details) - 5 (most)	Childrens crossing on Aitken Street Gisborne	Gisborne - Pedestrian and children's crossings, Sports facilities which bring the community together aka netball courts for the young women of the shire.	Too little	The Gisborne population has skyrocketed yet there has been zero attention to crossings at the roundabouts or children crossings	
C22	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	A round about corner of High St & Lancefield Rd before a fatality occurs there.	Lancefield & Benloch	Lancefield & Benloch	Roads and Footpaths - 5 Parks and Open Spaces - 3 Waste and Recycling - 3 Environment and Climate Action - 3 Youth, Families and Seniors - 4 Business and Tourism - 4 Arts, Culture & Events - 3	Cleanliness, safety, activities	1-2 and 3 - Fixing the roads PROPERLY the first time.	About right	I don't have enough insight to adequately make comment	
C23	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	The tennis courts in New Gisborne need to be updated. They are old and outdated. Also the clubrooms are very old compared to other tennis clubs in the macedon rangers. Many kids and adults in the community use these courts. It is a great use of the money as tennis is a very community driven sport. I hope you take this into serious consideration.	At the tennis courts	New Gisborne	Roads and Footpaths - 4 Parks and Open Spaces - 5 Waste and Recycling - 2 Environment and Climate Action - 1 Youth, Families and Seniors - 3 Business and Tourism - 1 Arts, Culture & Events - 1 Other (please provide details) - 3	The tennis courts and roads		Too little	Money is wasted on many things that don't matter, sport is a big part of the community. Also many roads are in a terrible condition. The grass is very long on the side of many roads and dangerous as you can't see wild life and can stop you seeing them	The roads should have the grass along them cut. It is very long on the way to Gisborne. The grass is drying out and no good for the fire season
C24	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	Please spend some time and money to upgrade the Lancefield Park Precinct. I am a part of the Junior Football Netball Club and also a player in the womens football team for Lancefield. An upgrade to the change rooms to make them more user friendly for all players, young and old. Also the fencing around the ground is currently unstable and unsafe for players and community. Please support the growing community of Lancefield to continue to provide suitable and safe facilities to all	Lancefield	Lancefield	Roads and Footpaths - 3 Parks and Open Spaces - 5 Waste and Recycling - 3 Environment and Climate Action - 3 Youth, Families and Seniors - 4 Business and Tourism - 3 Arts, Culture & Events - 2	Community areas	Community areas	Too little		
C25	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	Listen to your community. Don't bow to minority groups all the time. Look after majority groups too. Less woke and red tape.		Lancefield	Roads and Footpaths -5 Parks and Open Spaces - 2 Waste and Recycling - 2 Environment and Climate Action - 1 Youth, Families and Seniors - 1 Business and Tourism - 2 Arts, Culture & Events - 2 Other (please provide details) - 5	Reduce reckless spending. Be sensible, cut red tape and regulations.	Roads, kangaroo management (reducing numbers) cutting costs/prices(a game of squash at Kyneton sports centre is ridiculously high for example)	Too much	You don't listen to the community and go ahead with projects that aren't wanted i.e. Wombat crossing on Lancefield high street.	Make it easier to get things from you. I.e orange bags for soft plastics. No need to complete a questionnaire for additional bags. Waste of time and effort.

	About your idea	Please provide detail about your general input on services or priorities. If you have data to back up how this will address the problem or opportunity you can put it in here. If you have more detail than the 1000 character limit, you will have an option to upload supporting documents.	Where in the Shire do you spend most of your time?	Please enter the township/area:	How important are these areas for Council investment in the coming budget year?	What other areas are important to you?	What three priorities should Council focus on in 2026/27?	Do you think Council is investing the right amount in its services overall?	Please explain your answer:	Do you have any other comments on Council's priorities and focus over the coming Budget Year?
C26	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	Urgently replace the existing lift at the Kyneton Sports and Aquatic Centre. It has been faulty for approximately two years and out of action since early this year. The Studio area is used by a number of community groups and those with a disability or mobility issues are unable to access this area.	Kyneton	KYNETON	Roads and Footpaths - 5 (most)			About right		
C27	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	As a committee member of U3A Kyneton I am submitting this priority on behalf of our 350+ members. U3A is the primary user of the Red Brick Hall (heritage listed as the Congregational Kindergarten) In Yalwyn St West Kyneton. U3A has recently accepted a proposal from Council that will see the venue hire increase by some 11K over the next few years. However, U3A's requests for urgent and appropriate building maintenance goes unheeded. This heritage listed building is rapidly deteriorating. Appended photos show that the fret work and timber facias are in urgent need of restoration and repair. There is a broken pane in a window on the western side wall (noted by both Council and Heritage Victoria on a recent inspection) and the metal grilles that run horizontally between the upper and lower panes on all windows on that side have corroded to the extent that they are non existent allowing easy access and poor temperature control . The roofing slates also require maintenance.	Kyneton	Kyneton	Roads and Footpaths -3 Parks and Open Spaces - 4 Waste and Recycling - 3 Environment and Climate Action - 4 Youth, Families and Seniors - 4 Business and Tourism - 4 Arts, Culture & Events - 3 Other (please provide details) - 5	Proper maintenance of the buildings that give Kyneton it's character	The health and wellbeing of its residents, it natural assests and preserving the heriatge that makes the Macedon Ranges a destination of choice.	About right	U3A recognises the budgetary constraints that Council faces, however the ownership of Heritage listed building has obligations that, at present are not being met.	Front_aspect.jpg West_side_window.jpg RBH_rear_fret_work.jpg
C28	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	The residents of Grahams Road Lancefield seek 50kmh speed restrictions, as requested in our letter to council in October 2025. This initiative will reduce the current high volume traffic using this road as a short cut between Kilmore and Romsey. For a minimal cost, the consequence of erecting these signs, will see the current costs of road maintenance reduced significantly. Council's regular grading and general road maintenance costs will reduce, saving rate payers thousands of dollars annually. We ask that this regular road maintenance program be costed by council officers then put up for budget 2026 consideration. This may be the only request for a reduction in Council financial outlays in this 'Have Your Say' for Budget 2026! Save money and have a safer Grahams Road which means saving lives.	Lancefield	Lancefield	Roads and Footpaths -5 Parks and Open Spaces - 2 Waste and Recycling - 2 Environment and Climate Action - 2 Youth, Families and Seniors - 2 Business and Tourism - 3 Arts, Culture & Events - 2	Road Safety	Roads	Too much	Prioritise road safety	No
C29	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	The Transport Action Group of Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group (MRSG) proposes that Council should develop an Integrated Transport Strategy (ITS) for the Shire in 2026. Please see the pdf attached for more details.	In and around Woodend, but many other places as well.	Shire-wide	Roads and Footpaths - 5 (most) Other (please provide details) - 5 (most)	All modes of transport, not just roads and footpaths listed above		About Right	More can always be done, but the limits of funding are understood.	MRSG TAG Submission on ITS 11122025.pdf
C30	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	I would like to suggest an allocation in the budget to relocate, expand or redevelop the Kyneton library. The facilities are grossly inadequate for the current population, let alone to cater for the increase in population that is currently occurring and expected to continue. The library also services the surrounding smaller towns such as Malmesbury. Other libraries in the Goldfields library group (not all Macedon Ranges) are much bigger and well set up. Castlemaine has new soundproof booths, a meeting room and different zones. K'Fiat has been relocated and purpose built new and Bendigo had significant upgrades. Woodend library is much better amd bigger and spacious. And although not in the Goldfields region Sunbury library was also purpose built new. I havent been to the Gisborne library yet. The one single tiny room at Kyneton is not really adequate and desperately needs an upgrade. Is there space in the old Primary School location just next to it?	Malmesbury parks and Kyneton shopping precinct	Malmesbury and Kyneton	Roads and Footpaths -2 Parks and Open Spaces - 5 Waste and Recycling - 4 Environment and Climate Action - 3 Youth, Families and Seniors - 3 Business and Tourism - 2 Arts, Culture & Events - 2	More shops and services in Kyneton	Edgecombe Rd shopping precinct development	About right	Seems to be managing better than Hepburn Shire Council	
C31	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	Romsey Neighbourhood House (RNH) is a central pillar of community wellbeing, resilience, economic participation and social inclusion in the Macedon Ranges. It delivers a broad range of essential services that directly align with the Shire's strategic objectives. Yet the Shire contributes only \$5,000 annually, an amount that is dramatically disproportionate to both the scale of work undertaken and the measurable community value created. Romsey Neighbourhood House delivers more than \$6.3 million in community value every year, fulfilling core civic functions in health, wellbeing, inclusion, emergency relief, food security, youth development, volunteering and local economic participation. To ensure that Romsey remains connected, safe, resilient and inclusive — and to meet its own strategic objectives — we request the Shire review their annual funding for RNH. We welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss this submission.	Romsey	Romsey	Roads and Footpaths -4 Parks and Open Spaces - 3 Waste and Recycling - 3 Environment and Climate Action - 4 Youth, Families and Seniors - 5 Business and Tourism - 3 Arts, Culture & Events - 4	Health services, community connection, emergency response		Too little	As per our submission	•RNH_Council_Submission_2025.pdf
C32	Is your idea general input on services or priorities?	On the 2nd of November I sent a letter to the Director of Assets and Operations, Director of planning and environment, environment team and road side slashing. The letter was in relation to the spreading of weeds on our roadsides in MRSC due to their slashing program. I got two responses over more than two weeks from the Executive Assistant Community (whatever that is, EAD), before I responded again, then another letter from the EAD. Then a day later I got a response from the Coordinator Environment who parroted the same tripe I had already heard from the EAD, but concluded that the roadside conservation officer will be in touch with me to discuss my concerns. Surely a more efficient method of dealing with my letter could be put in place. I would suggest that an experienced Personal Assistant who understands the workings of the Bureaucracy could have directed the letter to the roadside team. Bypassing two roles that should be made redundant.								

