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MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE
NAMBUR WARIGA MEETING ROOM,
CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, MORWELL
AT 7:00 PM ON 16 JUNE 2008

PRESENT:

Cr Bruce Lougheed, Mayor - Tanjil Ward
Cr Doug Caulfield - Gunyah Ward
Cr Sandy Kam - Galbraith Ward
Cr Susan Lloyd - Burnet Ward
Cr Graeme Middlemiss - Rintoull Ward
Cr Lisa Price - Farley Ward
Cr Darrell White - Firmin Ward
Cr David Wilson - Dunbar Ward
Cr Anthony Zimora - Merton Ward
Paul Buckley, Chief Executive Officer
Seona Conway, Executive Manager Strategy & Performance
Michael Edgar, Acting General Manager Corporate Services
Caroline Flake, Manager Governance - Legal Counsel
Katie Garlick, Governance & Legal Administration Officer
Geoff Hill, Acting Executive Manager Economic Development
Allison Jones, Acting General Manager City Services
Philip Marsh, Executive Manager Governance & Legal Services
Peter Quigley, General Manager City Marketing & Development
Grantley Switzer, Acting General Manager City Infrastructure

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1. Opening Prayer

The Opening Prayer was read by the Mayor.

Recognition of Traditional Landholders

The Recognition of Traditional Landholders was read by the Mayor.

2. Apologies for Absence

Nil.

3. Declaration of Interests

Nil.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved: Cr Zimora

Seconded: Cr Middlemiss

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting, relating to those items discussed in open Council, held on 2 June 2008 (CM 269) be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved: Cr Middlemiss

Seconded: Cr Caulfield

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting, relating to those items discussed in open Council, held on 10 June 2008 (SM 270) be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Mayor sought Council's consent to bring forward Item 7.4 – Planning Permit Application 2007/410 – Use of land for a restricted recreation facility (Gymnasium) at 94 Cross's Road, Traralgon.

Moved: Cr Wilson

Seconded: Cr Price

That Item 7.4 be brought forward for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Suspension of Standing Orders

Moved: Cr Middlemiss

Seconded: Cr White

That Standing Orders be suspended to allow members of the gallery to address Council in support of their submissions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.06 pm

1. Ms O Barrett, addressed Council in relation to Item 7.4 – Planning Permit Application 2007/410 – Use of land for a restricted recreation facility (Gymnasium) at 94 Cross's Road, Traralgon and answered questions put to her.

The Mayor thanked Ms Barrett for addressing Council and for her submission.

2. Ms J McKay addressed Council in relation to Item 7.4 – Planning Permit Application 2007/410 – Use of land for a restricted recreation facility (Gymnasium) at 94 Cross's Road, Traralgon and answered questions put to her.

The Mayor thanked Ms McKay for addressing Council and for her submission.

3. Ms B Ness addressed Council in relation to Item 7.4 – Planning Permit Application 2007/410 – Use of land for a restricted recreation facility (Gymnasium) at 94 Cross's Road, Traralgon and answered questions put to her.

The Mayor thanked Ms Ness for addressing Council and for her submission.

Resumption of Standing Orders

Moved: Cr Middlemiss

Seconded: Cr Zimora

That Standing Orders be resumed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.33 pm

7.4 PLANNING PERMIT APPLICATION 2007/410 - USE OF LAND FOR A RESTRICTED RECREATION FACILITY (GYMNASIUM) AT 94 CROSS'S ROAD, TRARALGON

AUTHOR: General Manager City Marketing & Development
(ATTACHMENT - YES)

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to determine Planning Permit Application 2007/410 for the use of land for a Restricted Recreation Facility (Gymnasium) at 94 Cross's Road, Traralgon.

The report was considered at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 2 June 2008 and was deferred for further consideration.

2. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The provisions of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the Latrobe Planning Scheme apply to this application.

This report is consistent with Council's Latrobe 2021 vision document and the Council Plan 2007-2011.

Latrobe 2021 and Council Plan 2007 - 2011

Strategic Objective - Sustainability

To promote the responsible and sustainable care of our diverse built and natural environment for the use and enjoyment of the people who make up the vibrant community of the Latrobe Valley. To provide leadership and to facilitate a well connected, interactive economic environment in which to do business.

Built environment - Strategic Action

By developing clear directions and strategies through consultation with the community ensuring sustainable and balanced development.

Strive to ensure all proposed developments enhance the liveability and sustainability of the community.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 SUMMARY

Land: 94 Cross's Road Traralgon, known as Lot 4
PS 531365
Proponent: Olivia Barrett
Zoning: Residential 1 Zone
Overlay: None

A Planning Permit is required for the use of the land for a Restricted Recreation Facility (Gymnasium) in accordance with Clause 32.01-1 of the Residential 1 Zone.

3.2 PROPOSAL

The application is for the use of a private gymnasium, which is attached to a dwelling, as a Restricted Recreation Facility (Gymnasium).

The private gymnasium was designed as the ground floor of a two-storied building that is attached to the west side of the dwelling. The upper floor was designed as a rumpus room.

The two-storied building has a ground floor area of 102m² and a total area on both floors of 204m².

The dwelling is setback over 37m from the street frontage due to a large easement in favour of Gippsland Water. The dwelling has an area of about 450m² and apart from the two storied gymnasium/rumpus room is single storied.

The applicant intends to use the two floors of the building attached to the dwelling for the gymnasium.

The site has an area of 3,273m² and the site coverage is approximately 10%.

Access to the dwelling is from Cross's Road.

The proposed hours of operation are:

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday:
6.00 am - 11.00 am and 4.00 pm - 8.30 pm.
- Wednesday:
6.00 am - 11.00 am and 4.30 pm – 8.30 pm.

- Friday:
6.00 am – 11.00 am and 4.30 pm – 7.00 pm.
- Saturday:
8.00 am – 12 noon.

The applicant proposes to hold sessions for individuals and small groups.

A parking area is presently under construction at the front of the property. This parking area will accommodate 16 vehicles.

Subject Land:

The subject land is situated on the north side of Cross's Road, between Ashworth Drive and Riverslea Boulevard.

Surrounding Land Use:

North: Residential land under development
South: Existing residential
East: Residential land under development
West: Residential land under development

3.3 HISTORY OF APPLICATION

This application resulted from a complaint in October 2007 about the operation of a commercial gymnasium in a residential area. The landowners initially considered that their use of part of the dwelling for personal training constituted a Home Occupation and as such did not require a planning permit.

Concerns were raised with Council Planning Officers by nearby residents regarding the potential future use of the residential property as a gymnasium. As part of Latrobe City Council's planning compliance follow-up, the landowners were advised to submit a description of their operations and business to determine if the use could be described as a Home Occupation.

Consideration of this material suggested that the operation exceeded the Latrobe Planning Scheme provisions that applied to a Home Occupation.

The provisions of the Latrobe Planning Scheme with respect to a Home Occupation state, among other things, that:

- The gross floor area used in conducting the occupation including the storage of any materials or goods must not exceed 50 square metres or one-third of the gross floor area of the dwelling, whichever is the lesser.
- The occupation must not impose a load on any utility greater than normally required for domestic use.
- The occupation must not adversely affect the amenity of the neighbourhood in any way including:
 - a) The parking of motor vehicles.
 - b) The hours of operation.

In particular the applicant wanted to increase the area of the dwelling that was permitted to be used as a Home Occupation, which, as described above, is 50m².

Subsequently a Planning Permit Application was received on 30 November 2007 for the use of the land as a Restricted Recreation Facility (Gymnasium). The applicant gave notice of the application on 14 February 2008 and objections were received. A Planning Mediation Meeting was held on 2 April 2008 but consensus was not reached.

3.4 LATROBE PLANNING SCHEME

State Planning Policy Framework

The State Planning Policy Framework (SPPF) of the Latrobe Planning Scheme has several policies relevant to this application, namely:

Clause 14.01 'Planning for urban settlement', includes the following relevant 'General implementation' matters:

'In planning for urban growth, planning authorities should encourage consolidation of existing urban areas while respecting neighbourhood character. Planning authorities should encourage higher densities and mixed use development near public transport routes.'

Clause 15.05 'Noise abatement' is intended to assist the control of noise effects on sensitive land uses. Its implementation statement states that:

'Planning and responsible authorities should ensure that development is not prejudiced and community amenity is not reduced by noise emissions, using a range of building design, urban design and land use separation techniques as appropriate to the land use functions and character of the area.'

Decision-making by planning and responsible authorities must be consistent with any relevant aspects of the following documents:

- *State environment protection policy (Control of Noise from Commerce, Industry and Trade) No N-1 (in metropolitan Melbourne).*
- *Interim Guidelines for Control of Noise from Industry in Country Victoria (EPA 1989).*
- *State environment protection policy (Control of Music Noise from Public Premises).'*

Local Planning Policy Framework

Municipal Strategic Statement (Clause 21)

Clause 21.01 (Municipal Profile):

Under 'Urban settlement and form' (Clause 21.01-3), Traralgon is one of the three main urban settlements in the municipality, and under 'Environment' (Clause 21.01-5) it is stated that a key aspiration for environmental management in the Latrobe City and for all land uses within the municipality is sustainability.

Within the planning scheme context the main environmental issues are:

- *balancing conflicting land uses; and*
- *ensuring that land use activity does not have an adverse impact on the environment.*

To achieve these, land development and use should be considered in terms of the impact on the broader environment.

Clause 21.04 (Objectives/Strategies/Implementation):

Clause 21.04-1 has a 'Containment' objective (Element 2) to encourage a contained urban development within distinct boundaries and maximise the use of existing infrastructure. Strategies to implement this objective include:

- *Encourage consolidation of urban settlement within the urban zoned boundaries;*
- *To have regard to the local structure plans which identify the development opportunities in well serviced locations within and around the existing towns; and*
- *Strongly discourage urban growth outside the urban development boundaries designated in the relevant local structure plan.*

Zoning

The subject land is zoned Residential 1 Zone (Clause 32.01). A Planning Permit is required to use the land for a Restricted Recreation Facility (Gymnasium) in accordance with Clause 32.01-1.

The 'Purpose' of the Residential 1 Zone is:

- *'To implement the State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement and local planning policies.*
- *To provide for residential development at a range of densities with a variety of dwellings to meet the household needs of all households.*
- *To encourage residential development that that respects the neighbourhood character.*
- *In appropriate locations, to allow educational, recreational, religious, community and a limited range of other non-residential uses to serve local community needs.'*

Overlay

No overlays apply to the subject land.

Particular Provisions

Clause 52.02 Easements, Restrictions and Reserves:
The land is encumbered by a major Gippsland Water easement but the building is clear of the easement.

Clause 52.05 Advertising signs:

No signage is proposed at this stage. Any future signage would be required to comply with the Clause.

Clause 52.06 Car Parking:

The use is not defined in the table. If a planning permit is granted, it is recommended that off-street parking be provided for 8 cars. Council traffic engineers consider that this figure would meet the estimated traffic demand.

Clause 52.11 Home Occupation:

This clause prescribes the requirements that must be met in order to meet the definition of a home occupation. It is considered that the application does not meet the home occupation provisions of the Planning Scheme and a permit must be applied for a 'Restricted Recreation facility (gymnasium)'.

Decision Guidelines (Clause 65)

The Responsible Authority must decide whether the proposal will produce acceptable outcomes in terms of the decision guidelines in this clause. In accordance with Clause 65.01 the responsible Authority must consider, as appropriate;

- *'The matters set out in Section 60 of the Act.*
- *The State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement and local planning policies.*
- *The purpose of the zone, overlay or other provision.*
- *Any matter required to be considered in the zone, overlay or other provision.*
- *The orderly planning of the area.*
- *The effect on the amenity of the area.*
- *The proximity of the land to any public land.*
- *Factors likely to cause or contribute to land degradation, salinity or reduce water quality.*
- *Whether the proposed development is designed to maintain or improve the quality of stormwater within and exiting the site.*
- *The extent and character of native vegetation and the likelihood of its destruction.*
- *Whether native vegetation is to be or can be protected, planted or allowed to regenerate.*
- *The degree of flood, erosion or fire hazard associated with the location of the land and the use, development or management of the land so as to minimise any such hazard.'*

Incorporated Documents (Clause 81)

No incorporated documents apply to this application.

4. **INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION**

Engagement Methods Used:

Notification:

The application was advertised by sending notices to adjoining landowners and occupiers according to section 52(1) (a) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act).

External:

The application did not require referral pursuant to section 55 of the Act.

Internal:

The application was referred to Council's Project Services Team who had no comments.

Details of Community Consultation following Notification:

Following the notification of the application, five submissions were received. Two submissions were from the applicant. Three submissions were from the objectors one of which contained a petition with 8 signatories. A Planning Mediation Meeting was held on 2 April 2008 but consensus was not reached with the parties that would have allowed the matter to be dealt with under officer delegation.

5. **ISSUES**

Strategic direction of the State and Local Planning Policy Frameworks:

It is considered that the application does not comply with the strategic direction of the State and Local Planning Policy Framework.

'Purpose' of the Residential 1 Zone:

It is considered that the application does not comply with the 'Purpose' of the Residential 1 Zone.

Clause 65 (Decision Guidelines):

It is considered that the application does not comply with the appropriate 'Decision Guidelines' and in particular;

- *The purpose of the zone, overlay or other provision.*
- *Any matter required to be considered in the zone, overlay or other provision.*
- *The orderly planning of the area.*
- *The effect on the amenity of the area.*

The application received three submissions in the form of objections and two submissions from the applicant.

The issues can be summarised as:

1. Increased traffic leading to loss of amenity

Comment:

Cross's Road is a collector road that is capable of accommodating 3000 vehicle trips per day (VPD). According to Council's traffic engineers' estimate of current usage, the road has capacity to accommodate an increase in traffic movements.

However Council must consider the impact of that traffic on the adjoining residential properties through traffic movement, public safety and noise nuisance. These are amenity issues. Council must also consider the appropriateness of a large off-street parking area, which is more reflective of a business, in the front setback of a residential lot.

It is considered that the increased volume of traffic entering and leaving a residential property is inappropriate in a residential zone and will have an adverse impact on the amenity of the adjoining residential lots through increased noise nuisance and increased safety risk and visual intrusion during the proposed hours of operation.

It is also considered that the impact of a large car park in the front setback of a residential property would constitute an inappropriate visual intrusion into a predominantly residential neighbourhood.

2. Increased noise

Comment:

As stated above, it is considered that there will be increased noise nuisance from the additional traffic movements. It may be possible to control the traffic noise by the installation of sound barriers, but these are often at least 2m high and this could add an intrusive element to the front garden.

While the occupants of the dwelling may enjoy amplified music generated for their own personal enjoyment, there would be a risk that amplified music from proposed training sessions would be of an intensity and duration that would disrupt the amenity of the area. The building could be sound insulated, but such insulation is only effective if windows and openings are permanently sealed, double glazed and cannot be opened.

Such noise impacts are considered to be inconsistent with the need to protect the residential amenity of the Residential 1 Zone.

3. Inappropriate location for a commercial/business location.

Comment:

While the purpose of the Residential 1 Zone is to provide for residential development, there is also an additional purpose to allow a limited range of non-residential uses known as discretionary uses, in appropriate residential locations.

It is considered that the application does not meet the criterion that defines a non-residential use, as it is essentially a business use.

4. Hours of operation.

Comment:

The applicant proposes to operate generally between the hours of 6.00 am and 11.00 am and 4.00 pm and 8.30 pm weekdays and 8.00 am until 12 noon Saturdays. Traffic will start arriving on site at or before 6.00 am and it is considered that this impact of traffic movements and noise nuisance will not be appropriate in a Residential 1 Zone as it will affect the amenity of that area.

On 19 December 2005, Council refused an application for an Indoor Recreation Facility at 252 Franklin Street, Traralgon. 252 Franklin Street is a large residential lot of 1.6ha on the corner of Franklin Street and Paul Street. The facility was to be used for martial arts. The applicant appealed against the refusal and at a VCAT hearing the refusal was overturned and a permit issued.

The Franklin Street development was restricted to 17.5 hours per week with evening sessions, Monday to Friday from 5.00 pm – 9.00 pm and Saturday from 9.00 am – 5.00 pm.

The Franklin Street building was a detached building not connected to the dwelling. The maximum number of people allowed in the building was 16. The 252 Franklin Street property is approximately four times as large as the 94 Cross's Road property.

6. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

Additional resources or financial cost will only be incurred should the planning permit application require determination at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT).

7. OPTIONS

Council has the following options in regard to this application:

- Issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit
- Issue a Refusal to Grant a Permit

Council's decision must be based on planning grounds, having regard to the provisions of the Latrobe Planning Scheme.

8. CONCLUSION

It is considered that the subject land is more intensely developed than the Franklin Street site and that the proposed use will affect the amenity of the area due to the hours of operation and traffic movements.

The proposal is therefore considered to be:

- Not consistent with the strategic direction of the State and Local Planning Policy Frameworks;
- Not consistent with the 'Purpose' of the Residential 1 Zone;
- Not consistent with Clause 65 (Decision Guidelines); and
- The objections and submissions received have been considered against the provisions of the Latrobe Planning Scheme and the relevant planning concerns have been considered. It is considered that the objections form planning grounds on which the application should be refused.

9. RECOMMENDATION

That Council DECIDES to issue a Notice of Refusal to Grant a Permit for the Use of land for a Restricted Recreation Facility (Gymnasium) at 94 Cross's Road, Traralgon (Lot 4 PS 531365) with the following conditions:

1. The use is inconsistent with the orderly and proper planning of the area.
2. The use is not consistent with the 'Purpose' of the Residential 1 Zone.
3. The use will materially affect the amenity of the area through noise nuisance caused by the impact of traffic generated by the use and amplified music.

Moved: Cr Wilson

Seconded: Cr Lloyd

That Council DECIDES to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit for the Use of land for a Restricted Recreation Facility (Gymnasium) at 94 Cross's Road, Traralgon (Lot 4 PS 531365) with the following conditions:

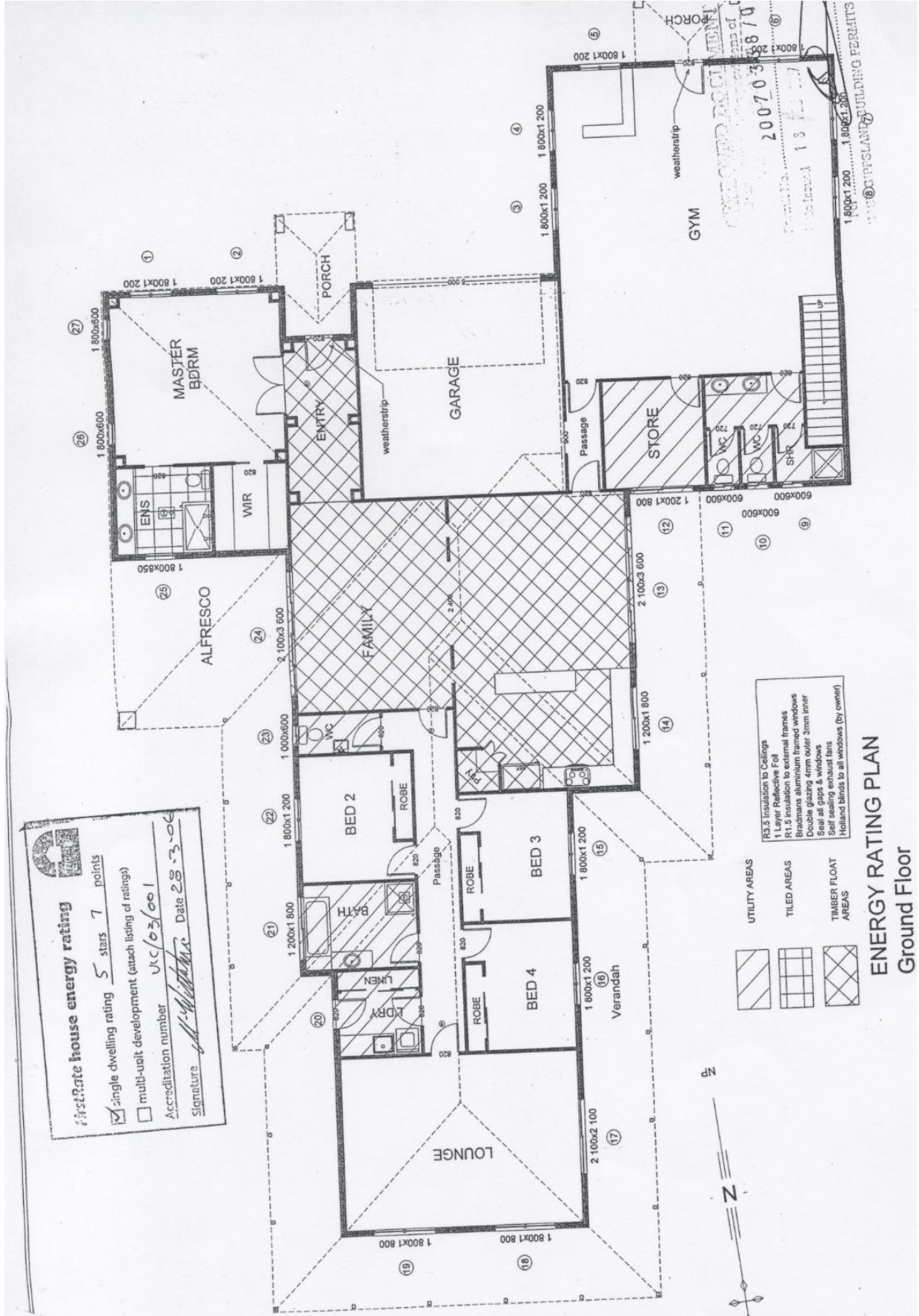
1. The use as shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered without the written consent of the Responsible Authority.
2. The maximum number of patrons must not exceed 10 and the maximum number of staff, who do not live on the premises, must not exceed 2 at any session.
3. The use may only operate between the hours of:
 - 6.00am - 10.00am and 4.30pm - 8.00pm Monday to Friday.
 - 8.00am - 11.00am Saturday.
4. Ten car spaces must be provided on the land for the use and development. This number does not include those car spaces for the sole use of the dwelling residents. The car spaces must be suitably and reasonably screened from nearby properties by solid fences or dense shrubs.
5. Before the use starts, the area set aside for the parking of vehicles and access lanes as shown on the endorsed plans must be:
 - a) constructed and properly formed to such levels that they can be used in accordance with the plans;
 - b) surfaced with an all-weather-seal coat and drained;
 - c) line marked to indicate each car space and all access lanes;
 - d) designed and laid out according to Australian Standard AS/NZS 2890.1:2004, *Parking Facilities – Off-street car parking*.Car spaces, access lanes and driveways must be kept available for these purposes at all times to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
6. All car parking spaces must be designed to allow all vehicles to drive forward both when entering and leaving the property.

