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Sent: Monday, 7 June 2021 7:55 PM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Subject: Draft Budget/Revenue and Rating Plan feedback (2021/22)

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Draft Budget/Revenue and Rating Plan feedback (2021/22)

Have your say	
Please share your feedback.	The lights at Gisborne Tennis Club are an urgent matter for council to address. Compared to other clubs in the MRTA Gisborne Tennis Club amenities are an embarrassment. I absolutely support the immediate allocation of funding to repair the lighting. [redacted]
If you would prefer, you can also upload a written submission here	
Do you wish to speak at the Council Meeting on 16 June in regards to your submission?	No
Tell us about you	
First name	[redacted]
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Sent: Monday, 7 June 2021 7:55 PM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [redacted] Budget 2021-2022 Submission
Attachments: [redacted] Application to MRSC Budget 2021-2022.docx; [redacted] reporting on delivery of goods to Turiscai May 2021.docx; [redacted] Strategic Plan Final Feb 2021-1.pdf

[redacted] Budget Submission for 2021-2022

Please find attached our submission, and supporting documents, for consideration at the upcoming Budget Review for Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

We trust that your endorsement for our partnership in support of our friends in Turiscai will result in a decision to agree to our request.

Sincerely

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June 7, 2021

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Funding support for Turiscai community

In 2014, a Friendship Agreement was signed by representatives of the three partners Macedon Ranges Shire, Sub-District of Turiscai and Macedon Ranges Friends of East Timor. Turiscai is one of the four sub-districts in Manufahi. In 2016 a Municipal Cooperation Agreement was signed between Macedon Ranges Shire Council and the District of Manufahi.

The facilitation of the friendship with Turiscai is led by [redacted] who work with the local community in Turiscai to identify and develop projects. Macedon Ranges Shire Council supports the activities of MRFoET and partners on governance development and capacity building initiatives such as study tours and exchange programs. Since 2014 Council has allocated annual "community" funding to further support these programs.
Both Council and MRFoET work on raising awareness in Macedon Ranges of the issues in Timor-Leste and developing ongoing support.

MRFOET's work is focused on the strategic areas of education, maternal and Child health, economic and community development.

Our major actions for 2021-2022 were planned to be:

1. **Annual Visit by representatives from the Macedon Ranges.** Due to Covid19 restrictions our visit may be postponed to mid 2022, which may also involve a small delegation from [redacted]. The [redacted]e has shown a desire to have students visit Turiscai to share cultures and experience as a component of their Senior School Immersion Program. Our visit is to further develop the friendship and to re-engage with ongoing community activities and projects that are improving the well-being of the local community.

2. **Promote the work of MRFOET locally in the Macedon Ranges**.
   In co-operation with the Macedon Ranges Film Society we plan to host a Film Night in Woodend, it will be a great event to add to the Macedon Ranges calendar toward the end of 2021. A planned music program and performance for March 2020 has now been postponed until early 2022.In cooperation with local musicians and other friendship groups in the region we will host a choir from Timor Leste lead by famed musician and permaculture expert [redacted]. Both community events are potential fundraisers.

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Cyclone Seroja and Covid19

On April 4,2021 Easter Sunday, Cyclone Seroja flooded communities and devastated much of Timor Leste. We were not able to contact our friends in Turiscai for several days as roads were washed away and power lines down. We now know that many are without shelter and the community needs our support. It has also been very difficult for them to get supplies, as with the arrival and greater threat of Covid19, there is now a double disaster to fight. Dili, the main source of supplies is still recovering from the flooding and is now in lockdown until end of June.

We have determined that our budget for 2021-2022 needs to be re-visited and have already sent funds to the community AU$4000.00. These funds have been spent on the purchase of food such as rice and dried fish and basic essentials for those in need in the community. We have had full cooperation of the Sisters from the SPC Convents in Dili and Turiscai and local Administrator [redacted], and a truckload of supplies has been distributed on May 22,2021.

Later in the year MRFOET will be hosting a major fundraising event by staging the **Kyneton Antique Fair** from Sept 3 – 5 during the Daffodil & Arts Festival 2021. The funds raised will be our best way to further support and contribute to the well-being of this small remote community in the mountains of East Timor.
Unfortunately, due to the recent Covid 19 outbreak and resultant restrictions we are reluctant to spend funds already received for the Fair. Deposits for stall holders will be refunded if there is another outbreak and we will need to cancel which will mean that our fundraising effort will not be fulfilled.

As of mid- April we have a designated bank account **MRFOET Relief Fund**, and will commence fundraising by seeking local media coverage across the Shire.
We would really like to spread the word that Council have contributed to the funding of further relief, and actively encourage our community to get involved.

Turiscai will need our continued support in the coming months and we would like to make the following budget request as follows:

2021-2022 Budget funding request for $3500.00

- **$2,500.00 – Funds to the Turiscai community** to provide another delivery of much needed basic essentials.
- **$1000.00 - Macedon Ranges 2021 Special Events** for **MRFoET**, Kyneton Antique Fair September 3-5, and Film Night October 22 in cooperation with Macedon Ranges Film Society, promotional expense.

Thankyou to Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Shire Councillors and staff for your continued friendship and support for our friends in Turiscai.

Sincerely
[redacted]

Facebook entry for [redacted] May 22, 2021 at 1.30 pm

Also includes 25 photos of goods being packed for transport to and received by community in Turiscai. Just a few of the photos, check her Facebook page for more.

[redacted]
Gathering food supplies compliments of friends of Timorese especially Turiscai residents...
from MRFOET, thro Macedon Rangers [redacted]
Transporting joy to the people of Turiscai
alleviating in one way or another in their sufferings in this challenging moments in Timor Leste.
With open hearts, we thank you very sincerely as our partners in helping our Timorese brothers and sisters during these calamities.
Fond greetings and our prayers
to all the Macedonian Rangers and your families..
[redacted] **THANKS FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.**
[redacted]

Packing the truck at SPC Convent, Dili

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] in conversation with local [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] ppacked ready for distribution from the kindergarten room at [redacted]

Everyone is helping collect much needed supplies/

And happy to receive them.

Thanks [redacted] and the [redacted] at [redacted] for making all this possible.

Macedon Ranges Friends of East Timor (MRFoET)
Strategic Action Plan 2018-2023
(Reviewed February and March 2021)

Introduction

Macedon Ranges Friends of East Timor (MRFoET) were established in 2008, with support from Macedon Ranges Shire Council, to develop a friendship with the administrative post of Tursicai as part of the Victorian Governments' Australia Timor-Leste Friendship Program. Turiscai has a population of approximately 9000 people, is about 95km south of the capital Dili in the mountainous central highlands area and is one of four administrative posts in the District of Manufahi.
In 2014, the Administrator of Turiscai signed a Friendship Agreement with MRFoET and Macedon Ranges Shire Council during a study tour to the Macedon Ranges. In 2015, Macedon Ranges Shire Council signed a district-level partnership agreement with the District of Manufahi as part of the new Government of Timor-Leste process with Council and MRFoET focusing their work on supporting the people of Turiscai.

MRFoET is an incorporated group who meet once a month with decision-making vested in a Committee of Management. MRFoET, in collaboration with partners in Timor-Leste, have supported a number of initiatives in Turiscai a teacher training program with representatives from all primary school and kindergartens, provided equipment and resources to the Maternal and Child Health clinic, sent language-appropriate 'readers' and established a primary school pencil project between schools in Macedon Ranges and Turiscai. In Macedon Ranges, MRFoET have organised a number of awareness-raising and fundraising events including forums, music and photo displays, film nights and presentations. Funds are also raised through the sale of Wild Timor coffee and handicraft merchandise.

Our mission/goal:

To support community wellbeing by working together on planning and sharing resources and skills to achieve a better life for the people of Turiscai.

Priorities:

- Promote health and wellbeing in all Turiscai communities
- Enhance social and economic development in Turiscai
- Deliver an effective committee with a clear vision, transparency, and accountability to Macedon Ranges communities

Values/Guiding principles:

- Build and sustain the relationship through trust and respect
- Work sustainably through the use of available resources and encouraging local ownership
- Promote equality and fairness
- Work within a process that centres on mutual planning, increasing our knowledge/insight and reciprocal communication
- Be professional in the way we work and appreciate each other's value/worth

Macedon Ranges
Friends of East Timor

MRFoET Strategic Action Plan 2018-2023 - Years Three and Four (2020 & 2021)

Reviewed February and March 2021

NOTE: Due to COVID 19 restrictions across the world, our action plan will cover both 2020 & 2021. MRFoET will continue to communicate with our friends in Turiscai and where possible continue to develop partnerships and support the community. Our annual visit to Timor Leste and the Turiscai community is on hold until it is safe to travel. Where possible and practical, we will continue to fund ongoing projects, however our expenses, as set out in the table below, will be greatly diminished for 2020 & 2021.

Priority	Strategy	Action	Person Responsible	In Partnership with:		Expenses
Promote health and wellbeing in Turiscai	Strengthen the friendship with Timor-Leste and develop partnerships to support community wellbeing in Turiscai	Visit and engage with local community in Turiscai Explore and build on partnerships with relevant NGOs	[redacted]	[redacted]	Sept 21	$4,000
		Continue to liaise with [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Dec 21	
		[redacted] n planning friendship visits for young people from the Macedon Ranges to Turiscai.	[redacted]	[redacted]	Dec 21	
	Foster social connection between Macedon Ranges and Turiscai	Explore options with local contacts in Turiscai for maintaining regular communication and engagement	[redacted]	[redacted]	Ongoing	
		Continue to follow up status of Australia Timor-Leste Friendship Network (ATLFN) and Local Government Timor-Leste Network and conduct regular meetings	[redacted]	[redacted]		
	Promote healthy eating in Turiscai	Continue to support the [redacted] Centre/JDN nutrition, community health and wellbeing project and evaluate outcomes	[redacted]	[redacted]	Dec 2021	$2500
	Facilitate physical activity in Turiscai	Provide means for MRSC community sporting groups and schools to collect redundant sporting wear and equipment and ship to community groups and schools in Turiscai		Macedon Ranges community groups	ongoing	

Macedon Ranges
Friends of East Timor

Priority	Strategy	Action	Person Responsible	In Partnership with:		Expenses
	Engage in shared community planning and collaborative projects focused on maternal and child health and community development and wellbeing in Turiscai.	Continue to support the MCH Clinic in Turiscai by sourcing and shipping medical equipment as requested, within our capacity.	[redacted]	[redacted]	Dec 2021	$1,000
		Continue to supply Turiscai MCH clinic with mother/baby kits sourced/donated from Macedon Ranges and others purchased in Turiscai and evaluate outcomes.	[redacted]	[redacted]	Dec 2021	$1,500
	Increase awareness and support for those with disabilities across the community of Turiscai, particularly school aged children.	Source mobility aids and ship to isolated members of the Turiscai community	[redacted]	[redacted]	Dec 2021	$500
Enhance Social and Economic Development in Turiscai	Encourage activity that promotes positive individual and education outcomes and future employment options.	Foster and maintain school student sponsorship program Source computers and printers and ship to secondary school students in Turiscai	[redacted]	[redacted]	Dec 2021	$500
		Explore connection with Science of Life School (SOLS. and student sponsorship	[redacted]	[redacted]	Dec 2021	$500
		Source books for reading enrichment program for teachers and students	[redacted]	[redacted]	Dec 2021	$500
		Maintain pencils for primary school's project and evaluate outcomes	[redacted]	[redacted]	Dec 2021	

Macedon Ranges
Friends of East Timor

Priority	Strategy	Action	Person Responsible	In Partnership with:		Expenses
		Source early childhood materials from toy libraries in MRSC to ship to Turiscai	[redacted]	[redacted]	Dec 2021	
		Support Alola teacher training project to reach primary schools in remote areas	[redacted]	[redacted]	Dec 2021	$2,750
		Continue to support the Days for Girls project and ship kits to Turiscai	[redacted]	[redacted]	Dec 2021	$100
Deliver an effective committee with a clear vision, transparency, and accountability to Macedon Ranges communities.	Promote awareness and raise funds through engagement with the Macedon Ranges Shire communities.	Plan annual awareness activities including annual presentation to MRSC councillors	Committee	MRSC Local community	Nov 2021	$2,000
		Update MRFoET promotional banners/ seek sponsorship for printing	Committee		Dec 2021	$500
		Produce at least two newsletters and distribute to members by email, facebook and community newspapers	[redacted]	Community newspapers MRSC	Autumn Spring	
		Update MRFoET content on MRSC community information web space annually	[redacted]	MRSC/Community Wellbeing Team.		
		Printing of Certificates of Appreciation and Sponsorship Receipts and reprint MRFoET flyers	[redacted]		Dec 2021	$500
		Actively recruit new members	Committee		ongoing	
		Maintain book exchange at [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	ongoing	
		Maintain and expand coffee sales outlets	Committee	[redacted] Coffee/MRSC/local business	ongoing	
		Conduct summer/spring community market stalls at local markets and other events within MRSC	[redacted]	Community markets in Macedon Ranges region.	Dec 2021	$500
		Explore outlets for handicraft sales and Timor products	[redacted]	[redacted] / extra alternatives?	ongoing	

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Please share your feedback.	As a Lancefield resident of many, many years, and activd user of the oval space throughout the year, myself & my family would like to show our support of the lighting upgrade to the Lancefield Oval. Regards [redacted]
If you would prefer, you can also upload a written submission here	
Do you wish to speak at the Council Meeting on 16 June in regards to your submission?	No
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 7 June 2021 9:09 PM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Subject: Submission for MRSC 2021/22 budget
Attachments: Budget Submission from [redacted].pdf

Please find attached a submission for the 2021/22 MRSC budget. Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,
[redacted]

SUBMISSION – MACEDON RANGES SHIRE COUNCIL BUDGET 2021/2022

from

[redacted]

Submission MRSC draft budget 2021/22

This submission to the 2021/22 MRSC draft budget includes two applications for the Wyralla Reserve Landscape Plan:

- additional funding of $25,000 for Stage 2 to supplement the available budget provided in the 2020/21 budget, and
- funding for Stage 3, the final stage, of $55,000.

These requests for funding are based on discussions with the MRSC on the 4th of June ([redacted] and enquiries made by the [redacted]

Background for Submission

The Wyralla Reserve Landscape Plan came about because of:

- Grants to [redacted] from the MRSC of $1500 and the Bendigo Bank of $1000, both to develop a landscape plan,
- These grants being used by [redacted] Inc to contract [redacted] to articulate community survey feedback into a draft landscape plan, and
- Support for this landscape plan from Council Officers and Councilors leading to [redacted] design being directly contracted by MRSC to incorporate agreed changes co-ordinated between Council Officers and [redacted] into a final plan for presentation to Council.

Note: the final draft included a three stage process to “smooth budget” drawdown.

The Wyralla Reserve Landscape Plan was endorsed by Macedon Ranges Shire Council (MRSC) at the ordinary meeting on the 19th of December 2018. The resolution is as follows:
“That Council:
1. Endorse the Wyralla Reserve Landscape Plan; and
2. Commend and thank the Friends of Wyralla Reserve for their commitment and efforts in completing the Wyralla Reserve Landscape Plan.
It was moved by Cr Radnedge seconded by Cr Mees that the Officer Recommendation be adopted.
CARRIED”

The MRSC volunteered Stage 1 funding in the 2019/20 MRSC budget. Since then, the MRSC has not initiated any financial support.

Stage 2 funding was obtained in the 2020/21 Budget, $36,000 excluding GST, as a result of a submission by Friends of Wyralla Reserve Inc based on the then costings for Stage 2 as detailed in the Wyralla Reserve Landscape Plan.

Subsequently, the MRSC engaged [redacted] to review the Wyralla Reserve Landscape Plan to incorporate agreed changes relating to engineering and maintenance. This review added some $10,000 to the estimated costing for Stage 2.

In must be noted that as a result of market forces relating to significant increases in demand for landscape services during this calendar year that pricing has inflated even further.

Additional funding for Stage 2

The available funds for Stage 2 of the Wyralla Reserve Landscape Plan currently is $36,267 (Note: GST is not incorporated into Budgets, however is included in the submission). This is a shortfall of approximately $10,000.
Note: The revised costing for Stage 2 as a result of [redacted] Design review was $49,936.70 with provision of $4539.70 included for GST.

As a result of the RFQ process for Stage 2 of the Wyralla Reserve Landscape Plan, the MRSC is aware of current market pricing for the work. Quite correctly the MRSC indicated for reasons of probity that 'commercial-in-confidence' must be respected. However, it was suggested to the [redacted] that in addition to the available $36,267 an additional $25,000 could satisfy the market for an approved contractor to bid for the tender.