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	About your idea	Proposal name / title	Are you submitting this proposal on behalf of an organisation or group?	Name of group or organisation	Where is your project located?	Please enter the township/area:	Describe your idea in 100 words or less:	What issue or opportunity does your proposal address?	Who will benefit from your proposal?	Approximate cost or resources needed (if known):	Can you or your group contribute time/funding?	Please provide details:	Which Council Plan Objective does your idea align with?	Upload any supporting documents, including project plans, budgets, funding commitments, letters of support, etc here:
P1	Is your idea a project?	More footpath access to new development areas out of town	No		A specific township:	Kyneton	The newer/ slightly out of town housing estate developments have no safe footpath access into town. Areas such as Tywinda and the new development past the Piper St bridge. It would be awesome if there was a wide path with a low divider to stop kids from running in to the 80- 100kmph traffic.	Walkable town access, reducing car use and increasing physical health of people living here. Increased local buying as people can walk into to town to a Cafe and pop into other shops while wandering past.	Everyone. If the path is nice and wide, then it can be for bikes too, creating a good recreational area for longer bike/scooter/roller-skate etc rides. If it is a decent path then the whole town can go on walks in a direction they probably haven't before.	I don't know how much these things cost, I guess it would be cheaper in asphalt and water filled temporary style barriers rather than concrete or metal.	No	Sorry I don't have any	1 - Our Places (Connected and active places and spaces for everyone)	
P2	Is your idea a project?	Main Road Romsey pedestrian crossing	No		East Ward (Baynton, Darraweit Guim, Kerrie, Lancefield, Newham, Riddells Creek and Romsey)	Romsey	The pedestrian crossing on Main Road Romsey is very dangerous due the the road is much lower than the crossing and it is impossible to cross with a wheelchair or any other aids use by anyone with a disability. I live in 1 Stawell Street and go to the doctors quite frequently and I can't use the crossing and have witnessed others like myself that are in electric wheelchairs or cart and they too have to cross the road incorrectly and I feel one day soon someone will become a victim of not being able to cross the main road correctly due to a bad design for a pedestrian crossing.	Saving lives or major injury	Anyone who has no other choice but to cross the road incorrectly at their on risk.	?	No		4 - Our People (Our community is safe, healthy and well)	
P3	Is your idea a project?	Riddells Creek Geese	No		East Ward (Baynton, Darraweit Guim, Kerrie, Lancefield, Newham, Riddells Creek and Romsey)	Riddells Creek	Riddells Creek has an icon for the town. The local geese are what people love to see when visiting or passing through the town. We need to protect these geese but also make it safe for the public & traffic. We need adequate signage, reduced speed limits & deterrents to also protect the wildlife.	This will allow safe areas for visitors to park and enjoy time with the animals. It will allow people to shop at the local shops, allocate proper feed for people to buy to feed the geese in allocated areas only (just a suggestion). Encourages the geese to frequent certain areas. A safe place all round.	Riddells Creek residents, visitors & the local Geese & wildlife.		Yes	I can provide time. Maybe some residents will contribute time also.	1 - Our Places (Connected and active places and spaces for everyone)	
P4	Is your idea a project?	Improve Bicycle access to the train station	No		West Ward (Carlsruhe, Kyneton, Malmesbury, Tylden and Woodend)	Kyneton	Improving independent bicycle access to the train station is focus on safety for cyclists and the public. The current bridge linking Kyneton town to the train station is narrow and lacks road shoulders. This is dangerous, especially when the weather is poor and at night. Separating vehicles from cyclists and pedestrians is a tremendous public safety improvement!	Safety for cyclist and pedestrians	Public will benift from having a independent pathway to the train station	Unknown	No		4 - Our People (Our community is safe, healthy and well)	
P5	Is your idea a project?	Footpath to the Ecotherapy Park	No		East Ward (Baynton, Darraweit Guim, Kerrie, Lancefield, Newham, Riddells Creek and Romsey)	Romsey	To construct a footpath alongside the unmade road in William St, ROMSEY, from Murphy St to the Ecotherapy Park southern entrance. This safe access should have been provided as part of the Ecotherapy Park development.	To get pedestrians off the gravel road which although not very long has been recorded by council as having about 75 vehicles a day use it. Nearly all of these vehicles are through traffic or park visitors, as there are only 3 properties on this part of William St. I believe there is a safety issue here as the park has become very popular with families in particular.	Parents and children who utilise the park. I see many children with and without supervision accessing the park from William St via the Murphy St end. Some will be walking, some in pushers, some on scooters, and some on bikes. When a vehicle comes along the road they have to be aware and get off the road sometimes quite quickly. I have seen anxious parents with multiple children shouting and hurrying to make sure their charges are aware of the approaching vehicle. I feel it is only a matter of time before an accident happens.	No idea	Yes	Maybe as part of the Friends of the Park or EMRBATA and their ROMSEY Town Centre Action Plan	4 - Our People (Our community is safe, healthy and well)	
P6	Is your idea a project?	Barkly Square Pavillion Project	Yes	Kyneton District Soccer Club & Kyneton Obedience Dog Club	West Ward (Carlsruhe, Kyneton, Malmesbury, Tylden and Woodend)	Kyneton	Our project is a joint submission from Kyneton District Soccer Club and Kyneton Obedience Dog Club for the provision of a new shared pavillion facility to replace the existing outdated buildings. This would enable both clubs the opportunity to attract and retain members as well as offering a suitable place for other groups to access in the future. The growth of both clubs relies on providing accessible facilities.	The need to have a facility that offers both clubs a space to meet and hold functions without having excessive hire costs would enable both clubs to increase revenue to put back into suppling necessary equipment for members.	Members from both the Obedience Dog Club and the Soccer Club would benefit. The Obedience Dog Club would have use of better facilities, kitchen, meeting space, access to toilet facilities which they currently don't have in their existing building, making it a better enviroment for their members. The inclusion of Female Friendly changerooms would be a significant benefit for the female participants at the soccer club allowing them a space where they feel safer.	Total costing of the project is \$3,350,000	Yes	Kyneton District Soccer Club could at present if required contribute up to \$50k. The Obedience Dog Club are at present not sure what amount they could contribute.	1 - Our Places (Connected and active places and spaces for everyone)	Barkly_Square_Pavillion_Project_-_Budget_Submission.pdf 2627-1a_20092025_Barkly_Square_Pavillion_-_Cost_Plan_No.1_Rev_A.pdf
P7	Is your idea a project?	Riddells Creek Skate park	No		East Ward (Baynton, Darraweit Guim, Kerrie, Lancefield, Newham, Riddells Creek and Romsey)	Riddells Creek	I have lived in riddells creek for almost 10 years, I moved here with my family when I was 10 years old, and well, now im almost 19 years old and the skatepark in riddells creek has looked exactly the same as it did when I was a child, I would love for it to get a makeover with more ramps and rails to skate on, as I would like to develop a passion for skateboarding but have to travel to lance field or gibsonme to practice. I think the community would love to see it improved. Thanks	it provides an opportunity for our community members to bond and learn vital motorskills to use for the rest of their lives! Even adding a BBQ area would allow people who cant skate still enjoy a nice bbq right by the skatepark, watching their relatives and friends skate.	mostly the younger community, although all ages can learn how to skate.	lots of concrete	No	im in year 12 exams, im just throwing out an idea :)	1 - Our Places (Connected and active places and spaces for everyone)	
P8	Is your idea a project?	Magnolia Drive Footpath Extension	No		East Ward (Baynton, Darraweit Guim, Kerrie, Lancefield, Newham, Riddells Creek and Romsey)	Romsey	Footpath extension for Magnolia Drive, Romsey	Currently the footpath does not connect on Magnolia Drive from the corner of Silverdale Drive through to Digby Drive, leading to people walking on the road along the northern end of Magnolia Drive causing significant safety issues. Furthermore, there is a bus stop on the northern section of Magnolia Drive which means that school children are walking on the road to get to the bus stop.	Romsey community but particularly the residents of Magnolia Drive and surrounding streets.		No		4 - Our People (Our community is safe, healthy and well)	
P9	Is your idea a project?	Secure off lead dog park	No		West Ward (Carlsruhe, Kyneton, Malmesbury, Tylden and Woodend)	Woodend	20% of Woodend population is aged 65 plus. I am 68, my partner 66. We walk our dog daily. We meet many people of our age and older who have companion dogs and love to get them out and about. Having a pet has been proven to help people age healthier and happier. As we age it is difficult to let our dogs free in the designated off leash area as big dogs not controlled, also getting them back if they run off. Off leash dog park will help aging people to keep their dogs longer, healthier and social whilst still getting out and about themselves and continuing to socialise with like minded people.	Lack of safe contained area for dog owners to let their dogs free and let them socialise with other dogs.	All dog owners in the Woodend and wider area. Particularly aging people who love to get their dog out but would also like them to socialise and play with other dogs.	Cost of fencing, allocation of council land, seating benches, disposal bins for dog waste	No		4 - Our People (Our community is safe, healthy and well)	
P10	Is your idea a project?	Macedon Ranges Indoor AFL Hub	No		South Ward (Bullengarook, Gisborne, Macedon, Mount Macedon and New Gisborne)		So many local junior and senior clubs struggle for training grounds during bad weather, so this would be amazing! And what an awesome place to hold birthday parties and indoor footy competitions for all ages!	Indoor training facilities, more sport options and a great place for social gatherings and parties.	The whole Macedon Ranges community and surrounds!		Yes	I would absolutely love to help plan, coordinate and run the new Hub!	1 - Our Places (Connected and active places and spaces for everyone)	
P11	Is your idea a project?	Greenhills Estate/ Robert crt Playground	No		South Ward (Bullengarook, Gisborne, Macedon, Mount Macedon and New Gisborne)	Gisborne	Upgrade the greenhills estate/ Robert crt playground and park. The playground is highly used due to the significant amount of families living nearby. Desperately needs new and more equipment as well as native planting in area where there is nothing but weeds.	Under-utilised space that is in high demand. Expand native planting will reduce ongoing mowing requirements.	All of the shire, Gisborne residents and those that live within walking distance to this great park.	\$1M	No		1 - Our Places (Connected and active places and spaces for everyone)	