7. The use must be managed so that the amenity of the area is not detrimentally affected, through the:
 - a) transport of materials, goods or commodities to or from the land;
 - b) appearance of any building, works or materials;
 - c) emission of noise, artificial light, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, waste water, waste products, grit or oil.
8. No external sound amplification equipment or loudspeakers are to be used for the purpose of announcement, broadcast, playing of music or similar purpose.
9. Noise levels emanating from the land must comply with the requirements of the Environment Protection Authority's Information Bulletin No. N3/89 *Interim Guidelines for the Control of Noise in Country Victoria*.
10. The maximum area of any advertising sign used to promote the business must not exceed 0.3 m² in area and must not be illuminated by external or internal light.
11. This permit will expire if the use is not started within two years of the date of this permit.
The Responsible Authority may extend the periods referred to if a request is made in writing before the permit expires, or within three months afterwards.

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ATTACHMENTS





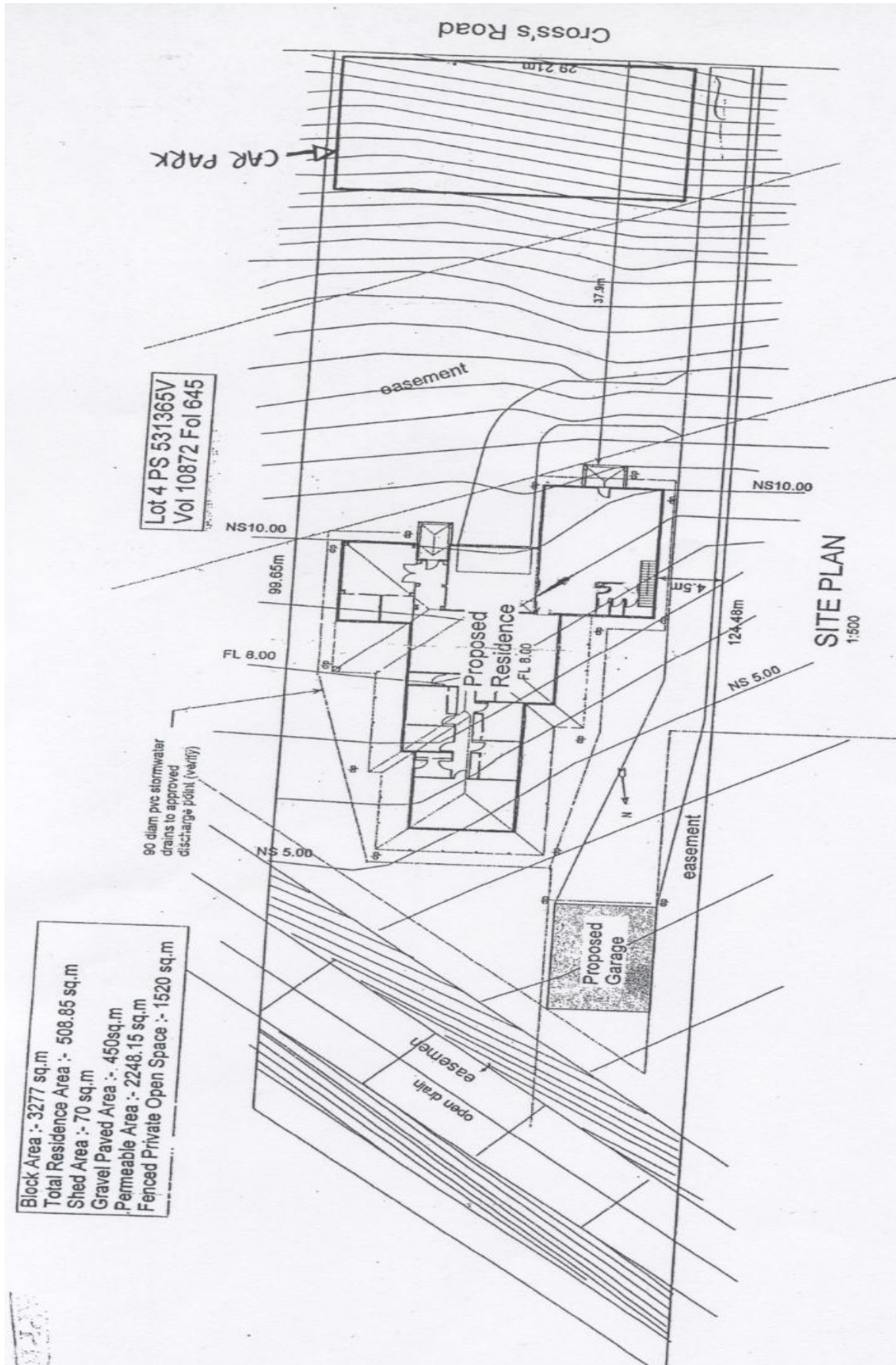
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- UTILITY AREAS**
- RS.5 Insulation to Ceilings
 - 11.5 or Reflective Foil
 - R1.5 Insulation to external frames
 - Brassmans aluminium framed windows
 - Double glazing 4mm outer 3mm inner
 - Seal all gaps & windows
 - Self sealing exhaust fans
 - Holland blinds to all windows (by owner)
- TILED AREAS**
- TIMBER FLOAT AREAS**

ENERGY RATING PLAN
 Ground Floor



APPROVED DOCUMENT
 20070318
 18 JUN 2007
 BUILDING PERMITS



Latrobe City Council
PO Box 264
Morwell 3840

26 February 2008

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to object to the proposed Application for a Planning Permit at 94 Crosses Rd, Traralgon. The Application Reference Number is 2007/410.

It should be noted that the business has been operating without a permit since the beginning of September 2007. The owners of the property lodged this application after pressure was put on by the Planning Officers at Latrobe City Council.

This neighbourhood is approximately 5 km from the Central Business District. As such, we believe it is inappropriate to have such a business located in a Residential area. While Crosses Rd has become busier in recent years, it is still a relatively quiet area where there are many young families. Having a business, in particular, a business that operates outside of normal business hours is not in keeping with the adjacent area.

It should be noted that much of the information that was sent out by Ms Barrett was misleading to neighbours. Her letter suggested that the permit was for a Home Occupation. Under the regulations governing Home Occupation the total area used for the business would be less than 100 metres squared. The area being used is in excess of 200 metres squared. In order to operate a Home Occupation the proprietors need to be in residence. They are not. The planning officers decided that it did not meet the guidelines. Our concern is that Ms Barrett's accompanying letter was inaccurate and leads to confusion to those of us not familiar with the rules.

In the planning permit, as seen on display at Council Offices, Ms Barrett has stated that eight car spaces are required but, in fact, there is provision for sixteen cars. Why is it necessary to have such a large carpark if the intention is to keep numbers low as stated in the application. The forms are misleading as they suggest that a Home Occupation is, again, the purpose. People unfamiliar with the process would be easily confused and believe that this business is within the realms of being reasonable for our area.

As stated previously, this business was started on this location in early September after advertising the move from the CBD in the local paper. Council was contacted in July as reports were received from reliable sources that the intent was for a business venture. For six weeks, we were concerned that no action was taken and no questions asked. This matter should have been addressed prior to the business operating. A permit should have been deemed necessary and occupancy postponed until due processes were complete.

The appropriate place for a Restricted Recreation Facility (Gymnasium) is within the Business Districts in the vicinity of the CBD. If we, as residents wished to have businesses such as this close by, then we would choose to live closer to town. The

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area does not need such a business located in Crosses Rd. The increase in traffic and the inappropriate provisions for safe access to and from the property, potentially endanger the large number of residents that walk along the footpaths including the aged and young children.

We urge you to reject this proposal particularly as regulations have been ignored until recently. We believe this will be detrimental to our neighbourhood and, as a result, the values of our properties will be adversely affected. We strongly object to this proposal.

Yours Sincerely



Julie and John McKay
97 Crosses Rd
Traralgon 3844

On behalf of

Name	Address
Crystal Pawley	95 Cross's Rd
Tom Pawley	95 Cross's Rd.
RYAN VELLA	93 Cross's Rd
Kristin Vella	93 Cross's Rd.
Teresita Flewin	91 Cross's Rd
Coli Flewin	91 Cross's Rd
Gavin Mackintosh	101 Cross's Rd
Maya Nambi	99 Cross's Road.

Mr Paul Buckley
 Latrobe City Council
 PO Box 264
 Morwell 3840

5 March 2008

Dear Mr Buckley

We are writing with concern about a residence in our neighbourhood, 94 Crosses Rd Traralgon. There is currently a gymnasium operating from those premises without permission or a permit and we are unhappy that this is being allowed to continue.

Last July we began contacting Robert Dunlop, as we heard strong rumours that this would happen but we were told that we had to find evidence that this was occurring. In early September an advertisement appeared in the local paper advertising that "Feminine Physique" was moving from the CBD to 94 Crosses Rd on the 4th September 2007. We contacted Robert with those details. Since then we have conferred many times and, finally, there was a planning permit application made by the owner dated the 16th November 2007. This is 2 and a half months after opening.

The permit was for a Home Occupation but it has been deemed ineligible for a number of reasons including the size of the premises, 206 sqm and the nature and size of the business. The permit was adjusted to Restricted Recreation Facility and the Notice of an Application for a Planning Permit was sent out to residents on the 14th February 2008, 5 and a half months after opening. A delay of a further three months.

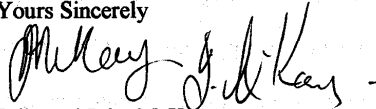
At this stage, we would like to point out that the owners are still not residing at the premises.

When the notice was finally sent to some of the residents there was a letter attached from the owner, Olivia Barrett. The letter outlined reasons why there had been a delay and that she was applying for a Home Occupation Permit. As Robert pointed out, the important part was the official notice, but when we discussed this with our neighbours, they assumed it was a formality, confirming our concern that it was misleading and inappropriate. We are not familiar with the local council by-laws and we have also struggled to find information so it is a very onerous task for the average householder.

At 100 Crosses Rd there is a proposal to develop townhouses. The objections to this had to be in by the 22nd December 2007. The mediation meeting is to be held at the end of March, a delay of 3 months. If this was to happen at 94 Crosses Rd then the meeting will be at the end of May and their business would have been fully operational for more than nine months!

We request that this issue be investigated and that meetings are completed as early as possible. Should you require further details we have documented discussions and evidence relating to this business and would be happy to answer any questions or concerns.

Yours Sincerely



Julie and John McKay
 97 Crosses Rd
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DAVID & BILLIE NESS

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Return Address:
Main Road
Tyers VIC 3844

17 February 2008

To whom it may concern

RE:94 Cross Road, Traralgon

This letter is to object to the permit for a Restricted Recreation facility (Gymnasium) for the above address.

Our objections are as follows;

- Noise
- Traffic
- Hours of Operation

Our first concern is the noise that is generally associated with a gymnasium including loud music, loud conversations to and from the gymnasium all of which will affect our comfort and privacy. The letter we were sent with the application states that trying to cover up the level of noise which states clearly to us that noise is and will be an issue.

The extra traffic that will flow into the neighbourhood due to this business is concerning as the planning has not allowed for this. In contrast to the letter sent with this permit application, there has been occasions when we have passed the property listed above and seen the car park full and cars still parked along the street. The noise associated with cars coming and going all hours of the day as well as doors slamming is also a concern we have. We find it interesting in the letter received that states she is a personal trainer with one on one clients, why would a car park then be necessary as there should only be one car at a time.

We strongly object to the hours of operation as it is zoned as a residential area and therefore these hours run outside the noise restriction times. We bought this property under the impression that we were moving into a residential area and that businesses were not permitted within the immediate vicinity.

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The owners of 94 Cross Road were aware when signing the second contract that a business was not to be operated from the residence but have continued to erect and operate a business clearly ignoring the laws.

All of the above is going to have an impact on our families lives and our property. Stated in the application letter from the owner they built 40 metres from the road so that it would not have an impact on neighbours but we are restricted due to an easement, resulting in our home being built 40 metres from the road.

Please consider declining this application for a business as it is a residential area and we would like it to remain as such.

Sincerely,



David Ness



Billie Ness

Mr & Mrs A Barrett
94 Cross's Road
Traralgon
Vic 3844

13/02/2008

Dear Neighbour,

I am Olivia Barrett from 94 Cross's Road. I'm sure you are aware that I am a Personal Trainer and am operating my business from my new residence. Since the age of 13 my ambition was to become a reputable Personal Trainer and to be able to train my clients from my home in order to provide them with the privacy that is lacking in that of mainstream gymnasiums.

I have worked in the Latrobe Valley since 1999 in various mainstream health and fitness centres and while I enjoyed working with my employers, I continually found that there was the need for more personalised instruction so that participants could achieve their fitness objectives. I also noted that unless women were seriously into lifting weights they were overlooked. It was then that I decided to fulfil my ambition and establish my own Private Personal Training Studio, which I call "Feminine Physique".

To many regular folk it is assumed that I am just another 'gym' -- which I find to be an inaccurate term as my clients that I have supported over the past 3.5 years would attest that the outstanding personalised instruction, guidance and support they receive from me is far superior to the service that they have received in the local health and fitness centres. The simple reason for this is that I service a limited number of clients and so I can give them the special attention needed to assist them in achieving the health and fitness goals.

In March 2004 my husband Alan and I secured our current residential site and investigated the possibility of operating my business from home. In accordance with our land contract at that time we were permitted to operate a home occupation provided that it did not exceed 100m². In line with this guideline we had our house plans drafted to include my occupation on site.

In the meantime I leased a premises on Hotham Street, Traralgon in order to build my clientele and to continue to do what I loved most.

As you would all be aware Stage 1 of Riverslea was delayed several times from having titles passed due to the complication of the regional outfall sewer drain. Finally in late 2005 we received notice from the Council that our title was processed but that the land had to be re subdivided which affected the shape and size of our block.

As a result of this amendment our original private laneway/hatchet shaped block became a rectangular shaped block. While that took away from some of the privacy we desired it did allow for us to relocate our carpark to the front of the house. And so we began construction in March 2006.

It has only been drawn to our attention after relocating my business to our residence that it seems the original contract we signed was amended during the extended wait for titles. After much discussion with the Council the original documents from March 2004 are not on file and so our only reference are the amended contractual documents from 2005.

Subsequently, I am now required to go through a standard process of applying for a planning permit. I find this to be quite embarrassing as I am an articulate person and had I been aware of this situation earlier the appropriate steps would have been taken to fulfill this process in the correct manner.

Enclosed for your perusal is a copy of the Application for a Planning Permit for my home occupation. I have also noted below some considerations as highlighted by the Latrobe City Planning Scheme that I believed are important provisions in maintaining an aesthetically pleasing neighbourhood.

Alan and I thank you for your patience during this trying time and are happy to answer any queries in relation to the application.

Yours Sincerely



Olivia Barrett

Considerations:

To ensure that my occupation does not adversely affect the amenity of the neighbourhood in any way, I have consulted the Latrobe City Planning Scheme and have taken the necessary steps to ensure that:

1. The appearance of the building is a well-presented modern house.
2. A more than sufficient on-site car parking area has been established on the property site for all clients to use as well as cater for transitional times where required.
3. A 1.8 metre high fence is currently being erected on the property to screen the car park area so as not to visually impose on the neighbourhood.
4. The occupation is situated 40 metres back from the main road and is away from other properties so that neighbours cannot hear noise.
5. The operational hours of the occupation are:

MON-TUE-THU	6am-11am / 4pm-8:30pm
WED	6am-11am / 4:30pm-8:30pm
FRI	6am-11am / 4:30pm-7pm
SAT	8am-12pm
6. My occupation for the majority of its requirements uses the ground floor of my dwelling and requires a floor area of less than 40 square metres. I am aware that if I only used this floor area no permit would be required. However, there are times when my occupation requires extra floor space, which exceeds 40 square metres, but less than 100 square metres. In such circumstances an extra floor area of 56 square metres could potentially be used to accommodate this need. It is for these circumstances that I require a permit.

Latrobe City Council
PO Box 264
Morwell 3840

8 April, 2008

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in response to the letters of objection from John and Julie McKay that were attached to the Council documents that were discussed at the planning mediation meeting on the 2nd April, 2008.

The reason this response was delayed was due to the fact that until this meeting we were not notified of other objections/concerns to our application for a Restricted Recreational Facility (Gymnasium). This certainly made an already difficult situation amplified for my husband and I as we were expecting to meet only with the residents of 98 Cross's Road to discuss the concerns which we had received notification of on the 21st February, 2008.

We understand that the Latrobe City Council receives an abundance of mail daily and that for some reason or other it was an oversight that that we were not notified of the objection sooner and we appreciate the opportunity to formally address the concerns of the McKay's.

In relation to the concern of the **location of my business** in a residential area I would like to clarify that Cross's Road is a road that is not only used by local residents. It is extensively used by those living in other areas of West End as an alternative to Grey Street. It is a heavily used road similar to that of Kay St and Grey Street and is a thoroughfare that services those living in Tyres, Yallourn Nth their surrounding areas and a high proportion of trucks. The recent investment of \$315,00.00 by the Latrobe City Council to upgrade Cross's Road highlights that this road is intended to take a large amount of traffic therefore the few amount of clients that I have each day would not impact on the use of this road.

Cross's Road and it's surrounding streets already caters to businesses and organizations of different intensities in the immediate vicinity of our properties including the Gippsland Water Treatment Plantation (100m from our residences), The Truck Whisperer depot on Ashworth Drive (200m from our residences), St Paul's Grammar School (700m from our residences), The Salvation Army (800m from our residences) and in the next street (500m from our residences) Brian and Michelle Ford are permitted to operate their Poolside Swim School business from home with a provision of 8 car parking spaces on the site of their property on Wirilda Crescent/Sundale Road. My operation is similar to that of the Pool Side Swim School, I have allowed for ample parking on my property for client use so that the amenity of the neighbourhood is not affected. So while my neighbours feel it is inappropriate to have a business in our neighbourhood it is evident that there are provisions to permit businesses of different intensities.


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In relation to the concern of the **operation hours** of my business not keeping with the adjacent area I would like to clarify that we have consulted the Latrobe City Planning Scheme and have taken the necessary steps to ensure that my occupation does not adversely affect the amenity of the neighbourhood in any way. These include

1. The appearance of the building is a well-presented modern house.
2. A more than sufficient on-site car parking area has been established on the property site for all clients to use as well as cater for transitional times where required.
3. A 1.8 metre high fence is currently being erected on the property to screen the car park area so as not to visually impose on the neighbourhood.

Alan and I expressed at the planning mediation meeting on the 2nd April, 2008 that we were happy to take on board any recommendations suggested by Council in order to allow for our application to be approved.

Yours Sincerely,



Olivia Barrett

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

5.1 **HARD GARBAGE COLLECTION FOR 2008/9 AND NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Mr Bruce Bremner asked the following question:

Question

I refer to the following extract from Council Minutes of Meeting 21 April 2008.

"In response to your questions submitted to the Ordinary Council Meeting of 7 April 2008 regarding hard garbage collection for 2008/2009 and the Hard Garbage Advisory Committee, responses to your questions are as follows:

1. *When will Council announce its decision as to (free) hard garbage collections for 2008/2009?*

Latrobe City Council is currently compiling data regarding the hard waste collection service including voucher usage, voucher return and patronage of the at call service.

This information will be reported to Council in May 2008.

2. *What is the status of the Hard Garbage Advisory Committee?*

Consultation with the public will be considered by Council in May 2008. Consultation will be consistent with Council's Community Engagement Policy and Strategy. The report to council will resolve questions of the future need for meetings of this group."

On looking through May & June Minutes, and Agenda for 16 June 2008, it does not seem that a report has been considered, nor does the matter seem to have been covered in the budget adopted for 2008/2009. Could an update please be provided?

Answer

The Mayor responded that the question will be taken on notice with the answers provided in writing and also included in the Minutes of this meeting (see below).

Our Ref: DataWorks
BL:MP

18 June 2008

Mr Bruce Bremner
Assistant Secretary
Traralgon Chamber of Commerce and Industry
PO Box 79
TRARALGON VIC 3844

Dear Mr Bremner

HARD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

Thank you for your question tabled at the 16 June 2008 Council meeting in relation to a hard waste collection service for 2008/09.

Hard waste collection practices are currently being reviewed at a state level by a working party comprising of Work Safe, Waste Management Association of Victoria, Transport Unions and the Municipal Association of Victoria.

As you may be aware, the delivery of this service varies widely from one municipality to the next with over half of the councils in Victoria choosing not to provide a service. The working party will develop a guide for the collection of hard waste which Latrobe City Council hopes will provide a standardised approach to the provision of such a service for all councils in Victoria.

It was the intention of Council to consider the hard waste collection options in May 2008, however without these overarching guidelines by regulatory authorities, any decision on the way forward in this matter was deemed to be inappropriate.

Latrobe City Council is hopeful that these guidelines will be released publicly in mid July 2008. Latrobe City has again recently communicated formally to both Worksafe and the MAV that we are extremely frustrated by the constant delays encountered in establishing these standards. This process has now been in progress for over four years and clearly Latrobe City Council is in need of this high level guidance to enable us to move forward confidently in relation to the provision or otherwise of this service.

On presentation to Council, consideration will also be given to the status of the Hard Waste Project Review Group.

Yours sincerely



CR BRUCE LOUGHEED
Mayor

ITEMS REFERRED BY THE COUNCIL

7.1 MORWELL OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN RESULTS OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

AUTHOR: Acting General Manager City Infrastructure
(ATTACHMENT – YES)

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the results of the community consultation process in relation to the draft Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan and to seek Council adoption of the plan.

2. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report is consistent with Council's Latrobe 2021 vision document and the Council Plan 2007-2011.

Latrobe 2021 and Council Plan 2007 – 2011

Strategic Objective - Liveability

By enriching the vibrancy and diversity of community life through promoting and supporting recreation facilities and services in the municipality.

Strategic Action - Conduct an assessment of recreational facilities in the municipality to support the changing demographic of the community.

Recreation and Leisure Strategy 2006

Action - Prepare Township Sports Facility Plans.

The implementation plan adopted with the strategy outlined that Council would complete an outdoor recreation plan each year, for a different area within Latrobe City for the next 5 years.