As such, the [redacted] request funding of $25,000 from the 2021/22 MRSC budget to supplement the existing funding to complete Stage 2 of the Wyralla Reserve Landscape Plan.

The [redacted] have amended the costings for Stage 2 of the Wyralla Reserve Landscape Plan as a result of enquiries of suppliers and assumptions concerning other costs. There is agreement with MRSC that an additional $25,000 is needed to meet the market.

A spreadsheet with these amended costings is attached (20210604 Wyralla Reserve Costings Draft for Budget 2021-22 (updated).xlsx)

Funding for Stage 3

The Wyralla Reserve Landscape Plan is a local park, but will be of benefit to all, that is a benefit for both the catchment of some three hundred immediate households and beyond. The Wyralla Reserve will have an attractive and unique character.

Stage 3 is the stage that completes this project. It is the stage that has a focus on the young. There are two pieces of play equipment in the Wyralla Reserve Landscape Plan. The nearest play equipment is several kilometers away. There are many young children in the area who are growing fast and would benefit from play equipment now.

The funding request for Stage 3 includes updated costing for play equipment supply and installation. Other costings have been adjusted to better reflect the market. As such, it is believed that the costing in the current Wyralla Reserve Landscape Plan as amended in the attached spreadsheet are reasonable.

In addition, it has been suggested by the MRSC that approximately $55,000 is needed at the moment to complete Stage 3. There is agreement with MRSC that an $55,000 is needed to meet the market. A spreadsheet with these costings is attached (20210604 Wyralla Reserve Costings Draft for Budget 2021-22 (updated).xlsx)

Additional Proposal

The [redacted] believe that by combining funding for Stage 2 and 3 a more agreeable tender would be available for the companies that respond to tender. This would involve $80,000 from the 2021/22 MRSC budget. This would also avoid potential inflationary effects of delaying Stage 3 until future budgets.

Attachment - 20210604 Wyralla Reserve Costings Draft for Budget 2021-22 (updated).xlsx

DRAFT COSTINGS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF WYRALLA RESERVE

				21-Dec-20	21-Dec-20	
STAGE TWO				**ORIGINAL**	**REVISED ESTIMATE**	
Edging						**30% increase on steel edging costs**
Steel Edging - Mild Steel Retainer to maximum 300mmH (picnic area near swing)		lm		$3,000	$3,900	
Steel Edging - Mild Steel Retainer to 100mmH - 2 zones (flat boulder seat area & picnic area near by)		lm		$3,000	$3,900	
Steel Edging - Mild Steel edging to miscellaneous areas				$1,000	$1,300	
Edging Sub-Total			**Sub-Total**	$7,000	$9,100	
Hardscaping						
supply and install rock steppers 30-40mm sawn stone	22	ea.	$80.00	$1,760	$2,288	**30% increase on all other costs**
supply and install randon rock boulders, some suitable for seating	2	items	$1,100.00	$1,110	$1,443	
supply and install flat boulder seats	3	ea.	$800.00	$2,400	$3,120	
supply and install large slate steppers for slide area	7	ea.	$571.42	$4,000	$5,200	
Excuvate dry river bed, supply and install paddock rock, washed sand, and river pebbles	1	ea	$11,000.00	$11,000	$14,300	
Install swale drain at end of dry river bed, ensuring graded to Stormwater Pit	1	ea.	$1,500.00	$1,500	$1,950	
Supply and install large timber slab seat and random upright tree trunks for childrens area	1	ea	$1,000.00	$1,000	$1,300	
Supply & Install random upright tree trunks for childrens area. [redacted] can supply logs for contractor to install	1	ea.	$3,000.00	$3,000	$3,900	
Supply and install upright pillar boulder	1	ea.	$1,500.00	$1,500	$1,950	
Supply and compact crushed road base for picnic areas, and rock boulder seat area		ea	$1,000.00	$1,000	$1,300	
Supply and compact compacted Tuscan Toppings for picnic areas and rock boulder seat area		ea	$3,000.00	$3,000	$3,900	
Supply and install recycled railway upright sleepers for entry path		ea	$300.00	$3,000	$3,900	
Hardscaping			**Sub-Total**	$34,270	$44,551	
Stage Two Total			**Total**	$41,270	$53,651	
10% of the 'Total' as Contingency			10% Conting.	$4,127	$5,365	
Sub-Total			**Sub Total**	$45,397	$59,016	
10% GST on Overal Sub-Total			GST 10%	$4,540	$5,902	
Grand Total			**Grand Total**	**$49,937**	**$64,918**	
STAGE THREE						
Softscaping soil preparation						
Soil Preparation (adding of composted mulch)		sq.m		$2,000	$2,000	
Mulch (75mm depth composted bark mulch)		sq.m		$1,000	$1,000	
Allowance of free mulch from Council has been included)						
Lawn - hyrdo seed				$2,500	$2,500	
Supply and install soft fall mulch to swing and slide area (2zones)			$1,500.00	$1,500	$1,500	
Soft Works Sub-Total			**Sub-Total**	$7,000	$7,000	
Softscaping (Planting)						
Supply and planting of all Trees including stakes and aggi pipe	38	item	$200.00	$7,600	$7,600	
Supply and planting of all Shrubs		item		$1,500	$1,500	
supply and planting of tube stock revegetation		item		$5,000	$5,000	
Allowance for voluntees to assist in planting has been included (value $2000)						
Planting			**Sub-Total**	$14,100	$14,100	
Equipment& Furniture						
Play Evolution Swing, supply & install Prices estimates				$3,500	$8,636	[redacted]
Play evolution Slide, supply and install prices estimates				$2,000	$12,800	
Supply and install rubber matting for slide		ea	$800.00	$800	$9,200	
Picnic Table supplied by [redacted]		1	$3,400.00	$3,400	$3,400	
Equipment			**Sub-Total**	$9,700	$34,036	
Total			**Total**	$30,800	$55,136	
10% of the 'Total' as Contingency			10% Conting.	$3,080	$5,514	
Sub-Total			**Sub Total**	$33,880	$60,650	
10% GST on Overal Sub-Total			GST 10%	$3,388	$6,065	
Grand Total			**Grand Total**	**$37,268**	**$66,715**	

Contingencies and Extra Costs
Always add 10% contingency to every project to cover unexpected additional costs - it will be needed
Always add 10% GST to the estimate costs.

Remember to facto in your design fees (usually 10-15% of construction costs depending on the project)
Other Consultants Fees may also be required such as engineers
It is alright to list exclusions at the end of the Cost Estimate for items which cannot be estimated. E.g. tree removal, service connection, allowance if rock is hit

Benchmark Rates (approx. rates based on 60% softscaping, 40% hardscaping for basic works			
High End Children's Play Space (large park or public space)		sq.m	$210.00
Kindergarton or Small School Garden		sq.m	$260.00
Public Open Space Feature Garden		sq.m	$220.00
Residential - Standard Basic Design		sq.m	$155.00
Residential with Complex Detailing		sq.m	$310.00
Residential with Complex Detailing and Access Problems		sq.m	$360.00
Roof Gardens and Detailed Courtyards		sq.m	$570.00
Commercial (e.g. hospitals, schools)		sq.m	$105.00
Very Basic - Earthworks, Rocks, Tubestock Planting, Gravel, Seeded Lawn (+400sq.m)		sq.m	$50.00

Always add 10% contingency for miscellaneous such as extra plants, lighting & always include 10% GST
Add 3% each year for Cost Inflation

Kaitlin Evans

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 7 June 2021 10:17 PM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Subject: Submission/comment on the MRSC Budget 2021/22

Dear Councillors and Officers,
I commend the Councillors for their recent vote to declare a Climate Emergency in the Macedon Ranges Shire.
I would hope that the soon-to-be-seen Council Plan would allocate funds and a visionary approach to the problem of climate change.
This year's Budget should begin that process by allocating funds to investigate ways of cutting carbon emissions on top of initiatives that have been forecast to date by the Shire.
One measure that could lock in future carbon reduction would be to change the way in which greenfield developments are planned and built.
Using the proposed Amess Road subdivision as an example, I would like to see no connections to reticulated gas across the whole estate.
I note that Powercor has proposed using its distribution network to enable the connection of large-scale renewable projects in response to the Victorian Government's Renewable Energy Zone discussion paper. Riddells Creek is in a Powercor zone, thus the proposed 1000 plus houses proposed for the Amess Road plan could all have roof top solar and a grid scale battery to improve power reliability. It would create local jobs and improve network capacity.
In 2012 Riddells Creek Sustainability applied to Sustainable Regional Australia for our town to be considered for the 100% Renewable Communities Program. We were not successful but Newstead was chosen and is well on its way to zero carbon. Yackandandah was also successful and has been in the news lately with the installation of a 274kWh mini grid storage battery. Yackandandah's federally funded feasibility study is a master plan for community scale storage and generation. Also in our region is Australia's first community wind farm at Hepburn Wind and the Hepburn Shire's project of wind and now solar fast tracking their projected zero carbon status. Knowledge from the Hepburn model is widely available through Embark, and the Coalition for Community Energy (C4CE) has technical, governance and community engagement details for us to learn and adapt to our town.
Community energy is an idea whose time has come.
The retrofitting of houses is an ongoing way of reducing energy consumption but rejigging the planning rules and expectations around the development of greenfield sites like the Amess Road subdivision would be a real game changer in our climate challenged world.
Yours Sincerely
[redacted]

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Have your say	
Please share your feedback.	Reference Strategic Priority 1, Service Performance Indicators "Animal Management". Surely the appropriate indicator i reduction in complaints or injuries rater than successful prosecutions.
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To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Subject: Draft Budget/Revenue and Rating Plan feedback (2021/22)

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Draft Budget/Revenue and Rating Plan feedback (2021/22)

Have your say	
Please share your feedback.	The community really need these lights to be able to use the courts especially in winter. The growing community and membership need to be able to access the courts with adequate lighting.
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, 8 June 2021 12:41 PM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council; [redacted]
Subject: [redacted] Feedback on Council Draft Annual Budget 2021/22
Attachments: 20210607Budget2122_[redacted].pdf

Hello,
Please find attached the [redacted] response to the Council Draft Annual Budget 2021/22.
Both [redacted] and I would welcome the opportunity to present at a Submitters Committee meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 16th June.

All good wishes
[redacted]

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Submission to the Council's Draft Annual Budget 2021/2022

The [redacted] welcomes the opportunity to provide the following feedback to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council (MRSC) on the Draft Annual Budget 2021/2022.

This feedback submission focuses on the most appropriate ways of realising a more environmentally respectful municipality in the face of the Council's recent Climate Emergency Declaration and the improved health and wellbeing of all residents in the Shire.

About the [redacted]

[redacted]

The key objective of the [redacted] is to create and nurture environmental, social, and economic sustainability throughout the Macedon Ranges Shire. The purposes that drive [redacted] include:

1. To protect and enhance the natural environment of the Macedon Ranges;
2. Educate and assist the community to engage in activities, measures and lifestyle changes in the region designed to:
    a. significantly reduce our greenhouse gas emissions;
    b. reduce our ecological footprint;
    c. reduce our reliance on non-renewable sources of energy; and
    d. secure a local food supply and promote sustainable agricultural practices.

3. Engage and partner with all levels of government to represent the regional community on sustainability issues and increase opportunities to fund sustainability projects within the region.
4. Promote our vision to the regional community and beyond through:
    a. media exposure promoting community awareness and action related to climate change and sustainability issues;
    b. lobbying all levels of government in areas related to our stated vision and purpose;
    c. fostering links with other sustainability and like-minded community groups;
    d. supporting sustainable locally-based businesses;
    e. utilising our [redacted] Fund for appropriate community projects; and
    f. investing in renewable energy projects and using revenues from these for other sustainability projects.

Our recognition of the interconnectedness of these purposes, and our undertaking of the planning that ensures that each of them are adequately addressed, underpins our success. The COVID-19 crisis has reinforced the importance of community and ensuring that our natural assets are protected to support our health and well-being.

[redacted] General Feedback

The [redacted] general feedback herein is based on our acknowledged experience and interest in regional sustainability and community resilience, both of which align closely with the MRSC's Strategic Priorities.

[redacted] is supportive of the cycling and pedestrian links that have been proposed in the Draft Budget (such as the Macedon Ranges Shared Trail), however these are focused primarily on recreational use. During the health crisis of the past 18 months, we have seen an increased desire in the community to be able to walk or cycle safely and easily to local shops and services in each town across the Macedon Ranges. State and Federal initiatives like the 20 min Neighbourhood and Victorian Cycling Strategy support the development of pedestrian and cycle-ways for commuting. [redacted] **would welcome the opportunity to work with Council in similar projects that support these active modes of commuting in our local communities, especially those projects that support students walking or cycling safely to and from school.** Cycling and pedestrian links promote health and wellbeing and enable people to participate in physical exercise directly from their front door, without being dependent on a car to get them to a gym (particularly pertinent during Covid times when gyms have been closed for

long periods of time). This is also very important for those who do not have access to a car, which includes all the population under 18.

The [redacted] warmly encourages the MRSC initiatives to continue to engage, promote and ally with wider community groups. Community volunteer groups, like our own, depend upon council support to engage, provide and maintain energy, and cultivate stakeholder interaction. Council support also enhances other important stakeholder interactions, such as with Traditional Custodians, businesses, and farmers. **Under the Multi-Year Budget Items there is provision for a Climate Emergency Sustainability Officer and a Climate Emergency Response Officer. We would strongly recommend that these new positions are required immediately in the Draft Annual Budget 2021-22 to ensure that initiatives, large and small, can be run in our Shire in an expert and timely manner to tackle the Climate Emergency**. These additional human resources would be instrumental in: 1) conducting deliberative engagement processes that educate the community; 2) holding environmentally focused planning discussions on any planning scheme amendments and big planning policy changes; and 3) ensuring a sustainability focus in all the Strategic Priority areas; and 4) forming a continuous support for sustainability activities and projects by community groups.

Some of budget items not identified that could be undertaken with the alliance of council and community include:

1. Urgently applying for grants and establishing free home energy audits and energy efficiency improvements for households facing energy stress, such as the Hepburn Shire Home Energy Assessments project and our Renewable Energy Action Group's partnership with the Australian Energy Foundation. Given the Climate Emergency and the current energy stress many households face in our Shire, reduction in home and business energy costs and emissions needs to be tackled simultaneously.

2. A recycling bin beside every public litter bin in all towns and all events throughout the Shire.

3. Local options for recycling waste, rather than transporting waste to other regions or burning green waste e.g local composting, biochar, mobile green waste chipping service.

4. Active promotion of sustainable transport through (eg: wayfinding, maps, support for Bike 2 school events etc).

[redacted]

Specific suggestions consistent with the Climate Emergency

Section 2.2 Initiatives

Implementation of environmental building upgrade initiatives across multiple buildings, resulting in a reduction in emissions, Council's energy consumption and financial savings - [redacted] recommends community engagement by the provision of 360 reporting and education so that householders and businesses may benefit from Council's efficiency program.

Waterway Conservation Works Program to restore the ecological values of our waterways by undertaking weed control, revegetation and maintenance works - [redacted] recommends the adoption of a more sustainable approach to the use of pesticides, weedicides and fungicides within the municipality. Investigating usage models and pesticides particularly to lower the levels of toxicity to wildlife.

Section 2.2 Service Performance Outcome Indicators, [redacted] recommend the inclusion of:

- Satisfaction with walking and cycling links, or the quality of walking and cycling paths.
- Reduced energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions from council operations, and also from homes and businesses
- Reduced emissions from transport
- Use of EV charging/ EV Rideshare services
- Reduced waste to landfill not only from kerbside collection, but also from public litter bins, and from events.

Education and support to reduce transport emissions. Improving paths so that children and adults can walk/ ride safely to school and throughout the Shire.
Increase implementation of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations and EV Rideshare initiatives. There is nothing in the budget papers regarding this.
We recommend that the council advocates to the Victorian government Department of Transport for a review of the Shire's bus services in order that they can be better used by the communities to access train stations and schools.
We would also like to see council supporting sustainable and active transport through promotion of these modes (eg: wayfinding, maps, support for Bike 2 School events etc).
Education, support and co-ordination of skill-sharing between landowners e.g regarding regenerative farming, silvopasture, afforestation.

Appended questions for clarity

The road construction budget is $3.1m - does this include adjacent walking and cycling paths?

[redacted]

Additional Observations

1. [redacted] recommends that the Council hosts community participation in a review of the PTV bus services in order that they can be more extensively used by the communities to access train stations and schools.