P12	Is your idea a project?	Community Pocket Play Development	No		South Ward (Bullengarook, Gisborne, Macedon, Mount Macedon and New Gisborne)	Gisborne	Residents of Morrow Road, Slattery Cres and surrounds currently lack access to nearby park facilities without crossing major roads, creating accessibility barriers. This proposal recommends transforming an unused parcel of land (26 Morrow Rd) into a small community pocket park to address this gap. The park would include native landscaping and a small play area, providing a safe, walkable green space for all ages. Developing the site would enhance neighbourhood wellbeing, support social connection, and improve the visual appeal of the area whilst reducing weed and grass maintenance problems.	This proposal addresses several key issues, including the lack of safe, walkable access to park facilities for residents of Morrow Road and Saunders Road, who currently must cross major roads to reach green spaces, and the ongoing weed management problems associated with the site's current underuse. At the same time, it presents significant opportunities to create a safe and accessible community space that supports recreation, social connection, and wellbeing. By transforming the neglected land into a landscaped pocket park, the project enhances neighbourhood appearance, promotes environmental benefits such as cooling and biodiversity, and converts an unused area into a valuable community asset.	Residents of Morrow Road and Slattery Crescent will benefit most, particularly families with young children, older adults, and people with mobility needs who require safe, walkable access to green spaces. Local community members around Black Avenue, McKim Road and the vastly developing area will gain a welcoming place for recreation, relaxation, and social connection. New residents will have an accessible space to meet neighbours and feel part of the community. Environmental benefits such as reduced weeds, and improved biodiversity will positively impact the broader neighbourhood.	Unknown	Yes	I can assist with local scoping or other time requirements.	1 - Our Places (Connected and active places and spaces for everyone)	

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P13	Is your idea a project?	All-access Drinking Fountains in Macedon Ranges Libraries	Yes	Goldfields Libraries	Whole of Macedon Ranges shire		Libraries are welcoming, inclusive spaces serving diverse community needs, and Macedon Ranges library branches attract over 20,000 visitors each month. Access to potable, sustainable drinking water is essential to the health and wellbeing of our users and is currently lacking. This project aims to install drinking fountains in each library. The initiative supports health and wellbeing, reduces single-use plastics and encourages refilling, particularly important as extreme heat days increase. The project enhances wellbeing, safety and environmental responsibility across our library network.	Access to drinking water in Macedon Ranges libraries is limited, creating health, equity and environmental challenges. Some branches have outdated, unhygienic coolers or no public access at all, reducing comfort, increasing plastic waste and limiting heatwave preparedness. Installing high-quality, filtered, accessible drinking fountains in all four Macedon Ranges libraries presents a strong opportunity to improve community wellbeing, environmental sustainability and climate resilience. The modern, all-abilities units will provide inclusive access for children, older adults and wheelchair users, supporting library patrons who study or work for extended periods. This initiative reduces waste, promotes reusable bottles and strengthens libraries as trusted, health-promoting public spaces. It aligns with Library and Council sustainability goals and the Climate Change and Health Framework, reflecting leadership in environmental stewardship and equity-focused heat health planning.	The project benefits all library users by providing safe, accessible drinking water and reducing single-use plastics. Children will learn healthy hydration habits through Storytime and water-themed activities, supporting lifelong wellbeing. Regular patrons, students, families, older adults and people with disabilities will enjoy improved comfort and inclusiveness, particularly during long visits or extreme heat. By positioning libraries as welcoming, climate-controlled cool spaces, the project also supports community resilience and cost-of-living relief. Alongside environmental gains, it strengthens community connection and pride through engagement activities like choosing fountain colours, promoting health, sustainability and learning across the Macedon Ranges.	\$24,500	Yes	This approximate cost includes supply of four Aquabubbler water fountains, freight and delivery, and installation by a licenced plumber. We can potentially contribute to 10-15% of this cost if necessary.	4 - Our People (Our community is safe, healthy and well)	Letter_of_Support_-_MR_Library_Managers.pdf Goldfields_Libraries_MRSC_budget_submission_Letter_of_support.pdf All_Access_Drinking_Fountains_in_Macedon_Ranges_Libraries_-_Project_Plan.pdf
P14	Is your idea a project?	Upgrade to Kyneton Social Club at Kyneton Showgrounds	Yes	Kyneton Football Netball Club	West Ward (Carlsruhe, Kyneton, Malmesbury, Tylden and Woodend)	Kyneton	The existing Social Club is no longer fit for purpose or compliant and needs an upgrade to serve the hundreds of users of the Social Club. The upgrade involves - upgrade to toilets, upgrade for disabled compliance, upgrade to kitchen and bar, extra social club useable area (approx 100m2), upgrade for more user friendly access, upgrade for better viewing from the Club to the oval, a Concept Plan has been undertaken, along with renders, and is attached in the supporting documents	The existing Social Club is no longer fit for purpose or compliant and needs an upgrade to better serve the hundreds of users of the Social Club. An upgrade of the Social Club was foreshadowed in Council's Showgrounds Masterplan	The Kyneton and surrounding community, there are many user groups who use the Social Club - football , netball, cricket, agricultural society, athletics. Hundreds of users , and families and supporters, across all ages . the upgrade will also facilitate use for business functions and private functions (wakes, 21sts etc) , which is an area that is currently underserved in Kyenton	Cost estimate from a builder registered with Council of \$340,000 - \$390,000	No		1 - Our Places (Connected and active places and spaces for everyone)	25.9.25_-_FLOOR_PLAN_-_1024IBD565.pdf 9.10.25_16_-_Photo.jpg 9.10.25_20_-_Photo.jpg
P15	Is your idea a project?	Hesket Primary School - Additional Access to Alleviate COngestion on Bowens Road	Yes	Hesket Primary School	East Ward (Baynton, Darraweit Guim, Kerrie, Lancefield, Newham, Riddells Creek and Romsey)	Hesket	We are seeking Council's support to complete works on Bowens lane that would enable Hesket Primary to install a second access point to the school. Once complete, the school would then self-fund an internal road that would significantly reduces traffic and congestion on Bowens Road, creating traffic flow that Council and Hesket PS agree is a significant on ongoing safety concerns.	Hesket Primary School only has one carpark attached to the school that houses 13 carparks. Bowens Road narrows to one lane and even with mitigations such as road safety education and staggered afternoon pickups, there are up to 40 cars double parked, attempting to turn around and reverse, all while children are walking through and hopping in and out of cars. Stantec was comissioned by Macedon Ranges Council to conduct a safety audit and found that car parking spaces available west of Bowens Road were found to be almost full at 3pm, parents were then observed to start parking east of Bowens Road, which reduced the access aisle width for the 90-degree car parking spaces and Bowens Road has a narrow carriageway width, and performing a three-point turn is difficult. There has been a submission of the form Submit your idea through your Your Say Macedon Ranges website. This congestion has caused a number of small accidents, all while children and families and crossing through the space.	This proposal will remove the number of cars parking illegally on the eastern side of Bowens road, the number if cars doing three-point turns and the need for students to cross the road. It will stop cars from turning around in driveways on Bowens road and create a flow of traffic through the school that will allow us to build a 'kiss and drop' zone that the current road layout does not. Ultimately, this will have a significantly reduce the residual risk for community members, most of all the 75 students that attend Hesket Primary School.	\$20,000	No	Once Council provides a second access point on Bowens Road, the school will self-fund an internal road.	4 - Our People (Our community is safe, healthy and well)	Hesket_Primary_School_-_Carpark_Congestion_Detail.pdf SAMS_Plans_-_Kiss_and_Drop_2024.pdf Hesket_Primary_School_-_Cr_Annette_Death.pdf Santec_Road_Safety_Audit_-_Hesket_Primary_School_Car_Photo.jpg
P16	Is your idea a project?	Gisborne Community Food Plan	Yes	Gisborne Town Team	South Ward (Bullengarook, Gisborne, Macedon, Mount Macedon and New Gisborne)	Gisborne	The Gisborne Food Community Mapping Project, led by Gisborne Town Teams, is a foundational initiative to map and understand the food connections between residents, workers, and visitors in the 3437 postcode. Data is collected via a Community Food Sourcing Survey to identify sourcing habits and gaps in the local supply chain. The primary outcome is the Gisborne Food Plan (V1.0), which will provide data-driven recommendations to strengthen local "Connections through Food in Gisborne" and guide future community action.	The project addresses the fundamental lack of a clear, community-attempting to turn around and reverse, all while children are walking through and hopping in and out of cars. Stantec was comissioned by Macedon Ranges Council to conduct a safety audit and found that car parking spaces available west of Bowens Road were found to be almost full at 3pm, parents were then observed to start parking east of Bowens Road, which reduced the access aisle width for the 90-degree car parking spaces and Bowens Road has a narrow carriageway width, and performing a three-point turn is difficult. There has been a submission of the form Submit your idea through your Your Say Macedon Ranges website. This congestion has caused a number of small accidents, all while children and families and crossing through the space.	The Gisborne Food Community Mapping Project will benefit several key groups within the community and region: Gisborne Community (Residents, Workers, and Visitors): They will benefit from a stronger, more resilient local food system. The project will lead to data-driven recommendations in the Gisborne Food Plan V1.0 that aim to strengthen local Connections through Food in Gisborne, potentially leading to better availability, quality, and access to local food options. Local Food Producers and Businesses: They will gain a clearer understanding of local sourcing habits and identified gaps in the supply chain. This mapping of gaps and opportunities will help them identify areas for growth or intervention, directing local spending back into the local economy. Community Group Leaders and Advocacy Groups: The project's findings will provide an objective, data-driven foundation to guide future community action, enabling these groups to advocate for and implement targeted, effective food system initiatives. Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Government Representatives: They will receive a final report and database outlining the current state of food sourcing. This information is crucial for strategic planning and assisting in deciding what's next for Gisborne regarding its food system and economic development.	\$2,500	Yes	The Gisborne Town Team will contribute volunteer hours to manage and develop this project. Local businesses will provide in kind support.	3 - Our Economy (Our local businesses and tourism sectors thrive and provide opportunities for everyone)	Gisborne_Food_Community_Mapping_Project_-_Project_Summary_3.pdf
P17	Is your idea a project?	Bike/walking trail Gisborne to Bullengarook	No		South Ward (Bullengarook, Gisborne, Macedon, Mount Macedon and New Gisborne)	Gisborne	A bike/walking trail between Gisborne and Bullengarook in land along Bacchus Marsh Rd.	This will improve safety for school children accessing bus pick up and drop off points walking from their home locations as well as safe access for all Bullengarook residents who want to access Gisborne by bike. There is not enough safe space at road edge for bike riding not even a gravel verge and for most of year grass is very high.	All residents of Bullengarook and Gisborne also has to be beneficial to vehicles using Bacchus Marsh Rd. Also recreational exercise users.				1 - Our Places (Connected and active places and spaces for everyone)	