This report is consistent with Council's Latrobe 2021 vision document and the Council Plan 2007-2011.

3. BACKGROUND

The draft Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan was presented to Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 March 2008. Council resolved to release the draft plan for public comment in accordance with the Council resolution as follows:

1. That Council releases the draft Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan for public comment in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy and Strategy.
2. That the draft Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan be forwarded to all groups involved in the initial consultation and placed on the Latrobe City website.
3. That written submissions in relation to the Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan be received until 14 April 2008.
4. That a further report be presented to Council following the community engagement process regarding the draft Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan.

All groups involved in the initial consultation were contacted and advised that the draft plan was available on Council's website or were forwarded a copy of the draft plan.

4. ISSUES

The following table represents a summary of the submissions received during the consultation process. Also included in this table are officer's recommendations in relation to incorporating suggestions brought forward into the plan now being presented to Council for adoption. Copies of the submissions are attached to this report.

Submission From	Submission Details	Changes to Plan?		Response
		Yes	No	
Morwell Baseball Club (re: Toners Lane Reserve)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support road being upgraded, but would like it sealed. • Support defining of car park. Request that car park not impact on the size of the adjacent baseball diamond and that safety buffers between car park and diamond remain similar to current situation (wooden fencing). Would like car park to be sealed. • Support signage at the reserve. • Support the principle of sharing clubrooms with the dog club but would like separate rooms with constantina wall, a 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sealing of access road would be cost prohibitive and is not supported. • Defining / formalising car park will not impact on the size of the existing baseball diamond and the importance of safety barriers between the car park and diamond is noted. The sealing of the car park would be cost prohibitive and is not supported. • Noted. • Club building requirements to be referred to the detailed design process, which will be undertaken in

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	<p>verandah on the baseball side of building, separate kitchens and a water tank. The club has queries regarding the design and proposed orientation of the building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support provision of safety net and ground levelling, but request improved drainage. • Would like to upgrade the water supply. • Request to capture and re-use ground water run-off. • Request for lighting upgrade and provision of lighting on the junior diamond. • Perimeter / diamond fencing is in poor condition and needs to be repaired. • Would support changing orientation of existing diamond, but would require significant work. 	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>	<p>partnership with all stakeholders (including club and Council representatives).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master plan to support drainage improvements in order to improve the overall surface of the diamonds. • Water supply to the reserve cannot be readily upgraded however the installation of water tank/s as part of the proposed building development is supported. • This proposal requires further investigation, however is likely to incur significant capital works and expenditure and is not supported at this time. • The provision of lighting on the junior diamond is difficult to justify. Baseball is a summer sport and the main diamond should be sufficient in size to accommodate any training after dark. The request to upgrade lighting on the main diamond however is supported. • Support the repair of perimeter fencing. • The master plan does not propose to change the existing orientation of the baseball diamonds.
Gippsland Historical Automobile Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to retain dedicated clubrooms and not consolidate facilities with the Motorcycle Club. The Auto Club is family 	<p>✓</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reference to the consolidation of auto and motorcycle clubroom facilities to be removed from the plan.

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(re: Toners Lane Reserve)	<p>orientated and does not have, or intend to apply for a liquor licence. Rooms are available to other reserve users.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing clubrooms adequately service the club's needs, however kitchen and toilet facilities require an upgrade. Funding assistance for this upgrade would be welcomed. 		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master plan supports the upgrade of clubrooms to include disability access and a kitchen upgrade. The club is eligible to apply to Council for funding assistance for facility improvements. It should be noted however that there are generally fewer funding opportunities for exclusive use facilities (as compared to multi-use facilities).
<p>Us and Them Tourers</p> <p>(re: Toners Lane Reserve)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reject proposed consolidation of clubroom facilities with the auto club due to various reasons of incompatibility (i.e. clubs active at similar times). Clubs preferred option is to remain in its present location and with Council support, upgrade the existing facility to a higher standard by: Upgrade toilet facilities to accommodate disability access. Re-clad external wall of main building. Enclose northern extension undercover area with new materials and two roller door access. Lay concrete slabs in northern and southern extensions. Remove pre-existing VDMC/MRA building. Supply suitable native plants. 	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reference to the consolidation of auto and motorcycle clubroom facilities to be removed from the plan. Master plan supports the upgrade of facilities to enable access for people with disabilities. The club is eligible to apply to Council for funding assistance for facility improvements. It should be noted however that there are generally fewer funding opportunities for exclusive use facilities (as compared to multi-use facilities). Noted however plan does not focus on this level of detail

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply of fencing materials/gates for front fence. 		✓	
Boola Valley Archery Club (re: Toners Lane Reserve)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boola Valley Archery Club to be listed in the master plan as a user of the Toners Lane Reserve. 	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan to include reference to the Boola Valley Archery Club.
Joe Hutchison (former Director on the VCFL Board) (re: Morwell Rec. Reserve/Keep an St Reserve)	<p>The following improvements are required to make the Morwell Recreation Reserve a top venue for AFL or VCFL representative football.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The entrance to the venue is a disgrace and a new entrance is needed urgently. The lighting needs to be increased so that night games can be played (at least another 5 lights per pole). Change rooms for female umpires. Undercover shelters for spectators around the ground. Area between kiosk and change rooms made into undercover standing area. Undercover roof in front of change rooms and Gippsland Power Offices. New electronic scoreboard. Replace old storage sheds near croquet courts. 	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master plan proposes the widening of the entrance gates into the reserve to allow improved two-way traffic movement. Expand recommendation to include improved visual amenity at Travers Street entrance. Existing lighting adequately caters for the needs of the clubs. Any lighting upgrade would need to be justified and funded by the football clubs / league. Master plan supports renovation of football clubrooms, including change facilities for female umpires. Shelter for spectators is available in the grandstand. The provision of additional undercover areas is not supported. Council would support the installation of an electronic scoreboard, but would be unlikely to contribute funding. Master plan supports the consolidation of storage sheds at the reserve.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make old Caravan Park into parking area with entrance from football ground. • New proposed change rooms for Gippsland Power is great, but should be under Council control and available to whoever hires the ground. Rooms should be able to divide in two and used by other clubs when required. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future consideration to be given to the balance of the former Caravan Park site (including the need for additional / overflow car parking). • Operational issue to be negotiated between stakeholders. It should be noted however that whilst Council controls the site, Gippsland Power proposes to fund the facility development.
<p>Morwell Cricket Club (re: Morwell Rec. Reserve/Keegan St Reserve)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration to be given to the installation of a double garage at current site of public toilets, to store maintenance equipment due to central location. • Potential use of disused tennis courts for an all weather training facility. • Opportunity to formalise a ground management committee. • No mention of ongoing cape weed management program. • Proposed trees behind the wicket will cause an issue for batsmen. • Remove the chain link fence around the Keegan Street oval and replace with something more aesthetically pleasing. • Consider removing the chain link fence along the freeway side of the ground proper, removing the asphalt and replacing it with grass. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The master plan recommends the consolidation of storage sheds at the reserve, and therefore does not support the development of any additional sheds. • The Bowls Club plan to purchase the site to enable the expansion of their facilities (additional car parking required). • Operational issue. • Operational issue. • Proposed tree planting to exclude area behind the wicket. Reference to such trees to be deleted from the plan. • Master plan recommends to repair perimeter fencing and remove sections where no longer required. • Master plan to include reference to the removal of fence and asphalt area, as proposed by club.

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Morwell Youth Club RSL & Citizens Junior Football Club (re: Northern Reserve)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General support for improvements including the provision of training lights, car park upgrade and consolidation of public toilets. • Main priority is making the playing surface safe. Would welcome enhanced irrigation and re-seeding. • Require clarification on proposed building redevelopment (i.e. redevelopment of existing building, or construction of new building?). • Club is not adverse to sharing facilities with Morwell Tigers, but wish to continue to display memorabilia in a secure manner. • Assume car parking areas will be bitumen as the standard of many other sporting facilities in LC. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • Master plan proposes to improve the surface of oval, including irrigation. • Master plan proposes the development of a new building. • Location / arrangements for club memorabilia display to be considered as part of detailed design process for the building development. • Master plan proposes to define and consolidate parking area adjacent to Holmes Road. It does not propose to seal the car park, due to high capital costs associated with such works.
Latrobe Junior Hockey Association (re: Maryvale Reserve)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the master plan for Maryvale Reserve. • Request the levelling of the mounds be given high priority as they pose a potential safety risk to players. • The locations of the mounds shown on the master plan are incorrect. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓ ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted. • Priority works to be considered in the preparation of the Implementation Plan. • Master plan to be amended to show correct location of the mounds.
Morwell Park Primary School (re: Morwell Park Netball Centre)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy with the general content of the master plan 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed realignment of netball courts (reduction in courts) will impact on annual netball events. (i.e. 20 team round robin). 	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand first recommendation (re: court reconfiguration) to consider the needs of the 'schools network' (in addition to the needs of Association and Netball Victoria).
Gippsland Obedience Dog Club Inc. (re: Toners Lane Reserve)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club has communication issues with the Baseball Club, which stems from dog faeces left on diamonds. Club is growing with more than 150 members and need a lot more room to train members and dogs. Any less land will not benefit club members. Club has received complaints relating to baseball club members who use the shared toilets / storage facilities and 'stir-up' tethered and/or dogs working. Club would like to have their own identity and not as a mixed sporting facility as it may deter future members. The club queries why they should have to continually accommodate the baseball club, who should have been more proactive in improving their own facilities. Club would be happy for Council to accommodate the club with disability facilities. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operational issue. Master plan does not propose to expand or reduce the size of the existing dog obedience site. Operational issue. The development of a shared clubroom facility is recommended due to the close proximity of existing facilities, the existing sharing arrangements that are in place (i.e. toilets), the different club training / competition times and the need to undertake improvements at both clubroom facilities. The retention and upgrade of both clubroom facilities is therefore not supported, but rather the consolidation of facilities into a larger, multi-use building that can accommodate the needs of both clubs. Noted.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club would encourage a larger undercover area to be built or extended to protect members and their dogs from extreme weather conditions. 		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undercover area to be referred to the detailed design process for the multi-use building, which will be undertaken in partnership with all stakeholders (including club and Council representatives).
<p>Steve Hutchison (former President of Morwell Football Club)</p> <p>(re: Morwell Rec. Reserve / Keegan St Reserve)</p>	<p>Submission lists Master Plan priorities, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grandstand: Replace seating, replace & relocate gas hot water system, extend umpires room, extend rear Morwell dressing room, provision for radio / TV calling of games. Gert Mahoney Pavilion: Roof circular exterior section, repair and paint inner walls, repair tiles in canteen, replace damaged fittings, paint exterior fittings. Travers St entrance: enlarge entrance (for 2 way traffic), install island ticket box and improve presentation of entrance. Keegan and Ahern entrances: Improve gates and presentation. 		<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master plan proposes to replace seating in grandstand and renovate football clubrooms to include additional toilets, showers, improved water and electrical and change facilities for netball (and female umpires). Further details about the renovation to be referred to the detailed design process. Proposed works are predominantly maintenance items and therefore do not need to be addressed in the master plan. Master plan proposes the widening of the entrance gates into the reserve to allow improved two-way traffic movement. Expand recommendation to include improved visual amenity at Travers Street entrance. The relocation / installation of a ticket box is unlikely to be supported by Council and would need to be funded by the football club/s. Master plans proposes to improve the visual amenity of the Keegan Street entrance. The Ahern Road entrance is not recognised as the main entrance into the reserve and should be downgraded to an informal entrance only.

The Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan outlines a significant number of potential projects. At the completion of the consultation process, projects were prioritised as high, medium or low. These projects were then reviewed to establish which minor projects would be completed during 2008/09 and which major projects would be referred to the 2009/10 budget process.

The selected projects are detailed below including the maximum financial contribution required from Council and potential funding sources.

Actions	Priority	Indicative Costings	Funding Source
Toners Lane Reserve			
Improve surface of access roads and Pony club access point	High*	\$60,000	Major Projects 2009/10
Provide a safety net for the baseball diamonds.	High*	\$10,000	Minor projects 2008/09
Extend archery safety buffer.	High*	\$10,000	Minor projects 2008/09
Morwell Recreation Reserve / Keegan Street Reserve			
Replace seating in grandstand.	High*	\$30,000	\$10,000 Minor Projects \$20,000 Football Netball Grant
Replace old sections of spoon drain around main ground	High*	\$20,000	2008/09 Capital Program
Widen entrance gates into the reserve and improve visual amenity (Travers Street).	High*	\$20,000	Minor projects 2008/09
Northern Reserve			
Redevelop clubrooms into a multi-use facility. Incorporate public toilets and demolish existing toilet block.	High*	\$360,000	Major Projects 2009/10 \$300,000 Football Netball Grant \$60,000
Review safety of the drainage outlet behind the clubroom facilities.	High*	\$10,000	Minor projects 2008/09
Maryvale Reserve			
Address drainage issues by installing a drainage swale along the northern boundary of the site.	High*	\$10,000	Minor projects 2008/09
Improve the surface of the hockey ground by levelling the existing mounds.	High*	\$10,000	Minor projects 2008/09
Ronald Reserve			
Extend netball court run-off area to meet standards (and investigate potential for warm up court in the future).	High*	\$40,000	Bitumen Resurfacing 2009/10 \$20,000 Football Netball Grant \$20,000

Actions	Priority	Indicative Costings	Funding Source
Morwell Park Netball Centre			
Install new roof on netball clubrooms	High*	\$20,000	2008/09 Capital works Program
Crinigan Road South Reserve			
Extend and refurbish clubrooms as a multi-use facility and incorporating public toilets. Demolish existing public toilets.	High*	\$200,000	Major Projects 2009/10 \$140,000 SRV Community Facilities Grant \$60,000
Enclose and extend the existing spoon drain.	High*	\$20,000	Minor projects 2008/09
TOTAL INDICATIVE COSTING FOR MORWELL BASED RECREATION PROJECTS		\$820,000	

5. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

The six year implementation plan for the Recreation and Leisure Strategy was endorsed by Council on 21 August 2006.

An allocation of \$100,000 towards minor projects identified in the plan is contained in the draft 2008/2009 capital budget.

The implementation plan proposes a capital works allocation in 2009/10 of \$500,000 for major projects identified in the Morwell Outdoor Recreational Plan.

As identified in the above table, the remaining \$220,000 required to undertake these project will be sourced either from other approved capital programs in the Latrobe City budget or from external funding bodies.

In the event that external funding cannot be obtained, the implementation plan will be reviewed to ensure the appropriate prioritisation of projects and subsequent disbursement of funds.

6. INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

Significant consultation process was undertaken during the development of the plan including public, one on one and onsite meetings.

Eleven submissions were received as a result of direct contact or advertisement of the draft plan.

7. OPTIONS

There are three options available to Council:

1. Adopt the final report of the Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan. This is the recommended option as it will allow the appropriate planning and implementation to proceed in a timely manner.
2. Amend and adopt the revised report of the Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan. This is not recommended as further amendments to the plan will delay implementation of the identified projects.
3. Decline to adopt the final report of the Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan. This is not recommended as the studies to date have identified that there are a number of reserves in Morwell in need of capital investment and improvements. This has been supported through the submission received on the draft plan.

8. CONCLUSION

The Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan was developed in close consultation with clubs and reserve users and provides clear direction on the future development of outdoor recreational facilities within the township.

9. RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council adopts the Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan (June 2008).
2. That subject to funding being received by the state government as identified, the major projects selected within the Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan (June 2008) for completion in 2009/10 financial year at the Toners Lane, Northern and Crinigan Road South Reserves be endorsed and referred for consideration in the 2009/10 budget .
3. That the minor projects identified in the Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan (June 2008) be completed during 2008/2009.

Moved: Cr White

Seconded: Cr Middlemiss

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ATTACHMENTS

Gippsland Historical Automobile Club Inc.

Reg No A 000 0588 W. P.O. Box 737 Morwell 3840 Victoria.

9 April 2008

Ian Murphy
Recreation Manager
Latrobe City Council

Re: Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan

Dear Ian

Members of Gippsland Historical Automobile Club, which have Clubrooms at Toners Lane Reserve, have read the Report and offer the following comments.

- The Council are to be congratulated for formulating and long term plan for the sporting facilities in Morwell, particularly the facilities at Toners Lane which have been under resourced for a long time.
- The draft master plan for Toners Lane suggests,
 - “The potential to consolidate the auto club and motorcycle club facilities” be investigated.
On this matter our Club wishes to express their desire to retain the separate facilities for the following reasons.
 - Our Club is a family oriented club.
 - We do not have, or intend to apply for, a liquor licence.
 - Some activities held at the club rooms and on the adjacent oval are open to the general public
 - We at times allow other users of Toners Lane to use our facilities, eg dog obedience and archery.
 - “Upgrade clubrooms to include disability access and kitchen upgrade”
 - The existing clubrooms adequately serve our current needs. The kitchen and toilets require an upgrade. We have previously requested assistance for upgrades of the clubrooms but have not been successful. Funding in this area would be welcomed.
- The current lease charges are within the financial capacity of the Club. There is a concern that upgraded facilities may result in increased lease charges and consequently higher membership fees for our members.

Yours sincerely

Ian McConville
GHAC Inc Secretary

GIPPSLAND OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC

Registration Number: A00159085.

Club Patron: Dr Ian McGuire.

Affiliated with the Victorian Canine Association.

President: Mr Peter Keenan

Secretary: Miss Jamie Pendle



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The Recreation Manager,

I am writing on behalf of the Gippsland Obedience Dog Club Inc regarding the 2021 Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plans – Draft Plan Report.

We have thoroughly read the Draft plans in which we have received, and feel there are a few concerns regarding the Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan. Some of which are listed below.

- 1) The Gippsland Obedience Dog Club Inc and the Baseball Club, often have communication issues due to the Baseball Club repeatedly accusing Gippsland Obedience Dog Club for Faeces on their Club Grounds. We always endeavour to make it a point to our "members" not to take their Dogs over to the Baseball club grounds, in which they happily oblige, however we are not in control of the public patrons who may be exercising their Dogs on their grounds during any given day.
- 2) Our Club is increasingly growing over the years with more than 150 members and need a lot more room to be able to train our members and their dogs in a comfortable and safe environment. Any less land with our growing numbers in membership is not going to benefit our members or our club.
- 3) Our Club often has several complaints caused from members due to the Baseball Club coming over to use our already "shared" toilet / storage room facilities and stirring up tethered and or dogs working. This has always been a great concern to us in previous years, as it is a strong policy that we have always enforced at our club, never to approach any tethered dog / dogs
- 4) We also strongly feel that we would like to continue to have our "own" identity as The Gippsland Obedience Dog Club Inc, not as a mixed advertised sporting facility as it may deter future members, in which we would not encourage. The Baseball Club already have had and have been provided with more than their share of Grants, Space to move and improve their Club, So why have they not with the grants provided already updated their rooms/ facilities? Why should we as a club have to continuously accommodate the Baseball Club? – Which we always seem to do.
- 5) However as mentioned in your Draft plans, we would be more than happy for you to accommodate us with Disability facilities in which we feel will benefit our club, and growing members.
- 6) We would encourage a larger undercover area to be built or extended perhaps our clubrooms for unforeseen weather (heat / rain) which would help protect our members and their dogs whilst in the waiting areas.

In regards to Morwell Pony Club, Gippsland Historical Automobile Club, Twin Archery Club & the Motorcycle club, we encourage your improvements.

Kind Regards

Jamie Pendle
(Secretary for the GODC)



A TRAINED DOG IS A HAPPY DOG. ALL BREEDS ARE WELCOME

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Secretary
Latrobe Junior Hockey
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14 April, 2008

Mr Ian Murphy
Manager Recreation
Latrobe City
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MORWELL VIC 3840

Dear Mr Murphy

DRAFT MORWELL OUTDOOR RECREATION STUDY

I refer to the Morwell Outdoor Recreation Study draft report dated March 2008 that has been released for comment.

I advise that the Latrobe Junior Hockey Association support the master plan for Maryvale Reserve.

The Association requests that the levelling of the mounds as detailed in Point 11 in the master plan be given a high priority. The mounds are located in the D on the hockey field and may pose a potential safety risk to players. The locations of the mounds shown on the master plan are not correct. Please refer to the attached map for the location of the mounds.

The Association wishes to thank Council for undertaking the study. For further enquiries and assistance please contact me on telephone 5122 1132.

Yours sincerely



RICHARD BRAMMALL
Secretary

Mr. Ian Murphy
Recreation Manager
Latrobe City Council
P.O.Box 264
Morwell.Vic 3840

Comments on Draft Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan.

I have just completed 8 years as a Director on the Victorian Country Football League Board situated in Melbourne. During those 8 year I worked very hard to get Gippsland recognized by the other 8 directors, let me tell you it is very difficult to get people to recognize any thing past Pakenham today.

Twenty years ago Gippsland had some of the best sporting facilities in Victoria, this has now not the case as other areas have surpassed us namely, Bendigo, Ballarat, Shepparton, Albury not only have these 4 centres improve their grounds, change rooms and lights for night entertainment but more importantly spectators facilities all have grandstand and under cover areas around their ground like carport types of areas.

When deciding where to hold events now the venue must have;

1. A very good playing surface with very good grass all over and cut short.
2. Good change rooms, 1 club per room, venue needs 4 change rooms.
3. Good fencing around the ground to keep spectators off.
4. Good lighting for night games, these 4 venues have all had around \$500,000 Spent upgrading their lights.
5. Grandstand for 500 plus, also undercover standing in different area around the Ground, these are just a roof that covers three or four stepped areas.

Morwell has been identified as a Premier venue for Gippsland along with Bairnsdale as a A venue, a lot of work has been completed on the Bairnsdale ground with new rooms. The Victorian Country Football League are committed to getting 4 venues up to Premier venues to hold special AFL and VCFL events, AFL Community Camps and AFL Country Games, we need to state working now for 2009 camps and a game. Both the Bendigo and Shepparton Afl Country Games this year were played under lights.

Comments of draft plan;

The draft report is a start as is the Traralgon and Moe plans.

There are still monies available from the Football Netball grants given by the Government These will run for another 2or3 years, however the Morwell Recreation Reserve is a different case and I believe will get more fund for projects than other to get it up to the same standard as the big 4 areas.

Conditions over the last 4 years have been difficult with the drought and although the grass comes back they all need seeding and fertilizing.

In relation to Morwell Recreation Reserve this is to become the show piece of Gippsland so I believe a few things are missing to making this a top venue for AFL or top VCFL representative football.