2. [redacted] recommends advocacy for VicRoads to improve the entry / exit at Coles in High St, Woodend. This intersection appears to have become dangerous since the opening of Coles and needs to be reviewed with a focus on safety for car users, pedestrians and cyclists.

[redacted] would welcome the opportunity to present our feedback at a Submitter's Committee Meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 16th June.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, 8 June 2021 1:35 PM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Cc: Cr Annette Death; Cr Geoff Neil; Cr Bill West; [redacted] Cr Rob Guthrie; Cr Anne Moore; Cr Jennifer Anderson; Cr Janet Pearce; Cr Mark Ridgeway
Subject: RE: MRSC Draft Budget 2021-2022

To whom it may concern.....

Please find below my objections to an item which appears on page 23 of the Draft Budget.

The item relates to Stanley Park and it states:

" Stanley Park Reserve infrastructure Master Plan and Detailed design"

My concerns are:

- The Stanley Park Committee of Management objects to this Master Plan proposal.

- The council has not included nor consulted with the Stanley Park Committee of Management regarding this Master Plan, nor have they discussed this item with the Stanley Park Committee of Management.

- The Stanley Park Committee of Management has never requested help from the MRSC so are thus confused as to why a Master Plan for Stanley Park has now been included in this years Draft Budget.

- The Stanley Park volunteers highly value Stanley Park and have worked relentlessly to protect the environmental values and habitat.

- Rather than a new Master Plan, Stanley Park needs a review and update of the current Environmental Management Plan from 2014.

- The current Environmental Management Plan was highly flawed in its development. Now, Stanley Park urgently needs a new Management Plan and this time with full consultation with the Stanley Park Committee of Management. The Bushland Reserve is about to be rezoned PCRZ, Public Conservation Resource Zone and deserves this for the better management into the future.

- A new Management Plan should focus on the significant environmental values of Stanley Park and its significant flora, fauna, its migratory birds, its habitat, EVC's and many other values of Stanley Park which have yet to be explored.

- Stanley Park has been managed by the locals since the locals purchased the land in 1919. In 1949, the residents of Mount Macedon voted to vest Stanley Park to the Gisborne Council. The Gisborne Council installed a Committee of Management with an Instrument of Delegation. The Stanley Park operated under this delegation until the new Local Government Act 2020. Currently we have an interim agreement with the CEO to operate as the Stanley Park Committee until further consultation occurs later in 2021.

- The current Committee of Management and its volunteers have been looking after Stanley Park since 2000.

- It is thanks to the committee, its volunteers and partners for restoring Stanley Park after the Ash Wednesday bushfires.

- The Stanley Park Committee of Management raised funds to undertake these works through the gaining of numerous grants from Melbourne Water, Port Phillip & Westernport CMA.

- The MRSC Biodiversity Strategy 2018 states to review the Bushland Reserves Management Plans, it does not mention a Master Plan for Stanley Park anywhere.

- A report by Melbourne University stated that the forested hills surrounding Melbourne will be the only remaining habitat for our fauna. This is one reason why Stanley Park must have a Management Plan to see the Bushland Reserve into a much-needed habitat protection plan for its future.

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- Melbourne University stated at the last round of Melbourne Water River Health Strategy 2019, that with climate change, their thirty year projections estimated that it will be the mountains and forests surrounding Melbourne that will be the remaining areas for sanctuary for our fauna and birds.

With thanks for your consideration,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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Subject: Draft Budget/Revenue and Rating Plan feedback (2021/22)
Attachments: Kyneton Skatepark Budget Submission 2021-22.pdf

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Draft Budget/Revenue and Rating Plan feedback (2021/22)

Have your say	
Please share your feedback.	Kyneton Skatepark has been well loved and has served the community for over 25 years, but it is now at the end of its useful life. We are a group of local families who live, work (and skate) in Kyneton, whose rapidly expanding population require recreation facilities that are safe, enjoyable and fit for purpose. The skatepark is outdated in design, damaged and needs to be replaced. All skateparks in the shire need regular maintenance and upgrades, but Kyneton should be the priority. Please refer to the attached document for more detailed information and an indication of the support we have in the community. Thank you, [redacted]
If you would prefer, you can also upload a written submission here	Kyneton Skatepark Budget Submission 2021-22.pdf
Do you wish to speak at the Council Meeting on 16 June in regards to your submission?	Yes

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KYNETON SKATEPARK BUDGET SUBMISSION 2021/22

INTRODUCTION

Kyneton Skatepark has been well loved and has served the community for over 25 years, but it is now at the end of its useful life. We are a group of local families who live, work (and skate) in Kyneton, whose rapidly expanding population require recreation facilities that are safe, enjoyable and fit for purpose.

The positive benefits of public skateparks for physical activity, mental health and social connections are widely known and Council's provision of six skateparks across the municipality supports this.

The Kyneton Skatepark is the oldest in the shire and is the only park constructed of outdated materials that are also in hazardous condition. We request Council allocate funding in the 2021/22 Budget for:

i) immediate repair of existing hazards at the Kyneton Skatepark; and

ii) a series of minor upgrades that will extend the life of the existing park in the short term (12 months)

with a view to allocating funding in the 2022/23 Budget to design and construct a replacement of the Kyneton Skatepark in line with Council's commitment to do so in the Sport and Recreation Strategy 2018 2028 (p.24).

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The Kyneton Skatepark is located at the Showgrounds and features steel ramps and prefabricated concrete obstacles that sit on a concrete slab. The surrounding area includes a few seats, tables and a shelter.

The steel ramps are the biggest problem in terms of safety and function. They get extremely hot in summer and slippery with any moisture.

The prefabricated concrete obstacles are extremely rough (exposed aggregate surface) and have poor connections due to design deficiencies.

Large gaps between obstacles have formed over time as they aren't fixed in place, presenting safety hazards to anyone using the skatepark. Even the concrete slab that the obstacles sit on is old and rough.

Our kids don't have a safe place to learn as all of the surfaces at the Kyneton Skatepark increase the risk, and severity, of injuries.

THE SKATEPARK IS OUTDATED IN DESIGN, DAMAGED AND NEEDS TO BE REPLACED

THE KYNETON SKATEPARK IS THE **OLDEST SKATEPARK** IN THE MACEDON RANGES AND IS THE **ONLY SKATEPARK** CONSTRUCTED WITH STEEL RAMPS.

COMPARISON

With the exception of Kyneton, ALL other skateparks in the shire are made of concrete a far superior material in terms of safety, function and longevity. In terms of quality, the shire's skate parks can be ranked as follows:

1. LANCEFIELD Medium sized concrete park constructed in 2017. A Destination park used by skaters from within the shire and across Victoria.

2. GISBORNE Medium sized concrete park constructed in 2013 and designed with features that cater for beginner to intermediate riders.

3. WOODEND Small concrete park constructed in 2007 with limited function and caters for beginner to intermediate riders.

4. RIDDELLS CREEK Small concrete spine bowl constructed approximately 15 years ago that caters for intermediate riders with a very small beginner park with limited function.

5. ROMSEY Medium sized prefabricated concrete street course that caters for beginner riders. (This park also warrants upgrading.)

6. KYNETON Small steel and prefabricated concrete park with limited function in poor condition that caters for beginner riders.

POLICY

The community need (and strongly support) a new skatepark and we hope the recommendation in the Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2018 2028 for the Kyneton Skatepark replacement is implemented as a matter of priority (Action 1.1.8 page 24).

The figure allocated in the strategy's Action Plan of $400,000 ($100,000 from SRV) would enable Kyneton to get a contemporary skatepark that would be as successful, if not more so, than Lancefield; which is a destination skatepark that attracts skaters from all over Victoria.

LOCAL CONTENT

The Macedon Ranges is home to two of the most prolific skatepark designers in the world and also a professional skatepark builder. The presence of this local knowledge and expertise is unusual and would assist Council in implementing a project such as this.

ALL SKATEPARKS IN THE SHIRE NEED REGULAR MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADES, BUT KYNETON SHOULD BE THE PRIORITY

A STAGED APPROACH

We recognise an immediate skatepark replacement is unlikely and will take some time to do correctly. As such, we propose the following:

1. Address and repair the hazards at the skatepark.

2. Add two or three small elements to gain momentum for the skatepark redevelopment. This will give the community an immediate benefit and buy time for research, design and construction of a new skatepark. We will approach local businesses and the community for support and in kind donations to help improve the existing skatepark in the short term as a low cost option for Council.

3. Through community consultation, develop a design that capitalises on the highly visible location, (an established recreation precinct) to create a welcoming space for everyone to enjoy. The skatepark will cater for all skill levels and riding styles and will also include entry paths, seating, shelter, drinking fountains and landscaping to ensure a complete facility is delivered and integrated with the site.

4. Build a contemporary skatepark using modern materials, techniques and finishes.

SUMMARY

Let's utilise the community support, passion and skills we have in Kyneton to reinvigorate the skatepark with some minor changes while we work on the ultimate goal of its replacement.

SUPPORTERS

[redacted]

LET'S UTILISE THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT, PASSION AND SKILLS WE HAVE IN KYNETON TO REINVIGORATE THE SKATEPARK

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To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
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Draft Budget/Revenue and Rating Plan feedback (2021/22)

Have your say	
Please share your feedback.	Good morning MRSC Our [redacted] - volunteer base have been active in pursuing funding offered with successful achievements of collective third party funding from a number or sources. For "Improving Sun Shelter, BBQ, Outdoor Community facilities within the Lions Park". To date collectively we have on offer for an independent shelter the following commitments: Stronger Communities Grant ([redacted] $10,000 Bendigo Bank Grant $13,000 Lions Club $10,000 MRSC Community Funding Scheme $12,000 (PENDING) outcome June/July Council mtg This funding is for the benefit of our community and visitors to the Macedon Ranges We acknowledge and have highlighted at all times that we have a unique situation given the timing of all current applications and seemingly favourable outcomes. We believe that offering this new independent shelter supports a significant need across a wide range of deficiencies within our community that is rapidly increasing in terms of population growth. We would also note that recognising the COVID-19 pandemic and Government requirements of public gatherings and travel restrictions. The current and continued State and Federal Government social media advertising is

	focused on enticing and encouraging as many Australians as possible to holiday in Australia while Covid remains a barrier to international travel. It is our view the vision for the park put forward at this time highlights and supports the need for this independent shelter as continued day trippers and tourists alike will be utilising our Lions Park. Noting the park is the only community space within Riddells Creek encompassing all that a family or outing requires to improve outdoor activity and enjoyment of gathering with friends and family to improve people' ;s physical and mental wellbeing and given its central location we remain committed to our application. We hope that all MRSC departments in Open Space, Building support our venture and the permits required to make this a collective success. The structure may need to be carried out in a 'staged approach' meaning current funding used for the structure and remaining elements carried over to next financial year if necessary. Thank you [redacted]
If you would prefer, you can also upload a written submission here	
Do you wish to speak at the Council Meeting on 16 June in regards to your submission?	No
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Draft Budget/Revenue and Rating Plan feedback (2021/22)

Have your say	
Please share your feedback.	As a resident of [redacted] there has been ongoing footpath issues and much needed extensions in areas. Noticeably issue with a footpath on the service road on the main kilmore road corner of Melvins road with a large dip. Myself and I am aware of other residents have been writing into MRSC for a more speedier response for this to be rectified and keep being told its in budget for footpaths and seems to be going on each year without any rectification. WIth new develpments and increased units, footpaths meeting existing and foresight in meeting the planning division of new estates. Footpaths and infrastructure to prepare for these new subdivision areas not later. Planning and scope for infrastructure to prepare for the new Bike Trail that ends or starts at Riddells Creek at the Walter Smith Reserve. Services here, like more seating, bike sta nds and community space needs to be planned and ready for this not later as an after thought.
If you would prefer, you can also upload a written submission here	
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Attachments: [redacted]June82021 budget submission.docx

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Draft Budget/Revenue and Rating Plan feedback (2021/22)

Have your say	
Please share your feedback.	Hello, thanks for allowing our feedback to the proposed budget. This is in response to the proposed upgrade of Macedon Tennis Club building. On behalf of the [redacted] [redacted] we would like to submit the following upgrade and renewal works to the Macedon Tennis Club building (please see attached). Thank you in advance. [redacted]
If you would prefer, you can also upload a written submission here	[redacted] June82021 budget submission.docx
Do you wish to speak at the Council Meeting on 16 June in regards to your submission?	No
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How did you find out about this?	Other: [redacted]

[redacted]

Thank you for accepting our feedback on the Council Budget. On behalf of the [redacted], we would like to submit the following upgrade and renewal works to the Macedon Tennis Club building for consideration. *These are listed in priority order.*

1. Outdoor covered area in the front of the club house with increased picnic seating and a barbecue facility. Currently we have nowhere (other than inside the clubhouse) for social gatherings pre or post tennis play and we think this would benefit the club immensely as it does other clubs. This will also be a viewing area for parents to watch junior tennis and others to gather to socialise while play is going on. Currently there is very little shade which means people often don't stay to watch or socialise after play.

2. A renovation of the kitchen and bathrooms of the clubhouse. These are many years old and we would benefit from an upgrade to the facilities. These upgrades would also allow us to build infection control measures into the clubhouse. For example, sensor taps.

3. A repaint and recarpet of the interior and exterior of the building. Currently the stark white of the building is not in keeping with the beautiful natural surroundings of Mount Macedon. We propose painting the inside and outside of the building in more neutral colours to blend in more seamlessly with the environment.

4. Solar panels on the roof to reduce the power bill and overall environmental impact of the club.

Can we reiterate that suitable shade and an outdoor entertaining is the highest priority to the tennis club and one that will benefit our members the most and materially transform the club. We would also like to point out, that given the amount of work required to get the clubhouse up to a standard befitting the Macedon Ranges, it may be cheaper to rebuild the clubhouse entirely. We would be happy to work with council on scoping out requirements for a new clubhouse if that is a possibility.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, 8 June 2021 3:01 PM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Cc: Cr Jennifer Anderson; Cr Janet Pearce; Cr Annette Death; Cr Geoff Neil; Cr Bill West; Cr Dominic Bonanno; Cr Rob Guthrie; Cr Anne Moore; Cr Mark Ridgeway
Subject: Macedon Ranges Shire Council Draft Budget 2021-2022
Attachments: Director Corporate Services, Draft budget submission 2021-2022.docx

To Whom it may concern

Please find attached our submission to the Draft Budget

Regards

[redacted]

Director Corporate Services
Macedon Ranges Shire Council
PO Box 151
Kyneton Vic 3444

8th June 2021

To Whom it May Concern

Re: Submission to the MRSC Draft Budget 2021-2022

The [redacted] would like to present our submission to the Macedon Ranges Draft Budget 2021-2022.

Thank you for making it possible for us to have our say.

It has been brought to our attention that an item in this Draft Budget on page 23 states that a request has been made for:
"Stanley Park Reserve infrastructure Master Plan and detailed design".

Our [redacted] Committee is at a loss to understand where this request has come from as we have not been informed or involved with this plan. We have been kept in the dark yet we are the committee that manages the Bushland Reserve with a MOU agreement with the CEO [redacted] in 2020. We do not know what is in this proposed Master Plan.

The [redacted] feels that the above Master Plan is premature and is jumping the gun. Our Committee would instead like to request that instead of a Master Plan that Council provide funding for an updated Stanley Park EMP (Environmental Management Plan) there is a far greater need for Stanley Park to have an updated version.

The MRSC Biodiversity Strategy 2018 on page 53 under the heading of **Bushland Reserves** states that DELWP's *Planning for Biodiversity, December 2017* guidance note advises that reserves established for conservation purposes should be zoned PCRZ. As such, it is recommended that most Council managed bushland reserves be zoned PCRZ.
This rezoning has been adopted by council and is just waiting for Gazettal.

On Page 90 -2.11 this document states to "regularly review and prepare EMP's, and that to work closely with the relevant community groups and traditional owners.

On page 88, in the biodiversity strategy – Bushland reserve management states: In 2018-19 Council Budget allowed for a Bushland Reserves Officer to oversee implementation of existing EMP's. The position will manage preparation or review of environmental management plans and work with existing community groups as required.

The Council Plan 2017-2027, on page 9 states
Our Priorities,
2. Protect the natural environment and states under
"How will we do this?"

We will:

- Implement best practice conservation management techniques to protect biodiversity and manage threats.
- Increase awareness and action for responsible and sustainable land management practices across the shire, aiming to improve the health of land and waterways.
- Implement Council's Environment Management Plans across Bushland Reserves
- Continue to apply best practice and partnerships to protect and enhance biodiversity and the natural environment.

Also in the council plan:
What you told us:
"*It is crucial that we manage bushland reserves responsibly. We must protect it before it all disappears"*

Stanley Park history and background.