P18	Is your idea a project?	A public toilet at Quarry Reserve in Piper St., Kyneton	No		West Ward (Carlsruhe, Kyneton, Malmesbury, Tylden and Woodend)	Kyneton	Installation of a public toilet at Quarry Reserve, Kyneton. Note: This project aligns with several Council objectives: People, Places and Economy.	Lack of public toilet at the BBQ area presents a significant problem for visitors to Kyneton, and for local community groups and families who meet at this space. There has been much discussion on this topic since the BBQ and shelter were installed many years ago. The issue of public toilets in Piper Street has been highlighted recently with the closure of the toilets near the Ebdon Street corner. Installation of a toilet at Quarry Reserve would help to solve both issues, providing toilets at each end of Piper Street, with toilets at the Showgrounds covering the Mollison Street end and at Quarry Reserve.	Visitors to Kyneton. Quarry reserve and the sculpture park are promoted on-line as a 'point of interest' for visitors. Visitors to the shops in Piper Street. Piper Street shop keepers. Community Groups, particularly those supporting older people, e.g. Village Connect promotes the Reserve as a meeting place for carers. Local families who use the BBQ and shelter at the Reserve as a meeting place for family events. Staff, volunteers - and security of the collection - at Kyneton Museum, which is currently providing a public toilet. The environment, as small children are likely to be allowed to simply squat on the ground.	A single toilet would do. eg Mobus Australia: Components only: \$30,000-\$40,000. Supplied and installed ready to use: \$80,000-\$110,000.	No		3 - Our Economy (Our local businesses and tourism sectors thrive and provide opportunities for everyone)	Standard_1_Cubicle_Information_Guide_1.pdf
P19	Is your idea a project?	Woodend Golf Club car park upgrade	Yes	Woodend Golf Club	West Ward (Carlsruhe, Kyneton, Malmesbury, Tylden and Woodend)	Woodend	The club continues to seek council support to upgrade the car park at the Woodend Golf Club to ensure that it is safe and accessible for all people to use. The club has experienced significant growth and the existing car park is not safe, particularly in the wetter months and at night. Under the lease, council is responsible for the maintenance of the car park and drive way, and the current state of the car park presents risks to council from slips and trips. The car park does not need to a major project rather it needs a couple of trees removed and some areas levelled with crushed rock.	Significant risk to the council from public liability claims from slips and trips. Helps council meet its obligations to provide disability access to the club rooms, as there is currently not a designated parking space. Helps better activate the renovated club rooms by enabling safe after hours access, which is currently dangerous due to uneven surfaces and a lack of lighting. The club has experienced significant growth and the car park is regularly full on our competition days. However, the car park is not fit for purposes and undermines the efforts of the club to continue to grow, which generates employment and economic activity in Woodend.	Woodend Golf Club members and visitors. Local Woodend Country Women's Association Branch who hold monthly meetings and events at the club (free of charge). Members of the public who use the car park and walk around the course. Council through reduced risk from public liability insurance claims.Council by avoiding reputational damage at the lack of disability access to the rooms.	TBC following council design	Yes	The club has already provided at its own cost and with its own volunteer labour an informal at grade car parking area near the front entrance which can be used by vehicles towing trailers.	4 - Our People (Our community is safe, healthy and well)	
P20	Is your idea a project?	European Wasp Control	No		Whole of Macedon Ranges shire		Council to supply and provide distribution points for wasp bait mixture to allow ratepayers to collect and set up in properties. Shire of Mansfield has a good model of doing this.	Community safety, and shire amenity	The whole community https://www.mansfield.vic.gov.au/Community/Latest-News/Community-invited-to-join-wasp-trapping-effort	Unknown	No		4 - Our People (Our community is safe, healthy and well)	
P21	Is your idea a project?	Wall art	No		East Ward (Baynton, Darraweit Guim, Kerrie, Lancefield, Newham, Riddells Creek and Romsey)	Riddells Creek	You may have seen on social media, so many countries have wonderful artwork on buildings now. I propose that Council fund artwork on blank building walls to decorate and enhance our lovely town.	In my opinion, it would deter graffiti' artists' but more importantly, gives local artists the opportunity to use their skill on a large scale.	Every resident, road traveller and could be seen by people using the train through Riddell. An important fact it could also be seen as a tourist attraction.	I would estimate \$20,000 plus depending on the artists costs.	No	I have not done any homework for this project but feel it would be supported by most people.	1 - Our Places (Connected and active places and spaces for everyone)	

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P22	Is your idea a project?	Pedestrian bridge across Riddell's Creek	No		East Ward (Baynton, Darraweit Güm, Kerrie, Lancefield, Newham, Riddells Creek and Romsey)		Complete the long-promised pedestrian and cycling bridge across the southern creek. The current bridge has school children, social cyclists and walkers crossing the creek 0.5m away from 70kmph traffic, including trucks. It is part of the cycling track that has been promised for years. It is incredibly dangerous and a fatality is inevitable. Just fast-track the pedestrian bridge. It was promised to the community for completion in 2022/23.	Carre-Riddell bridge on Kilmore Road, Riddells Creek.	The people of Riddell Creek. Locals on the southern side of Riddells Creek. Cycling and walking tourists to the area.	\$200-300k	No		4 - Our People (Our community is safe, healthy and well)	
P23	Is your idea a project?	Seating for Tower St/Jacobs Ave reserve	No		A specific township:	Kyneton	To install two seats at the centre of Tower St / Jacobs Ave Reserve and plant a deciduous tree and shrubs behind it. Two seats creates a welcoming social node that encourages people to share space together without having to sit right up next to someone. A deciduous tree such as a Melia, (chosen from Councils plant palette), will ensure thermal comfort for most days of the year while its canopy adds to the sense of containment around the sitting space. This project will make the space feel cared-for and encourage people to spend time in nature and get to know their neighbours.	It will improve social connection amongst residents, providing more opportunities to greet and meet other reserve users. It will encourage aged or mobility challenged residents to get out of the house for exercise, confident that there will be a seat to rest on if needed. It will give parents a reason to stay for longer plays in the reserve with their children if there is a comfortable seat for them to supervise from.	Residents and walkers around Tower St and Jacobs Ave.	Unknown, dependant on materials, design and installation requirements.	Yes	I can contribute time to assisting with choice or installation. I can plant and maintain a small garden around it.	4 - Our People (Our community is safe, healthy and well)	Seat_for_Tower_St_Jacobs_Ave_Reserve.jpg
P24	Is your idea a project?	Fund Repairs and Upgrades to Malmbsbury Mechanics' Institute	Yes	Malmbsbury Historical Society Inc.	West Ward (Carlsruhe, Kyneton, Malmbsbury, Tylden and Woodend)	Malmbsbury	The front part of the Malmbsbury Mechanics Institute will be 150 years old in 2026. Fund already identified essential works to bring Malmbsbury Mechanics Institute up to standard, and deliver modifications to make it fit for growing community demand, and environmental sustainability for another 150 years.	Known structural problems with the building which include rising damp, termite damage, rodent infestations, cracked walls, degraded and leaking window frames. Also an opportunity to make the building environmentally sustainable.	The Malmbsbury community, especially volunteer community groups and services, and private groups and businesses who need affordable, public space for meetings, reunions, and events. The building also houses the Malmbsbury Community archive owned and managed by Malmbsbury Historical Society.	See previous reports of MRSC- contracted building inspections and budget proposals	Yes	When structural work is done Malmbsbury Historical Society can fund a compactus, exhibition hanging system, display cases, new chairs and digital projector screen	1 - Our Places (Connected and active places and spaces for everyone)	MHS_MRSC_Budget_sub mission_2026-27_20251128.pdf
P25	Is your idea a project?	Anslow St Footpath	No		A specific township:	Woodend	A long need and promised Footpath from Schaw/Jeffery St to Forest St.	Anslow St is the only road of High St that hasnt a Footpath. Many Residents either old or young family's of surrounding Streets/Roads have to gamble with walking on the road. Anslow Traffic has increased markedly, even more so since Coles relocation. We're now also suffering from B-Doubles and HGV's using the road as a short cut. Vehicles driving at high speed, many well above 80kmhs can make the wide road dangerous and only a matter of time before theres a serious incident.	Residents of Anslow and connecting local roads some who need walkers and young families. Poor lighting only exacerbates the issue.		No		4 - Our People (Our community is safe, healthy and well)	
P26	Is your idea a project?	Fix glare in MRRSP	Yes	Macedon Tanges Badminton and Pickleball Club	South Ward (Bullengarook, Gisborne, Macedon, Mount Macedon and New Gisborne)	New Gisborne	We have over 200 members in MRBPC. Currently, we cannot play at MRRSP due to the excessive amount of glare in the stadium. We recommend that blinds or similar light cut outs be fitted along the large eastern window and also along the windows at the southern end of the stadium to mitigate the large light spillage and glare into the stadium.	The inability of certain sports, e.g., badminton and pickleball to use MRRSP	All users who use the stadium.		No		4 - Our People (Our community is safe, healthy and well)	
P27	Is your idea a project?	Refurbishment of Gisborne Tennis Court 5 - 8	Yes	Gisborne Tennis Club	South Ward (Bullengarook, Gisborne, Macedon, Mount Macedon and New Gisborne)	Gisborne	The Gisborne Tennis Club seeks support to upgrade Courts 5-6 and 7-8, which independent assessments (Tennis Victoria & 2MH Consulting) have deemed unsafe due to flooding, poor drainage, and surface deterioration. These conditions restrict play during winter and wet weather, limiting community access. A cost effective upgrade—improved drainage and new playing surfaces—will restore safe, year round use. This investment will strengthen community health, encourage participation, and ensure the club remains a vital hub for sport and wellbeing..	The Gisborne Tennis Club faces a critical challenge: Courts 5-6 and 7-8 are in poor condition, with flooding, drainage problems, and unsafe surfaces that restrict play during winter and wet weather. These issues reduce participation, limit community access, and hinder the club's ability to attract new members. At the same time, this challenge presents an opportunity. By upgrading drainage and installing new playing surfaces, the club can transform unsafe courts into modern, year round facilities. This will expand membership, promote healthy lifestyles, and strengthen the club's role as a vibrant community hub.	• Club Members – Safer, more reliable courts mean year round play and improved enjoyment. • Local Community – Accessible facilities encourage active lifestyles, social connection, and wellbeing for all ages. • Future Members – Upgraded courts will attract new players, growing participation and strengthening the club's sustainability. • Schools & Youth Programs – Better surfaces provide opportunities for coaching, junior development, and school partnerships. • Broader Region – Enhanced facilities position Gisborne as a hub for tennis, supporting local events and tourism.	\$180,000 - \$200,000	Yes	\$20,000	1 - Our Places (Connected and active places and spaces for everyone)	Gisborne_Tennis_Geotech_-_2MH_Advice_2025.08.04.pdf Gisborne_Tennis_Geotech_Report_2025.07.31.pdf