1. The entrance to the venue is a disgrace, in 1996 I was president of the Morwell Football Club with the Latrobe City Council we drew up plans to fix the entrance and brick up the fence across to the corner, however we had a wet year and the \$50,000 was spent on drainage on the ground followed by the sprinkling system. This is the first impression people get of Morwell and the City Council when they travel from all over Victoria to attend Gippsland Power games. A new entrance is required urgently.
2. The lighting needs to be increased so that night games can be played at least another 5 lights on each pole.
3. Umpires change rooms for female umpires this is a must at all grounds now.
4. Undercover shelters for spectators around the ground roof only type. Area between kiosk and change rooms made into undercover standing area.
5. Undercover roof in front of change rooms and Gippsland Power offices around to light pole.
6. New electronic scoreboard.
7. Replace the old storage sheds up near the croquet courts.
8. Make the old Caravan Park into parking area with entrance from football ground.

The new change rooms for Gippsland Power is great, but the Council has to have control over them and for them to be used by who ever hires the ground not just Power.

- a. The rooms should be designed to be divided down the middle and used by other clubs when required such as AFL or VCFL special events or Leagues to play Grand Finals at Morwell they then have other rooms to use, perhaps incorporate new umpire rooms. This is very important that the Council has control over them.

Funding could come from the VCFL and AFL Victoria for these rooms.

Latrobe Valley and Gippsland needs a top Football venue Morwell is well on the way with a new surface that will be second to none by next year, I have seen grounds around the state that have had the same work done as Morwell and they are perfect.

Regards

Joe Hutchison

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Mr I Murphy
Recreation Manager
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8th April 2008

Dear Ian,

I am writing in response to the Draft Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan and in particular the reference to Morwell Park Netball Complex.

Our school makes use of both the netball courts and the football oval and is happy with the general content of the Master Plan Summary as it appears to address issues that are detracting from the centre at the moment.

However the issue of court alignment (seeing a reduction in overall court numbers) will impact on netball events that are held annually at the complex. Schools in our network come to the complex and compete in tournaments that involve upwards of 20 teams in round robin competition and the court reduction would significantly impact on the holding of these events. Obviously the suggestion of literally halving the number of courts is significant, so it would be imperative that the first dot point in the summary, "Investigate how the courts can be reconfigured to meet facility standards and the needs of the Morwell Netball Association, in conjunction with Netball Victoria", is pursued with the hope of maximising the number of courts available to both the "Association's use as well as the needs of the schools network.

Several parents of students at the school who play either Saturday or twilight netball at the complex, have been made aware of the Plan and in particular the issue of court number reduction. I have also advised them to comment.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Credlin
Assistant Principal

Latrobe City

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for consulting with our club in respect to the proposed Latrobe City Council – Morwell Outdoor Recreational Plan. Following a meeting of our Committee to review the document, we wish to make the following comments in support of the proposed plan.

In principle we liked a number of the improvements being considered for the ground and support the further establishment of the facility being enhanced for the broader community. As a junior football club we were pleased with the idea of installing lights for training and improving the car park facilities. These would be a terrific enhancement to the junior football club facilities.

As expressed previously at the Latrobe City consultative forum, the clubrooms, hall and playing surface are the three areas of major concern for our Committee. The number one priority remains with the playing surface in respect to making it safe for playing junior football on. A number of recent injuries have again been attributed to the hard surface that currently exists. We would welcome more dialogue on the enhanced irrigation of the ground being proposed. The Committee believe re-seeding is also required to improve grass coverage and repair the damage from the drought.

The other area of concern was in respect to the existing clubrooms, hall and public toilet facilities. The plan comments on the redevelopment of the facility. The question raised at the meeting was; What does this mean? Redevelopment of the existing building, or construction of a new building. Further clarification of what is proposed would be welcomed. Many of the people involved at the club are concerned over the protection of the material on display in the hall. There is 50 years of history and memorabilia on the walls within the hall.

While we are not averse to sharing the facilities with Morwell Tigers and Cricket Clubs, we wish to continue to display the proud history of the club in a secure manner.

The other comments were in respect to public toilets and car parking. The concept of toilets being placed within the facility are welcomed for security reasons and we trust

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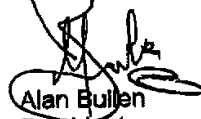
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the car parking areas will be bitumen as with the standard at many other sporting facilities within the Latrobe City.

We look forward to assisting in the further development of the plan and would welcome another opportunity to discuss the plan with the Latrobe City Officers.

On a more recent note, thank you for your sponsorship in respect to the new coaches boxes through Morwell Tigers as they are a welcomed enhancement to the facility.

Yours sincerely



Alan Bullen
President
Morwell Youth Club RSL & Citizens Junior Football Club

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**Us and Them Tourers
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Subject: Response to Morwell recreational Plan/review

A recent Review of recreational facilities within the Morwell area made several recommendations regarding the consolidation of infrastructure to allow the upgrading of services to several clubs. Of particular interest to the Us and Them Tourers (UATT) was the particular reference to consolidation of facilities in the Toners Lane precinct. A specific recommendation that the UATT and the Gippsland Historic Car club should be co-users of a single meeting place, constructed at council expense, which would cater to the requirements of both these clubs. One of the key items listed as a deficiency and justification for this measure is the lack of disabled toilets facilities and access at the existing UATT venue.

When this proposal was discussed at our monthly committee meeting and put to the UATT Membership at the next monthly general meeting where it was unanimously rejected on several grounds and a delegation tasked to liaise with council with a view to continued occupation of the existing UATT social rooms by this club.

The feeling of the executive and members of the UATT that the activities of these two clubs are not generally compatible for many reasons, the most significant one being that the two clubs are both active at similar times and this would result in significant conflict when scheduling events and activities at the same venue.

UATT- Background

The Us and Tourers (Not Motorcycle Club) is a common interest, family orientated of like-minded members of the Gippsland community that caters for the interests of those who wish to enjoy motorcycle riding for recreational purposes as well as fellowship. The UATT is open to all interested persons and encourages the membership of inexperienced as well as experienced riders, young and old, male and female. The name Us AND Them is meant to be encompassing and not exclusive (Us OR Them). The Us and Them Tourers hold riding and social events and provide a suitable environment for newer riders to benefit from the experience and advice of more senior members. The members also are involved in supporting community events, such as the Gippsland Christmas Toy Run and visiting primary schools to promote road safety, The eclectic membership of UATT represents the widest cross section of the Gippsland community from the law enforcement and emergency services to business people in private enterprise, riding and driving instructors, school teachers, members of many trades, workers in the automotive, aerospace, transport, construction and mining industries, home makers

as well as some from less fortunate backgrounds. The social rooms on Toners Lane have provided an excellent venue for all these people to work side by side to a common goal has given a sense of 'ownership' and pride'.

Us and Them Tourers are well known as dedicated motorcyclists within the Victorian Motorcycle touring community and are renowned for the high attendance figures at motorcycle rally events where more often than not the UATT wins the 'Highest Club Attendance' trophy at events that we patronize, with even greater numbers than any of the Metropolitan based clubs.

The UATT does not conduct any racing or competitive motorcycling events of any kind either at the Toners Lane venue or at any track or circuit, or on public roads.

UATT Activities- Toners Lane

UATT utilizes the existing social rooms for many activities such as the following:

- monthly regular general and annual general meetings,
- regular monthly and special executive committee meetings,
- special events committee meetings,
- weekly social meetings,
- monthly working bees,
- monthly touring events (twice monthly in the warmer weather),
- regular monthly social events,
- individual members ad hoc social events/celebrations,
- significant annual events, and
- Preparation/departure for local events.

These activities result in a current average annual utilization of approximately 135 days/year (2.6 days/week) with a summer cycle utilization of 3.1/daysweek. With 73% of these activities being on weekend days (some co-incident) this results in attendance at the club on approximately 80 of the available 104 available weekend days. Most 'long weekends' associated with gazetted public holidays are included in these values. A shared facility with a club which has a similar cycle is not considered by this club to be a viable option.

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With an annually increasing membership and more numerous activities calendar UATT members have indicated that they prefer to remain in the present location and continue to improve the facilities over time. The existing facilities attract additional members due to the atmosphere and the can-do attitude of those who have made UATT what it is at the present time.

The following works have been planned for the following 08/09 FY:

- *Continued upgrade (progressive replacement) of electrical wiring, underground,
- *Continued upgrade of kitchen facilities,
- *Upgrade of toilet facilities,
- *Re-cladding of external walls,
- *Enclosure of northern extension undercover area to accommodate increasing membership,
- *Laying of concrete slab in northern extension,
- *Removal of pre-existing VDMC/MRA building,
- *Further consolidation of grounds to the south,
- *General beautification works.

To this date the Latrobe council has made little contribution to the improvement of the UATT Toners lane facility. So far this has been limited to a Community Support Grant in 1998 of \$900.00 to allow for the purchase of concrete slab, (UATT members supplied all labour). In 2006 the planning permit fee for the installation of the septic system was waved, but the inspection cast remained. Many other sporting and recreational clubs have been beneficiaries of significant assistance Community Support Grants over this period, however whenever UATT has made an application we have been regularly and monotonously informed that the funding for the following year has been allocated and that we should re-apply next year, or even have been given to understand that we were wasting our time even applying.

When the septic system and toilets were installed the UATT Committee discussed an option of disabled toilets and access, but limited funds did not allow this to be done at the time. We understand the city has limited funds available, as do we, making the installation of disabled toilets and general beautification of grounds and buildings an ongoing upgrade process. This family orientated club has been awarded for community participation on several occasions due to involvement in the Toy Run which provides direct benefits to the children and disadvantaged families of Gippsland each Christmas and also the Good Friday Ride that benefits the Royal Children's Hospital.

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Whatever the best intentions of those responsible for the Recreational Facilities Review/Plan, an acute lack of understanding of this club's activities, aims and ideals is indicated. UATT is totally independent of the Gippsland Historic Car Club and has not made any formal approach to ascertain what that club's position is regarding the proposed amalgamation of facilities, but we suspect that they may have similar issues of concern as those raised above.

Some other options

The Committee and members of the Us and Them Tourers do not consider that co-use of a single facility with another club is compatible with or in the best interests of the members of UATT. Members have an affinity for the existing facility which they have created from humble beginnings and wish to see completed to an upgraded standard to cater for the activities/event schedule of the future. To this end there were several options that were proposed at the April General Meeting.

1. That the status quo continues – UATT continue to occupy the Toners lane facility and that they complete the planned works at their own expense, without council support.
2. That the club continues to occupy the existing facility and Latrobe Council provides a grant to cover specific, costed works to enable the desired standard of the facility to be achieved in a reduced time frame.
3. That the Latrobe Council constructs a new facility specifically suitable for, and for the exclusive weekend and public holiday use of, UATT (limited week day/night use by other organizations considered).
4. That the Latrobe Council makes a suitable, confidential, compensation package available to UATT to enable the relocation of the club to non-council, free hold property, and end any supposed or formal support or association with this club.

Of the above options the most preferred is Option 2, for the club to remain at its present location, and with council support upgrade the existing facility to a higher standard by:

- *Upgrade of toilet facilities to accommodate disabled/wheelchair access.
- *Re-cladding of the external walls of main building with new materials.
- *Enclosure of northern extension undercover area with new materials and two roller door access.
- *Laying of concrete slab in northern extension.
- *Laying of concrete slab in southern extension.
- *Removal of pre-existing VDMC/MRA building.
- *Supply of suitable native plants.
- *Supply of fencing materials/gates for front fence.

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This option represents nominal outlay to Council and expedites the works so as to provide better facilities to members and visitors, and a more attractive appearance and surroundings.

For further information regarding the Us and Them Tourers please contact the following committee members

Signed for and on behalf of the members of UATT

David Wheatland, President UATT

0419 106 384.

Gregg Trevorrow, treasurer UATT

0419 344 111

Us and Them Tourers ~~Motor Cycle Club~~
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Morwell Cricket Club

Consideration be given to the installation of a double garage at the location of the current public toilets at the Keegan Street access on the Morwell Recreation Reserve. This will better enable the Morwell Cricket Club to manage the turf wickets on both grounds by having all equipment located centrally. It would also then be more readily available for the football clubs if required.

If the tennis courts are not going to be used for any other purpose the cricket club would be interested in developing these into an all weather training facility

The document can be an opportunity to formalise a ground management committee by stating it's role in the plan

No mention of an ongoing cape weed management program

The incorporation of tree's onto Keegan Street (number 11 on picture) show some directly behind the wickets – these will cause an issue for batsmen.

Ideally the chain link fence around the Keegan Street oval be removed and be replaced with something more aesthetically pleasing.

Consideration could be given to removing the chain link fence along freeway side of the ground proper, removing the asphalt and replacing it with grass.

10-04-2008.
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To Latrobe City Council

ATTN: Ian Murphy,
Recreation Manager,

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RE: Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan - Toners Lane plan.

Dear Ian,

Morwell Baseball Club committee and members have all met in regards to the plan released by Latrobe City Council for the grounds utilised by Morwell Baseball Club. We have discussed the plans released by council and have the following comments we would like to present to yourself and the council for consideration.

1. We support the road being upgraded. We would really like to see this sealed.
2. We support the carpark being defined as 95% of this land was given up by the baseball club in the past to support a carpark. We do request that our small junior diamond adjacent to the current carpark does not be made any smaller than it currently is due to any carpark works, and if the carpark needs to be made larger to reclaim land in the southern part of the dog club to perform this as it is rarely used and would be a close car park for the car club also. We also request that safety buffers as defined by wooden fencing from junior areas and carpark areas remains similar to what it is now. It would also be nice to see this area sealed.
3. Signage we support.
4. Clubrooms-
 - We support the principle of sharing our clubrooms with the dog club.
 - If the new club rooms were to have two rooms, i.e. one each in the facility we would like to see sort of constantina wall so both groups could hold functions with suitable room.
 - We would like a verandah on the baseball side of the clubrooms if possible.
 - We would like to see two separate kitchens / serving windows built for the one venue so each club can run their canteen independently.
 - Are there any plans for clubrooms drawn up yet?? If there are can we please see examples??

- What orientation would the new club rooms lay??
 - Both clubs would require input into the club room design but to date we have not discussed anything with the dog club, including knowing if they would also adopt the plan.
 - We would like to see a water tank attached to club rooms for watering our grounds particularly at the start of our season.
5. We give full support to all suggested ideas for nets and ground leveling. Also, we would ask council to consider the following;
- We would also ask council to consider better drainage for the grounds prior to leveling. We have done a lot over the years but require more.
 - Can the water we run off grounds from drainage at present during winter be captured to be reused for grounds watering for late summer?? All our water exits our grounds from one point above ground level into the drain along the dirt access road so can be captured easily.
 - We wouldn't mind considering swinging one diamond around but this does require a lot of work.
 - Can council please provide dimensions of proposed works??
 - We would like to upgrade the water supply to the reserve also if possible??
 - We would like to get some better lighting as we play in winter so we are constantly training under lights and these do need to be improved, particularly on the junior diamond where we don't have any.
 - Perimeter or Diamond fencing is in a bad state of repair and needs to be repaired.

We thank you for the opportunity to comment on councils plan, and also applaud council with the large efforts going into sport and recreation at this time.

We look forward to receiving a reply from council in the near future in regards to our submission,

Yours truly,

The Morwell Baseball Club Committee.

MORWELL OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN
MARCH 2008.

5. MASTER PLAN PRIORITIES,
MORWELL RECREATION RESERVE.

GRAND STAND (6)

- SEATING - REPLACE WOODEN SEATS WITH PLASTIC POP UP SEATS
- REPLACE & RELOCATE GAS HOT WATER SYSTEM
- UMPIRES ROOM. EXTEND LOOK AT EXTRA TOILET & SHOWER - INCREASING FEMALE UMPIRES & 8 UMPIRES AT SOME MATCHES. (NETBALL EXTENSIONS)
- EXTEND REAR MORWELL DRESSING ROOM - GYM. COULD BE INCORPORATED WITH NETBALL EXTENSIONS
- PROVISION FOR RADIO/TV - CALLING OF GAMES

GERT MAHONEY PAVILION

- COMPLETE FROM 1992 EXTENSIONS - ROOF OVER CIRCULAR EXTERIOR SECTION.
- REPAIR INNER WALLS - CRACKS
- PAINT INTERIOR
- REPAIR TILES - CANTREEN AREA
- REPLACE DAMAGED FITTINGS - TOWEL DISPENSERS

- PAINT EXTERIOR FITTINGS (FRONT)

TRAVERS ST ENTRANCE (20)

- ENLARGE ENTRANCE FOR 2 WAY TRAFFIC
- INSTAL ISLAND TICKET BOX IN CENTRE OF ENTRANCE - (WITH BOLLARDS)
- IMPROVE ENTRANCE - VERY POOR PRESENTATION FOR ENTRY INTO MAJOR SPORTS GROUND

KEEGAN & ALTERN ENTRANCES (2)

- IMPROVE GATES + PRESENTATION AS PER TRAVERS ST.

FOOTBALL OVAL

- FINISH OVAL SPORN DRAIN.
(SPOT NOT FLOOD)
- ADD 2 LIGHTS TO EACH TOWER - INVESTIGATE POWER SUPPLY TO RESERVE. NO RESERVE @ THIS DATE.
- IMPROVE CAR PARK LIGHTING
- INVESTIGATE LIGHTING OF SOULIE BARRA
- NET BEHIND NORTHERN GOALS.
- GOAL + BEHIND POSTS - RUSTED

STORAGE SHEDS

- REPLACE & RELOCATE STORAGE SHEDS

TRAFFIC AREAS.

- EXTEND BITUMEN AREAS
- ① NOT SURE ABOUT POSITIONING OF TRAFFIC BARRIERS
LOSE 26 CAR PARK LOTS.
- AMBULANCE ENTRY
- TRAINERS HOME + VISITORS EQUIPMENT.
- BUS PARKING.
- PROVISION OF BROADCASTING FACILITIES.

7.2 SOCCER FACILITIES PLAN RESULTS OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

AUTHOR: Acting General Manager City Infrastructure
(ATTACHMENT – YES)

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the results of the community consultation process in relation to the draft Soccer Facilities Plan and to seek Council adoption of the plan. The report also seeks endorsement of the projects that are identified for implementation in 2008/09.

2. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report is consistent with Council's Latrobe 2021 vision document and the Council Plan 2007-2011.

Latrobe 2021 and Council Plan 2007 – 2011

Strategic Objective - Liveability

By enriching the vibrancy and diversity of community life through promoting and supporting recreation facilities and services in the municipality.

Strategic Action - Conduct and assessment of recreational facilities in the municipality to support the changing demographic of the community.

Recreation and Leisure Strategy 2006

Action - Facilitate a Soccer Facility Strategy in conjunction with local soccer associations.

The implementation plan adopted with the strategy outlined that Council would complete Soccer specific facilities plan in 2007 / 2008.

3. BACKGROUND

The draft Soccer Facilities Plan was presented to Council at the Ordinary meeting held 7 April 2008. Council resolved to release the draft plan for public comment in accordance with the Council resolution as follows:

1. That Council releases the draft Soccer Facilities Plan – March 2008 for public comment in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy and Strategy.
2. That the draft Soccer Facilities Plan – March 2008 be forwarded to all groups involved in the initial consultation and placed on the Latrobe City website.
3. That written submissions in relation to the draft Soccer Facilities Plan – March 2008 be received until Friday, 2 May 2008.
4. That a further report be presented to Council on the 19 May 2008 following the community engagement process regarding the draft Soccer Facilities Plan – March 2008.

All groups involved in the initial consultation were contacted and advised that the draft plan was available on Council's website and were forwarded a copy of the draft plan.

4. ISSUES

The following table represents a summary of the submissions received during the consultation process. Also included in this table are officer's recommendations in relation to incorporating suggestions brought forward into the plan now being presented to Council for adoption. Copies of the submissions are attached to this report.

Submission From	Submission Details	Changes to Plan?		Response
		Yes	No	
Churchill United Soccer Club	<p>The club gives in principal support to the recommendations, but propose the following amendments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting: That competition standard lighting be installed on the main pitch during the initial lighting upgrade. • Ground irrigation: The existing recommendation to install automatic irrigation systems to both pitches has been recognised by the club as an urgent priority. Plans have been prepared (attached) and the club 		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master plan proposes to improve power supply to the reserve and upgrade training lights on pitch 1, with the capacity to be upgraded to competition standard in the future (in addition to training lights on pitch 2). Council has limited funding to address identified soccer priorities and would be unable to contribute additional funds for competition standard lighting at this time. The club would therefore need to raise the necessary funds if such lighting was to

Submission From	Submission Details	Changes to Plan?		Response
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	<p>intends to fully fund the project (\$12,471). Some assistance may be required to reseed the grounds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground irrigation (cont.): The club would like the plan to include the installation of a dam (or tanks) to drought proof the grounds. There is sufficient space for a dam behind the change rooms that could be filled with run-off from the existing roof. Any dam overflow could be directed into nearby Eel Hole Creek. 	✓	✓	<p>be installed during the initial lighting upgrade.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted. Club is eligible to apply to Council for funding assistance for ground reseeded. • Master plan to include reference to improved irrigation practices at the reserve including options for water re-use. That said, a dam is unlikely to be the best use of available space and has associated risk management issues. Further investigation would therefore be required.
Tyers Soccer Club	<p>The Tyers Soccer Club has very inadequate facilities and the following points need to be further highlighted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TSC is the only club with a single pitch and has the second worst player-to-pitch ratio. • The clubrooms are grossly inadequate for their purpose. The existing change rooms for players and referees are small and inadequate and there are no facilities for female players. Plans for new clubrooms have been prepared (attached) and the club is waiting on a quote. • The pitch is in sub-standard condition primarily due to the high player-to-pitch ratio and poor lighting conditions (forcing teams to train in confined areas) • The lighting is extremely poor and only covers a small portion of the ground. 	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plan acknowledges that this is a single pitch facility and identifies a player-to-pitch ratio of 100:1. • The plan proposes to “upgrade clubrooms to include change facilities for female players and referees, and improved canteen facilities, storage and disability access.” • The plan acknowledges the poor condition of the pitch and proposes to “upgrade the surface of the soccer pitch, including improved drainage and irrigation”. • The plan proposes to “upgrade lighting to enable the entire pitch to be used for training”.