In 2013 the Stanley Park Committee of Management applied to the draft MRSC budget for a new Environmental Management Plan. We also made it quite clear that we also wanted the 1976 Management Plan to be incorporated into the new plan EMP and that the new plan should build on that first plan and bring it up to date. The Mount Macedon Conservation Society were the organization that applied to the Federal Government for funding for that plan. There was a stipulation that the Committee of Management must be involved with this plan every step of the way. This occurred. This made this Stanley Park plan one of the first to be developed.

Unfortunately, for the new Stanley Park Environmental Management Plan 2014 consultation did not happen.

[redacted] were the appointed consultants. Our committee, made several attempts to engage with [redacted]. [redacted] did not want to talk to us, did not want to meet us on site to discuss our knowledge of Stanley Park. They did not want to view our photos or our records of our significant post Ash Wednesday restoration works or photos of our flora and fauna.

The consultants conducted their flora study at Stanley Park in February and March 2013-14 when all the wild flowers had ceased. Stanley Park is one location on Mount Macedon where you can visit to see masses of wild flowers from late winter to summer, they are an amazing sight. As a result, the EMP made Stanley Park appear as though it mainly had a massive base of introduced weed species.

Through our own funding resources in 2016 and 2017 we employed P[redacted] to conduct a flora study at Stanley Park at the Grassland and the on the corner od Bingara Lane. The EMP identified six species in the grassland and eight species at Bingara Lane. The Blue Devil report identified sixty five species in the grassland and [redacted] stated that there would be more and would require visits at other times of the year. On the Bingara Lane study [redacted]e identified one hundred and sixty five species.

There were numerous objections to the draft EMP, Councils Environment Department held numerous meetings with objectors and a final draft went to council for approval and was adopted despite being a flawed report.

It is the [redacted] committee, volunteers, and partnerships with various groups such as the [redacted] that achieved the restoration results at Stanley Park without any help from council.

It is the [redacted] that applied for grants to fund these projects, to date we have succeeded in attracting over $150.000.00 in grants. We never asked council for assistance. We also receive annual Landcare funding and when the weeds funding commenced, we applied for that.

We have been given high recognition from [redacted] from [redacted]. On a site visit for the Waterways of the West project he stated that Stanley Park was the best restoration for a small Bushland Reserve he has seen anywhere in Victoria.

For over one Hundred Years Stanley Park has been looked after by members of the community. Additionally, we are not just a group of unskilled volunteers. [redacted]

With all the above information, the [redacted] feels that Stanley Park needs to have their Environmental Management Plan reviewed as a priority and a new one developed before there is any consideration for a Master Plan.

Therefore, the [redacted] requests of the Macedon Ranges Council Draft Budget 2021-22 for funding a new Environmental Management Plan instead of a Master Plan.

Thank you for this opportunity for being able to make this submission.

[redacted]

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To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Subject: Draft Budget/Revenue and Rating Plan feedback (2021/22)

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Draft Budget/Revenue and Rating Plan feedback (2021/22)

Have your say	
Please share your feedback.	Dear MRSC, After viewing your draft budget I feel disappointed as I feel Riddells Creek has been overlooked once again. I am aware that the Riddells Creek Lions Club has been working hard securing grants, and raising funds for an outdoor shelter at the Lions Park. Please support this effort. It would be such a waste of the grant money secured if you don't support this project. Encouraging outdoor recreation during times of COVID is vital, and should be encouraged. Please reconsider. Kind regards, [redacted]
If you would prefer, you can also upload a written submission here	
Do you wish to speak at the Council Meeting on 16 June in regards to your submission?	No

Tell us about you	
First name	[redacted]
Last name	[redacted]
Address	[redacted]
Town	[redacted]
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How did you find out about this?	Word of mouth

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Draft Budget/Revenue and Rating Plan feedback (2021/22)

Have your say	
Please share your feedback.	I would like to see more money invested in the Lancefield community in particular the Lancefield Recreation Reserve. As this facility is not owned by the council, I believe that it misses out on a lot of funding, therefore Rate Payers miss out by having sub-standard sporting facilities compared to other areas of the shire.
If you would prefer, you can also upload a written submission here	
Do you wish to speak at the Council Meeting on 16 June in regards to your submission?	No
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How did you find out about this?	Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn)

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Have your say	
Please share your feedback.	The declaration of a Climate Emergency was a momentous, vital, urgent, and essential step, and a very notable day for the Shire. It's the one decision this decade that, if carried through with energy and determination, will be remembered as the most important contribution to the health and well-being of our children and grandchildren. But it has to be followed up with energy, persistence, and dollars. I just don't see that in the draft budget. I strongly urge the Council to greatly enlarge the budgets for items most likely to energise all our efforts towards zero emissions, and sustainable lifestyles. [redacted]
If you would prefer, you can also upload a written submission here	
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How did you find out about this?	eNewsletter Word of mouth

Kaitlin Evans

From: Debbie Peter
Sent: Tuesday, 8 June 2021 4:11 PM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Subject: FW: Objection to Stanley Park Infrastructure Master Plan and Detailed Design

Please register as a budget submission.

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, 8 June 2021 4:07 PM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council <mrscmail@mrsc.vic.gov.au>; Bernie O'Sullivan <bosullivan@mrsc.vic.gov.au>; Cr Annette Death <adeath@mrsc.vic.gov.au>; Cr Geoff Neil <gneil@mrsc.vic.gov.au>; Cr Bill West <bwest@mrsc.vic.gov.au>; Cr Dominic Bonanno <dbonanno@mrsc.vic.gov.au>; Cr Rob Guthrie <rguthrie@mrsc.vic.gov.au>; Cr Anne Moore <annemoore@mrsc.vic.gov.au>; Cr Jennifer Anderson <janderson@mrsc.vic.gov.au>; Cr Janet Pearce <jpearce@mrsc.vic.gov.au>; Cr Mark Ridgeway <mridgeway@mrsc.vic.gov.au>
Subject: Objection to Stanley Park Infrastructure Master Plan and Detailed Design

Dear Mayor, Councillors and CEO of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a reply to the Macedon Ranges Draft Budget 2021 to 2022.

I am [redacted] both perplexed and dismayed by the proposal on page 23 that states "***Stanley Park Reserve Infrastructure Master Plan and detailed design***". As a member of the Committee, I strongly object to this proposal.

Stanley Park is in need of a revised and improved **Environmental Management Plan** as a priority before discussion is progressed to a Master Plan for this environmentally significant bushland reserve. My reasons for this statement I shall list below;

1. The Stanley Park Committee, operating under a Memorandum of Understanding with the Council, has not been privy to any discussion regarding a Master Plan for the Reserve.

2. Our zoning is about to change from PPRZ to PCRZ. This conservation zoning in recognition of our high conservation status and encouraged for Council from DELWP, is expected to occur before the end of the year.

3. A master Plan for the reserve that has not been discussed with the incumbent committee and prior to conservation zoning is a perilous step that would likely propose infrastructure that will potentially do harm to this environment.

4. An Environmental Management Plan; the brief and final consultant choice made in active partnership between Council and Committee, would give an initial base plan for appropriate Ecological, Social, Cultural values at the bushland reserve. The 2014 EMP for Stanley Park has many omissions in content.

5. Stanley Park has been managed by the community for over 100 years. The land was purchased in 1919 and in 1949, the residents of Mount Macedon voted to vest Stanley Park to the Gisborne Council. The Gisborne Council installed a Committee of Management with an Instrument of Delegation. The changes to the Local Government Act 2020 has the committee currently operating with an agreement with the CEO until further consultation later this year.

6. The current committee and volunteers have been looking after Stanley Park since 2000. We have been very active and have gone above and beyond to complete all the management actions listed in the current EMP. We consult outside authorities and experts in the field in new projects and decisions to get best practice outcomes for the reserve. It was the volunteers and committee that restored Stanley Park from significant and virtually overwhelming weed invasion following the Ash Wednesday Bush fires of 1983.

7. The MRSC Biodiversity Strategy 2018, page 128 Theme: Bushland Reserves 2.11; *"Regularly review and prepare new Environment Management Plans"* There is no mention of a Master Plan in this document.

8. Our secretary was part of the Melbourne Water River Health Strategy consultation and has shared with the committee that Melbourne University stated, *"that with climate change, their thirty year projections estimated that it will be the mountains and forests surrounding Melbourne that will be the remaining areas for sanctuary for our fauna and birds."*

Please take note of my submission. I am speaking for and with the [redacted] This is a very special place that has enormous cultural, flora, fauna and geological significance. It enjoys public passive recreation and would not benefit from any rushed decisions for new developments to occur in its space.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted] >
Sent: Tuesday, 8 June 2021 4:13 PM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Subject: MRSC Draft Budget 2021-2022

I would like to raise a couple of issues with regard to the Draft Budget:

Firstly as a [redacted] of the Stanley Park Committee of Management I was shocked when we were contacted by a Councillor advising us of their support for funding for a new Master Plan as per the Draft Budget. It was very embarrassing to hear first hand of this proposal from a Councillor. The Committee had not been contacted by Council at all regarding this proposal. It is totally inappropriate for a Master Plan for Stanley Park at this time as we are currently in the process of moving to Conservation Zoning. Also given the change to our zoning a review of our Management Plan is more of a priority. I request that Council therefore support a review of our Environment Management Plan for when our conservation zoning is in place.

A second issue is the amount of money afforded to the Autumn Leaves Festival. This is an event where costs involved far out way the return to ratepayers. In fact, this event causes so much disruption to residents over Autumn lots, including myself do not leave home on weekends during this time. I read a report from the City of Bendigo where they reviewed their spending on tourism and found that the benefit to their economy was well below what they were spending. Maybe MRSC should assess whether ratepayers should be funding tourism. If businesses are good enough people will find out and come, it should not be up to the ratepayers to fund promotion that creates income for someone's business.

Thank you Councillors for serving the residents of the Macedon Ranges.

[redacted]

[redacted]

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Draft Budget/Revenue and Rating Plan feedback (2021/22)

Have your say	
Please share your feedback.	Re: Draft Annual Budget 2021/22 page 22. As a life member and current player I would like to express my support for the replacement of the Gisborne Tennis Court lights that were removed after one collapsed. This has made a huge impact on the club regarding competition and coaching and must be addressed asap.
If you would prefer, you can also upload a written submission here	
Do you wish to speak at the Council Meeting on 16 June in regards to your submission?	No

Tell us about you	
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Town	[redacted]
Postcode	[redacted]
Phone	[redacted]
Email address	[redacted]
How did you find out about this?	Other: From our tennis club.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, 8 June 2021 4:27 PM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [redacted] Draft Budget Have Your Say Submission
Attachments: Concept Design - Gilbert Gordon Netball combined and staged options - 31.01.2020.pdf; Cost Estimates - Gilbert Gordon STAGED netball court construction.pdf; Master Plan - Update - Gilbert Gordon Oval - 2019-09-06.pdf; Submission - Macedon Ranges Shire Council Draft Annual Budget 2021-2022 - [redacted].final.pdf; [redacted] - Letter of support GG (netball courts).pdf; [redacted] Strategic Plan - updated Feb2020.pdf; [redacted] - Email of Support GG (netball courts).pdf; [redacted] - Letter of Support GG (netball courts).pdf

To the Macedon Ranges Shire Council Chief Executive Officer, firstly we would like to thank the MRSC for providing us with an avenue in which to submit a response on the draft 2021/2022 budget through the 'Have Your Say' initiative. Please see attached our written submission and all supporting documents including our fellow Gilbert Gordon Reserve user groups letters of support as referenced.
We would like the opportunity to present at a Submitters Committee Meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 16 June also.
Please do not hesitate to contact me or our [redacted], who I have cc'd into this email, if you have any questions. Kind regards [redacted]

[redacted]

Macedon Ranges Shire Council Draft Annual Budget 2021/2022 Feedback

Submission – [redacted]

Via email - mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Submission

The [redacted] was formed out of a merger between the Woodend Football Club and the Hesket Football Club in 1974 and has been operating as a united club for over 40 years. We compete in the Riddell District Football Netball League. We field football teams at Senior, Reserves and Under 19's (usually but not in 2021) and netball at A, B, C and under 19's. Due to strong senior numbers in 2021, the club is also fielding a team in the Club 18's competition. A Masters team was also established in 2015. We have a very strong relationship with the [redacted] and recognise that the junior members and their families are the future of our club. We pride ourselves on being a family orientated club. We also have strong ties with other reserve user groups, such as the Woodend Cricket Club, and the wider community, including local schools, community groups and sporting clubs.

The [redacted] Vision is:

A sustainable, family friendly club which focuses on providing a successful sporting environment across both football and netball whilst supporting a range of community priorities.

In the Macedon Ranges Shire Council Draft Annual Budget 2021/2022 under Strategic Priority 3 - Improve the built environment, the following initiative has been included:

The Gilbert Gordon Oval project is to landscape the area immediately in front of the pavilion and provide spectator terracing between the pavilion and the scoreboard. The old cricket nets at the reserve entry will be removed and the area landscaped

This project is to be funded under the Capital project reserve funding and has been allocated a budget of $300,000.

The [redacted] requests that Council re-allocates the $300,000 towards the construction of a new netball court to be built adjacent to the social rooms where there are toilets nearby and near to where the old grandstand stood until just recently. This project is the highest priority project for the [redacted] and [redacted] at Gilbert Gordon Reserve. In 2019/20, this project was supported by Council as their first priority project for sport and recreation funding and an application for Federal funding was submitted. Unfortunately, Council was not successful in securing funding for this project, however this is still the most important piece of infrastructure required at the reserve as supported by the reserve user groups.

Construction of a new netball court was included in the updated Masterplan for Gilbert Gordon Reserve in August 2019 and shows the proposed location of the new netball court. (see attached plan). The project was also identified as a key first year action in the [redacted] and [redacted] 2019-2023 Strategic Plan (see attached plan).

In preparing this submission to Council, the club has consulted with the [redacted] and [redacted]. All clubs are in support of the re-allocation of the $300,000 towards the construction of a new netball court (see attached written support).

Both the [redacted] and [redacted] will benefit from this project as between the clubs they field 8 netball teams in the [redacted] Constructing the new netball court is likely to increase participation levels as players will want to come and play at a club with excellent facilities that are closer to the reserves amenities and the overall club activities/spectators. A number of players currently play across two teams in the senior netball competition to help us out, however, with better facilities and access to amenities our numbers will increase and this will not be required. The [redacted] also has the potential to add four more teams, with good numbers already being experienced in their existing teams. These are our future senior club players and therefore it is incredibly important to both the [redacted] and [redacted] that participation numbers increase across both the junior and senior clubs, which will make our clubs sustainable into the future with the added bonus of being more competitive which in turn increases further player interest and participation. Given that Gilbert Gordon Oval is in close proximity of the town centre and the proposed location of the netball court will be close to the main reserves amenities and activities, we anticipate that participation by community members outside of the two main football netball clubs will increase. In addition, the netball court will be fully accessible to the general public outside of club training and competition times, therefore, other user groups like the Woodend walking and fitness groups, athletes with disabilities, NetSetGO programs and our two local primary schools & secondary schools will also benefit from the new netball court development.

A number of recent upgrades have occurred at the reserve in the last few years in line with the reserve Masterplan, including:

- Reconstructed football/cricket oval
- New football/cricket oval and netball court lighting
- New 3 lane cricket nets
- New drainage around the oval
- New female friendly change rooms to support the football ground

Constructing a new netball court will see the Gilbert Gordon Reserve become one of the premier reserves in Macedon Ranges.

The current netball court at the Gilbert Gordon Reserve has reached the end of its useful life with a failed base and requires replacing. The court has numerous cracks and a collapsed pavement where water holds on the court surface within the principle playing area of the court. These have been repaired and patched over the past 6 years to buy time and make the court playable and safe for each season, however this is not a long-term solution as the cracks continue to open up and the ponding areas collapse time after time. Maintenance costs are increasing annually which is not sustainable. The club estimates that over $40,000 has been spent on the court over the past 5 years, with the 2021 expenditure $17,514 alone and we are confident that more repairs will be required prior to the 2022 season.

Both the [redacted] and [redacted] see this project as a priority and are prepared to commit funds to the project should they be required. The clubs also have a range of suitably qualified volunteers who would be able to provide in-kind support to the project.

The [redacted] is committed to working with Macedon Ranges Shire Council to ensure this project meets the needs of all participants and looks forward to working in partnership with Council to see this project come to fruition.