P28	Is your idea a project?	New Gisborne Tennis Club - Courts 3 & 4 Replacement	Yes	New Gisborne Tennis Club	South Ward (Bullengarook, Gisborne, Macedon, Mount Macedon and New Gisborne)	Gisborne	The New Gisborne Tennis Club (NGTC) requests \$528,000 in the 2026-27 Macedon Ranges Shire Council (MRSC) budget for the initial phase of the Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan. This funding, which includes a 10% contingency and 10% project management fees, will cover two new synthetic grass tennis courts to replace existing courts 3 and 4, as outlined in the approved master plan. Please refer to detailed submission letter.	Ongoing viability of a thriving community club. The proposal is aligned with Stage 1 of the endorsed Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan. Please refer to detailed submission letter.	Macedon Ranges tennis community and public. Please refer to detailed submission letter.	\$528,000	Yes		1 - Our Places (Connected and active places and spaces for everyone)	2025-12_NGTC_Submission_to_2026-27_budget.pdf
P29	Is your idea a project?	An Actual festival at the Autumn Festival at the football and tennis centre in Macedon	Yes	Rotary Club of Gisborne	South Ward (Bullengarook, Gisborne, Macedon, Mount Macedon and New Gisborne)	Gisborne	We thought we would like to put our food trailer near Honour Avenue making dumplings and spring rolls We also thought we should invite stall holders to sell and promote the regions wine and food along with any other local products. Then we thought we could look for someone to put a music event on the football oval. Thats about as far as we did get with it and were wondering if we would have the councils support to run an event like this over a couple of weekends while all the tourists are here. So would we have the councils support ? Would the council help with organising ?	Promotes local businesses and local artists	Everyone	I think a 10k budget to get it started	Yes	We will provide an endless line of volunteers albiet there is insurance and set up costs	3 - Our Economy (Our local businesses and tourism sectors thrive and provide opportunities for everyone)	
P30	Is your idea a project?	Gisborne bypass	No		South Ward (Bullengarook, Gisborne, Macedon, Mount Macedon and New Gisborne)	Gisborne	Think about a link road that connects Ross Watt rd to Bacchus Marsh rd. Specifically the interchange of the Calder Freeway, Mt Macedon rd and Ross Watt rd to Bacchus Marsh rd. There will need to be a Northbound freeway ON ramp incorporated at the Ross Watt rd	Delete the TRUCKS and through traffic from the heart of Gisborne. Specifically: • The roundabout at Robinson rd and Station rd • The dreadful traffic on Station rd, between Robinson rd and the Calder freeway	Anybody that uses Robinson rd or Station rd in Gisborne. All through traffic regardless of origin.	Lots	No		4 - Our People (Our community is safe, healthy and well)	bypas.jpg
P31	Is your idea a project?	Teaching young drivers how to drive from 14 years and older to drive safely before they are 18 years old	Yes	Kyneton car club	West Ward (Carlsruhe, Kyneton, Malmbsbury, Tylden and Woodend)	Shire wide	We teach juniors how to drive we are backed by cams motor sport Australia at the Rowlands a reserve every 4 weeks juniors must be accompanied by there parents we supply the cars that juniors can drive or with there parents car	So that parents can sleep at night knowing that. Child can drive safely on our roads	Junior knows how to drive properly on the roads with respect to other drivers as well it will last a life time	The up keep of our cars \$10000 yearly	Yes		4 - Our People (Our community is safe, healthy and well)	
P32	Is your idea a project?	Reduce speed limit on Quarry Road	No		A specific township:	Woodend	Reduce the speed along Quarry Road Woodend to 50km/h along its entire length consistent with other residential streets in Woodend. This should include traffic infrastructure to reduce speeding as well as new speed signs.	It will create a safer environment for the community. Quarry Road is a road utilised by significant number of walkers, runners, people walking their dogs, bicycle riders (including children) and school bus stops. It also supports heavy vehicles going to/from the waste transfer station which by their nature take longer to stop at higher speeds. Yet for a significant portion of its length it has a speed limit of 70km/h. This is unacceptable and poses a safety risk to users. It is also completely inconsistent with other similar less utilised residential roads around Woodend.	All users of Quarry Road - business and residential commuters; community who use the walking tracks along the train tracks adjacent to Quarry Road; school community and residents.	Unknown	No		4 - Our People (Our community is safe, healthy and well)	
P33	Is your idea a project?	Improve Ross Watt Reserve, New Gisborne	No		A specific township:	New Gisborne	The condition of the New Gisborne Tennis Club tennis courts at Ross Watt Reserve is an embarrassment and require immediate improvement. The courts are old, dilapidated, and borderline unsafe. The New Gisborne Tennis Club is a great club with a fantastic coaching program and growing junior membership base, however the courts and surrounding Ross Watt Reserve facilities are holding the club back from providing crucial services to the growing community of New Gisborne.	Immediate investment from council to improve and expand the number of tennis courts, and improve the surrounding Ross Watt Reserve facilities would support the continued growth of the New Gisborne Tennis Club and the broader New Gisborne community. The New Gisborne Tennis Club is currently required to play teams out of other locations because of the poor condition and limited number of courts at Ross Watt Reserve.	New Gisborne Tennis Club and broader New Gisborne community.		No		1 - Our Places (Connected and active places and spaces for everyone)	
P34	Is your idea a project?	Roundabout at Hamilton St and Brantome St intersection & at Robertson St Intersection, in Gisborne	No		South Ward (Bullengarook, Gisborne, Macedon, Mount Macedon and New Gisborne)	Gisborne	Both these intersections cause a lot of traffic congestion and I believe a roundabout would help ease that congestion	It would help with the flow of traffic	Everyone that drives		No		4 - Our People (Our community is safe, healthy and well)	

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P35	Is your idea a project?	Ongoing disability support workshops and peer support	Yes	Get Started Disability Support Australia	Whole of Macedon Ranges shire	Shire wide	We successfully completed a peer led disability support workshop series with MRC in 2025, with 28 participants. The aim was to improve peoples understanding of the disability sector, available funding, how to access services, plan for emergencies, connect to community and improve their confidence and ability to self-advocate. People included those living with new disabilities, chronic health conditions, family supporters, disability support workers, and disability support providers. It was a great success and it would be enormously beneficial to continue the program with yearly roll outs.	People with disability (PWD) experience unique barriers to full and equal community participation, with little to no locally based guidance. PWD lack of understanding & access to supports creates stress & confusion. PWD are more often isolated, lonely, and disconnected from community. PWD are severely affected in times of disaster & rarely not included in community emergency plans. They have high rates of unemployment, and long term health issues. Addressing a crucial void in locally based disability guidance and support, Get Started's Workshop Series & Facilitated Peer Support empowers PWD through education, knowledge, connection and by sharing lived experience. Our Programs: provide guidance to navigate the sector, connect participants to local, state and federal supports, support individuals to plan for emergencies, connect peers across the community, building confidence & ability to self-advocate, support participants through the emotional impacts disability bring.	Residents living with newly acquired disabilities, and chronic health conditions. Those living with disability but who need extra support to establish a stronger support network, Parents of children born with disabilities. Council staff and planners. Locally based service providers. The expected outcomes are: 1. That every newly disabled person in MRC will have opportunity to access the program. 2. That each participant has demonstrably increased knowledge and skills to navigate their disability, connect to community, access supports and find appropriate funding. 3. That each participant has an improved experience of learning to live with disability, with improved confidence, stronger self-advocacy skills, a more positive outlook and an understanding of how to prepare for emergencies. 4. MRC will have an ongoing peer support and advocacy group for newly disabled people. 5. We will provide feedback to MRC council highlighting gaps in supports, services and emergency planning as discussed in our workshops. 6. MRC will have opportunity to connect with newly disabled residents to collect feedback and discuss opportunities. 7. Local service providers will be promoted via a local disability directory share amongst participants.	\$13,000 from MRC, \$10,000 from other resources.	Yes	We had funding to cover our back of house costs, including philanthropic support from Mable Foundation, Fire Fighter Charity Fund, Western Vocational Association and will possibly have an extension of our current funding through the NDIA Grant.	4 - Our People (Our community is safe, healthy and well)	Macedon_Ranges_Aged_Disability_-_Projects_-_Disability_Inclusion_-_Get_Started_Disability_Letter_of_Support.pdf DANA_letter_of_support_Get_Started_Disability_Support_Australia_May_2025.pdf 2025_location_Grant_budget_per_location.xlsx Get_Started_Woodend.pdf
P36	Is your idea a project?		No		A specific township:	Woodend	upgrading the road to improve pedestrian safety. Measures such as a footpath, crossings, pedestrian islands (similar to the Templeton st and Urquhart St intersection) and/or a bitumen road upgrade with speed bumps would make a meaningful difference in slowing traffic for young cyclists and creating a place for pedestrians to walk that is not the road, protecting children who use this route every day going to school	Safety of pedestrians, particularly children travelling to and from school on Wood St. Woodend (between Brooke St and Urquhart St) many drivers to use Wood St instead as a faster alternative to Templeton St and Bowen St, the current road conditions are no longer adequate to ensure the safety of young pedestrians. The combination of higher traffic flow, limited pedestrian infrastructure, and drivers who are often in a rush using this as a short cut is increasingly unsafe. Children walking, riding, or crossing the road are placed at unnecessary risk, with many near misses happening recently and many parents in the community share the same concern. Measures such as a footpath, crossings, pedestrian islands (such as Templeton st and Urquhart St intersection) and a bitumen road upgrade with speed bumps would make a meaningful difference in slowing traffic for young cyclists and creating a place for pedestrians to walk that is not the road, protecting children who use this route every day.	Especially school children and their families attending Woodend Primary, St Ambrose, Good Start Early Learning, Campaspe Reserve and the Woodend Children's Playground. This would also align with multiple council plans. 1. Our Places - As people will be better connected to the school and park for pedestrian and cyclist access 4. Our People - As this will make the people safer whilst using the road as it is currently unsafe		No		4 - Our People (Our community is safe, healthy and well)	