Submission From	Submission Details	Changes to Plan?		Response
		Yes	No	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likelihood of the Traralgon Tyers United Football Club allowing the soccer club to share their ground is very low. The local primary school ground is very small, has a concrete pitch in the centre, is in poor condition and is used by other sporting clubs throughout the year. Potential use of this ground would be of little benefit to the soccer club. The club has experienced a recent decline in player numbers, which has had a negative effect on the club's ability to raise revenue from entry fees, the profitability of the canteen and the ability to attract sponsors. Accordingly, there is no foreseeable way in which the club could self fund any improvements. The major works to the Tyers Soccer Club should be a high, if not the highest priority in the 2008/09 capital work budget allocation. The adjacent netball courts have recently been given to the club along with a small block of land. Together this land could form a smaller training pitch. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted. Noted. The club is encouraged to work with Council to ensure the ongoing sustainability of the club and to explore alternative funding opportunities. Council to evaluate and prioritise the identified works against all projects and all reserves contained within the Soccer Facilities Plan. The identified parcel of land appears too small to accommodate even a small training pitch, however could be developed as a grassed overflow training area to be used as required. The use of this space is likely to be a long term priority and would need to be further justified by the club.
Russell Northe Member for Morwell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the Tyers Soccer Club (TSC) relative to their submission. Potential for residential growth in Tyers following the announcement of the Traralgon Bypass location. It would be hoped that improving facilities would both support population growth and attract players and sponsors. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted The Plan identifies a range of opportunities to improve facilities associated with the TSC including a lighting upgrade, improved pitch surface and clubroom upgrade.

Submission From	Submission Details	Changes to Plan?		Response
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disappointing that TSC had to withdraw from senior GSL competition. Believe that this would in part be a direct result of the poor state of their facilities. Endorse the upgrade of facilities and hope they can return to the senior GSL competition in the future. TSC has very strong representation off field by way of their Management Committee. Commend this Committee for their submission. The opportunities raised in the Draft Report, together with the opportunities reported in the TSC submission present an occasion to develop a healthy partnership. With a collaborative approach to upgrade these inadequate facilities, believe TSC will have an increase in their competition opportunities, reduced risk to players and this will add to the overall success of this sporting club. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓ ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted. The Plan acknowledges the condition of existing facilities and associated issues. Noted. Noted. As previously mentioned, the Plan proposes a range of opportunities for improvement at the reserve. Council will endeavour to work with the TSC to ensure their sustainability and to explore potential partnership / funding opportunities.

The Soccer Facilities Plan identified a significant number of opportunities for the improvement of soccer facilities. At the conclusion of the community consultation process the usage of each reserve was reviewed to determine the facilities that obtain the greatest usage. This analysis revealed that the Hazelwood South and Tyers Reserve have the highest playing member to pitch ratio of any soccer facilities within Latrobe City.

From the opportunities identified in the plan and from the submissions received from both of these clubs, it has been determined that the most effective way to improve the facilities provided would be through the provision of increased lighting at both facilities.

Consideration was given to improving the surfaces at these reserves, however due to limited lighting, which focuses training activity on specific areas, any upgraded surface would still be subject to significant wear and tear from training activity. The provision of improved lighting at these reserves will allow for greater distribution of training activity across the grounds resulting in greater consistency in the condition of the surface.

5. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

The draft 2008/2009 Latrobe City capital works budget contains an allocation of \$100,000 towards implementing the highest priority actions from the Soccer Facilities Plan.

It should also be noted that a number of actions identified in the soccer plan have been allocated funding through the town based recreation plans. The adopted soccer plan will also provide input into future town based plans presented to Council.

6. INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

Significant consultation process was undertaken in the development of the plan including public, one on one and onsite meetings.

The draft plan was distributed to each soccer club within the municipality as well as to the Gippsland Soccer League. The draft plan was available at reception at Latrobe City Headquarters and on the Council website where it was downloaded eighteen times. Three submissions were received on the draft plan.

7. OPTIONS

There are three options available to Council:

1. Adopt the final report of the Soccer Facilities Plan. This is the recommended option as it will allow the appropriate planning and implementation to proceed in a timely manner.
2. Amend and adopt the revised report of the Soccer Facilities Plan. This is not recommended as further amendments to the plan will delay implementation of the two identified projects.

3. Decline to adopt the final report of the Soccer Facilities Plan. This is not recommended as through the development of the plan it was clearly identified that there were two projects in need of immediate capital investment and improvements.

8. CONCLUSION

The Soccer Facilities Plan was developed in close consultation with each of the soccer clubs within Latrobe City and the Gippsland Soccer League. The plan identified a number of opportunities that will result in improved facilities for soccer players, spectators and volunteers.

9. RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council adopts the Soccer Facilities Plan (June 2008).
2. That \$50,000 from the draft 2008/2009 capital works program be allocated to upgrading lighting at the Hazelwood South Reserve.
3. That \$50,000 from the draft 2008/2009 capital works program be allocated to upgrading lighting on the soccer pitch at the Tyers Recreation Reserve.
4. That the opportunities for improvements identified in the Soccer Facilities Plan (June 2008) be considered in the Southern Towns Plan to be completed during 2008/2009 and the Northern Towns Plan to be completed in 2009/2010.

Moved: Cr Wilson

Seconded: Cr Caulfield

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ATTACHMENTS

2 May 2008

The Recreation Manager
Latrobe City Council
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To Whom It May Concern

Soccer Facilities Plan

I write on behalf of the Tyers Soccer Club in relation to the Latrobe City Council's Soccer Facilities Plan.

It is obvious from the report that the Tyers Soccer Club has very inadequate facilities, almost certainly the worst in the Latrobe region.

I wish to revisit a number of facts that have been raised in the Soccer Facilities Plan and draw to your attention a number of matters that I do not believe are sufficiently highlighted clear in the report.

Tyers Soccer Club is the only club in the Gippsland Soccer League (GSL) with a single pitch. The club is identified as having the second worst player-to-pitch ratio in the league at 100:1, though this is arguably the worst as the statistics do not include the Monash University private pitch in the statistics.

The club rooms are grossly inadequate for their purpose and well below the standard that would be expected in a soccer competition, or any other sporting competition, of this standard. In particular, I note that the changing room comprises of a single room with a piece of ply wood in the middle to separate the two teams. The ply wood offers little privacy to the teams as it only extends approximately 80% of the length of the room. Additionally, each change room is barely large enough to accommodate one team, which causes chaotic conditions on days which involve back to back games. The referee facilities are also extremely inadequate, consisting of a small room that can hardly accommodate one referee. It goes without saying that the club is also not able to offer adequate facilities for female players.

Tyers Soccer Club Inc. ABN 73 914 483 306

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Tyers Recreation Reserve
TYERS VIC 3844

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The club's pitch is in sub-standard condition, primarily due to the high player-to-pitch ratio and is aggravated by the poor lighting conditions, which force the teams to train in a confined area for all training sessions.

In addition to forcing players to overuse certain parts of the pitch, the lighting is extremely poor and only covers a small portion of the ground. This is significant public liability issue for the club. Not only should this issue be dealt with to avoid any potential future litigation, but more importantly, it should be remedied to avoid players being injured during training.

I note that the Soccer Facilities Plan recommends that the club explore partnership opportunities with the adjacent Traralgon-Tyers United Australian Rules football club (TTUFC) or the local primary school with the intention to share their facilities. I feel that it is prudent to discuss these suggestions further, and I will do so in turn.

The TTUFC is in a similar position to the Tyers Soccer Club, in that there are a large number of players training and playing on a single and overused pitch. I believe that the likelihood of the TTUFC allowing the Soccer Club to share their ground is very low.

With regard to the local primary school, I wish to point out that the primary school's football oval is very small and has a large concrete cricket pitch in the centre; additionally the ground is in a similar condition the soccer club's. I also note that the school's football oval is used by a number of other junior sporting clubs throughout the year and further use by the soccer club would only serve to deteriorate it further. It is my opinion that even if permission was given to use the school's football oval, the club will continue to face the problem of a poor pitch surface, only on a smaller facility and at a further distance from the clubroom facilities.

Tyers Soccer Club's position is even more unpalatable given the negative flow on effect of the poor facilities. I note that club's recent decline in player numbers has forced the withdrawal from the senior GSL competition. This has completely destroyed the club's ability to raise revenue from entry fees, the profitability of the canteen and the ability to attract sponsors. Another negative flow on effect is that the club has been forced to reduce membership fees in order to maintain players. Presently the club is charging \$150 per senior player and \$100 per junior. When one considers that the 2007 GSL affiliation fees are \$122 per senior player and \$59 per junior player (though I believe these fees have risen to approximately \$137 and \$79 respectively in 2008), the club is left with an operating fund close to \$1,780. After referee fees, ground maintenance fees and various other operating costs the club is lucky to end the season breaking even. Accordingly, there is no foreseeable way in which the club could self-fund any improvements.

Tyers is a vibrant community with an increasing population. This was highlighted in the recent report of the Traralgon Bypass Inquiry Advisory Committee which identified Tyers as a potential residential growth area.

When considering the above, I believe that major works to the Tyers Soccer Club should be a high, if not the highest, priority in the 2008/2009 capital work budget allocation.

I advise that the club has previously arranged for new club room plans to be drawn and I have attached a copy of these for your consideration. The club is presently waiting on a quote for the renovations and I will forward you a copy of this as soon as I am in receipt of same.

I further advise that the adjacent netball courts have recently been given to the club along with a small block of land. Together this land could form a smaller second pitch or a full size half pitch which would be ideal for club training purposes and alleviate several of the problems that have been previously identified.

I believe that the club is in an extremely precarious position at present and that now is the ideal time to improve our facilities. I am hopeful that in doing so it will cause a *positive* flow on effect, attracting more players to the club and ideally allowing them to return to the GSL senior competition within the following two years. This will in turn put the club in a better position to raise revenue and self-fund additional improvements.

Additionally, I ask that the Latrobe City Council consider the Tyers Soccer Club for access to state and federal funding opportunities, such as the Community Facility Funding Program offered by the Victorian Government's Sports and Recreation Grants and Funding Initiatives. This could potentially be a valuable opportunity for Latrobe City to move towards becoming a Victorian leader in the quality of local sporting club facilities.

I ask that all future correspondence in this regard be forwarded to the Tyers soccer Club's lawyers:

Attn: James Plunkett
Slater & Gordon Lawyers
2-4 George Street
MORWELL VIC 3840

Again I implore the Latrobe City Council to strongly consider the clubs position and thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully



James Plunkett
Funds Manager
TYERS SOCCER CLUB

RUSSELL NORTHE

Member for Morwell

"For your fair share"

THE NATIONALS



14 May 2008

Ian Murphy
Recreation Manager
Latrobe City council
PO Box 264
Morwell 3840

Dear Ian

I write to offer my support to the Tyers Soccer Club relative to their submission dated 2 May 2008 that was sent to you.

My first point of consideration with regard to the review of the soccer club facilities within the municipality of Latrobe City is, the potential for residential growth in Tyers following the announcement of the Traralgon Bypass location. It would be hoped that improving the facilities would both support population growth and attract players and sponsors.

It is disappointing and of note that Tyers Soccer Club has had to withdraw from the senior GSL competition. I believe this would in part, be as a direct result of the poor state of their facilities. I add my endorsement to the upgrade of the facilities at Tyers with the hope that in the future they would be able to return to the senior GSL competition.

Tyers Soccer Club has very strong representation off field by way of their Management Committee. I commend this Committee for taking the positive step of forwarding their submission to you in an act of both interest and partnership with Latrobe City and the community, in improving their facilities.

The Nationals Member for Morwell and spokesman for:

- Industry and State Development
- Sport and Recreation
- Youth Affairs

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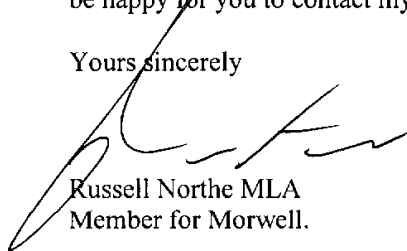
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Together with the opportunities raised in the Draft Report of the Soccer Facilities Plan and the extension of these opportunities as reported in the Tyers Soccer Club submission I believe there is occasion to develop a healthy partnership. With a collaborative approach to upgrade these inadequate facilities, I believe Tyers Soccer Club will have an increase in their competition opportunities, reduced risk to players and this will add to the overall success of this sporting Club.

I therefore request Latrobe City to give due consideration to the submission as I believe this Club is worthy of support. Should you wish to discuss this letter I would be happy for you to contact my office by telephoning 51339088.

Yours sincerely



Russell Northe MLA
Member for Morwell.

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Mr. Ian Murphy
Sport & Recreation
Latrobe City Council
 cc Latrobe City Councilors
 & Gippsland Soccer League (GSL) Board

April 26th 2008

DRAFT REPORT – SOCCER FACILITIES PLAN
REPOSE FROM CHURCHILL UNITED SC

Dear Ian,

In response to section 5.1 (appendix 1) of Latrobe City's plan which gives future direction for the facilities used by the Churchill United Soccer Club (CUSC) at Hazelwood South Reserve we have the following response.

We are very pleased that the Latrobe City has recognised the need to modernise soccer facilities within the municipality and we give in principal support to the recommendations made within section 5.1 affecting our club; however there is room for improvement in certain areas and we would like to propose the following amendments.

Lighting

The discussion contained within 5.1 of the report is central to our assertion that competition lighting should be installed as a part of the initial lighting upgrade.

Discussion:

Churchill United Soccer Club has the highest number of players and the highest pitch player ratio (1:118) compared to other clubs in Latrobe City. The two soccer pitches are also required to service a large population catchment (including Churchill and surrounding rural areas). The potential loss of access to the soccer pitch at Monash University will place increased pressure on the existing soccer pitches and the lack of space around the reserve presents limited training alternatives.

Rather than installing lights on the main pitch to training standard **“with the capacity to be upgraded to competition standard in the future”**, it is our contention that given:

Monash University is unlikely to be available for soccer in the future, due to a proposal to develop it into a dedicated regional hockey facility (as per Draft Regional Hockey Study).

- then competition standard lighting be installed on the main pitch during the initial upgrade at Hazelwood South Reserve.

Competition lighting will allow Hazelwood South Reserve to become a hub for soccer carnivals and with our remodeled facilities the opportunity to host matches involving male and female teams on the same evening (currently CUSC is the only club in the GSL with this ability).

From a City wide approach there is also an opportunity for the region to gain economic benefits from the University Games and the with the Hazelwood South Reserve's close proximity to Monash there would be advantages to staging the games nearby.

CUSC recently entered into an arrangement with Monash to encourage international students to take part in competitive soccer whilst in Australia and they have used this arrangement as a marketing tool abroad to attract more students.

Full fee paying students are the key to Monash's viability in Gippsland and to remove a component (the existing pitch with competition lighting) of this marketing draw card without the same standard replacement would be a step backwards.

Moreover, we direct the council to Football Federation Victoria's (FFV) 2011 strategic plan (GSL to forward) which recommends that elite zone competition take place in the summer time.

The roll out of this plan starts this year with the introduction of under 12, under 13, under 14 and under 15 squads to represent the Gippsland zone for boys and girls. By 2011 it is envisaged that under 11, under 16, under 18 and open men and women will be added to this list.

With summer weather invoking extreme heat policies and requiring competition to be played early evening there will be a need to provide appropriately lit facilities to accommodate up to 12 zone teams as identified above.

There is currently inadequate competition lighting planned for Latrobe in the medium term to cater for this strategic direction from the FFV (Harold Preston Reserve in Traralgon as planned (Section 5.7) and the privately owned Latrobe City Sports Stadium in Morwell are the only two facilities in the medium term outlined in the plan to be up to competition standard).

Hazelwood South Reserve could easily host four of these zone teams as a training base and showcase the best local boys and girls every Saturday night over the summer if competition lighting is installed.

The facility would then be utilised for close to twelve months of the year and deliver economic benefits from visiting zone teams and supporters; also from university students as outlined previously.

In all instances night competition would be enhanced by the under cover seated area and planned improvements to the playing surface – delivering a superior spectator amenity.

The type and regularity of the use would justify the investment from Latrobe City to upgrade the lighting to competition standard.

CUSC has started a member's **Lighting Fund** to make a contribution toward any future grants from the Latrobe City Council and would contribute in-kind labor as required. CUSC has demonstrated its ability to mobilise its members to support and complete projects with the new pavilion at Hazelwood South Reserve bearing testament to this.

Ground Irrigation

The medium term plan to irrigate the Hazelwood South Reserve:

Install automatic irrigation system to enable both pitches to be maintained to a high standard (in accordance with water restrictions).

has been recognised by CUSC as an urgent requirement and plans have already been made to undertake works on both grounds in October this year.

The project will be fully funded by the club (we may require some assistance reseeding the ground from council) and has been costed at approximately \$12,471 of which \$8,471 is for materials and \$4,000 in-kind labor estimate.

The plans for this project are attached (appendix 2) and are based on low water flow equipment with full computer controlled automation and a rain sensing feature.

It was CUSC's intention to then apply for Federal Government water grants to install a dam (or tanks) in an effort to drought proof the Reserve; however with a strategic unified council approach we ask that this now be included in the overall plan in lieu of the irrigation proposed.

There is a parcel of land behind and to the side of the change rooms that would be suitable for a dam and the run off from the existing roof spaces could be used to fill it. If this area was chosen any dam overflows could be directed into nearby Eel Hole Creek.

Conclusion

The CUSC trusts that the Latrobe City Council will give serious consideration to the changes we have proposed to accommodate the current and future needs of soccer in Churchill and greater Latrobe.

Should any clarification be required please contact me directly.

Regards,

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7.3 TENNIS FACILITIES PLAN RESULTS OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

AUTHOR: Acting General Manager City Infrastructure
(ATTACHMENT – YES)

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the results of the community consultation process in relation to the draft Tennis Facilities Plan and to seek Council adoption of the plan. The report also seeks endorsement of the projects that are identified for implementation in 2008/09.

2. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report is consistent with Council's Latrobe 2021 vision document and the Council Plan 2007-2011.

Latrobe 2021 and Council Plan 2007 – 2011

Strategic Objective - Liveability

By enriching the vibrancy and diversity of community life through promoting and supporting recreation facilities and services in the municipality.

Strategic Action - Assess and evaluate future recreational opportunities to address community aspirations.

Recreation and Leisure Strategy 2006

Action - Undertake a Tennis development plan.

The implementation plan adopted with the strategy outlined that Council would complete a Tennis specific facilities plan in 2007 / 2008.

3. BACKGROUND

The draft Tennis Facilities Plan was presented to Council at the Ordinary meeting held 21 April 2008. Council resolved to release the draft plan for public comment in accordance with the Council resolution as follows:

1. That Council releases the draft Tennis Facilities Plan – April 2008 for public comment in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy and Strategy;
2. That the draft Tennis Facilities Plan – April 2008 be forwarded to all groups involved in the initial consultation and placed on the Latrobe City website;
3. That written submissions in relation to the draft Tennis Facilities Plan – April 2008 be received until Friday, 16 May 2008; and
4. That a further report be presented to Council to consider submissions at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 2 June 2008 following the community engagement process regarding the draft Tennis Facilities Plan – April 2008.

All groups involved in the initial consultation were contacted and advised that the draft plan was available on Council's website and were forwarded a copy of the draft plan.

4. **ISSUES**

The following table represents a summary of the submissions received during the consultation process. Also included in this table are officer's recommendations in relation to incorporating suggestions brought forward into the plan now being presented to Council for adoption. Copies of the submissions are attached to this report.