[redacted]

8/06/2021

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the [redacted] committee and members, I would like to fully endorse the reallocation of funding set aside for the landscaping works to the future netball courts instead. With the increase in female participation in all sports, it is a natural progression to utilize space at Gilbert Gordon Reserve for community use.

This venue will be available to not only the [redacted], but other community members including other user groups like walking groups, athletes with disabilities, athletics, primary & secondary schools will also benefit from the facility.

We are extremely excited about the maturation of Gilbert Gordon Reserve precinct and will be of benefit for the community for years to come.

Please feel free to contact me should you require any further information.

Thank you,

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 7 June 2021 11:54 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: [redacted] letter of support for new netball courts

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: [redacted]
Date: Mon, 7 Jun 2021, 10:07 pm
Subject: RE: [redacted] letter of support for new netball courts
To: [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted]

On behalf of the [redacted] Committee we are more than happy for you to re direct funds to the netball courts. Think will be great for the club

Regards

[redacted]

[redacted]

8 June 2021

To Whom it May Concern,

The [redacted] are encouraged by the commitment of funding by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for the upgrade of facilities at Gilbert Gordon Reserve.

While we recognise the amenity and completion of works surrounding the change rooms needs to be addressed; we see the development of the netball facilities as a greater priority. We could also foresee that the landscape works may take longer to scope and could be executed in a staged fashion as funding becomes available and when the club is in a position to support the development.

The Club have been working with Council for some time to seek funding for new courts for the following reasons:

- The current (and sole) court at the Reserve is poorly sited, meaning we are regularly required to relocate training sessions and abandon games with pooling water and ice on the surface.
- The current court is in poor condition, and requires thousands of dollars in maintenance each year to keep it functional.
- The club has experienced considerable growth in participation in football for male and female participants in recent years, while the level of growth in netball has been limited largely on account of the availability and condition of facilities.

We are committed to providing opportunities for participation for the broadest possible cross section of our community in a safe and inclusive environment – the development of the new netball court within the reserve will help facilitate this.

We appreciate the commitment of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council to the development of the Gilbert Gordon Reserve and hope to see the reallocation of funding directed to the netball court project.

Yours Sincerely,

[redacted]

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6. NEW COURTS TO HAVE COMPETITION LIGHTING AVAILABLE.
7. PROPOSED ALUMINIUM BENCH SEATING (NO BACKS) ALONG NORTHERN AND PARTS OF THE WESTERN BOUNDARY. BOLLARDS TO THE REMAINING BOUNDARIES. 1 REMOVABLE BOLLARD AS SHOWN TO ALLOW FOR MAINTENANCE/EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS.
8. IT IS PROPOSED TO DISCHARGE THE COURTS RUNOFF OVERLAND DIRECTLY INTO THE EXISTING WATERWAY. WATER TREATMENT IS PROPOSED AT THE LOWEST POINT OF THE COURTS EITHER BY SWALE DRAIN OR OTHER WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM. THIS TO BE DETERMINED IN DETAIL DESIGN.

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NETBALL COURTS COST ESTIMATES: CONSTRUCTION AND CONTINGENCY

[redacted]

Site: Woodend Netball Court Construction - Gilbert Gordon Reserve, Woodend

Date of Estimate: January 2020

NUMBER OF NETBALL COURTS: 1+1 (STAGED)

		Court sizes have been based on current competition standard netball courts plus additional tolerences built into the design by 2MH Consulting			
Item No.	**Description of Works**	**Unit of Measurement**	**QTY**	**RATE**	**Costs (with concrete base)**
Court 1 (STAGE 1) as per [redacted]					
COURTS, PATH, BOLLARDS & LIGHTING					
1	Allowance for Tree removals.	allow	1	[redacted]	[redacted]
2	Site preliminaries - temporary fencing and overall work site establishment.	allow	1	[redacted]	[redacted]
3	Remove existing top soil and excavate footprint for new courts,including spectator and circulation areas.	Metre²	1115	[redacted]	[redacted]
4	Install and compact a minimum depth of 300mm thick Class 2 Fine Crushed Rock to entire pavement area including spectator and circulation areas.	Metre²	1115	[redacted]	[redacted]
5	Construct a 140mm thick reinforced concrete slab for 1 netball court including spectator/circulation and concrete spoon drain and edge strip areas.	Metre²	1115	[redacted]	[redacted]
6	Construct the connecting path from courts south east corner to the main pavilion with concrete for access requirements.	Metre²	67	[redacted]	[redacted]
7	Internal Aco Drain in front of shelter to ensure stormwater does not enter the western shelter area - this could be deleted and replaced with a spoondrain, however, the spoondrain inverts within the pedestrian areas would provide a less than ideal surface underfoot.	Lineal Metre	37	[redacted]	[redacted]
8	New stormwater drainage system with 600mm x 600mm concrete pits and connections to discharge to existing site drainage system to the SE corner. Includes subsoil drainage to full perimeter of the new pavement construction.	allow	1	[redacted]	[redacted]
9	1200mm deep tree root barriers to protect new pavement from existing and future planting.	Lineal Metre	112	[redacted]	[redacted]
10	Grade surrounds allowance	allowance	1	[redacted]	[redacted]
11	Surfacing works - sports acrylic surface - to court and run-off areas only. (excludes spectator/circulation areas).	Metre²	793	[redacted]	[redacted]
12	Netball Court infrastructure - goals and padding.	Sets	1	[redacted]	[redacted]
13	LED competition standard lighting for 1 court and shelter (excludes power supply upgrade and/or site consolidation works as these are unknown, however recent power upgrade works to this reserve is known and likely to be adequate). Cost for these works are reduced as newly installed lighting infrastructure locally can be reused for this project for one court.	allow	1	[redacted]	[redacted]
14	Install fencing to full perimeter (except in front of shelter). 1.2m high to eastern and western boundaries and 2m high to northern and southern boundaries. Note: install bolt down fencing along the eastern for easy removal once stage 2 court is built.	Lineal Metre	133	[redacted]	[redacted]
15	Install seating to inside fencing for spectator provision - to be located within the 2m circulation area provided with 1.2m minimum clearance from spectator leg position to start of court run-off area to ensure no interference with umpires or players while the game is underway.	allow	5	[redacted]	[redacted]
16	Shelters for officials (team benches & scorers, recommended to the sidelines of each court) -16m x 3m, installed on concrete slab with lighting.	allow	1	[redacted]	[redacted]
	[redacted]				[redacted]
	[redacted]				[redacted]
	SUBTOTAL COURT WORKS ONLY WITH 10% CONTINGENCY - Stage 1				**$413,028.00**

Notes:

1. Concrete base has been allowed for only. This site is near a known waterway and therefore a concrete base is recommended.
2. Please note tha[redacted] is not a Quantity Surveyor. Cost estimates given by us are opinions of cost only and are based on historical data and our experience with similar projects.
3. Actual tender costs may vary markedly, depending on market conditions at the time of tender.
4. The above lighting cost estimate does not include power supply Authority consolidations or power supply upgrades should existing power supply into the site be deemed inadequate for the proposed lighting needs. [redacted] understand that a power supply upgrade to this reserve occured recently, however, the adequacy of this for the proposed project should be confirmed.
5. Cost estimates are to be read in conjunction with the accompanying concept plan.
6. These cost estimates have been provided to the best of our ability without the benefit of a completed detailed feature & level survey, underground services plan or knowing the final detailed design requirements of the facility.
7. These cost estimates have been provided to the best of our ability without a geotechnical report or detailed site drainage plans.
8. Construction costs assume the works are undertaken in a single stage.
9. Cost estimates are valid for 6 months.

NETBALL COURTS COST ESTIMATES: CONSTRUCTION AND CONTINGENCY

[redacted]

Site: Woodend Netball Court Construction - Gilbert Gordon Reserve, Woodend

Date of Estimate: January 2020

NUMBER OF NETBALL COURTS: 1+1 (STAGED)

		Court sizes have been based on current competition standard netball courts plus additional tolerences built into the design by 2MH Consulting			
Item No.	**Description of Works**	**Unit of Measurement**	**QTY**	**RATE**	**Costs (with concrete base)**
Court 2 (STAGE 2) as per [redacted]					
COURTS, PATH, BOLLARDS & LIGHTING					
1	Site preliminaries - temporary fencing and overall work site establishment.	allow	1	[redacted]	
2	Remove existing top soil and excavate footprint for new courts,including spectator and circulation areas.	Metre²	918		
3	Install and compact a minimum depth of 300mm thick Class 2 Fine Crushed Rock to entire pavement area including spectator and circulation areas.	Metre²	918		
4	Construct a 140mm thick reinforced concrete slab for 1 netball court including spectator/circulation areas and concrete plinth to the northern and eastern boundaries for fence.	Metre²	918		
5	Grade surrounds allowance	allowance	1		
6	Surfacing works - sports acrylic surface - to court and run-off areas only. (excludes spectator/circulation areas).	Metre²	793		
7	Netball Court infrastructure - goals and padding.	Sets	1		
8	LED competition standard lighting for 1 court and shelter (excludes power supply upgrade and/or site consolidation works as these are not confirmed, however recent power upgrade works to this reserve is known and likely to be adequate).	allow	1		
9	Install fencing to full perimeter (except in front of shelter area). 1.2m high to eastern boundary and 2m high to northern and southern boundaries.	Lineal Metre	75		
10	Install seating to inside fencing for spectator provision - to be located within the 2m circulation area provided with 1.2m minimum clearance from spectator leg position to start of court run-off area to ensure no interference with umpires or players while the game is underway.	allow	5		
11	Shelter for officials (team benches & scorers, recommended to the sidelines of each court) -16m x 3m, installed on concrete slab with lighting.	allow	1	$	
				SUBTOTAL COURT WORKS ONLY - STAGE 2	[redacted]
				[redacted] **CONTINENCY ALLOWANCE**	[redacted]
				SUBTOTAL COURT WORKS ONLY WITH 10% CONTINGENCY - STAGE 2	**$274,524.80**

Notes:

1. Concrete base has been allowed for only. This site is near a known waterway and therefore a concrete base is recommended.
2. Please note that [redacted] Consulting is not a Quantity Surveyor. Cost estimates given by us are opinions of cost only and are based on historical data and our experience with similar projects.
3. Actual tender costs may vary markedly, depending on market conditions at the time of tender.
4. The above lighting cost estimate does not include power supply Authority consolidations or power supply upgrades should existing power supply into the site be deemed inadequate for the proposed lighting needs [redacted] Consulting understand that a power supply upgrade to this reserve occured recently, however, the adequacy of this for the proposed project should be confirmed.
5. Cost estimates are to be read in conjunction with the accompanying concept plan.
6. These cost estimates have been provided to the best of our ability without the benefit of a completed detailed feature & level survey, underground services plan or knowing the final detailed design requirements of the facility.
7. These cost estimates have been provided to the best of our ability without a geotechnical report or detailed site drainage plans.
8. Construction costs assume the works are undertaken in a single stage.
9. Cost estimates are valid for 6 months.

Gilbert Gordon Oval Master Plan Update

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August 2019

(review of Gilbert Gordon Oval master plan dated February 2014)

Macedon Ranges Shire Council

✓ 1. Undertake major drainage works to the oval to improve its performance. Where possible during this work, re-shape the oval create a more symmetrical playing field, and install new cricket wicket.

✓ 2. Upgrade the oval floodlights to training standard (100lux).

✓ 3. Remove the existing change room building and canteen, and construct a new change pavilion, externally accessed public toilets, equipment store and canteen.

✓ 4. Re-surface the netball court and install compliant floodlights to training standard (200lux).

5. In the short-term controlled vehicle access is permitted, but in the medium term cease vehicle traffic to this area.
6. Provide access steps and path way to the new change pavilion, including landscaping.
7. Use the topography to construct terraced spectator area in front of the new change pavilion, including landscaping.
8. Form a car park (12 spaces) to directly service the change room building.
9. Develop new cricket practice net facility (3 pitches, 1 fully fenced and 2 with public access).
10. Remove cricket practice net infrastructure and reinstate open space, in conjunction with construction of new nets.
11. In the short-term controlled vehicle access is permitted, but in the medium term cease vehicle traffic to this area.
12. Demolish existing old grand stand (building is nearing end of life).
13. Staged development of 2 new netball courts with player shelters and lighting to training standard (200lux), after or in conjunction with removal of old grandstand.
14. Form a new car park (26 spaces) to service the existing social pavilion and new netball courts.
15. New local playground.
16. Develop change room / storage and toilet facilities in the long term to cater for new netball courts and cricket practice net facilities.
17. Secondary access into and out of the reserve.
18. Retain and upgrade the CFA fire training track, as required.
19. Retain informal access road around the reserve.
20. Retain and upgrade the social pavilion, as required.
21. Upgrade the public toilet building, as required.
22. Retain existing netball court in the short to medium term, demolish and reinstate to open space when new courts have been developed.
23. Undertake indigenous tree planting to improve the amenity of the reserve.

(✓ indicates completed actions to date)

[redacted]

STRATEGIC PLAN "2019-2023" - 5 YEARS

THEME: [redacted]

STRATEGIC PLAN NAME: [redacted]

PRIMARY OBSERVATIONS FROM FACE TO FACE WORK-SHOP

[redacted] - Part of the Riddell District FL - Last (1sts Football) premiership was 2007 and A Grade Netball have not won a Premiership.

[redacted]

SENIOR FNC TEAM COMPOSITION - Senior Football - 3 teams 1s, 2s, 19's & no women's football, Netball (4/5 teams?). Township is progressing.

JUNIOR CLUB - 2 Under 9's, 3 Under 11's, 1 under 13, 1 Under 15, Under 17? - Plan to have 2-3 girls teams in 2019 (please confirm)

CORE VOLUNTEER GROUP - Appear to have a small group of people actively involved in the Club. A strong emphasis on the Committee Structure model put forward and increasing volunteer group needs to be a focus. Clear PORTFOLIOS not in place. Communication needs improvement via database / frequent newsletters.

SYNERGY - RELATIONSHIPS - General commentary 2018 has seen a noticeable improvement in relationships of the Club between the respective stakeholders in season 2018. Good foundations laid but much work to be done in this part of the club. General feeling more POSITIVITY required - key focus moving forward.

FINANCES - need to be far more formalised. No TREASURER in place (essential appointment) - Need a BUDGET and FORECASTING model. BAS registration Senior Club?

REVENUE - No fundraising OUT OF SEASON as such. SPONSORSHIP - selling $$ based on relationships. Need some substance to sponsorship assets. No electronic scoreboard.

PROFESSIONALISM - Stronger emphasis on financial management required & the right committee structure to take the club forward. Need to be more professional in the management of the football & netball business.

PRESSURE POINTS IDENTIFIED FOR THE CLUB

INTEGRATION - General alignment with the Clubs has been extremely challenging (has improved in past year or so) but still considerable room for improvement .

VOLUNTEERS - Getting enough volunteers without having to rely on and burn out the same small core of dependables. Handful of people doing majority work.

PORTFOLIOS - Improved CLARITY of positions amongst the committee required "Sharing the Load" - need a few key people added to the model (identify and fill gaps)

Salary cap $110k for Season 2019 - Club intentions to pay full Salary cap in 2019 - supported by new revenue initiatives identified in 12 months plan below.

EQUALITY FOR THE NETBALLERS - Future focus on improved quality for netballers in relation to pay scale for coaches, players volunteer requirements and general acceptance and upgrade of facilities

SPONSOR AND MEMBER RETENTION - Attracting, meeting expectations and retaining sponsors and members for the long-term.

SERNIOR FNC - HEALTH RESULTS	1- GOVERNANCE 57%	2 - FINANCE 46%	3 - MEMBERSHIP 45%	4 - CAPITAL GRANTS 54%	5 - DIGITAL 45%	10 KEY AREAS OF OFF-FIELD ADMIN (Each score out of 100) - Traffic Light System
OVERALL HEALTH 45%	6 - VOLUNTEERS 40%	7 - SPONSORSHIP 41%	8 - FUNDRAISING 37%	9 - FUND-SAVING 34%	10 - CLUB TO NEXT LEVEL 44%	

[redacted]

JUNIOR FNC - HEALTH RESULTS	1- GOVERNANCE 61%	2 - FINANCE 58%	3 - MEMBERSHIP 52%	4 - CAPITAL GRANTS 46%	5 - DIGITAL 46%	10 KEY AREAS OF OFF-FIELD ADMIN (Each score out of 100) - Traffic Light System
OVERALL HEALTH 49%	6 - VOLUNTEERS 51%	7 - SPONSORSHIP 51%	8 - FUNDRAISING 20%	9 - FUND-SAVING 50%	10 - CLUB TO NEXT LEVEL 53%	

[redacted]

5 BIGGEST SHORT-TERM CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED BY THE SENIOR CLUB	REVENUE	SUPPORTER BASE	COMMUNICATION	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	VOLUNTEERS	SENIOR CLUB
5 BIGGEST SHORT-TERM CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED BY THE JUNIOR CLUB	FACILITIES	VOLUNTEERS	SUCCESSION	COMMUNICATION	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	JUNIOR CLUB

5 YEAR FOCUS (2019-2023)

STRATEGIC PILLARS (Long-term 3-5 years) - How we get there?	BUSINESS SUSTAINABILITY	FOOTBALL / NETBALL PROGRAM	STRUCTURE / PART TIME ASSISTANCE	CAPITAL INFRA-STRUCTURE	SENIOR / JUNIOR / WOMENS FOOTBALL & NETBALL INTEGRATION	COMMUNITY / CULTURE

5 YEAR TARGETED OUTCOMES (2019-2023)

BUSINESS SUSTAINABILITY "SELF-SUFFICIENCY"

Develop a detailed **LONG-TERM BUDGET** add say 4 new income streams raising $50-60k Yr 1 increasing $125+k p/a by Yr 5. Treating the Club as a professional business.