P37	Is your idea a project?	Kyneton Botanic Gardens	Yes	Friends of Kyneton Botanic Gardens	West Ward (Carlsruhe, Kyneton, Malmesbury, Tylden and Woodend)	Kyneton	To further enhance, improve and develop the historically significant Kyneton Botanic Gardens in accordance with the Council adopted 2011 Master Plan to create a community event space and tourism destination for the benefit of the wider Macedon Ranges community and businesses.	Council adopted the Master Plan in 2011 which presented an opportunity to upgrade and improve the Botanic Gardens in Kyneton as a tourist destination of significance not only within Victoria but nationally had its recommendations been fully implemented at that time. With the current Friends of Kyneton Botanic Gardens actively providing the impetus, the in-kind expertise and regular volunteer labour, as well as the potential to co-contribute to funding of key projects, Council now has the opportunity to fulfill the vision that was laid out by Andrew Laidlaw in 2011.	The whole of the Macedon Ranges community and in particular businesses offering accommodation, food, coffee and wine will benefit from increased visitation to the Gardens and use of the space for large scale events, Gardens tourism is a significant drawcard - the Melbourne International Flower & Gardens Show being an example. The Macedon Ranges is already renowned for its ability to draw visitors to its walking trails, historic and beautiful gardens, wider open spaces and vineyards. A rejuvenated, improved, historic and significant Botanic Garden with amenities such as parking, picnic and BBQ facilities, children's playground and River Walk is a tourism destination. This is what FKBG hope to achieve for the benefit of the entire Macedon Ranges community.	In the vicinity of \$50-180K but subject to receiving quotes.	Yes		1 - Our Places (Connected and active places and spaces for everyone)	MRSC_2026-2027_Budget_submission_final.docx
P38	Is your idea a project?	Make Autumn festival actually good	No		South Ward (Bullengarook, Gisborne, Macedon, Mount Macedon and New Gisborne)		Lots of people come and look at the Autumn leaves- I know council makes lots of money by trying to trap them with parking fines. Instead why don't Council organise food trucks, coffee trucks and local businesses to set up each weekend this would be great for locals and visitors.	Tourism	Money for local businesses		No	It won't cost anything	3 - Our Economy (Our local businesses and tourism sectors thrive and provide opportunities for everyone)	
P39	Is your idea a project?	Wombat Mountain Bike Park Trailhead facilities proposal	Yes	Wombat Mountain Bike Club Incorporated	Woodend - Wombat State Forest	Woodend	This submission requests the development of trailhead facilities at the Wombat Mountain Bike trails to enhance user experience, improve safety and support growing participation in mountain biking within our community.	This submission requests the development of trailhead facilities at the Wombat Mountain Bike trails to enhance user experience, improve safety and support growing participation in mountain biking within our community.	Importantly, this development would deliver significant health and wellbeing benefits to our community, providing crucial opportunities for physical activity, mental health improvement, reduced screen time for youth and social connection for community members. The proposed facilities would serve the needs of both local riders and visitors, creating economic opportunities while addressing current infrastructure gaps. Additionally, it would generate substantial positive environmental impacts and economic benefits supported by research on mountain biking tourism	Costings can only be assessed once location is determined.	Yes	Yes, club members happy to provide assistance and limited funds available.	1 - Our Places (Connected and active places and spaces for everyone)	Submission_to_Council_-_Wombat_Mountain_Bike_trailhead_facilities_1.docx
P40	Is your idea a project?	Kyneton Shimmy	No		West Ward (Carlsruhe, Kyneton, Malmesbury, Tylden and Woodend)	Kyneton	Kyneton Shimmy is a dedicated bike route along the council-own back streets Kyneton that connects key landmarks around town by the installation of sharrowes. Key landmarks are family friendly and keep us off the main roads so we can get to school, the Kyneton Showgrounds, Barkly Square, Kyneton Library, the Kyneton train station, the Kyneton Aquatic Centre, and the shopping strips and friends' places.	The issue is there is not enough safe and inviting bike friendly options for children and adults to ride their bike around town. The only bike lanes are on the main roads which is uninviting and dangerous for riders who are not confident around so many cars. The Kyneton Shimmy provides all residents the opportunity to have a sharrow to show them the best way to different landmarks around town via back streets and for drivers to see the sharrow and know it is for bikes and to look out for them. Installing sharrowes identifies the boundaries for everyone.	Children and youth. Parents and commuters, and traffic - less cars on the road ferrying their kids around and more car parking available for those who really need to use it.	I've never installed a sharrow, so not sure. But I have a route mapped out!	Yes	I ride around Kyneton a lot and was part of the Merri-bek's Sustainable Transport Group. I have mapped out significant landmarks and overlaid them with a contour map so the sharrowes will follow an even as possible gradient, also encouraging more cyclists.	4 - Our People (Our community is safe, healthy and well)	
P41	Is your idea a project?	Thriving Villages Project	Yes	Tourism Macedon Ranges Inc.		Whole of Macedon Ranges shire	The Macedon Ranges Thriving Villages Project is a grassroots initiative that supports businesses, residents, land-owners and local government to work together to create meaningful change and ensure the future prosperity of their town centres via Town Centre Action Plan Workshops to deliver individual Town Centre Action Plans for nine towns of the Macedon Ranges. Town Centre Action Plans have already been delivered for Romsey, Lancefield and Malmesbury with plans for Kyneton, Gisborne, Woodend and Macedon/Mount Macedon over the next 3 years.	The Macedon Ranges relies on visitor spending to sustain the many businesses that deliver the lifestyles so valued by local residents. Whether this be a favourite local restaurant or café, butcher or grocer, tradie or retailer, all of these businesses are impacted directly or indirectly by visitors spending in our region. Via this project, individual villages develop their own town centre action plans to explore aspirations and opportunities to reinvigorate and revitalise their towns. Workshops bring together business and community representatives to identify quick wins and big moves that lead to a highly achievable action plan for predominantly short and mid-term delivery. External funding is then sourced for these initiatives that bring together Business, Community and Council to jointly deliver projects to help improve and reinvigorate the Town Centres of the Macedon Ranges. Tourism Macedon Ranges proposes that Council provide funding for one village in the next funding year.	Local residents and business owners who want to see our fantastic region thrive and prosper will see immediate benefits from this project. The Council benefits when the project's outcomes are externally funded, bringing additional prosperity to individual towns.	\$13,000	Yes	Tourism Macedon Ranges will facilitate the workshops, provide support and liaise with the provider (Village Well) on behalf of the individual town.	3 - Our Economy (Our local businesses and tourism sectors thrive and provide opportunities for everyone)	Riddells_Creek_Vision_and_Action_Plan_Sml.pdf TMR_Thriving_Villages_New_Councillor_Briefing_Dec_2024_Sml.pdf
P42	Is your idea a project?	Kilmore Road Footpath	No		South Ward (Bullengarook, Gisborne, Macedon, Mount Macedon and New Gisborne)		I am proposing the construction of a new footpath along Kilmore Road, New Gisborne, from the Calder Freeway to Joseph Avenue. This section currently has no pedestrian infrastructure, despite being a busy arterial road with two large roadside culverts that make walking unsafe and impractical. A footpath would provide a safe connection between the existing township footpath network, local bus stops, and residential areas, improving safety and accessibility for pedestrians, cyclists, school children and families.	Kilmore Road is heavily used, subject to high traffic speeds, and frequently monitored by police for speeding. There is no safe pedestrian access due to steep drains and uneven surfaces on both sides, forcing pedestrians including school children and bus passengers onto the road shoulder. The existing township footpath currently ends at the Calder Freeway, leaving a critical gap in the network. Constructing a footpath here addresses a genuine safety risk, supports active transport, and provides a continuous, accessible route for the community.	Residents of New Gisborne, school children who use the bus stops on Kilmore Road, local families, cyclists, and pedestrians will all benefit. Commuters disembarking at the Peavey Road and Joseph Avenue bus stops will gain a safe route instead of being forced onto the roadway. The wider community also benefits from improved connectivity, reduced safety hazards, and encouragement of walking and cycling as viable transport options.	Unknown	No	Club has paid previous repairs exhausting funds	1 - Our Places (Connected and active places and spaces for everyone)	
P43	Is your idea a project?	New Gisborne tennis court replacement with lights	Yes	New Gisborne tennis club	South Ward (Bullengarook, Gisborne, Macedon, Mount Macedon and New Gisborne)	New Gisborne	Supporting the Council owned Ross Watt Reserve replacement of two tennis courts with lights as per the Reserve Master Plan	Replacing two unplayable courts in winter to meet existing player & coaching demands per participation numbers	Community	\$530,000	No		1 - Our Places (Connected and active places and spaces for everyone)	

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P44	Is your idea a project?	MRSRG Healthy Homes Pilot Program	Yes	MRSRG Sustainable Homes Action Group	Whole of Macedon Ranges shire		MRSRG Healthy Homes pilot project will provide energy audits and retrofits for 2-3 low-income households, improving indoor warmth, reducing energy costs, and cutting carbon emissions. This pilot will serve as a test case to demonstrate outcomes, build evidence, and inform future funding applications to expand the program to more households across the Shire.	This project supports low-income households in substandard housing, where poor insulation and inefficient energy use create health risks and environmental burdens. Poverty and cold housing contribute to around 9,800 premature deaths annually in Australia, eight times the road toll and largely preventable. Raising indoor temperatures by 5 degrees delivers major health benefits, reducing respiratory illness, asthma, high blood pressure, arthritis, and mental illness. Retrofitting homes improves efficiency, lowers energy use, cuts greenhouse gas emissions, and reduces reliance on fossil fuels. Reduced energy demand eases cost-of-living pressures, and warmer, more efficient homes deliver wider social benefits including improved learning outcomes for children. A similar program in NZ showed a 4.3 to 1 benefit-to-cost ratio. All works will be undertaken by licensed trades, with local suppliers engaged, delivering health and local economic benefits while advancing Shire-wide climate action.	This project will directly benefit low-income households by improving living conditions, reducing energy bills, and enhancing health outcomes. Eligible households will be identified either through referrals from Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's housing team, or if Council prefers, energy saving audits and retrofits could be targeted to Council-owned property such as the housing flats operated by Winteringham. The broader community will also benefit through improved housing stock, reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, lower burden on public health services, and strengthened local employment and business activity.	Previous Healthy Homes programs improved low-income households for between \$3,000-\$5,000 per household, depending on assessed need and retrofits required. We are seeking \$9,500 to provide energy audits and energy-saving retrofits for 2-3 eligible homes.	Yes	Our group will contribute volunteer time to coordinate the project and a financial contribution of \$500.	4 - Our People (Our community is safe, healthy and well)	