Submission From	Submission Details	Changes to Plan?		Response
		Yes	No	
Tyers Tennis Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrading the older tennis courts to provide compliant 'run-off' areas is beyond the current financial ability of the club. • The adjacent football pavilion toilets are adequate for tennis club members and visitors. The inclusion of a toilet in the clubroom is not 	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Plan identifies an opportunity to "plan for the resurfacing of courts 1 and 2 and address run-off distances". More specifically, the run-off distances should be addressed when the courts are resurfaced. The timing of these works will be dependent on the condition of the courts (currently in 'fair' condition) and court usage levels. It is recommended that the club work with Council to determine the timing and available funding opportunities for such works. • The Plan identified an opportunity to "upgrade clubrooms to include accessible toilet facilities" as a potential long term priority and as required by the club. If however

Submission From	Submission Details	Changes to Plan?		Response
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	<p>appropriate given that afternoon teas etc. are held in the room next to the space allocation for the toilet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The club hopes to address some of the other key issues listed in the review before the coming season. 		✓	<p>the club is satisfied with the current access arrangements to the football pavilion, then this proposal can be removed from the Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted.
Don Tylee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comfortable with the overall direction of the plan and the strategic approach to classes of courts and sustainable cyclic maintenance etc. Object to the statement "it is also important for clubs to raise funds by developing a broader range of revenue generating opportunities" (page 9). Believe that Council should contribute all long term capital and maintenance costs, with only operating costs payable by users. We are trying to support health and well being. Believe it is important to maintain public use courts at Shakespeare Street and other places, as casual hire out systems are not conducive to ad hoc tennis. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓ ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted. Council strongly supports sporting clubs in Latrobe City due to the broad range of benefits they provide to the community. All clubs however are expected to contribute towards the maintenance and improvement of their facilities. There are currently 119 public tennis courts in Latrobe City which is beyond Council's capacity to maintain without support from individual clubs. Tennis clubs must therefore be proactive in planning for major maintenance and facility improvements. 'Public Use Facilities' are typically provided where residents do not have access to a local tennis club. Traralgon is currently well provided for with tennis courts, which are located at the Traralgon Tennis Centre (24), Maskrey Reserve (4) and Eric Taylor Reserve / Shakespeare Street (2). The Plan recommends retaining courts at Shakespeare Street in the short to medium term as a public use facility and consider the long term decommissioning of courts when they start to become run-down." The future of these courts will need to be considered at this time and in the context of tennis provision for the entire Traralgon area.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The two private courts at V Line in Traralgon are not fit for tennis given lack of shade, lack of toilets and very poor surface / line marking. Please do not include these in consideration of quantity of courts in Traralgon. 		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Plan acknowledges the current condition of these courts and questions the future availability of these courts due to them being outside Council's control. These courts have therefore been discounted from further consideration.
Merv J Geddes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History of personal tennis experience with a number of local clubs / organisations dating back to 1969. The 'current situation chart' does not show the club/ association and members for the Latrobe Indoor Tennis Centre. Relevant numbers of people participating at the Centre should be obtained. Query the playing numbers at the Morwell Tennis Club as there seems to be little occupancy on afternoon competition day. Latrobe City has a very poor record of producing players capable of being National and State Representatives. Believe Morwell and Morwell East Tennis Clubs should merge. Courts at Ronald Reserve are of varying standards and players wonder why vacant Morwell courts are not utilised. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted. The Latrobe Indoor Tennis Centre is a private business and not a club or association. Consultation with the Facility Manager was undertaken and is detailed in the Background Paper. In summary, there are 8 regular competitions. Larger competitions involve 12 teams (approx. 48 players) and small competitions such as mid week ladies have 6 teams (approx. 24 players). Participation numbers are reported to be steadily declining. Clubs were responsible for providing details of senior, junior and casual members as part of a survey undertaken for the Tennis Facilities Plan. The accuracy of these figures is dependent on the information provided by individual clubs. Noted. The Plan proposes to "encourage the tennis clubs to continue to work together to upgrade and expand facilities". Council would support the merging of Morwell and Morwell East Tennis Clubs, however this is dependent on the willingness of the clubs to do so.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any plan that does not include any analysis of the indoor requirements of a city of around 72,000 people is not worth contemplating. Believe a purpose built indoor tennis centre be constructed on the Morwell East site. A proper feasibility study would demonstrate the need for the facility to promote tennis in Latrobe City. The following points are offered for consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Existing structures do not cater for the time constraints of this generation. - Latrobe Indoor is run-down and cannot cater for improved tennis participation. - 5 indoor courts are not enough for a population of 72,000. - Latrobe City has an opportunity to build a carbon neutral centre as a model for other municipalities. - Accommodation and administration facilities could incorporate meeting centres for other organisations including Morwell East Netball Club. - Compatible indoor / outdoor facilities in one area. - A Council owned facility would provide a revenue stream and an administration that could provide access at both indoor and outdoor at suitable times. - Morwell is the centre of Latrobe City. 		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Project Brief did not include consideration of an indoor tennis centre and the Plan concentrated on public outdoor facilities. Indoor tennis centres is generally provided by the private sector. It is not recommended that Council consider either a feasibility study or construction of such a facility in Latrobe City.
Dawn Martin (Central Gippsland Tennis Region Regional Development Officer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document provides valuable information about the status of tennis clubs/courts in Latrobe City. 		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disappointed that the strategy isn't any more than rationalising and repairing facilities. Report fails to provide strategies in any detail to increase participation in tennis or to meet the growing needs of junior players in accessing tennis courts. The inclusion of strategies about increasing participation and assisting clubs to increase membership would be welcome. Demographic analysis does not go into sufficient detail about areas of growth in Latrobe City to see if the location of tennis will meet new growth areas. Understand that clubs/associations self reported on their membership numbers. Was this information compared to Tennis Victoria data? Table on page 7: Traralgon South Tennis Club should have its own listing as should Yinnar South given that they are totally separate locations to the clubs they are grouped with. Table on page 7: Could include the days/nights when the courts are used. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The document is an infrastructure based plan to guide Council in its capital works program. The Plan primarily concentrates on the provision of tennis facilities and their ability to meet the needs of the sport in Latrobe City. Whilst the plan does not include specific recommendations or strategies, it does include 'opportunities' to address the identified issues. I.e. scheduling of junior competition and club operation and development initiatives. A snapshot of relevant demographic information is provided in the Tennis Facilities Plan. A detailed demographic analysis was undertaken as part of the project and is contained within the Background Paper. The projected total population of Latrobe City is expected to decline slightly over the next 20 years. Clubs were responsible for providing details of senior, junior and casual members as part of a survey undertaken for the Tennis Facilities Plan. The information was not compared to Tennis Victoria data, therefore the accuracy of these figures is dependent on the information provided by individual clubs. Table to be amended to include a separate listing for Traralgon South. Recommend that Yinnar and Yinnar South remain grouped together. The purpose of this table is to provide a snapshot of tennis provision in Latrobe City including clubs, facilities and membership numbers. Detailed information about the days / times that courts are being used is provided in the

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report fails to mention the number of people that receive coaching. • The report mentions that junior competitions will need to find more courts to play their games outside of the normal Saturday morning competition. These comments do not show an understanding of the region, which requires players to travel extensively. Not all courts have lighting for competition to occur past sunset which also limits the ability for tennis to play at other times. Other reasons include the availability of courts, working patterns, volunteers and equitable scheduling. • Agree that clubs/associations need to understand that they have responsibilities in cost sharing for maintenance of courts. Lease agreements between clubs and Council should clear up any misconceptions. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓ ✓ 	<p>Background Paper. A summary of overall facility use (and demand) is provided on page 13.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs were asked to provide information about the number of senior, junior and casual members associated with their club. The specific number of people receiving coaching was not obtained, however clubs were asked if / when coaching is offered at their club (information provided in the Background Paper). • Scheduling changes to junior competition have been successfully implemented by a number of tennis associations in Victoria and should be investigated by associations in Latrobe City. It is unreasonable to expect Council to support the development of more courts specifically for Saturday morning junior competition due to the likelihood that they are not required for the remainder of the week. The travel requirements for tennis players in the region is understood, however further infrastructure would not be required if clubs / associations were to consider i.e. Sunday morning competition for some age groups, which would alleviate pressure on existing facilities. • Noted.
Churchill Tennis Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.7 Facility Standards: Churchill Tennis Club has 4 asphalt courts listed as 'poor'. Suggest that there be another category of 'unusable' as other courts in the poor category are able to be used. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree that courts are unusable. The assessment criteria used to assess court surfaces has been designed using a good, fair or poor rating system, to provide a snapshot of court standards and to highlight those courts that require attention in the short term. Section 5.2 provides more detailed

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	<p>5.2 Churchill Tennis Club – Gaskin Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree that 4 asphalt courts are unusable and should be immediately decommissioned. The fencing which is in good condition could be relocated to another venue in need (e.g. Pax Hill) • 7 Acrylic Courts: Courts are very dirty and require immediate cleaning. Club suggests that Council program court cleaning as part of cyclic maintenance. Care needs to be taken with high pressure water sprays to ensure court surface is not damaged. • Club would like to proceed with the installation of lighting on the remaining 4 acrylic courts in the future. • The club would welcome the renovation of the clubrooms to include access for people with disabilities and improved toilet facilities. • The club endeavoured to plant trees for shade but without success. Club is looking into shade sail options. • The club agrees there is minor repairing required of the fence on the western side of Court 9. • Membership Fees: Players involved in mid-week night tennis are only required to pay a nightly fee and not a membership. People are not required to be members of a club to hit on the courts as many courts are public 			<p>information regarding Churchill Tennis Club and notes that the courts are unusable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted. Council is likely to support the relocation of the fence to another venue in need. • Maintenance issue • Noted. The Plan supports lighting the remaining courts. • Noted. The Plan supports the clubroom renovation. • Noted. The Plan supports the provision of more shaded areas for spectators. • Noted. • Agree that Clubs need to ensure they have sufficient income to meet operating and maintenance costs. Membership fees need to be realistic to ensure clubs can sustain themselves, whilst still being affordable to the community. The Plan supports the expansion

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	<p>facilities. It is essential that clubs have the capacity to make this money back by being able to run mid-week competitions, especially night competitions. Without this ability, clubs will not be able to sustain enough income to maintain itself. Lighting on courts is essential.</p>			<p>of tennis court lighting in Latrobe City due to the broad range of benefits they provide.</p>
Pax Hill Tennis Club (PHTC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.3 Regional Participation: Membership at almost all tennis clubs in obtained by players playing in a Saturday competition team. A swing away from Saturday competition for adults has resulted in a decline in membership at clubs. There are however a lot of people playing tennis at other times. • 3.1 Current Situation: Eric Taylor Reserve is not controlled by the PHTC. The club membership in the table is understated. The combined effect of these two errors is to understate the player to court ratio shown later in the document. • 3.3 Club Operation: PHTC has the ability to prepare strategic plans, has been overly successful in marketing to the demographic they represent and is in a healthy financial position. • 3.5 Facility Hierarchy: Concerned that a medium sized tennis facility should not coexist alongside a Major Facility within one township in the long term. It represents an overemphasis on the consolidation of all facilities, which fails to consider the objectives of the report (refers to Liveability Strategic Actions). PHTC has a lot to offer Traralgon as they are affiliated with Tennis Victoria; conducts 	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted. These participation trends are acknowledged in the Plan. • The Eric Taylor Reserve is used as a secondary venue by the Pax Hill Tennis Club. The table will be amended to show this more clearly. Club membership numbers were provided directly by the club and are therefore reliant on the accuracy of the information provided. • Noted. The Plan provides a summary of the issues raised by all clubs, as reported in the Club Survey. • Typically, "Major" and "Medium Size Tennis Facilities" would not be provided in the same area as they would generally compete against one-another for members etc. Council will not consider consolidating tennis facilities associated with the PHTC as long as the club is continuing to operate successfully and is content to remain in its current location. Council will however need to carefully consider any request to expand facilities associated with PHTC to ensure

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	<p>initiative programs; has a strong group of volunteers; has increased membership over recent years; have qualified coaches; caters for a low socio-economic area of Traralgon; makes courts available to local schools; and offers a public venue for people living in the west end of Traralgon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.6 Facility Use and Demand: Usage levels at Pax Hill based on the data in this report are 1.275 which is the highest reported level for this report. Including extra courts at other reserves presents misleading data as it assumes that the facilities are adequate. • 3.7 Facility Standards: Club disagrees with some facility assessments. Eric Taylor Reserve surface is considered poor, not good. Maskrey Reserve are considered good to fair. • Believe there is an overemphasis on providing surfaces that support elite level sport. Asphalt courts provide ideal entry level infrastructure for the sport, access to the public and at a sustainable cost. Agree that grand slam court surfaces are underrepresented in the area. • PHTC could offer more development squads if there were lights and they were resurfaced with synthetic grass. 			<p>resources are not being duplicated in the area and facilities are not competing against one another for the same participants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Plan does not include any reference to court player ratios for the Pax Hill Tennis Club. However, based on the data in the report (as provided by the club) the club would have a ratio of 13:1 (51 members / 4 courts at Maskrey Reserve), which excludes the 2 secondary courts used at Eric Taylor Reserve. • Comparative to other facilities in Latrobe City, the asphalt courts at Eric Taylor Reserve appear to be in 'good' condition with no obvious cracking or deterioration of the surface. Courts at Maskrey Reserve are noted as being in 'fair' condition. • The Plan recommends to maintain a flexible approach to the provision of tennis court surfaces by nominating 'acrylic' and 'sand filled artificial grass' court surfaces as preferred, but allowing low maintenance court surfaces for clubs with limited resources. • The Plan recommends an investigation into the potential installation of court lighting at Maskrey Reserve, including an assessment of the potential impact on neighbouring residential properties and on existing night programs offered at the Traralgon Tennis Centre. The Plan supports the conversion of asphalt courts to synthetic grass "where the club can contribute towards the conversion and can demonstrate

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believe that the provision of accessible toilets can be addressed in cooperation with Council. Toilet facilities could easily be made into public facilities due to the close proximity of the park and shops. • Traralgon College does not have tennis courts. • V-Line courts are unsuitable for playing tennis in their current condition. • Conclusion: The report fails to recognise the contribution of grass roots tennis to the health and vitality of the community. That tennis markets are segmented and that PHTC adequately serves the needs of its chosen market. 	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>	<p>an ability to maintain the courts into the future".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted. • Plan to be amended to exclude reference to Traralgon College • The Plan acknowledges the current condition of these courts and questions the future availability of these courts due to them being outside Council's control. • The Plan has been developed in the context of Latrobe's "Liveability Strategic Actions" and is designed to cater for the growth and development of tennis in Latrobe City.
Yinnar Tennis Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Report is a positive step towards the development of a more detailed strategic plan for the promotion of tennis in Latrobe City. • Do not believe the report is consistent with all the 'Liveability Strategic Actions', particularly the discussion afforded to medium size and public use tennis facilities. • Appear to be a deficiency in town based recreation plans. Are not aware about any such plans. 	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted. • The Plan has been developed in the context of the Liveability Strategic Actions, as stated on Page 3. The Plan acknowledges medium size and public use tennis facilities as an integral part of the tennis facilities hierarchy and in providing opportunities for tennis participation within the community. • The development of the "Southern Towns Recreation Plans" will commence in July 2008.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unaware of any workshops that would bring all participants together, and it appears minimal and non specific information has been obtained from State organisations. Section 2.3: Participation information is ambiguous and/or does not align with Section 3.2. This section (2.3) does not reflect the participation levels for each specific tennis association and there is no information regarding the Traralgon Tennis Association. Section 3.1: The table addresses the current members of each club and association in 2007, but the report references a previous report of 2002. The table should show the relative differences between the two periods. Section 3.2. There is no connection with Section 2.3. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All stakeholders were invited to attend a Public Meeting that was held on Wednesday 29 January. Extensive stakeholder consultation was undertaken with representatives from Tennis Victoria, Latrobe City Council, Central Gippsland Tennis Regional Council, local tennis associations and clubs. Participation numbers were sourced from individual tennis clubs and associations. Clubs were asked to provide information on senior, junior and casual members, whereas association membership is restricted to senior and/or junior members only. It should also be noted that some clubs were unable to provide membership information from 2002, so other past reports were used to source this information (based on 2004 data). Direct comparisons between club and association information (section 2.3 and 3.2) will therefore incur errors due to the differences in data collected. More detailed information about each club and association is contained within Volume 2. Section 2.3 (and 3.2) is designed to provide a snapshot of this information. The Traralgon Tennis Association was unable to provide membership information from 2002, which is why more specific information cannot be given. This table is designed to provide a snapshot of the distribution of tennis facilities in Latrobe City including the location and number of courts, associated clubs and membership numbers. Refer to above discussion.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The statement relating to industry benchmarks is not supported by where the information was obtained. This is also contradicted by the comment in 3.6 which notes there is no recognised standard for provision of courts. Section 3.5: Churchill courts are noted as having 11 courts but 4 unusable, yet Section 4.1 notes that these courts are surplus to needs. Why mention the 4 courts? Section 3.6 notes that Yinnar South Tennis Club is non active, but it should recognise that this is only recent and the Yinnar South community did have teams 2 years ago. Section 3.7: Asphalt and concrete lifespan appears inaccurate. It is noted as 30-40 years, but Section 3.9 refers to a lifespan of 15-20 years which is more factual. Section 3.8: Funding under the Tennis Victoria/Australia National Rebate Scheme is restricted to acrylic, clay and natural grass surfaces which limits the ability of rural facilities to apply for this funding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 3.2 discusses courts per head of population, whereas Section 3.6 discusses courts per number of players. In both instances it is acknowledged that there is no officially recognised standard. The figures used are based on recreation industry benchmarks that have been applied in a number of other municipal planning documents. These figures should not be used in isolation, but in consideration of a range of other factors (i.e. local characteristics and trends). Plan to be amended to include a reference to the industry benchmark not being an officially recognised standard (Section 3.2). The Plan needs to acknowledge the existence of the 4 asphalt courts in Churchill. The courts are surplus to need, however work is required to decommission the courts to deter any future use and address risk management issues. The Plan reports on the 'current' situation of tennis in Latrobe City. Section 5.18 to include a comment the club having teams 2 years ago. Information provided by Tennis Victoria Technical Services titled "Typical Life Cycle Assumptions for Nominated Court Surfaces and Selected Ancillary Items", states that the life expectancy range for hot mix asphalt courts is 30 to 40 years. Section 3.9 to be amended accordingly. The Plan acknowledges that only courts with acrylic, clay and natural grass surfaces are eligible to apply for funding under this Scheme.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 4.1: The cost of court lighting is expensive and most clubs would find it difficult to contribute "significant" funds towards installation. Section 4.2: Statements about there being adequate courts in Latrobe City appears based solely on the unsupported benchmarks (Section 3.4/6) and should be reviewed. The focus of the Plan should be initially providing good court surfaces to attract and retain tennis participants. A detailed strategic plan should be strongly aligned with Tennis Victoria and Tennis Australia to maximise the use of available resources and help achieve the outcomes identified in Latrobe 2021 Vision for the Latrobe Valley. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The high cost of lighting, together with the high number of tennis courts in Latrobe City makes it difficult for Council to install lighting without significant funding contributions from individual clubs. The Plan states that Latrobe City appears to be well provided for with tennis courts. This comment is based on a number of factors including the number and location of existing courts, and the low or lack of use of many courts throughout the municipality. Noted. A key focus of the Plan is to ensure timely maintenance and resurfacing of tennis courts throughout the municipality. Noted. The document is an infrastructure based plan to guide Council in its capital works program. The Plan is consistent with Liveability Strategic Actions identified in "Latrobe 2021 The Vision for Latrobe Valley". The Plan is also consistent with the strategic direction of Tennis Australia / Victoria.
Tennis Victoria – Club Development Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TV supports the development of a future plan for the provision of tennis facilities within Latrobe City. TV supports the feedback from Dawn Martin (Gippsport) TV strongly supports the inclusion of participation and club development strategies in the plan. The Plan does not seem to clearly define any key recommendations, action plans or next steps. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓ ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted. The document is an infrastructure based plan and primarily concentrates on the provision of tennis facilities and their ability to meet the needs of the sport in Latrobe City. Whilst the plan does not include specific recommendations, it does include 'opportunities' to address the identified issues. The majority of opportunities for tennis facility improvements will be implemented through town based plans.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facility utilisation should not be measured through membership alone. Rather overall usage should consider important user groups such as coaching and night tennis. (Sweeney suggests for every 1 member, 2 other non-members play tennis on a regular basis). • The reports indicates that support for lighting should only be provided where clubs can demonstrate a sound business case, however the Plan does not highlight individual club planning as a key focus of the report. • TV suggests the addition of 1) key recommendations in the areas of club development, participation and facility development; 2) actions to be undertaken as a result of the recommendations; 3) Highlight key areas of future facility development; 4) List in priority order risk and hazards at each facility as a basis to allocate funds from. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓ ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Plan acknowledges participation trends for casual (or 'non-organised') tennis as outlined in Section 2.1. Tennis clubs were responsible for providing details of senior, junior and casual members. Membership information provided is based on the total membership from each club (including casual members). • The Plan identifies a range of opportunities to improve the operation and viability of tennis clubs including the need to "assist clubs to develop strategic plans and budgets, with the goal of becoming more self sufficient". • As mentioned, the Plan includes detailed opportunities to address the identified issues for tennis in Latrobe City. The majority of opportunities for tennis facility improvements will be implemented through town based plans. Council will work with clubs to address all risk management issues as identified in the Tennis Facilities Plan and accompanying Facility Audit and Inventory.

From the projects identified in the plan and from the feedback received during the community consultation process there are two main areas of need that have been identified. Resurfacing of courts has been identified at a number of facilities and lighting of additional courts has also been identified to enable establishment of night competitions or extension of current night competitions.

The typical replacement costs for facilities (information provided by Tennis Victoria) is as follows:

- \$15,000 for an asphalt surface,
- \$20,000 for a concrete court and a further \$5,000 per court to coat with acrylic surface.

If Council were to fund the total cost of resurfacing those courts identified in the plan as either poor or fair condition (excluding courts identified for removal), the amount required would total \$585,000.

At present, Council allocates \$50,000 per annum for court resurfacing in the municipality. This funding allocation also includes the resurfacing of netball courts. Based on this annual allocation, it would take approximately sixteen years to improve those tennis surfaces currently rated as being poor to fair. It is also likely that a number of courts currently rated good would need to come onto this program.

According to Tennis Victoria, the life of a tennis court once it has been resurfaced should be approximately thirty years.

Priority projects (not in priority order) should the capital allocation be made towards resurfacing based on court condition and member numbers would be.

Yinnar	2 asphalt	\$30,000
Hazelwood North	2 asphalt	\$30,000
Morwell East	2 concrete	\$40,000

From feedback received in the development of the tennis facilities plan a number of clubs identified a desire for additional lighting to enable new or expanded night competitions. The lighting of additional courts would enable the expansion of night competitions and potentially result in increased participation levels.

There are already a number of courts in Latrobe City with competition standard lighting whilst some courts currently have basic lighting primarily for netball training. Based on full lighting using figures from Tennis Victoria, the cost to provide lighting is \$25,000 - \$30,000 per court (depending on style). This assumes no increased power supply would be required. Therefore, the total cost to provided lighting to all courts identified in the plan would be approximately \$675,000.

There are sound arguments for Council to consider either resurfacing or the provisions of new lighting as the highest priority. Having a consistent surface to play on is considered a necessity to enable tennis to continue to attract and retain players. Conversely, additional lighting of courts would provide additional flexibility in the scheduling of training and competition.

When considering the basic needs of the sport to enable it to grow and prosper, it is the officer's view that having a consistent surface is of the highest priority. Currently there is still additional capacity at facilities with lighting to expand their competitions and training further.

From the court usage schedules provided by the clubs, Traralgon is the only facility with lighting that is being utilised on multiple nights during the week.

5. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

The 2008/2009 Latrobe City Capital works budget contains an allocation of \$100,000 towards implementing the highest priority actions from the Tennis Facilities Plan.

6. INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

There was a significant consultation process involved in the development of the plan including public, one on one and onsite meetings.

The draft plan was distributed to each tennis club within the municipality as well as to Tennis Victoria. The draft plan was available at reception at Latrobe City Headquarters and on the Council website where it was downloaded twenty six times. Eight submissions were received on the draft plan.

7. OPTIONS

There are three options available to Council:

1. Adopt the final report of the Tennis Facilities Plan. This is the recommended option as it will allow the appropriate planning and implementation to proceed in a timely manner.
2. Amend and adopt the revised report of the Tennis Facilities Plan. This is not recommended as further amendments to the plan will delay implementation of the identified projects.
3. Decline to adopt the final report of the Tennis Facilities Plan. This is not recommended as through the development of the plan it was clearly identified that there are projects in need of immediate capital investment and improvements.

8. CONCLUSION

The Tennis Facilities Plan was developed in close consultation with each of the tennis clubs within Latrobe City and Tennis Victoria. The plan identified a number of opportunities that will result in improved facilities for tennis players, spectators and volunteers

9. RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council adopts the Tennis Facilities Plan (June 2008).**
- 2. That \$30,000 from the 2008/2009 capital works program be allocated to resurfacing two courts at the Yinnar Recreation Reserve.**
- 3. That \$30,000 from the 2008/2009 capital works program be allocated to resurfacing two courts at the Hazelwood North Tennis Club.**
- 4. That \$40,000 from the 2008/2009 capital works program be allocated to resurfacing two courts at the Morwell East Tennis Club.**
- 5. That the opportunities for improvements identified in the Tennis Facilities Plan (June 2008) be considered in the Southern Towns Plan to be completed during 2008/2009 and the Northern Towns Plan to be completed in 2009/2010.**

Cr White declared an interest as he is a life member of the Churchill and Morwell tennis club and a member of the Tennis Association.