Turnover $300k in 2018 Senior Club and $70k Juniors. Seniors Club will need to increase this to say $350-$370k for 2019 and potentially $450-$475k by Year 5. Normal formula is whatever you pay players you need to turnover 3 times that to cover costs.

TARGET 500 FINANCIAL MEMBERS BY 2023 (Membership is the Life Blood of Clubs - opportunity not maximised (needs focus from [redacted] - requires people dedicated to the concept. An absolute must. **Year 1 - Target 250 (150 new for 2019 - currently 50 + 50 Corporate / Coterie type members), Year 2 - 325, Year 3 - 400, Year 4 - 450 and Year 5 - 500**

FINANCIAL REPORTING - Essential to have a "FORECASTING MODEL". Other tips - setting targets for each revenue stream, placing a persons name against who is responsible, tracking margins - food, beverages, apparel etc.

MAX 2 REVENUE STREAMS - No person to be in charge of more than 2 revenue streams. Strong planning and budgeting required.

FOOTBALL / NETBALL PROGRAM

INVEST IN CORE BUSINESS - Invest in Football / Netball programs. Business model needs to be sustainable to support the level of investment required.

SALARY CAP - Business model that is strong enough to invest to say a min 90-95% of the Salary Cap. Player payments is essential to clubs longevity but controlled.

CONSISTENT TOP 5 BY YEAR 2 (Year 1 & 2 - building on foundation established in 2018) - put both football and netball in the frame of winning a premiership inside 5 years

IMPORTANCE OF COACHING - Ensure strong coaching in football. Strong coaching critical. No short-cuts here. Provide pathway - players to reach full potential.

PATHWAY - Invest into player retention, strong coaching and support. Player welfare very important also. Links with junior club re transition

PLAYER INVESTMENT - Focus senior footballers & netballers on investing time back to the lower levels of the club. Flow on effects are many including player retention

EQUALITY FOR THE NETBALLERS - Focus on improved quality for Netballers in relation to pay scale for coaches, players, volunteer requirements and general acceptance

PART TIME ASSISTANCE (CLUB FUNDED / NEWSTART ALLOWANCE)

MEDIUM BUSINESS - Create stronger business model where consider say a PT GM in place. Right person will pay their way. Centrelink option?

CENTRELINK SUPPORT - Is a terrific idea for those over 55 (not working and too young for pension age of 67). Terrific initiative. $14.4K p/annum - how many?

EXTENDS LIFE SPAN VOLUNTEERS - Identify right people who will / could make a significant difference to the Club and sharing the work-load.

IDENTIFY TALENT - to fulfil roles identified in proposed Committee Structure model (this is your future - spend the time to get it right) - planning day EACH year.

CAPITAL INFRA-STRUCTURE

COUNCIL is the primary influencer on what happens as part of the Gilbert Gordon Oval capital works. What contribution / influence does the current user Groups have (Cricket, Football, Netball across Seniors and Juniors)?

Does the current precinct have a **MASTER PLAN** - Predicting the next 10+ years. - Gilbert Gordon Oval Masterplan updated in 2019.

Formation of a **FACILITY SUB-COMMITTEE?** Respective Presidents (User Groups) plus others of influence focusing on the **FUTURE** (separate to the Club operations)

Excellent opportunity of making good use of **Aust. Sports Foundation (ASF)**. Refer TDS videos from ASF.

Football and Netball changerooms - delivered May 2019. **Next priority is planning and development of two netball courts -** located near to the social rooms, current court close to the end of its useful life. Electronic Scoreboard (focus on now).

Take advantage of fixturing particularly earlier in the season when weather ok, Night games (What is the current lux? Target 150-200 lux. great revenue earners. Fixture is one of the Clubs greatest economic drivers for any Club. Club needs to get on the front foot here.

SENIOR, JUNIOR, MASTER AND NETBALL INTEGRATION

INTEGRATION - Continue to focus on relationship b/w senior, women's teams across football and netball and juniors - including committee, coaches, parents and players.

CULTURE - Work on positive perception of the club family based with a junior focus on pathway. Setting behavioural standards. Leadership sets the example.

EXAMPLE OF AN EVENT TO HELP INTEGRATION - for example: Hall of Fame (Football & Netball) - acknowledging Coaches, Players, Administrators (POWERFUL NIGHT - assist bringing Club together) - 75+ years of history - Bring it alive with HERITAGE jumper. To be held in year 2 to 3 - significant $$ earner for the club.

ANNUAL EVENT - Bringing all groups together (e.g.: perhaps Mid-year ball scenario). Build on the marriage / partnership between all related parties.

OTHER KEY STAKEHOLDERS - Develop strong relationships key stakeholder e.g. Council / Corporate Partners and people of influence in the area. Who is overseeing this now?

COMMUNITY / CULTURE

Culture - continue to work on positive perception of the club, family based with a junior focus on pathway.

Strengthen relationship between football and netball - including committee, coaches, parents and players.

Strengthen relationship between junior and senior teams - including committee, coaches, parents and players.

Develop strong relationships with key stakeholder e.g. Council / Corporate Partners and people of influence in the area.

Continue to promote President's luncheons all key stakeholders e.g. Council, Corporates etc (very important - helps with retention of sponsors).

SEASON 2019 - FOCUS

OPERATIONAL FOCUS TOP 6
(Short-term 12 months) - What we need to do?

EXEC SKILL-SET | **BUDGET / PROFIT FORECASTING** | **REVENUE GENERATION** | **VOLUNTEERS / PLANNING DAY** | **MEMBERSHIPS / DATABASE** | **COMMUNICATION / SOCIAL MEDIA / DIGITAL**

12 MONTH TARGETED OUTCOMES 2019

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE - RANGE OF SKILL-SETS

Use **COMMITTEE STRUCTURE** as a guide as per template provided

EXEC COMMITTEE x 6 (red boxes), **NON-EXEC COMMITTEE** x 9 (green boxes) - as per sample STRUCTURE provided

PORTFOLIOS - Improved clarity of positions held amongst the committee "Sharing the Load" - What role are you playing on the committee? Is it clearly defined? Everyone who is on the committee holds a role / portfolio.

Appointment of the **VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR** is critical - this person to be the TDS Champion (Ensure program / strategic plan stays on track)

You don t have to be on the committee to help. Need to get better at asking people to help around the club (PD's provided in Filing cabinet)

SECRETARY (Split the role) - propose to split the Secretary role into 2 (incoming / outgoing correspondence and match day secretary)

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT - "REVENUE" Finding an Executive (1 of the 6) overseeing the Clubs Revenue streams.

CLUB BUDGET / FORECASTING

2019 BUDGET - to be signed off by the COMMITTEE and shared with the full committee by Nov'18

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY - Needs significant improvement / focus. Treasurer to follow the format as per the on-line education. Budget needs to be departmentalised.

WHO WILL OVERSEE THE FINANCE? - "Executive Treasurer" to be sourced - this person must have good finance skills and ability to budget, forecast etc. Pivotal role at the club.

MONTHLY FORECASTING - very important (refer sample forecasting model in TDS filing cabinet library)

Priority 1 - Committee structure. **Priority 2** - Budget is the next priority. Samples P&L's, Cash Flow, Forecasting and Exception reporting included in TDS Filing cabinet

REVENUE GENERATION (Target - $60-80k "NEW" Revenue for Season 2019 - Needs 6 to 7 people to execute)

BUSINESS DIRECTORY - Refer sample template in TDS filing cabinet (say 4 price points $250, $500, $750, $1k) - target $15-$20k+ for 2019

Register with **ASF** to secure tax deductible donations. Refer 3 Videos from CEO ASF - explaining this concept. A must have. Can enhance donation level if utilised properly.

SPONSORSHIP / PARTNERSHIPS - Watch TDS education on how to grow your **SPONSORHIP/ PARTNERSHIP** revenue. Audit of sponsorship assets required. Refer Sample templates.

SOURCE ELECTRONIC SCOREBOARD create $30-$50k p/a. Refer sample TDS filing cabinet. 2 TDS videos specifically educating Clubs how to maximise revenue from this avenue.

GOODS & SERVICE AUCTION - Sample in filing cabinet and short 2 minute video in BURST library. Target $20k (NETT) Mid-year function Football / Netball / & Juniors possibly?

GRANTS - could generate $20k+ per annum with focus on grants. Grant Professionals to assist [redacted]

FIXTURE - Club to be on front foot - organise 1 night game & a Sunday game (expect an extra $5-10k nett result across these 2 games for canteen, gate and bar)

SHARING THE REVENUE LOAD - No person in charge of more than 2 income streams - Share the Load - All revenue items must be budgeted for and a nominated person to drive.

Committee to focus on 4-5 new Revenue initiatives for 2019 - few examples are as follows: a) Business Directory say $20k, b) Grants $20k, c) Goods and Service Auction $20k d) Membership $10-$15k) and e) Fixture 1 night game and or 1 Sunday game $5-10k NETT- requires 6-7 people to deliver these scenarios - build into Budget (no person in charge of more than 2 revenue streams) - Don't budget for Grants treat that as "CREAM ON THE TOP" - should be able to generate $20k per annum from this opportunity.

VOLUNTEERS / PLANNING DAY

Lock in **PLANNING DAY** post season (say mid to late November). **On same day set BUDGET in place.**

CENTRELINK SUPPORT - Is a terrific idea for those over 55 (not working and too young for the pension age). Terrific initiative (can have > 1 person). $14.4K per annum.

LIST OF 50 JOBS as per TDS filing cabinet (no one has > 2 jobs) - work with Committee to allocate the jobs. (need a **VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR** to ASK - refer PD for this role).

STRUCTURE GAPS - e.g. M'ships, Exec Revenue, Business Directory **(Sample in filing cabinet),** Newsletter, Database, Social Calendar. Identify the "DOERS".

KEY THEMES - no one in charge of more than 2 jobs or 2 revenue streams ("Share the Load") - Don't have to be on the committee to help!

EDUCATE UP-SKILL EXECUTIVE - (160+ videos and 90 templates) - provide PD's so people are clear on their role - refer Filing cabinet for examples - Share Logins.

MEMBERSHIP

2019 - TARGET 150 "NEW" FINANCIAL MEMBERS - @ say $75 average $11k (Nov'18 -Mar'19) - DATABASE focus required. Flow on impacts significant. Great opportunity.

MEMBERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE - 2 to 3 people in charge of growing financial members outside of the current 50-100 sold for 2018. Target of another 150 for Season 2019

HOW TO DO IT? Review different Membership packages. Needs to be called up on the phone / face to face - not email? Refer sample membership card in FC

Regular Communication with the members important to enhance Member retention / acquisition.

COMMUNICATION / SOCIAL MEDIA / DIGITAL

GREAT OPPORTUNITY - can be maximised further. Market your Club. Become Club of choice in the Macedon Ranges.

SOCIAL MEDIA / DIGITAL - Use Social media to promote good news stories / develop key stakeholder relationships

RECOGNISING THE PAST - Very important. Acknowledgement of Life Members / Volunteers (annually - how is this done?)

ADDITIONAL AREAS OF FOCUS

These 6 points below (listed 7-12) identified as low scores as part of the on-line health survey.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES 7-12

ADEQUACY OF CLUB FACILITIES | **SUCCESSION PLANNING** | **AUDIT OF SPONSORSHIP PROPERTIES** | **OUT OF SEASON FUNDRAISING** | **MAXIMISING AUSTRALIAN SPORTS FOUNDATION** | **CAPITAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

MISSION
Why we exist? What's our purpose for being? What would be missing if we did not exist?

To provide a safe, enjoyable and inclusive environment ensuring players, coaches, officials and administrators of all abilities can maximise their full potential - helping our Club achieve strong social, health, community and economic outcomes.

VALUES
What's important to us? What behaviours do we wish for? What will we reward?

Respect, Sustainable, Inclusive, Professional, Honest

VISION -
What we want to be? An aspirational objective.

A sustainable, family friendly club which focuses on providing a successful sporting environment across both football and netball whilst supporting a range of community priorities.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, 8 June 2021 4:30 PM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Cc: g.Councillors
Subject: Budget submission
Attachments: Budget submission.pdf

Dear MRSC and Councillors,
Please find attached my submission to the 2021/22 council budget.

Sincerely

[redacted]

Submission to the 2021/22 Macedon Ranges Shire Council Budget.

1. **Budget Front page:**
   Why show and promote inappropriate activity in the Gisborne Botanic Gardens? Botanic gardens are not for running and bike riding, they are for botanical, scientific and passive purposes – running and cycling should be directed around the outside concrete path or to other areas throughout the shire.

2. **Gisborne Botanic Gardens new entrance landscaping**

   While this project may or may not be appropriate, there has been no collaboration or even notification to Friends group. With so many recent works in the gardens being contrary to the endorsed masterplan, further information is needed for this project. Weeds emanating from Gisborne Botanic Gardens have been identified as a problem in the recently endorsed Macedon Ranges Strategic Environmental Works Plan (page 29):

Multi-species weed management issues	
Various New Zealand cultivars: naturalising along Jacksons Creek in riparian habitats, currently confined to areas close to source plantings at Gisborne Botanic Gardens	Local management issue; incidental promotion of these species may result in new infestations; limit their spread and periodically monitor riparian areas around Gisborne

   My concern is that this practice may continue and add to the problem if non-indigenous plantings continue, especially close to Jacksons Creek.

   It would be appropriate to increase the botanic gardens area to make it a Botanic Precinct following Jacksons Creek and up to the Skyline Drive track and others to show ecologically responsible plantings, to compare to the recent plantings in the gardens.

3. **Footpath north of Howey St** – between Prince and Stephen Streets – as per footpath 10 year strategy. This is more urgent than before due to the numbers of students at Gisborne Primary School far exceeding their listed maximum of 470 students (ref. newspaper article by the school).

4. **Pine plantation** – should be reverted to native vegetation – nature play, education, uses include by schools, revegetation and respect and reflection for indigenous cultural heritage – this needs to be followed up. (NoM – Wed 26 August 2020)

   "that Council:

   1. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to advocate, in writing by 10 September 2020, to the State Government including Ms Mary-Anne Thomas, Member for Macedon, The Hon. James Merlino, Minister for Education, The Hon. Richard Wynne, Minister for Planning, The Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, to retain and/or return the land at 120 Aitken Street, Gisborne, also known as the Gisborne Pine Plantation, to the community for the purpose of public open space, pedestrian linkage and a significant cultural heritage reflection site, along with (eventual) pine removal and replacement with indigenous vegetation.

   CARRIED"

   Pine plantation – follow up with state to ensure it is returned to the community as was the intent of the donation by local groups, families and residents. Not for pine plantation, but endowment plantation scheme and bird sanctuary. This land is currently under threat by the state government, who are "preparing it for sale" even though, morally, it was never theirs to sell. Advocating for the return of this land to the people of the area (including indigenous, schools and other current and future user groups). It is a great educational opportunity given its proximity to schools.

[redacted]

From the Bacchus Marsh Express 9 March 1867 (and reproduced in council ordinary meeting agenda August 2013 regarding the pine plantation)

GISBORNE
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)
Some curiosity has been excited at the finding by the sexton, at the Gisborne Cemetery, of a lot of bones, apparently human ones, about three feet from the surface; there was also found with them, seven tobacco pipes, remains of an opossum rug, a file, a cap peak, chisel, and a veil. The "oldest inhabitant" professes to recollect that a blackfellow was buried in the spot where these remains were found, in the "good old times." The police have taken possession of the lot pending an investigation.