P45	Is your idea a project?	Buffalo Sports Precinct Change Rooms	Yes	Woodend Eagles Soccer Club	West Ward (Carlsruhe, Kyneton, Malmesbury, Tylden and Woodend)	Woodend	We would like to see the external change room facilities upgraded to ensure they are fit-for-purpose for all community groups, offering a safe and accessible option for children, teenagers, and adults of all genders.	The Woodend Eagles Soccer Club (WESC) was delighted with the Woodend Racecourse Reserve Master Plan, which provides a great foundation for the WESC to harness the considerable community support for both the game and the Club in Woodend. However, we're all aware of the timeline required to deliver such an ambitious project, and improving the external football field change room facilities at Buffalo Stadium to become a fit-for-purpose, safe, and accessible space to all genders is a priority. Our work with Proud2Play, an organisation dedicated to promoting LGBTQI+ inclusion in sport, along with the inclusion policies from Football Victoria, have helped the Club understand its obligations as a sports group committed to welcoming all members of the community.	The Woodend Eagles Soccer Club, Woodend Cricket Club and Woodend Football Club. All community groups that use the oval at Buffalo Sports Precinct would benefit from improved change room facilities. The WESC is willing to take on responsibility for the change rooms to ensure they are well maintained and locked when not in use should this assist.	We are seeking quotes to submit to Council	Yes	The Club is happy to source in-kind support, contribute funds, and time to assist.	1 - Our Places (Connected and active places and spaces for everyone)	2026-2027_MRSC_Budget_Req_uest_WESC.docx_1.pdf Proud_2_Play_Letter_of_Support_-_Woodend_Soccer_Club_1.pdf
P46	Is your idea a project?	Seeking support to continue the work they have been facilitating for the past three years with the Water Think Tank (WTT)	Yes	Jackson Creek EcoNetwork Inc			A network of people who care about the Maribymong River and want to understand water, waterways, the way they are managed, and the options ahead. Many environmental groups working in the upper reaches of the Maribymong catchment, including numerous groups within the Macedon Ranges Shire and have directly benefited from partnering with MRWA. We wish to express our strong support for MRWA's role, and in particular the need for financial assistance to ensure the continuation of the Water Think Tank and the valuable work of MRWA.	On-ground works such as revegetation, erosion repair and riparian restoration are essential, but only effective when guided by robust understanding of hydrology, environmental flow requirements, upstream, downstream interactions, cumulative impacts including farm dams, recycled water policy, regulatory settings, and agency investment cycles. MRWA's work directly supports on-ground restoration and community stewardship across the Jacksons Creek corridor by ensuring actions are informed, targeted, and aligned with catchment-scale science and planning. MRWA is the only organisation that consistently brings this knowledge together and translates it into practical guidance for community groups and land managers across the Maribymong catchment.	This support will: • Strengthen on-ground works across the Shire • Ensure informed community voices are present in water-policy decisions • Support climate resilience and waterway health • Protect Deep Creek, Jacksons Creek and the Maribymong River • Align with MRSC's environmental and biodiversity objectives			particularly the Year One commitment to "deliver the Urban Rivers and Catchments Project to restore waterways and improve biodiversity of the Upper Maribymong Catchment."	D25-112545	
P47	Is your idea a project?	Seeking support to continue the work they have been facilitating for the past three years with the Water Think Tank (WTT)	Yes	President of Friends of Mount Gisborne Bushland Reserve	South Ward (Bullengarook, Gisborne, Macedon, Mount Macedon and New Gisborne)		We are writing to emphasise the importance of this program from the perspective of upper-catchment stewardship and community-based land and water management at Mount GisborneBushland Reserve, Bunjil Creek and Jackson Creek. Mount Gisborne forms part of the headwaters of Bunjil Creek, which flows into Jacksons Creek and ultimately the Maribymong River system. The protection and restoration of these upper reaches is fundamental to the long-term health, resilience and water quality of the entire catchment downstream.	The Water Think Tank has become a vital forum for building community water literacy, improving understanding of catchment-scale processes, and supporting informed participation in water and land-use decisions that affect the Maribymong system. For groups such as ours working at the headwaters, this broader catchment context is essential. On-ground works such as revegetation, erosion control and riparian restoration are critical, but they are only truly effective when guided by sound understanding of hydrology, environmental flow requirements, upstream-downstream interactions, cumulative impacts such as farm dams, recycled water policy, regulatory frameworks and agency investment cycles. MRWA plays a unique role in bringing this information together and translating it into accessible, practical guidance for community groups and land managers.	This support will: • Strengthen on-ground works across the Shire • Ensure informed community voices are present in water-policy decisions • Support climate resilience and waterway health • Protect Deep Creek, Jacksons Creek and the Maribymong River • Align with MRSC's environmental and biodiversity objectives			particularly the Year One commitment to "deliver the Urban Rivers and Catchments Project to restore waterways and improve biodiversity of the Upper Maribymong Catchment."		
P48	Is your idea a project?	It would be a great improvement if we were to provide two more beds – to be planted on the southern side towards the new Coles Supermarket.	No		East Ward (Baynton, Darraweit Guim, Kerrie, Lancefield, Newham, Riddells Creek and Romsey)	Romsey	I can guarantee provision of the 42 roses (21 per bed) that are required for the new beds, and I do hope that you will assist once again with the preparation of the beds. I am more than happy to meet your representative at the site to discuss if required.	The original rose beds close by, were planted in 2004 and have provided an attractive display for residents and visitors entering the town from the south. It also provides a colourful and respectful display during ceremonies at the Cenotaph such as at ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day. Because of my involvement with the original plantings, I receive many complimentary comments when the roses are in bloom. All the roses were donated by residents, and the MRSC (Parks & Gardens) co-operated by preparing the beds and edging, which was much appreciated. For the first few years I pruned the roses myself each winter until about 2010, when MRSC requested they take over responsibility because Parks & Gardens wanted to use the experience for their trainee gardeners.	This addition, which should be carried out in Winter, will put Romsey on a par with the beautiful rose garden displays at Benalla.				D25-113759	
P49	Is your idea a project?	Light up the Big Tree Roundabout	Yes	Gisborne Town Team	South Ward (Bullengarook, Gisborne, Macedon, Mount Macedon and New Gisborne)	Gisborne	We propose the installation of lights on the big tree on the roundabout connecting Melbourne Road, Hamilton Street and Kilmore Road. We believe installing lights onto trees in our town centre will encourage locals to visit the town centre more often, will be a warm and inviting entry into Gisborne (particularly in the cooler months), and instill pride in residents, nurturing connectedness. We propose to start with lights on the big tree on the aforementioned roundabout, as it is one of the main roads into Gisborne and therefore seen by the majority of locals and visitors.	This proposal addresses many issues but primarily makes a statement about our town as a warm and inviting place for an active community to live in and for others to visit. When people drive down the hill into Gisborne and see the big tree on the roundabout all lit up, this shows we take pride in our town, it enhances our beautiful greenery, and potentially enhances the mood of residents and tourists alike. Gisborne is known for our inclement weather and chilly winters. A beautifully lit up tree will deliver warmth to our streetscape during these times and make the space more inviting to walk along during the colder months. The tree will be seen by all who visit our popular monthly market. And while it will bring light and ambience to our cooler months, the tree will also be a beautiful addition during warmer months when more people frequent the town centre.	Local residents and visitors will benefit as ambient lighting beautifies the town, brings safety due to more visibility, encourages people to be active in their town in the evenings, connecting people and making them proud of the place they live in. We have beautiful tree-lined streets in Gisborne and adding lights allows us to enjoy our natural environment after dark. This is particularly important in Gisborne where we have many gloomy days and cold winters. Ambient lighting makes it more appealing for locals and visitors to be active in the town centre at these times. With more people being active in our town in the evenings and cooler months, this also provides opportunities for the local economy and businesses to thrive via winter markets and late night shopping initiatives, boosting tourism and invigorating the town at times when it is usually dormant. An active and involved community is safe, healthy and well, and by lighting up our town centre, we instill pride in our town and encourage people to get out and about in town more often. This leads to more mentally and physically healthy community members.	\$15,000	Yes		1 - Our Places (Connected and active places and spaces for everyone)	
P50	Is your idea a project?	Provide recreation and sporting facilities in Lancefield	Yes	Lancefield Junior Football Netball Club and other Lancefield based sporting clubs	East Ward (Baynton, Darraweit Guim, Kerrie, Lancefield, Newham, Riddells Creek and Romsey)	Lancefield	MRSC to offer sporting and recreation facilities to Lancefield, just as it does for every other township in the Macedon Ranges. Since all neighbouring communities already enjoy the amenities provided by MRSC, it's only fair that Lancefield receives the same opportunities. Providing local spaces to play, connect, and stay active helps keep the whole region healthy, vibrant, and supported.	Residents of Lancefield and visitors to the area have access only to the state-owned property and facilities at Lancefield Park, which are not adequately maintained by any level of government. The area is in danger of becoming a snake-breeding ground or a fire hazard, since the grassy areas are not maintained by the State or Local government. The current Lancefield Park facilities need to be maintained to ensure the area does not pose a safety risk for users.	All of Lancefield and visitors to the region.	\$30,000,000 should be enough to purchase land and build facilities similar to that of neighbouring townships.	No		1 - Our Places (Connected and active places and spaces for everyone)	User groups / sporting clubs should not be held responsible to provide facilities to the community.