Moved: Cr Middlemiss

Seconded: Cr Lloyd

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ATTACHMENTS

Monday 12 May 2008

Mr. Ian Murphy
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Dear Ian

RE: LATROBE CITY COUNCIL TENNIS FACILITIES PLAN

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Latrobe City Council's Tennis Facilities Plan – Draft Report April 2008.

Firstly, let me say that the document provides valuable information about the status of tennis clubs/courts across the local government area. This is useful when ascertaining where tennis is being played, by whom and in what type of surfaces/facilities.

I am disappointed to find that although, the document does mention 'a strategic approach' (page 3), there is no sense throughout the document that the strategy is anymore than rationalizing and repairing facilities. The Draft Report fails to provide strategies in any detail, to increase participation in tennis or to meet the growing needs of junior players in accessing tennis courts.

Specific comments

The demographic analysis on page 4 does not go into sufficient detail about areas of growth within Latrobe City Council to see if the location of tennis courts will meet new growth areas. I believe this information is important to the Draft Report.

I understand that clubs/associations self reported on their membership numbers. Was this information compared to the Tennis Victoria data collected each year?

In the table on page 7, Traralgon South Tennis Club should have its own listing as should Yinnar South given that they are separate locations to the clubs they are grouped with. This table could also include the days/nights when the courts are used.

The report fails to mention the number of people that receive coaching at tennis courts across Latrobe City Council. People and children receiving coaching are not always members of clubs but are making use of the facilities. Many coaches in the area travel to the rural townships to ensure children receive quality coaching and hence the confidence to move into competitions.

The Draft Report mentions on a few occasions that junior competitions will need to find courts to play their games outside of the normal Saturday morning schedule. These comments though, do not show an understanding of the region. Competitions are not confined to one town and junior players travel extensively to play in their competition. This requires parents/guardians to be available to transport their children to venues outside of their local area. Not all courts have lights for competition to occur past sunset, which also limits the ability for tennis to play at other times. Other reasons include availability of courts, working patterns, volunteers and equitable scheduling.

I agree that it is not feasible for all facilities to be maintained and that clubs/associations need to understand that they have responsibilities in cost sharing for maintenance of courts. A lease agreement between the clubs and Latrobe City Council outlining key responsibilities should clear up any misconceptions.

The inclusion of strategies within the Draft Report about increasing participation and assisting clubs to increase membership would be very welcome. Latrobe City Council is in a unique position to be able to support clubs/associations and townships to make the best use of tennis facilities and ensure their communities are more liveable.

I look forward to receiving a copy of the final Latrobe City Council Tennis Facilities Plan.

Yours sincerely

Dawn Martin
Regional Development Officer
Central Gippsland Tennis Region

CC: Barry Switzer Executive Officer GippSport

Recreation Manager
Latrobe City Council
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Saturday, 3 May 2008

Dear Madam / Sir,

Comment on Draft Tennis Plan

Thankyou for the opportunity to comment on the above plan – a substantial piece of work. I have been interested in tennis through my son receiving coaching, and playing competition at Pax Hill in Traralgon. My comments are as follows:

- I am comfortable with the overall direction of the plan and the strategic approach to classes of courts and sustainable cyclic maintenance etc.
- I object to a statement on page 9 “*it is also important for clubs to raise funds by developing a broader range of revenue generating opportunities*”. As a rate payer, I am not expected to have to go out and fund raise to enjoy the passive recreational opportunities in my city. This expectation of additional revenue raising is, in fact, just an arbitrary stance with no objective rationale. In my experience in community organisations, it is this expectation to fund raise that drives members away. I believe the council (ie my rates) should contribute all long term capital and maintenance costs, with only operating costs payable by users. We are trying to support health and well being.
- I believe it is important to maintain the public use courts at Shakespeare Street and other places, as casual hire out systems are not conducive to ad hoc tennis.
- The two private courts at VLine in Traralgon are not fit for tennis in my opinion, given lack of shade, lack of toilets and very poor surface / line marking. Please do not include these in consideration of quantity of courts in Traralgon.

Yours sincerely,



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05 May 2008

Mr Ian Murphy
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Dear Ian,

I attended the formation meeting of the above as a concerned private citizen not as a member of the Morwell East Tennis Club, that I competed for in the last tennis season. My submission is therefore in this context and may not necessarily reflect the policy of the Morwell East Tennis Club Inc.

I came to Moe in 1969 and played "A" Pennant for the club at Kingsford Street until 1974. and coached the juniors .ewon the "B Special Men's (no women moved to Newborough). I won the club championship in 1970 and was runner up twice (I think) after. I played at several other L.V. clubs such as Morwell south in 1973. I also played at Yallourn in the early to mid eighties where I was fortunate to win another club championship and runner up again twice (I think). Most of my competition fluctuated since then around the Morwell and Morwell East Clubs in the eighties and nineties to the present except for a short stint in Millicent SA (2yrswhere I played and coached at a club level and represented the association at Bordertown S.A.

I was also in the winning A Men's team in the in-augural indoor competition in 1986, the first year of operation of Latrobe Indoor whilst my personal achievements may not be all that relevant they are important to the experience of all court services various club administrations and the promotional oportunities for Tennis in Latrobe City.

With these thoughts in mind I make the following comments on the tennis facilities draft plan for your consideration.

1. Background

Any plan that does not include any analysis of the indoor requirements of a city of around 72,000 people is not worth contemplating.

2. Participation

3. 2.3 Regional Participation.

Latrobe indoor centre Moe has five courts shown on current situation chart but club/association and members are shown as N/A.

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Obviously to consider a plan without the numbers participating at Latrobe Indoor is in conceivable. As the indoor centre has basically the same management and coaching structure as the Traralgon Tennis Centre. I believe the relevant numbers at least could be obtained.

Business interests un-fortunately limit the availability of coaching and playing at both Latrobe Indoor and Traralgon tennis Centre as the same personnel are involved.

I still participate in a veteran's competition at Latrobe Indoor on the 1st Sunday in most months of the year. Typically there are 40-50 players on the 5 courts to play your 4 sets mostly take 6 hours 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Players come from as far afield as Sale and Bairnsdale. I gave up playing in the night's competition about 10years ago because of time and travel constraints.

5.9 Ronald Reserve Morwell

I would query the playing numbers at the Morwell Tennis club as there seems to be little occupancy on afternoon competition day and the request for additional courts in my opinion, would be in the business interests of the coach and committee executive only.

Latrobe City has a very poor record of producing players capable of being National and State Representatives.

Morwell East Tennis Club was supposed to merge with Morwell when the new club was constructed in the early 1990's; I was on the transition committee for the supposed merger. For reasons only known to themselves some members stayed on at Morwell East and there was no merger.

I have had many instances of players from other clubs not enjoying playing on varying below standard courts surfaces and wondering why the vacant Morwell courts were not utilised.

I believe the two clubs should finally be merged and purpose built indoor centre be constructed on the Morwell East site.

Conclusion:

I am not sure that suggestion of an indoor tennis centre at the Ronald Reserve site was taken seriously but I am sure that a proper feasibility study would demonstrate the need for the facility to promote tennis in Latrobe City.

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The following points are offered for your consideration.

- Existing structures do not cater for the time constraints of this generation
- Latrobe Indoor is run-down and cannot cater for the improved tennis participation
- 5 indoor courts are not enough for a population of 72,000.
- Latrobe City has the opportunity to build a carbon neutral centre as model for other municipalities.
- Accommodation and administration facilities could incorporate meeting centres for other organisations including the Morwell East Netball Club. The girls are showing the way in playing and administration and deserve proper recognition and a good home
- Compatible Indoor/Outdoor facilities in the same area
- A Council owned facility would provide a revenue stream and an administration that could provide access at both indoor and outdoor at times suitable to the participants
- Morwell is the centre of Latrobe City.

Finally I am disappointed that you employed a consultant, who I have never heard of before the formulative meeting.

Yours sincerely



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The Recreation Manager
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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Tyers Tennis Club would like to comment on the Tennis Recreation Plan with regard to the items that were identified in the study. We discussed each at length and would like to have then noted.

- Upgrading of the older courts to provide compliant "run-off" areas. We believe that this will be well beyond the current structure of the Club in terms of our financial ability to pay for such an upgrade.
- Upgrade of the clubroom to include toilets. We believe that the adjacent football pavilion toilets are adequate for the Club members and visitors. We also believe that placing a toilet in the clubroom (a converted atco building) is not appropriate given that afternoon teas etc are held in the room next to the space allocated for the toilet.

We have also mapped out some strategies to meet some of the other key issues listed in the review and hope to have these addressed before the coming season.

We hope that the above will be noted as part of the consultation process for the betterment of tennis in our area and association.

Yours sincerely,



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Tyers Tennis Club

15 May 2008

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Dear Ian,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our comments regarding the Draft Report April 2008, Tennis Facilities Plan.

Our club is totally supportive of increasing tennis participation in the City of Latrobe, particularly and more specifically Yinnar & District Tennis Association where our facilities are based. We believe the Draft Report is a positive step towards the development of a more detailed strategic plan for the promotion of tennis in Latrobe City.

We do not believe however that the report is consistent with all the Livability Strategic Actions identified in 'Latrobe 2021 The Vision for Latrobe Valley'. Our belief is that the discussion afforded to medium sized facilities and public use facilities is not promoting or establishing the need to:

- Encourage greater participation,
- Increase accessibility to sporting facilities,
- Develop and maintain high quality recreation facilities in partnership with the community, and
- Promote active living and participation in community life

We also do not agree with the accuracy of sections within the report. As noted above the basis of the report is deficient in the fact that it does not fully address promoting the need for increasing the accessibility of Latrobe City's recreation sporting facilities.

There also appears to be a deficiency in town based recreation plans from our perspective, as we are not aware of or have not been notified about any such plans.

The methodology of this report, whilst reasonably fair, is partially flawed in that we have been unaware of any workshops that would bring all participants together; and from our inquiries it appears minimal and non specific information has been obtained from State organisations.

Further to this, our specific comments regarding the report are as follows:

Section 2.3

- This section addresses participation in Latrobe City. Section 3.2 also addresses Latrobe City participation but the information provided in both sections is ambiguous and/or does not align.
- This section does not reflect the participation levels for each specific tennis association of the Latrobe Council.
- There is also no information regarding the Traralgon Tennis Association

A far more accurate participation assessment would be reflected by individually assessing and showing the percentage increase or decrease by each individual tennis association. The information contained in this section should align with the total decrease shown in section 3.2 of only 2% for Latrobe City.

Section 3.1

This table addresses the current members of each club and association in 2007 but the report references a previous report of 2002. This table should show or indicate the relative differences between the two periods to more accurately reflect the areas where numbers of participants has altered.

Section 3.2

Unfortunately there is no connection between this section and Section 2.3.

Section 3.4

We note the statement that "based on industry benchmarks there is a high level of tennis provision etc"(1 court per 1000/1500 people) is not supported by where the benchmark information was obtained to allow this statement to be made. This Section 3.4 is also contradicted by the comment in 3.6 which notes there is no recognized standard for provision of courts.

The statistics used in Section 3.6 also conflict those used in section 3.4.

Section 3.5

We find it common from herein, that the Churchill courts are noted as having 11 courts but four (4) unusable, yet Section 4.1 notes that these courts are surplus to needs. Why mention the 4 courts?

Section 3.6

This section notes that the Yinnar South Tennis Club is non active, but it should be more fully recognized that this is only recent and the Yinnar South community did have teams 2 years ago.

Section 3.7

Asphalt and concrete life span appears incorrect. It is noted as 30-40 year life span but in when you refer to Section 3.9 it is noted as 15 – 20 years which is more factual.

Section 3.8

Whilst all clubs might apply for funding under the Tennis Victoria/Australia National Rebate Scheme this is restricted to acrylic, clay and natural grass surfaces which limits the ability of rural facilities to apply for this funding.

Section 4.1

The report notes that “clubs should also be required to contribute significant funds towards lighting.”

The issue here is the word “significant”. The cost of lighting is expensive and most clubs would find it difficult to fund any significant amount of money for the installations.

Lighting provides benefits in increasing the use of facilities and participation levels as noted in section 3.7 under the heading “court lighting”.

Section 4.2

The various statements in this section that there is adequate courts in Latrobe City and that there should be no net increase in court numbers appears based solely on the unsupported benchmarks as noted in section 3.4 and contradicted in section 3.6.

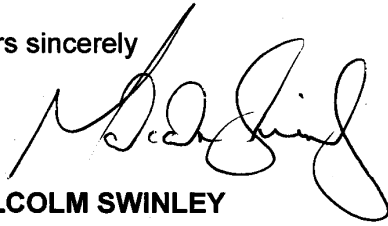
Based on this, the section should be reviewed.

In concluding the Latrobe City should ensure that the focus of this Facilities Plan should be initially providing good court surfaces which will attract and retain tennis participants.

It is also the Yinnar Tennis Club's view that a detailed strategic plan should be strongly aligned with Tennis Victoria and Tennis Australia to maximize the use of available resources to help achieve the outcomes identified in the Latrobe 2021 vision for the Latrobe Valley.

We would be encouraged to be able to discuss this further with you at your convenience.

Yours sincerely



MALCOLM SWINLEY

cc Councilors, Latrobe City
Russell Northe, MLA Member for Morwell
Mrs D. Martin, Gippsport

CHURCHILL TENNIS CLUB

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The Recreation Manager
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Dear Mr Murphy,

Re: Tennis Facilities Plan – Draft Report April 2008

The Churchill Tennis Club welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Draft Report of the Tennis Facilities Plan for Latrobe City.

The Club would offer the following comments:

3.7 Facility Standards

- Churchill Tennis Club, 4 asphalt courts listed as 'poor'
- The Club suggests there should be another category of 'unusable' as other courts in the 'poor' category are able to be used.

5.2 Churchill Tennis Club at Gaskin Park, Manning Drive Churchill

4 Asphalt Courts

- The Club agrees the 4 asphalt courts should be immediately de-commissioned.
- The fencing which is in good condition could be relocated to another venue in need, e.g. Pax Hill Tennis Club.

7 Acrylic Courts

- As stated, 3 acrylic courts have some cracking.
- The 7 courts are very dirty and require immediate cleaning.
- As stated under 3.9 Facility Management and Maintenance, *"Acrylic Courts: The most important factor in prolonging the useful life of a tennis court is keeping it clean. It is therefore important to regularly remove dirt and debris and wash courts annually with high pressure water sprays."*

The Churchill Tennis Club would suggest the Council program as part of cyclic maintenance, such cleaning of the courts by council staff or professional contractors. It is noted that care needs to be taken in the use of the high pressure water sprays so that the court surface is not damaged. While some larger clubs may have member expertise in the use of hired high pressure water sprays, our Club considers it prudent to rely on Council to undertake this task.

It is extremely evident that the Churchill courts need cleaning. Besides prolonging the life of the courts between resurfacing, the tennis balls used will also last longer when the courts are cleaned.

Install Lighting on Remaining 4 Acrylic Courts

The Club would like to proceed with this in the future.

Renovate clubrooms to include access for people with disabilities and improved toilet facilities

The Club would welcome these renovations and believes the changeover to water-saving toilet cisterns is long overdue.

Provide more shaded areas for spectators

The Club has endeavoured to plant trees on the north side of the courts without success. The Club is looking at some shade sail options.

Minor Fence Maintenance

The Club agrees there is minor repairing required of the fence on the western perimeter of Court 9.

Membership Fees

As noted in the report, there has been a decline in Saturday afternoon competition participation by senior players and an increase in mid-week night tennis. These players are only required to pay a nightly fee and not a membership; therefore most clubs are suffering a decrease in membership even though more people are playing tennis. There is a problem (a good problem for the public) in the country that people are not required to be members of a club to hit on the courts, as many courts are public facilities, unlike the city where you must be a member to play. It is essential that clubs have the capacity to make this money back by being able to run these mid-week competitions, especially night competitions. Without this ability, clubs will not be able to sustain enough income to maintain itself. Lighting on courts is essential.

Yours sincerely,

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May 15th 2008

THE RECREATION MANAGER

Response to the Draft Tennis Facilities plan 2008

Comments, Errors and Omissions

1. **2.3 REGIONAL PARTICIPATION**

All tennis associations have reported a decline in membership over the past five years, with the exception of the Latrobe Valley Tennis Association who has experienced a slight increase.” (page 6)

Membership at almost all tennis clubs in the country is obtained by players playing in a Saturday competition team. Since there has been a swing away from Saturday competition for adults, there has therefore been a decline in memberships to clubs. You don't have to be a member at the majority of clubs to have a social hit. There are a lot of people playing tennis at times other than Saturdays; clubs have no way to raise money from these people unless they are in a position to run a night/day competition. The smaller clubs have not got facilities to do this. Club membership in Melbourne etc is necessary if you want to have a hit at any time, therefore not related to competition.

2. **3.1 CURRENT SITUATION**

- a) Eric Taylor reserve is not controlled by the Pax Hill Tennis club. The club has sought to play matches at this facility in recent years due to the inability to locate other suitable facilities in the area.
- b) The club membership in the table is understated
- c) The combined effect of these two errors is to understate the player to court ratio shown later in this document.

3. **3.2 LATROBE CITY PARTICIPATION**

We agree generally with the comments

4. **3.3 CLUB OPERATION**

We agree generally with the comments however:

- a) Pax Hill does have the ability to prepare strategic plans, particularly where it can accurately assess the long term vision of major stakeholders.
- b) Pax Hill tennis club has been overly successful in marketing to the particular demographic that represents membership. To this end facilities are not adequate to cater for the club needs.
- c) Pax Hill is in a healthy financial position.

5. **3.5 FACILITY HIERACHY*****“Medium Size Tennis Facilities***

Medium sized tennis facilities typically include 3 to 6 courts and cater for club based tennis including competition and coaching. These facilities should be geographically spread throughout the municipality and provide access for residents living in each township (unless where a major tennis facility is otherwise provided).”

We are concerned at the conclusion that a medium sized tennis facility should not coexist along side a Major facility within the one township in the long term; particularly within the body of the report. It represents an overemphasis on the consolidation of all facilities there is a contention that consolidation is economically better for the municipality and is therefore better for the community generally. We do not hold this view.

We contend that consolidation fails to consider some of the originally stated objectives of this report;

“Encourage greater participation in all recreation pursuits.”

- Pax Hill tennis club represents the link to regional tennis clubs within the municipality. Without this presence participation at other clubs will decline.

“Increase the accessibility of Latrobe City’s recreation and sporting facilities.”

- Large facilities are not generally available to members of the public, Pax Hill can easily cater for this need as the court surfaces are durable and facilities are protected

“Develop and maintain high quality recreation facilities in partnership with the community.”

- Where quality is defined as “fitness for purpose”: Pax Hill Tennis club achieves these goals.

“Promote active living and participation in community life.”

The Pax Hill Tennis Club has a lot to offer Traralgon.

- is affiliated to Tennis Victoria
- takes on board Tennis Victoria and Tennis Australia initiative programs –
 - Yvonne Goolagong, Girls in Tennis
 - Mum’s Program – we still have an increasing number of women playing and have started a Dad’s program as a spin-off program
 - Tennis in Schools
- has a strong group of dedicated volunteers and parents that support not only the club, but also the associations related to tennis in the Latrobe City (LVTA, YDTA and LYTA)
- has shown an increase in membership over recent years

- have qualified tennis coaches providing programs 6 days per week for players aged 4 – >60
- caters for a low socio-economic area of Traralgon
- makes its courts readily available to the schools in the area (Traralgon College, Stockdale Road and Kosciuszko St)
- offers a public venue for people living in the ever-expanding west-end of Traralgon (parents are reluctant to let their children walk/ride down to the Complex due to the high traffic density of Breed Street.)

6. **3.6 Facility Use and Demand**

We disagree with the assessment of usage levels.

- Usage levels at Pax Hill based on the data in this report are 1.275 which is the highest reported level for this report. Including extra courts at other reserves presents misleading data as it assumes that the facilities are adequate.
- Pax Hill Tennis club has declined the use of private facilities within the Traralgon area on the basis that it is unsure of the ability to provide a safe playing surface.

7. **3.7 Facility Standards**

We disagree with some of the assessments of facilities and playing surfaces;

- Eric Taylor Reserve, Traralgon is not considered a good surface, the surface is poor.
- Pax Hill (Maskrey reserve) courts are considered good to fair.

Type of court surface:

We believe that there is an overemphasis on providing court surfaces that support elite level sport. Development grants are not available for asphalt surfaces however the low maintenance cost and extended life of the surface makes it an ideal product for a club that services this sector of the tennis playing market. We believe that asphalt courts within the city of Traralgon provide ideal entry level infrastructure for the sport, access to the general public and at a sustainable cost.

It is ironic that the last two entrants to the Gippsland Academy of sport were introduced to tennis and coached on asphalt surfaces at Pax Hill. All champions start somewhere, not necessarily on a synthetic surface.

We do agree that grand slam court surfaces are under represented in the area.

Pax Hill could offer more development squads for the juniors and other programs, eg Seniors Tennis, Veterans tournaments if there were lights and they were resurfaced with Synthetic Grass. The dedicated volunteers and coaches would be able and willing to regularly maintain the surface.

Clubroom and spectator facilities

We agree with the report that toilet facilities and access for the disabled are inadequate. This is a situation that we believe can be addressed in cooperation with council at very little cost to the community.

The toilet facilities could easily be made into public facilities due to the close proximity of the park and shops.

Other

- Traralgon College does not have tennis courts.
- The courts located within the Railway reserve (VRI) Traralgon are unsuitable for playing tennis in their present condition. It is difficult to ensure that a valid and legally binding agreement can be struck between the owners of the facility and the tennis club.

Conclusions

The report fails to recognise

- The contribution of grass roots tennis to the health and vitality of the community
- That tennis markets are segmented and that Pax Hill tennis club adequately serves the needs of its chosen market.

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Dear Ian,

RE: Tennis Facilities Plan – Draft April 2008

Thankyou for the opportunity to provide feedback in regards to the draft Tennis Facilities Plan. I trust the feedback provided in this letter will enhance the effectiveness of the plan.

Tennis Victoria strongly supports the development of a future plan for the provision of tennis facilities within the Latrobe Shire Council.