5. **Procurement Policy** Page 20 of the draft budget notes the Procurement Policy and states "*ensure a focus on environmentally responsible procurement in our tendering process.*" Following this through to the procurement policy it says on page 9 *"The tender evaluation method and criteria is at Council's discretion."*

   My question here would be: how is "discretion" addressing Recommendation 16 on page 38 of the Environment Strategy?

   "*Enhance Council's procurement policy and power, through actively sourcing products and services that meet criteria for environmental advantage, particularly in regards to tenders for major expenditure.*"

   This is also relevant to the Climate Action Plan (page 44) :
   Council's Environment Strategy adopted in June 2016 includes the policy statement:

   "Council will aim to incorporate outcomes for resource efficiency at the broader level through its wide range of procedural policies and processes".

   "Environmental benefit" is now included as a mandatory evaluation criteria for procurement of its major goods and services. One component of the criteria is: Reducing greenhouse emissions (maximising energy efficiency, generating or purchasing renewable energy, minimising emissions from transport, and purchasing ethical offsets for greenhouse intensive activities like air travel).

Recommendation

(4.2 in Table 1) Continue to develop and apply processes for ensuring environmental criteria are adequately addressed and assessed in the procurement of goods and services, for example, developing a checklist, reference guide or template for staff and providers of goods and services.

How is any of this now "at council's discretion"? I hope this will be reviewed to include a mandatory high percentage of environmental benefit/consideration in the criteria – not discretionary.

Procurement policy – needs to increase and mandate the consideration of ecological, environmental and sustainability impacts.

6. **Climate Emergency** - I wholeheartedly congratulate council on recently declaring a climate emergency. It would be great to see funding to support whatever needs to be done to make an impact in this important declaration.

7. **Cool Changes for Gisborne** – biggest town, biggest impact – desperately under threat from over-population and inappropriate development, which is leading to loss of public open space, wildlife corridors, natural environment and species. This is vital before we lose any more of our township character and natural values. Gisborne Futures must be re-designed to address over-population and infill issues so it is not exacerbating the problem, but offering protection and solutions.

8. **Page 18/19** Projects listed in the section regarding "Protect the natural environment"

   I am disappointed at the classification of natural environment being used to describe works on the Gisborne Fields landscape plan. This is a great project which I fully support, but it is not natural environment, neither is building upgrades which are also listed in this category. The natural environment funding category is very small and should be increased as the natural environment benefits everyone and is what the Macedon Ranges is classed as a Distinctive Area and Landscape for. Projects which benefit very small percentages of the population seem to be prioritised over this category which benefits 100%.

9. **Budget page 19:**

   "Waterway Conservation Works Program *to restore the ecological values of our waterways by undertaking weed control, revegetation and maintenance works"* is fully supported – congratulations for following up on documents like the brilliant Macedon Ranges Strategic Environmental Works Plan and the Environmental Management Plan for Bunjil Creek and Howey Creek, Gisborne. This is also important in other external documents like Melbourne Water's Healthy Waterways plan and the upcoming Waterways of the West work. Also aligns with the SPP binding objective 2: Biodiversity and Environment: To ensure the significant biodiversity, ecological and environmental values of the declared area are conserved and enhanced. Vital project to Heal Country and Connect to Country.

10. **Request for funding** I would like to propose funding to reprint the three booklets about Macedon Ranges flora, birds and weeds, these booklets have been well received and are a great educational tool. I also hope funding will be provided to develop further brochures as listed in the Biodiversity Strategy (Table 16) recommendations:

    "*Develop brochures about living with wildlife, native gardens and attracting birds and other wildlife."*

11. **Autumn Leaf festival –** while I can't see how much of ratepayers money is funnelled into this inappropriate event, I am opposed to any funding for this festival which is damaging to the natural environment, natural processes, amenity and public safety.

The current practice of prioritising trees with red leaves to encourage tourism in autumn is ecologically irresponsible and this is reflected in the horrendous "Preferred Street Tree Species" list to be found in the agenda of Ordinary Council Meeting March 2019 as an appendix to the Tree Management Policy.

Although this list was unanimously rejected at the council meeting, it still appears to be being used by council. Many of these "preferred" trees fit the listed criteria for tree removal. The natural environment and natural processes are under threat by this awful event. The Council Plan states *"enhance the economic impact of tourism in a way that is consistent with Council's planning and environmental objectives"* – the Autumn Leaf Festival is in conflict with all of the environmental objectives listed in the Council Plan – including the vision – *"In partnership with the community, protect and enhance life across the Macedon Ranges"*. The autumn leaf festival is seen as a threatening process.

12. I request a review of the "**Preferred Street Tree Species**" document to update it to be ecologically responsible, and align with community environmental values. Working with the Environment team could achieve a better outcome for all.

Biodiversity Strategy - "Urban Biodiversity Actions:

Urban Biodiversity Actions:

2.13 In partnership with Council's Operations Department, develop landscaping guidelines that encourage locally native plants to be used in public spaces, as street trees and in new developments where appropriate.

2.14 Support residents to preserve and plant locally native vegetation as much as possible and consider implementing an urban biodiversity program such as "Gardens for Wildlife".

2.15 Continue support for community groups and Traditional Owners undertaking biodiversity projects in township areas and assist with community planning.

2.16 For new developments, seek opportunities to transfer waterways and appropriate buffers to public ownership.

Relevant Council Plan excerpts

2. Protect the natural environment

- Address climate change mitigation, resilience and adaptation
- Protect biodiversity
- Enhance waterways and water catchment quality
- Proactive environmental planning and policy
- Embed environmental sustainability principles across all Council operations

Why are we doing this?

We want to lead by example and improve environmental outcomes in all aspects of life.

How will we do this?

We will:

- implement best practice conservation management techniques to protect biodiversity and manage threats
- increase awareness and action for responsible and sustainable land management practices across the shire, aiming to improve the health of land and waterways
- prioritise local species in new public plantings wherever possible
- preserve the landscape quality of vistas
- continue to apply best practice and partnerships to protect and enhance biodiversity and the natural environment

13. Can council advocate for **weed removal** – pines, elms, oaks, agapanthus, along roadsides by so-called authorities like Regional Roads Victoria. – eg: West side of Station Road between petrol station and freeway – full of elm/oak saplings mixed with blackberry, freeway verges where many pine trees, gorse and blackberries are establishing. Removal of American pin oaks which if allowed to continue to grow will negatively impact the functional native vegetation and have no historical relationship whatsoever. With Macedon Ranges declared as distinctive – could the state govt help with funding this?

14. I would like to see a listing in the annual Environment Report on the numbers of **indigenous trees compared to native trees and introduced plants** and also the number of each which have been cut down or removed. I feel this would tell a very different story than the usual annual article in the paper saying council is planting ### trees this year.

15. **Previous budgets**:

    2020 - $250,000 for open space purchase in Gisborne – for continuing connectivity linkage for walking and residents – where is this up to?

    2019 - $100,000 Irrigation on Howey Reserve – any progress on plans?

16. **Cat curfew** – this needs to progress to 24 hour – Biodiversity Strategy page 44
    "Domestic cats

    Predation by introduced animals is a major threat for native animals. Pet cats can stray widely, especially at night. Research has shown that on average that one domestic cat prey on approximately 32 native animals each year (Patton, 1991). With around 3,000 domestic cats registered in the shire, there is potential for the demise of 96,000 native animals in the Macedon Ranges Shire every year."

17. **With PCRZ**, now being applied across many bushland reserves, consistent naming is appropriate – eg: Daly Conservation Reserve, Stanley Conservation Reserve, Mt Gisborne Conservation Reserve, Marshlands Conservation Reserve, etc. – so purpose is recognised to stop inappropriate uses such as sporting events like cross country being proposed and/or approved. The area has plenty of active places, the need is urgent for passive and conservation places.

18. **Mount Gisborne Bushland Reserve** – Especially given the current and recent threats to this conservation reserve, I believe this action from both the Natural Environment Strategy 2009 and the current Environmental Management Plan must be actioned. The leasing to Optus and Telstra of part of the reserve at the northern end, and the former 34 year lease to SilverCom should have generated more than enough income (at the expense of the reserve) to facilitate this important action.
    The current EMP (May 2013) states that:

    "4.2.10 Protection covenant
    Objective: *To protect in perpetuity the reserve's biodiversity values.*
    Actions and initiatives that aim to improve the reserve's biodiversity values will be greatly assisted by covenant measures that protect the reserve in perpetuity. A Trust for Nature conservation covenant is an agreement between the landowner and Trust for Nature which aims to permanently protect the natural values of the land. The covenants are registered on the Certificate of Title to the land and are legally binding. Costs may be incurred to Council in establishing the covenant.
    Registration of a Trust for Nature covenant over Mount Gisborne Reserve was identified as a priority action (Action 4.3) in the Macedon Ranges Council's Natural Environment Strategy 2009. Councils that neighbour the Macedon Ranges have successfully utilised protection covenants to improve biodiversity outcomes on reserves, including Hume City Council's Evans Street Grassland and Melton Shire's Pinkerton Forest.
    Actions:
    - *Council to seek funding to enable a Trust for Nature covenant over the reserve.*

19. **Stanley Park** – needs a review of the Environmental Management Plan – NOT a masterplan for infrastructure – no consultation with Stanley Park Committee has taken place, and I believe the committee has still not even been officially told of this proposal in the budget. The committee are currently still operating under an MoU to continue the same agreement as a Section 86 Committee of Management, so should have the main say in the reserve.

    Council Plan quote: "*implement best practice conservation management techniques to protect biodiversity and manage threats*" and "*implement Council's Environmental Management Plans across our bushland reserves*" – this is not indicating a Masterplan for infrastructure, but an Environmental Management Plan to protect the conservation values.

20. **Honour Avenues in Gisborne and New Gisborne**: If funding cannot be prioritised for Honour Avenue recognition in New Gisborne and Gisborne, then a formal acknowledgement of support if community volunteers are willing to do all the work, would be a cost-neutral alternative. I acknowledge that council did attempt to look into this with C118, but looking in a completely incorrect place was a lost opportunity.

21. **Review of nature strip policy** to be more encouraging and promotional of these areas for actual nature – rather than introduced grass which is mowed. Protection of our rural roadsides, but extend this into encouraging township nature strips to participate in the ecological restoration and seed bank potential of these underutilised spaces. Gardens for Wildlife is also a program worthy of council funding and already endorsed in the Biodiversity Strategy under the heading of Urban biodiversity

    Council and the community recognise the environmental and amenity value of native vegetation and habitat within town boundaries. Our township areas have high value natural areas that are home to rich diversity of native plants and animals. They also provide important opportunities for residents to connect with nature close to home. Public open space, particularly waterway corridors through the townships of Woodend, Kyneton, Riddells Creek, Romsey and Gisborne were all highlighted by the community for their biodiversity value. Many hours of volunteer effort has gone into enhancing these important community places.

    Encouraging residents to create wildlife-friendly gardens can also have a huge impact on local biodiversity. The use of locally native plants in gardens and public open space areas, including as a part of new subdivisions can create havens for insects, lizards, butterflies, birds and arboreal mammals. Native plants are also ideal as they are naturally adapted to suit local environmental conditions, low maintenance, drought tolerant, require minimal water and no fertilisers or pesticides.

Urban Biodiversity Actions:

2.17 In partnership with Council's Operations Department, develop landscaping guidelines that encourage locally native plants to be used in public spaces, as street trees and in new developments where appropriate.

2.18 Support residents to preserve and plant locally native vegetation as much as possible and consider implementing an urban biodiversity program such as "Gardens for Wildlife".

2.19 Continue support for community groups and Traditional Owners undertaking biodiversity projects in township areas and assist with community planning.

2.20 For new developments, seek opportunities to transfer waterways and appropriate buffers to public ownership.

And

Community Education Actions

4.1 Continue to promote and integrate nature and biodiversity into other Council strategies.

4.2 Explore creation of a podcast series on the natural history, cultural values, cultural heritage, biodiversity and landscapes of the Macedon Ranges Shire for residents,

visitors and shire staff.

4.3 Host and support community engagement and education opportunities that target a variety of demographics – see Error! Reference source not found. **for recommendations.**

4.4 Update or create information sheets, brochures, and webpages as recommended.

4.5 Continue to deliver biodiversity events in partnership with local groups, agencies and Traditional Owners.

4.6 Increase 'nature' experiences in urban areas (including promoting 'gardens for wildlife' and as part of new development design).

4.7 Deliver training for relevant Council staff, including as part of induction programs, raising awareness about indigenous cultural heritage and cultural values of Country, biodiversity, plant identification and conservation in the Macedon Ranges.

4.8 Host talks, events and demonstrations about traditional ecological knowledge, and Aboriginal management and use of the land.

22. **Advocacy** to state government to protect our native birds from duck shooting season, and our treasured kangaroos from the government's heinous culling programs. We need protection of our indigenous wildlife that we in the Macedon Ranges value for their vital roles in our ecological communities and that we are so fortunate to have in places like Gisborne township through to more rural areas. The state government promised us protection – but it appears this is not happening. A Notice of Motion or council direction to this affect would be greatly appreciated.

23. **Naming of places to indigenous names** would be a wonderful and respectful improvement to the unofficial use of names like John Aitken Reserve.

24. **Budget page 50 – Open Space Reserve South:**

I object to a number of items being funded from the Open Space Reserve – South fund:

This includes

1. Dixon Field Pavilion sewer upgrade:	$60,000
2. Gisborne Tennis Courts lighting replacement	$280,000
3. Gardiner Reserve carpark and landscaping works	$264,000
4. Gisborne Skate Park concept design	$30,000

While I do not oppose the actual projects, but they do not meet the criteria to be funded from an open space reserve for the following reasons:

Page 51 summary of purposes:

Public Open Space:	Contributions from subdivisional works for funding of open-space projects.
Car parking:	Developer contributions for car parking projects.
Drainage:	Comprises developer contributions for drainage works.
Gisborne Development Contribution Plan:	Includes developer contributions for development works within Gisborne

1. Dixon Field Pavilion sewer upgrade – should be funded either out of general maintenance/operations budget.

2. Gisborne Tennis Courts lighting replacement – general maintenance would be appropriate.

3. Gardiner Reserve carpark and landscaping works:

Gardiner Reserve carpark – this should be funded from the "unconventional" sale of proposed public open space to Aldi of 51 Aitken Street, Gisborne, carried at the Ordinary Council Meeting of

22 June 2016, Item CS.5, point 6, as follows:

> *"6. That the net proceeds from the sale of the Land will be transferred to the asset conversion financial reserve and will be applied to other public car parking projects in the Gisborne area in the future."*

Gardiner Reserve landscaping works – the cost of landscaping, while a suitable use of public open space reserve funding, has increased, and already been funded repeatedly, yet no landscaping has been done, with original funding of $10,000 then and increase of a further $20,000 – no mention in the budget of how much of the $264,000 is landscaping.

From the Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda 23 October 2019:

Budget Implications
The breakdown and budget shortfall in round figures, based on recent tendering information for the Gardiner Reserve Pavilion projects, is provided below:

Gardiner Reserve Football / Cricket Pavilion	**Ex. GST**
Project Budget	$650,000.00
Actual & Commitments to date (includes Architectural & PM Fees & Contingency 10%)	($143,905.00)
Balance Project Budget	**$506,095.00**
Tender Price	$941,583.00
Saving to project if both Contracts awarded to preferred Tenderer concurrently	($ 23,640.00)*
Revised Tender Price	**$917,943.00**
Landscaping (Tree planting and gardens)	$ 10,000.00

The landscaping component has already had $20,000 allocated from public open space reserves as follows from the Ordinary Council Meeting 23 October 2019:

> *That Council approve the allocation of an additional $482,099 to the two Gardiner Reserve Pavilion projects to be funded as follows:*
>
> *1. $20,000 from the Public Open Space South Financial Reserve; and*
>
> *2. A short term budget deficit of $462,099, to be referred to future budget deliberations for consideration to fund.*

Motion regarding **Netball Courts, Gardiner Reserve** – Ordinary Council Meeting 23 May 2018:

> **Officer Recommendation:**
> *That Council:*
>
> *1. Subject to further advice from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, accept and thank the Gisborne Football Netball Club for their offer to construct a netball court at Gardiner Reserve.*
>
> *2. Note that the design and construction of the netball court by the Gisborne Football Netball Club will be supervised by officers to ensure required building and safety standards are met and relevant approvals obtained.*
>
> *It was moved by Cr Radnedge seconded by Cr Mees that the Officer Recommendation be adopted with the additional of a point 3 to read;*
>
> *3. That Council within current resources, council works with environmental groups, sporting groups and relevant authorities, to enable the improvement of both passive and sporting recreation areas along Jacksons Creek and surrounds to ensure positive environmental, and health and well-being outcomes.* ***CARRIED***

Gisborne Skate Park concept design – this is only for a concept design – more paperwork, this does not comply with the purpose of Open Space Reserve funding.