P51	Is your idea a project?	Queerthentic	Yes	Macedon Ranges Accessible Arts	West Ward (Carlsruhe, Kyneton, Malmesbury, Tylden and Woodend)	Kyneton	Queerthentic is a regional LGBTQIA+ art exhibition and community celebration held in Kyneton. It provides a platform for queer artists to share their stories and creativity while fostering visibility and pride across the Macedon Ranges. The event is needed because LGBTQIA+ people in regional areas often face isolation, limited representation, and fewer safe spaces. Queerthentic creates an inclusive environment that strengthens connection, wellbeing, and belonging within the local queer community	Queerthentic addresses the lack of visible, inclusive, and safe spaces for LGBTQIA+ people living in regional and rural areas. Many queer community members in the Macedon Ranges experience social isolation, limited representation in local arts and culture, and fewer opportunities to connect with others who share similar lived experiences. This project creates a positive opportunity to celebrate queer creativity, strengthen community pride, and provide paid platforms for local LGBTQIA+ artists and performers. By bringing people together through art, music, and shared storytelling, Queerthentic fosters connection, wellbeing, and greater acceptance within the wider regional community.	The primary beneficiaries will be LGBTQIA+ people across the Macedon Ranges and surrounding regional areas, including queer artists, performers, young people, and community members seeking connection and visibility. The broader community—families, allies, local residents, and visitors—will also benefit through increased understanding, inclusive community events, and access to diverse cultural experiences. Local businesses and performers gain economic opportunities through catering, partnerships, and paid creative work. Overall, the project strengthens social connection, cultural vibrancy, and wellbeing across the region.	\$5,000	Yes	We can contribute in kind time and resources to the art prize	4 - Our People (Our community is safe, healthy and well)	Queerthentic_Application_-_STATE_GOV_LETTERS_OF_SUPPORT.pdf Copy_of_Queerthentic_Budget_2026_-_Budget.pdf

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P52	Is your idea a project?	Continuation of footpath on Kilmore Rd from after the bridge to Saunders Rd	No		South Ward (Bullengarook, Gisborne, Macedon, Mount Macedon and New Gisborne)		A continuous footpath is essential for safety because the area currently has no sidewalk, forcing people to walk on a busy road. Many families use this route daily, including parents with young children, & they are exposed to unnecessary danger when stepping onto the roadway. The lack of a footpath is especially risky near the bus stop & school bus stop, where groups of children gather & cross including elderly walking to the bus stop. Prams can only go on the road & elderly people have difficulties walking on the road, where cars drive frequently or walk on uneven grass, stones and ditches.	Extending the footpath to the corner of Kilmore and Saunders Rd would provide a safe, predictable space for pedestrians, reduce the likelihood of accidents, and create a more accessible and family-friendly environment for everyone. It will assist elderly people, which as a community, we have responsibility for.	Families, children, elderly people, dog walkers	Not Sure	No		5 - Our Performance (We are accountable, trusted and collaborative)	
P53	Is your idea a project?	Mount Macedon Memorial Reserve Cross	Yes	Mount Macedon Memorial Reserve Cross Committee of Management	South Ward (Bullengarook, Gisborne, Macedon, Mount Macedon and New Gisborne)	Mount macedon	Restoration of Mount Macedon Memorial Cross stage 2. Without restoration to balustrade of podium area our Cross remains indefinitely closed to the public. This War memorial is a site for remembrance and second largest to the Shrine in Victoria. Help is needed to complete this project	To reopen the Mount macedon war memorial cross to all community and public access. This site is of significant importance to remember all our returned service league personnel and current ADF personnel it is a site for all.	ALL macedon ranges community, RSL, veteran groups, and Victorian public.	200,000	Yes	Committee of Management services	1 - Our Places (Connected and active places and spaces for everyone)	
P54	Is your idea a project?	Wildlife Road-Strike Reduction Project	Yes	Macedon Ranges Wildlife Network	Whole of Macedon Ranges shire		This proposal seeks co design and funding support to deliver a comprehensive initiative aimed at reducing wildlife road strike across the Macedon Ranges. The project will combine targeted road safety interventions to reduce wildlife collisions. Included is long term shooter/darter capability to ensure humane responses to injured wildlife. The proposal outlines a clear pathway for data collection, co-design, implementation, governance, and evaluation. By addressing both prevention and response, the project will contribute to safer roads, healthier ecosystems, and stronger community partnerships	Opportunities: • Reduce wildlife road-strike through targeted, evidence-based interventions such as signage, hotspot treatments, and improved data sharing. • Align with council strategic objectives in road safety, environmental protection, and community benefit. • Reduce collisions improves safety for drivers and passengers, lowering accident rates and associated costs. • Protect native wildlife supports biodiversity, ecosystem health, and the region's reputation as a natural haven. • Increase community wellbeing as humane responses to injured wildlife reduce distress among residents and fosters pride in local conservation efforts. • Deliver outcomes with a phased timeline that ensures realistic implementation, data sharing, consultation, road treatments and evaluation. • Build a succession pathway for shooter/darter responders, ensuring continuity of humane wildlife management practices. • Strengthen partnerships, foster collaboration, share knowledge provide community led solutions.	Road Users • Drivers and passengers will experience improved road safety, fewer collisions, and reduced risk of injury or vehicle damage. Lower accident rates also mean reduced insurance claims and financial burden. Local Community • Residents gain peace of mind knowing wildlife is better protected and humane responses are available. Emotional distress from witnessing road-strikes is reduced, fostering community pride in conservation efforts. • Volunteers and supporters of MRWN benefit from reduction in trauma and reduced volunteer hours. Macedon Ranges Shire Council (MRSC) • Council benefits from alignment with strategic priorities in road safety, environmental protection, and community wellbeing. Strengthened partnerships with MRWN and deliver measurable outcomes for residents and the community.	310,500	Yes	0.2 Position - Coordination and Project Management	2 - Our Environment (Rural and natural surroundings that are cared for and protected)	•Wildlife_Road-Strike_Reduction_Project_MRWN.pdf •Attachment_1_Alignment_with_objectives.pdf •Attachment_2_Signage_examples.pdf
P55	Is your idea a project?	Connected Catchments: Building Water Literacy Through Learning, Design and Creative Culture	Yes	Maribymong River and Waterways Association	Whole of Macedon Ranges shire		Connected Catchments strengthens community understanding of waterway health in the Macedon Ranges. It combines the Water Think Tank, which builds local water literacy; a partnership with RMIT Landscape Architecture to develop concepts for local waterways; and a Outling initiative that fosters connection, wellbeing and shared responsibility for the Maribymong headwaters. Together, these programs build community capacity, support Council's Urban Rivers and Catchments Project, and ensure restoration and planning are informed by science, creativity and meaningful involvement.	The project responds to growing pressures on the headwaters of the Maribymong River, particularly within the Macedon Ranges, where rapid urban growth, increasing stormwater demands, expanded farm dam development, changing recycled water management and climate-driven extremes are placing stress on local waterways. Community groups and landholders want to participate in restoration and planning but often lack access to the science and technical expertise needed to make informed decisions. At the same time, Council is investing significantly in waterway restoration and climate resilience. This project creates the opportunity to strengthen community understanding, improve the effectiveness of on-ground works, and build coordinated, catchment-wide capacity to safeguard local waterways.	The project will benefit a wide cross-section of the Macedon Ranges community. Local Landcare groups, Friends groups, environmental volunteers and residents will gain access to scientific expertise, practical water literacy training and opportunities to participate in restoration and planning. Landholders along Bunjil Creek, Emu Creek, Jacksons Creek and Deep Creek will benefit from clearer guidance on hydrology, stormwater, farm dams and water policy. Council officers and Councillors will receive improved community input and better-informed partners for delivering the Urban Rivers and Catchments Project. Traditional Owner organisations, local schools, crafting groups and RMIT students will also benefit through strengthened partnerships, creative engagement and shared learning.	\$15,000	Yes	The Maribymong River and Waterways Association will be able to provide in-kind time from our two part-time staff to co-ordinate and facilitate the programs outlined in the proposal. Please find a budget submission attached for more details on our project	2 - Our Environment (Rural and natural surroundings that are cared for and protected)	•MSRC_26_27_Budget_Submission_MRWA.pdf
P55	Is your idea a project?	Ground works for deep Creek Jacksons Creek and Riddells Creek and garden Hut Creek.	Yes	Maribymong River & Waterways Association.			The Water literacy education we have been doing with the Community was in relation to water quality of both stormwater and waste water and the adverse impacts on the waterways that they work on. We also looked at the impact of rapid urbanisation and climate change.	There is a clear need for advocacy for greater investment in this catchment's water infrastructure so that the creeks will stay healthy into the future. And open spaces, Jason to them	Recently we held a roundtable discussion with the Mayors of the catchment. We explained how our organisation formed as a direct request of the community and environment groups within the catchment who are dissatisfied with the state of the waterways and the additional stress being placed on them.					
P56	Is your idea a project?	Various Projects	No		Whole of Macedon Ranges Shire		Could you please provide funding and support for the following: • MRSC net zero by 2030 projects. • MRSC membership of the Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment. • Support for the Maribymong River Waterways Association program. • Increase the Backyard Biodiversity program, and awareness of the importance of indigenous flora and fauna. • Review the Street-Tree-Planting-Preferred-Species-List-2023, to reflect current best environmental practices and prioritise indigenous plantings. • Provide funding for a member of the mowing crew to have knowledge of horticulture, environment and hygiene practices to work with the environment team in bushland reserves to stop the ecological damage currently being caused. • Establish an Environmental Advisory Committee to work alongside council with local knowledge and experience. • Advocate for the return of the Gisborne Pine Plantation to the people of Gisborne from the state government. • Support Action A8 from the Stanley Park Environmental Management Plan: Raise awareness with local community and nurseries about the weed threats posed by species available at local nurseries	All of the above requests align with objectives of council, they deliver community-wide benefit, affect council land and buildings, and are all deliverable by Council.						
P57	Is your idea a project?	Various Projects	Yes	Eastern Macedon Ranges Business and Tourism Association	East Ward (Baynton, Darraweit Guim, Kerrie, Lancefield, Newham, Riddells Creek and Romsey)		Allocation Request 1- Implementation of the Five Mile Creek Master Plan - The implementation of the Master Plan will not only improve the amenity of the Five Mile Creek and Romsey, it will provide an injection to the visitor economy with the Five Mile Creek "project" complimenting and supporting the award-winning community and visitor resource in Romsey Ecotherapy Park. Allocation Request 2 -Capital Support for redesign and/or refurbishment of the Romsey Roundabout - The Romsey Town Centre Action Plan references the Romsey Roundabout (p.21) in the context of "town entry" and the need for its aesthetic enhancement to provide an announcement of arrival feature in the town centre. Allocation Request 3 – Ongoing support for Thriving Villages Project's Town Centre Action Plans groups -Following on from the Thriving Villages Project, both Romsey, Lancefield and Riddells Creek have Town Centre Actions Plans that include projects to enhance the town centres. The Action Teams have continued to work beyond the plan to scope and refine projects and is looking for the support of Council and others to assist with the implementation and maintenance of Projects.			While we would be prepared to also support sourcing funds from other bodies A recent onsite meeting with Department of Transport was incredibly constructive and has set up further conversations re landscaping concept development for the Romsey roundabout.				D25-125214 D25-125265

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P58	Is your idea a project?	Woodend Community Cultural Centre	Yes	Macedon Ranges Cultural Centre Team	South Ward (Bullengarook, Gisborne, Macedon, Mount Macedon and New Gisborne)		As a follow up to our July 2025 presentation to Councillors, we are excited that the submission for full Stage 1 Funding for the Macedon Ranges Cultural Centre was made on 17 October 2025. The funding stream was originally suggested by Fiona's Deppeler-Morton, the Minister's Advisor from the Department of Regional Development, who identified the Regional Precincts & Partnership Program as appropriate funding for the project. We wish to thank Lydia Sorensen's team for putting together such a thorough application on this project's behalf. Over the past ten years, community members have dedicated significant volunteer hours and worked tirelessly to keep this project on Council's agenda. The community has supplemented Council efforts with a community survey, market stalls, presentations to community organisations, articles for the Woodend Star, and press events. During this period, we have cemented many valued partnerships within the local Shire and with State and Commonwealth levels of Government as well. Everyone's dedication to this project has been paramount to us achieving this funding milestone.	To maintain project momentum, we request that Councillors include a budget item in the 2026-2027 financial year for the design plan of Stage 2 of the project for \$80-\$100k. Stage 2 is the multi-purpose event and performance space that will complement the Stage 1 library for cultural and artistic activities that cannot be offered to Shire residents, businesses and visitors at present due to the lack of a flexible, contemporary Council venue. As a demonstration of strong, continued community support for the Macedon Ranges Cultural Centre, we include for your information letters of support provided by community organisations and individuals in support of this Council project. We urge you to continue the Council's ongoing support for the project.						Application support letter from Rob Mitchell MP