Conclusion of Open Space Reserve – South – I do not oppose any of the projects proposed, but I do vehemently object to using this reserve fund – it needs to be used for acquiring more public open space for our current and expected population, good examples of public open fund use can be seen in the shared trail and the Gisborne Fields projects.

There are also many worthy projects for linkages listed in the 1999 Open Space Strategy and other documents going back to the early 1980s (happy to supply on request), which would take precedence over wasting this vital reserve.

Below are survey results and statistics which provide evidence of the importance of providing MORE public open space for walking, linkages etc. it is actual open space that should be provided, not car parks, paperwork, drainage and general maintenance.

The percentages also provide an insight into the percentages of funding that is appropriate to be allocated to different activities. Walking and cycling are consistently very high on all the lists, showing the need for more actual public open space including linkages.

Leisure Strategy 2006 (current SARS does not include any updated information)

Activity	**% Victorian participation (2003)**
Walking	40.5
Aerobics/Fitness	16.0
Swimming	13.7
Tennis	10.5
Cycling	10.3
Golf	9.1
Running:	8.5
Walking (bush)	5.7
Australian football	5.1
Netball	4.9
Basketball	4.9

Active Living Census 2019 - Healthy Heart – Most popular activities in the Macedon Ranges

#	**Activity**	**%**	**#**	**Activity**	**%**
1	Walking	21.1	**11**	Mountain bike riding	2.4
2	Swimming	9.0	**12**	Dancing / Ballet / Calisthenics	2.2
3	Bushwalking / Hiking	6.7	**13**	Basketball	1.9
4	Fitness: Gym	6.5	**14**	Golf	1.8
5	Active play (at playgrounds/play centres)	6.1	**15**	Netball	1.8
6	General cycling (for recreation/transport)	5.0	**16**	Fishing	1.7
7	Jogging / Running	4.3	**17**	Cycling (road and sport cycling)	1.4
8	Indoor group fitness	3.7	**18**	Soccer	1.2
9	Australian rules football	3.3	**19**	Aqua Aerobics	1.2
10	Tennis	2.6	**20**	Horse riding	1.1

From the Walking and Cycling Strategy

Children's Participation:

The top ten physical activities for children (5-14 years) in 2010 participation rate per term were:

1. Walking (including to school) (52.1%),
2. Cycling (including to school) (48.1%),
3. Swimming (37.8%),
4. Active play (24.7%),
5. Outdoor football (16.5%),
6. Dance (13.7%),
7. Gymnastics (13.2%),
8. Tennis (10.6%),
9. Basketball (9.7%), and
10. Australian Rules football (8.7%).

There is no provision for car parks, paperwork, drainage and general maintenance in the subdivision act which addresses the appropriate uses of open space funding.

The Subdivision Act 1988: (excerpts)

18 Council may require public open space

…

(1A) The Council may only make a public open space requirement if it considers that, as a result of the subdivision, there will be a need for more open space, having regard to—

(a) the existing and proposed use or development of the land;

(b) any likelihood that existing open space will be more intensively used after than before the subdivision;

(c) any existing or likely population density in the area of the subdivision and the effect of the subdivision on this;

(d) whether there are existing places of public resort or recreation in the neighbourhood of the subdivision, and the adequacy of these;

(e) how much of the land in the subdivision is likely to be used for places of resort and recreation for lot owners;

(f) any policies of the Council concerning the provision of places of public resort and recreation.

…

20 What must the Council do with public open space?

(1) A Council must set aside for public open space any land which is vested in the Council for that purpose.

(2) The Council must use any payment towards public open space it receives under this Act or has received under section 569B(8A) of the ***Local Government Act 1958*** *but has not applied under subsection (8C) of that section or the proceeds of any sale of public open space to—*

(a) buy land for use for public recreation or public resort, as parklands or for similar purposes; or

(b) improve land already set aside, zoned or reserved (by the Council, the Crown, a planning scheme or otherwise) for use for public recreation or public resort, as parklands or for similar purposes; or

(c) with the approval of the Minister administering the ***Local Government Act 2020****, improve land (whether set aside on a plan or not) used for public recreation or public resort, as parklands or for similar purposes. …*

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, 8 June 2021 4:38 PM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Subject: MRSC draft 2021-2022 budget Resident Input
Attachments: ResidentFeedback toMRSCDaftAnnualBudget20212022.docx

Resident Feedback to Macedon Ranges Shire Council Draft Annual Budget2021/2022

See attached

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Chief Executive Officer, Macedon Ranges Shire Council

Dear Sir

As a resident and rate payer I wish to make a submission in regard to the MRSC Draft Annual Budget 2021/2021.

Section 1.3 of the Draft Annual Budget lists the number 1 priority as "Promote Health and Wellbeing[a]." The subsection of this "Children, youth and families is allocated $5.437 million, while $957 00 is allocated to parks, open spaces and streetscapes.

Within Macedon Ranges Shire there are some 3000 families[b] living in poverty. Because housing costs represent such a high percentage of their household income, they can usually only afford to rent or buy only the lowest standard accommodation. These can be extremely cold in winter, and consequently very detrimental to health[c]. The dominant concerns of these families are money for food, clothing, medical expenses, other essentials and trying to keep the home warm. The indoor temperatures may be only 5 C° or less above the outdoor temperatures on a frosty mornings.

The combination of poverty and cold housing is responsible for 6.5% of all deaths in Australia[d]. This equates to nearly ten times the national road toll and more than ten times the 2019-2020 Australian deaths due to the COVID virus. The disadvantage experienced by families having to live in such housing is extreme.

Children in poverty suffer both in their childhood and often in their adulthood as well. Because of the family situation they are often less prepared for starting school than other children and hence have early learning difficulties. At school, some come without having had breakfast and hence have difficulty in concentrating on education. By the time they are 15 they are 2-3 years behind their peers in reading and maths[e]. Also because of not having new clothes and mobile phones etc they often encounter discrimination at school and disconnect early. They have a significantly lower Year 12 completion rate[e]. They are consequently at a great disadvantage in the current competitive job market and face unemployment or a lowly paid position. During their working life it is estimated that their income will be 20 % less than the population average. Consequently, the poverty cycle is perpetuated generationally.

For the parent or parents, there is a high stress level and feelings of failure in not being able to adequately provide food, clothing, medical and dental care and a socially satisfying environment for their children. This can lead to family violence, mental health issues and, in the extreme, suicide.

The basic aim of the Healthy Homes project is to improve the financial situation, health and wellbeing of families living in poverty in cold, substandard housing at no cost to the occupants.

In the process there are proven savings in energy and hence an environmental gain.

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council has twice rejected a grant application for $20 000 to support the basic aims of the Healthy Homes project for families living in poverty within MRSC on the pretext "we don't use public funds on privately owned housing".

Consequently, my resident submission is this: In view of it's stated priorities including Health, welfare and equity, and the $957 00 allocated to parks, open spaces and streetscapes, the Macedon Ranges Shire Council should allocate some $20 000 to non-profit and substantially volunteer organisations where their efforts will contribute to reducing suicides, improving the diet, health and wellbeing, education and future employment of families living in poverty. Referrals for allocating such funds must come from registered welfare agencies such as Cobaw Community Health Service, Macedon Ranges Health and foodbanks. The referrals should also have a high priority score.

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referrences

a MRSC Draft Annual Budget 2021/2022

b ACCOSS and MRSC statistics.

c National Heart Foundation

d Professor Adrian Barnett University of Queensland and an international study funded by The UK Medical Research Foundation.

e The Smith Family "Learning For Life" Education Research

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To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Subject: [Sender Unverified] Draft Budget/Revenue and Rating Plan feedback (2021/22)

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Draft Budget/Revenue and Rating Plan feedback (2021/22)

Have your say	
Please share your feedback.	Dear Councillors, Thank you for the opportunity to read and comment on the 2021/22 Draft Budget. While much of the spending priorities in the budget appear well targeted. There are a number of issues that might be reconsidered. 1. Increase investment in strategic planning to adapt to an uncertain future a. Council's investment in strategic planning under the Built Environment was $1,341,000 in 2019/20, $1,381,000 in 2020/21 and is projected to be $1,238,000 in 2021/22. This represents a 7% decrease in allocations compared to 2019/20 levels. Given the high level of demand that pressures included responding to a covid affected environment and a rapid transition to a net zero local economy will place upon local government, an increase in the resources devoted to the strategic planning capacities of co uncil, including in encouraging innovation in infrastructure, service delivery, and new revenue sustainment models for that infrastructure, will be more, not less vital in the coming year than in past years. This will require a commensurate increase in council investment in this area. In part this can be compensated for by the welcome increase in planned investment in the Economic Development portfolio flagged in the draft budget.

	2. Link the Covid-19 pandemic business support fund and staffing position created to a focus on positioning local businesses to take advantage of opportunities created by transitions to a net zero economy. a. Under the service area of Enhance the social and economic environment, the covid-19 pandemic business support fund and the staffing position created are welcome. To align this with Council's declaration of a climate emergency. Both the fund and the staffing position would be appropriately targeted to both suppor ting business and to ensuring that money spent by the council incentivises businesses to adapt towards net-zero emission sectors and operational models. Dedicated grant funding which supports local economic development that directly results in carbon reduction outcomes would be straightforward and desirable. 3. Reconsider the 2% decrease in budget allocation to Protect the Natural Environment compared to 2019/20 levels a. While Council's annual budget for the service area of Protect the Natural Environment has increased from allocations in the 2020/21 budget, it remains below the total allocated in the 2019/20 budget and represents a 2% decrease in planned expenditure. A credible commitment by council to its declaration of a climate emergency is probably not compatible with a resourcing level in this service area less than that provided in the 2019/20 financial year. While this can be dealt with through a whole of council approaches to responding to the climate emergency, the decrease may send the wrong message regarding council priorities given increased overall expenditure in other service categories. 4. Immediately fund staff to plan Council's climate emergency response a. Potential Future Positions/Employees include two positions: a Climate emergency – 1.0 FTE Sustainability Officer and a Climate emergency – 0.8 FTE Climate Emergency Response Officer. b. Delaying the establishment of these positions is inconsistent with Council's declaration of a climate emergency. An emergency response requires immediate planning and council implementation that can only be achieved through dedicated staffing commitments. There are a number of positions that are well justified but of lower order priority outlined in the budget and highlighted in this letter. Those positions can be delayed in favour of enabling council emergency response planning. c. The propo sed positions appear to be mid to junior level positions within Council hierarchy. Because responding to climate change requires a whole of council and whole of community response to achieve measurable reductions in

	carbon emissions, it would be essential that a position is established at a suitable position of seniority to draw from across council operational areas and report directly to the Chief Executive Officer. This may entail one dedicated executive position with capacity to draw from existing staffing resources across council rather than the two officer level positions. d. Whichever staffing structure is chosen, staffing to react to a climate emergency must be funded in the 2021/22 council budget to meet community expectations and to comply with Council's own declaration. Emergency responses, by their nature, cannot be delayed. 5. Provide Information services with dedicated tasking and resources to provide statistical baselines a.&#x 9;In line with council's declaration of a climate emergency, information services should be resourced to include within Council GIS systems accurate and up to date emissions profiles for the Shire, including detailed breakdowns of emissions sources by sector and geographic locations, in order to enable targeted carbon emission reduction strategies by business, civil society and local communities. The provision of accurate information in this domain is a critical function of council and will require either a significant investment or reassignment of existing resources. The newly created position of IS Projects and Change Coordinator is welcome in this respect and it is hope will play a key role in council strategic planning. 6. Include Shire Level emission reductions in Overall Service performance indicators a. In future council budgets (and strategic plans) it would be appropriate that climate change mitigation is included as a performance indicato r. The performance measure could be the reduction in overall emissions from the shire measured against previous year data. Budget decisions are reflections of the priority and values we as a community assign to different objectives. To enable us to achieve spending on some or all of the objectives listed above, reduction in other areas of expenditure will be needed. While acknowledging that the positions below are well justified within their operation area and in some cases are partially funded through savings derived from creating the positions, each of the following spending areas are of lower order priority than the emergency response measures identified above and could be delayed to create capacity within the budget. Steps to create additional resources for the spending above could include: b. Delay the new position of 'asset inspector'

	c. "this new position will provide more accurate data and allow management to make more informed decisions in relation to providing maintenance or renewing individual infrastructure assets. Auditing has uncovered inconsistent data collection and this position will improve our data and knowledge required to schedule works and prepare associated budgets". d. Delay the position of 'Heritage Planner. "this new position will enable the provision of a holistic service to review, evaluate, identify and protect heritage assets, and provide advice and guidance to staff and the public. It is offset by savings from using a consultant". e. Delay the position of Facilities Essential Services and Maintenance Planner . "This new position ensures compliance with our buildings and other asset structure items to ensure that Council's buildings and facilities are safe for staff and the community to utilise. These compliance functions are not currently being met effectively " f. Delay the position o f Accountant . "This new position is required to ensure our technical accounting capability is able to provide effective financial and management accounting services. It reflects both an increase in responsibility for the Financial and Reporting Team, and the changing complexity of Council's requirement under the Local Government Act 2020" While these positions are all well justified within their operational areas, all are lower order priorities than effectively staffing Council emergency responses and the long term strategic planning to position the shire to adapt to change. Best wishes, [redacted] [redacted]
If you would prefer, you can also upload a written submission here	
Do you wish to speak at the Council Meeting on	No

16 June in regards to your submission?	
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Draft Budget/Revenue and Rating Plan feedback (2021/22)

Have your say	
Please share your feedback.	I am concerned that the word historical was only mentioned once in your document and heritage, 8 times. The Macedon Ranges is well known for these areas. The idea of a Heritage Planner is a great idea. I hope that is not a watered down position of the previous heritage advisor. I hope the heritage advisor position will also be retained. Your plan to deliver events and activities that promote public spaces is good but most of the money and support goes on sports areas and very little on wild adventure spaces for people to use their imagination rather than rather than the prescribed activities at a sports oval. Is there a decrease in funding for this? Your lack of protection of the natural environment is concerning, more and more green space is disappearing as more and more housing is built in the area. Please increase the funding on t he Botanic Gardens in the shire, this is the only shire in the state that has three gardens. The Kyneton Museum must be properly funded and repaired. The number of areas closed the public discourages visitors from visiting. Saying that you will support the museum means very little unless it is backed up with money. How many times must the floor in the main chamber be replaced? This almost borders on incompetence. Creating many new positions at council is concerning. In the past many positions are taken by people who have no

	local connection and no idea of the history of the area. I hope that if then position is not working then it will be terminated. Please support the heritage of the area with proper funding. Please do not let the area become a suburb of Sunbury. Thank you for allowing to me to present my views.
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How did you find out about this?	Local newspaper Community newsletter Word of mouth Other: Heritage Council meeting

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, 8 June 2021 9:50 PM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Subject: Budget submission - Stanley Park

I am writing in support of the submission made by the Secretary of the Stanley Park Committee of Management . As a volunteer at the Park, I am aware Stanley Park needs to have their Environmental Management Plan reviewed as a priority and a new one developed as stated in the MRSC Biodiversity Study 2018 before there is any consideration of a Master Plan. Perhaps there is an error and "Management Plan" was intended but "Master Plan" written and it is a simple matter of correcting the title of the plan to be funded. Kind regards, [redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, 8 June 2021 10:11 PM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Subject: Lancefield Park lighting upgrade

Dear MRSC,
I am writing to offer my support for the proposed lighting upgrade for the Lancefield Park main oval. I believe that this would be of great benefit to the local community and will serve local sporting clubs and the wider community of Lancefield into the future. As a resident of [redacted], I believe that I will also get a benefit from this project supporting the needs of Lancefield residents.

Please consider adopting this proposal as works to be completed through the upcoming budget.

Kind Regards,

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, 9 June 2021 8:00 AM
To: Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Subject: Lancefield lights

I would love to see an upgrade to the lights at lancefield park. This would benefit a large number of the community, allowing more user groups greater access to our facilities. This is of great importance as our community grows in numbers. I'd like to see our community being able to use our facilities rather than moving to others towns to gain access. Currently we have over 300 junior users & over 100 senior users in the football netball clubs alone, without even mentioning the growing numbers at our lancefield cricket club. I'm also aware of a local soccer club who are seeking access to a home ground that has lighting facilities. Lighting upgrades would benefit so many within our community [redacted]

Sent from my iPhone