Tennis Victoria supports the feedback provided by Dawn Martin of Gippsport on 12 May 2008. In addition, I would also like to offer the following points:

- Tennis Victoria strongly supports the inclusion of participation and club development strategies in the plan. This would provide tri-partied benefits to Council, Tennis Victoria (including Gippsport) and clubs within the area as the importance of basic club planning, providing opportunities to the broader community (or non-traditional tennis players) and increasing facility utilisation would be highlighted.
- The Plan does not seem to clearly define any key recommendations, action plans or next steps. It considers a range of issues across a broad range of topics from volunteering, membership, facility provision and financial reserves; however it does not provide a clear direction or any outcomes which will be derived from the report.
- Based on evidence of the way people are accessing all sports, facility utilisation should not be measured through membership alone. Rather overall usage should consider important user groups such as coaching and night competitions which attract significantly high numbers of participants on a regular basis (Sweeney suggests for every 1 member, 2 other non members play tennis on a regular basis).
- The report indicates that in regards to lighting "support should only be provided where clubs can demonstrate a sound business case....." however the plan does not highlight individual club planning as a key focus of the report.
- In recommending improvements which would assist council in measuring the outcomes and generating support for the plan, Tennis Victoria suggests the following:
 - Addition of key recommendations by Council in the areas of club development, participation and facility development.

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- Actions to be undertaken as a result of the recommendations. Broad activities such as "establish a tennis advisory committee", assist tennis clubs to develop basic forward plans through Tennis Victoria and Gippsport.
- Highlight key areas of future tennis facility development
- List in priority order (immediate to future option) risks and hazards at each facility as a basis to allocate funds from.

The Tennis Victoria Strategic Plan details a strong focus on grassroots participation and facility development.

Tennis Victoria is currently close to finalising a Facilities Masterplan and a website aimed at increasing the operational and financial sustainability of clubs within the state. Once complete, these plans will be promoted to all stakeholders to assist in future planning and service delivery to clubs. In achieving the outcomes of the strategic plan, collaborative working relationships with ALL Local Government Authorities is vital.

Ian, I trust this feedback has assisted in the completion of the Tennis Facilities Plan. Please contact me if you wish to discuss this further.

I look forward to working closely with you and your colleagues in the future.

Yours sincerely



Melanie Orr
Club Development Manager

**7.4 PLANNING PERMIT APPLICATION 2007/410 - USE OF LAND
FOR A RESTRICTED RECREATION FACILITY (GYMNASIUM) AT
94 CROSS'S ROAD, TRARALGON**

This item was considered earlier in the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 INTERSECTION OF DINWOODIE DRIVE, MOE

AUTHOR: General Manager City Marketing & Development
(ATTACHMENT – YES)

1. INTRODUCTION

VicRoads has written to Council outlining a proposal to install traffic signals at the intersection of Dinwoodie Drive Moe and seeks Council approval to enter into a cost sharing arrangement to fund the project.

2. OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Latrobe City Council has been lobbying VicRoads over recent years to improve the safety of the Narracan Drive – Dinwoodie Drive intersection. Narracan Drive forms part of the Moe-Glengarry Main Road and is therefore under the management of VicRoads. Dinwoodie Drive is a local major access road under the management of Latrobe City Council.

The existing T- intersection presents delay and potential safety issues, particularly at peak times, for motorists wishing to enter Narracan Drive from Dinwoodie Drive. Motorists waiting in queues for a relatively long period of time are more likely to take risks entering the main traffic stream. A number of property damage accidents have occurred at this location.

VicRoads has previously evaluated a number of treatment options for this intersection. These included a roundabout, full channelisation of the existing T- intersection and traffic signals. The preferred option is traffic signals because of superior operational efficiency, safety and benefit/cost ratio. This option would also provide equity of access for traffic entering and departing Dinwoodie Drive during peak periods and would complement the existing signals at Ollerton Avenue.

Latrobe City Council recently wrote to VicRoads requesting that this intersection be considered in the State Government's *arrive alive* Safer Road Infrastructure – Greyspot Program.

VicRoads officers recently met with council officers and put forward a proposal to install traffic signals based on a joint funding arrangement under the Greyspot Program. The estimated cost of the installation of traffic signals is \$470,000.

The upper limit of potential funding available under the Greyspot Program is in the order of \$350,000. This leaves a balance of \$120,000. VicRoads Regional Office advise that the funding application will not proceed unless the total funding package is secured, and therefore has offered an opportunity for Latrobe City Council to make a financial contribution up to a maximum of \$120,000 towards this project. If the final project cost was lower than estimated, the difference would be deducted from Latrobe City Council's contribution. A copy of VicRoads proposal and plans are included as an attachment to this report.

If Council supports this joint funding arrangement, VicRoads would continue with the Greyspot Program application and seek to secure the \$350,000.

VicRoads advised that the proposed joint funding arrangement is similar to others which have been facilitated between VicRoads and municipalities in recent years to achieve infrastructure improvements where funding limitations may have otherwise precluded the project from proceeding.

If Council was in agreement with the proposed joint funding arrangement, VicRoads have advised that the project could be completed by the end of 2009 and Latrobe City Council's contribution could be acquitted in either the 2008/09 and/or the 2009/10 financial years.

The proposal put forward by VicRoads to fund the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Narracan Drive - Dinwoodie Drive presents an opportunity to secure funding for a project that otherwise may not be funded in the short term.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council approves the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Narracan Drive – Dinwoodie Drive, Moe in accordance with VicRoads Drawing No. 508 571.**
- 2. That Council supports the funding application by VicRoads to the State Government's *Arrive Alive* Safer Road Infrastructure – Greyspot Program.**
- 3. That Council agrees to contribute a maximum amount of \$120,000 towards the capital cost of the installation of traffic signals at Narracan Drive and Dinwoodie Drive Moe; and that the Council contribution of \$120,000 be committed in the 2009/2010 capital works program.**

Moved: Cr Zimora

Seconded: Cr Middlemiss

That the Recommendation be adopted.

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Dear Mr Fitzgerald

INTERSECTION OF MOE-GLENGARRY RD AND DINWOODIE DRIVE, MOE

I refer to your letter dated 15 April 2008 in relation to the abovementioned intersection and the concerns that Latrobe City and the local community have raised in terms of safety and delays for traffic entering Moe Glengarry Road from Dinwoodie Drive. I also refer to your letter dated 24 April 2008 requesting that this intersection be considered in the State Government's *arrive alive* Safer Road Infrastructure - Greyspot Program.

I advise that VicRoads has previously evaluated a number of treatments options for this intersection with the preferred treatment being the installation of traffic signals. This option will provide equity of access for traffic entering and departing Dinwoodie Drive during peak periods, together with complementing the existing signals at Ollerton Avenue. The total estimated cost for these works is expected to be in the order of \$470,000.

Due to the concerns raised by Latrobe City and the local community regarding this intersection, VicRoads officers met with Latrobe City Manager Infrastructure Development, Mr Brian Fitzgerald on 29 April 2008 and put forward a cost sharing proposal that could make the traffic signal option potentially viable.

It is estimated that the upper limit of potential funding available under the Greyspot Program would be in the order of \$350,000. Given that the capital cost of this project is estimated to be in the order of \$470,000, a shortfall of approximately \$120,000 exists. An opportunity exists for Latrobe City to make a financial contribution up to a maximum of \$120,000 towards this project. If this assurance was received, then VicRoads would continue with the Greyspot application and seek to secure the remaining funds. I confirm the verbal advice from my staff, that if the final project costs were lower than estimated, the difference would be deducted from the Latrobe City contribution.



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The proposed joint funding arrangement is similar to others which have been facilitated between VicRoads and municipalities in recent years to achieve infrastructure improvements where funding limitations may have otherwise precluded the project from proceeding.

I confirm that the funding profile in terms of a Latrobe City contribution is flexible and can be accommodated in either the 2008/09 and/or 2009/10 financial years.

If Latrobe City was in agreement with the abovementioned proposal, and the VicRoads funding application was successful, then completion of the project would be anticipated by the end of 2009.

A copy of the design layout is enclosed for your information and comment.

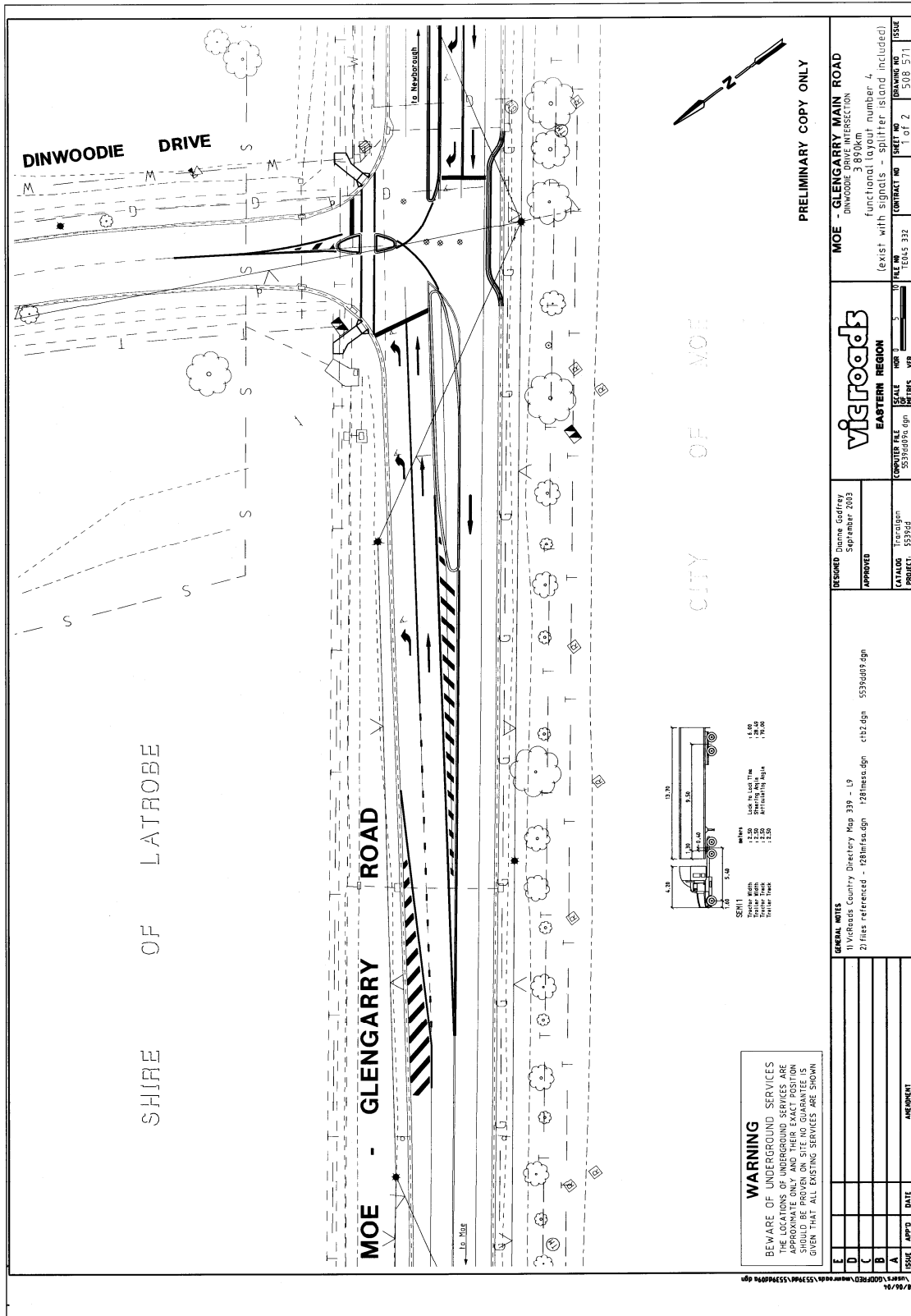
Your consideration and reply to this proposal would be appreciated by no later than the 30th May 2008.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Wayne Moon on the above telephone number.

Yours sincerely,



PATRICIA LIEW
REGIONAL DIRECTOR



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MOE - GLENGARRY MAIN ROAD
DINWOODIE DRIVE INTERSECTION
3.890km
functional layout number 4
(exist with signals - splitter island included)

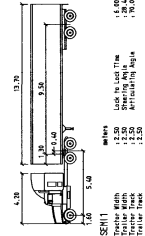
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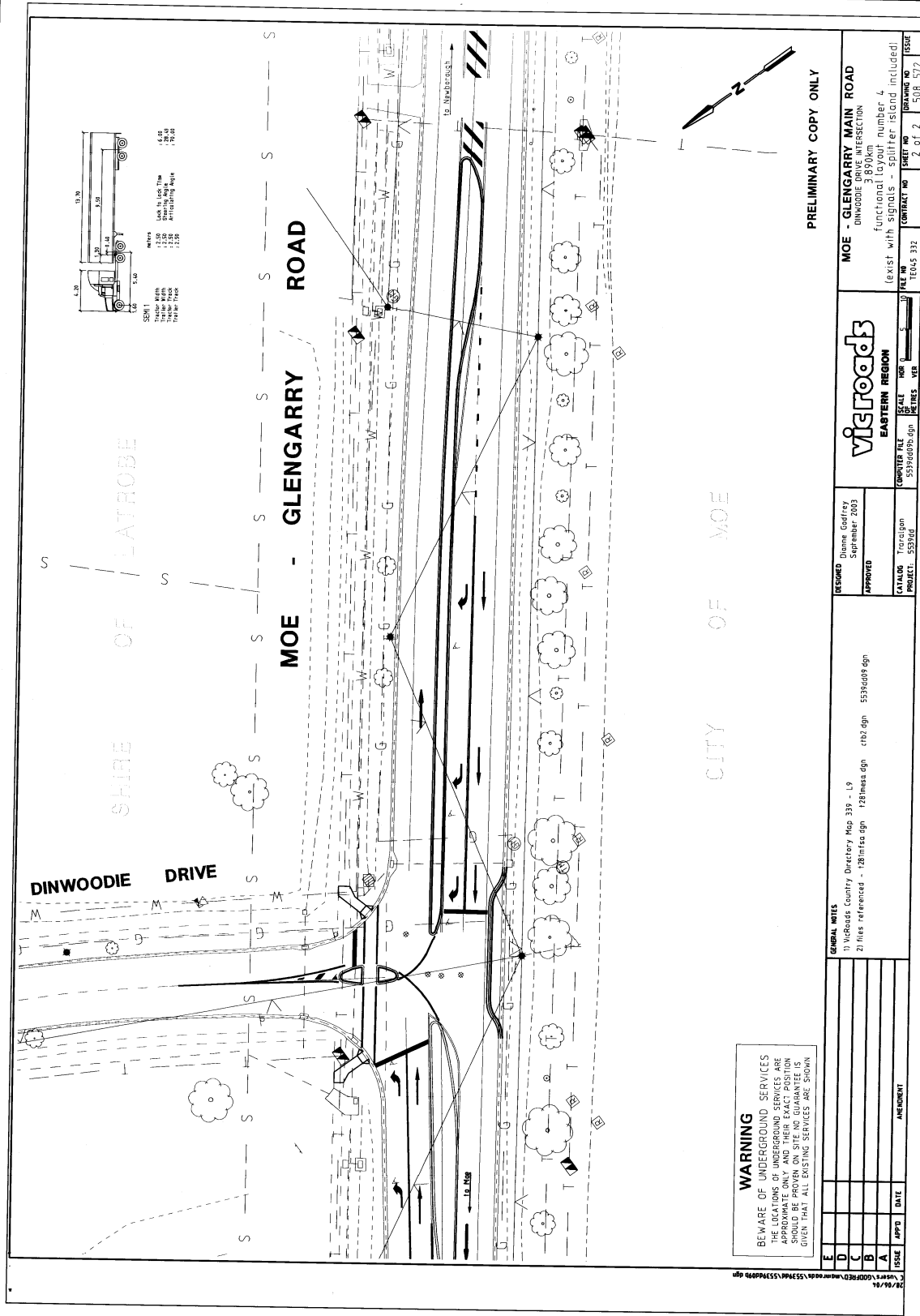
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APPROVED: [Signature]

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PROJECT: 55376d





CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

11.1.1 DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNING AND SEALING

AUTHOR: Executive Manager Governance & Legal Services
(ATTACHMENT - NO)

	Instrument for the Creation of Easement between Latrobe City Council as Grantor and Central Gippsland Regional Water Authority ["Gippsland Water"] as Grantee over the Servient Land comprising that part of Gaskin Park South, Manning Drive, Churchill being described as that part of the land in Certificate of Title Volume 10078 Folio 741 as is marked E-1 on the Plan for Creation of Easement prepared by Kluge Jackson Consultants Pty Ltd (bearing surveyor's reference T07413) for the consideration of One Dollar.
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1. RECOMMENDATION

That Council signs and seals the Instrument for the Creation of Easement in favour of Central Gippsland Regional Water Authority ["Gippsland Water"] over that part of Gaskin Park South, Manning Drive, Churchill being described as that part of the land in Certificate of Title Volume 10078 Folio 741 for the consideration of One Dollar.

Moved: Cr White

Seconded: Cr Price

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT

11.3.1 COAL RESOURCES PLANNING PROVISIONS REVIEW

AUTHOR: General Manager City Marketing & Development
(ATTACHMENT – NO)

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to determine Council's position on the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Coal Resources Planning Provisions Review project.

2. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report is consistent with Council's Latrobe 2021 vision document and the Council Plan 2007-2011.

Latrobe 2021 and Council Plan 2007 – 2011

Strategic Objective - Built Environment Sustainability

By developing clear directions and strategies through consultation with the community ensuring sustainable and balanced development.

3. BACKGROUND

The Coal Resources Planning Provisions Review project is a component of the *Developing the Latrobe Valley Resources Future* initiative being implemented by DPI. Other components of the initiative include:

- Sustainable Business Clusters
- CO2 Geological Settings Report
- Funding for scoping work on CCS legislation
- Inventory of Victoria's Coal Resources
- Water Resources Option and Scenarios.

The Coal Resources Planning Provisions Review project aims to assess the effectiveness of current planning policy and provisions to manage access to brown coal resources within the Latrobe, Wellington, Baw Baw and South Gippsland municipalities.

An intended outcome of the review is to provide increased consistency and certainty of coal related planning policy across municipal boundaries. The project includes a review of zonings (Special Use Zone), State Resources Overlay and treatment of buffers between coal mining and other land uses. The project does not include a review of the quantity or quality of coal, or intended mining locations in Latrobe City or other municipalities.

The project commenced in April 2007 and is managed by DPI officers and overseen by a steering committee comprising officers from DPI, Planning and Development section of Department of Sustainability and Environment (now Department of Planning and Community Development), Latrobe City Council and Wellington Shire Council. The appointed consultants are Sinclair Knight Merz (SKM).

Project consultants SKM have prepared two reports that review current planning policy and provisions and include draft new state and local planning provisions as required by the project brief. As project manager, DPI has requested Latrobe City Council's feedback on the draft document *Developing the Latrobe Valley Resources Future: Coal Resources Planning Provisions Review*.

4. ISSUES

Coal resource issues are strategically important for Latrobe City as has been demonstrated through Council's participation in the Supplementary Inquiry into the Traralgon Bypass, Council's position on the LV2100 report and planning panel for Amendment C48, Morwell North West Development Plan Overlay.

While the broader community understands the economic importance of the coal resource, there is a high level of sensitivity about potential future land use planning conflicts between coal mining operations and urban development. This project has progressed in an environment of significant uncertainty, during a time when Council was awaiting the outcome of the Traralgon By-Pass Supplementary Inquiry and the role and scope of the Clean Coal Authority (now Clean Coal Victoria) has not been clearly defined.

The far reaching ramifications of the Coal Planning Provisions Review Project have only been able to be fully appreciated upon consideration of the draft state and local planning provisions included in the report. Consideration of the draft documents highlights that policy change of this significance should not occur without appropriate engagement with the community. Further to this, it is very difficult to understand the full ramifications of the changes without accompanying detailed maps showing where new zones and overlays would apply.

Unlike some other components of the State and Local planning policy framework, coal related planning policy has significant ramifications for the sustainability and liveability of the Latrobe community. The social, economic and political ramifications for any coal related issues indicate that only the highest standard and most extensive community consultation is acceptable for changes to coal related planning policy. Latrobe City Council officer representation on this project's steering committee should not be regarded as any form of community consultation.

It is acknowledged that the project scope was essentially technical in nature and did not include mapping of quantity, quality and location of the coal resource, a planning scheme amendment component and was not designed to consult the wider community.

Due to the limited scope of the project, it is impossible to consider all potential ramifications for future land use and the wider community without reference to the geographic aspects (mapping) of the coal resource. In order to make a full assessment, a new draft document identifying the quantity, quality and location of coal is needed to accompany the draft planning ordinances, including showing the maps of proposed new zones and overlays.

The draft SKM reports indicate that DPI's LV2100 document is not suitable to be used as a new reference document for the Latrobe Planning Scheme, largely because it has not been through a rigorous community engagement process.

It is only on reflection of the physical and locational impacts of zoning, overlays and buffers that the Latrobe community can fully understand and comment on appropriateness of the proposed draft planning policy. It is for this reason that the *Framework for the Future* and *the Land Over Coal and Buffer Area Study* documents are still Council's reference points even though they are significantly dated.

5. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

Participation in the steering committee and consideration of draft documents has taken some officer time. In addition, some legal consulting costs have been incurred to review the draft documentation.

6. INTERNAL/EXTERNAL Consultation

Engagement Method Used:

Latrobe City Council officers have participated in the Project Steering Committee. There have been two meetings of the steering committee since the project began and one workshop which was also attended by council planning staff from Latrobe City Council, Wellington Shire Council and South Gippsland Shire Council.

There has been no community consultation for this stage of the project.

The project consultants (SKM) and DPI officers presented information about the project, including the contents of the draft reports to the Latrobe City Council LV2100 Committee in May 2008.

7. OPTIONS

1. That Council not endorse the Draft documents produced as part of the Coal Planning Provisions Review Project to progress to the next phase of development, and that Council request that Department of Primary Industries prepare a comprehensive community engagement plan for the *Developing the Latrobe Valley Resources Future* initiative.
2. That Council endorse the Draft documents produced as part the Coal Planning Provisions Review Project to progress to the next phase of development

8. CONCLUSION

The Coal Planning Provisions Review Project is one component of the *Developing the Latrobe Valley Resources Future* initiative which follows the development of DPI's Latrobe Valley 2100 Coal Resources Project report.

The project has developed draft State and Local planning provisions to address inconsistencies on coal related planning matters. The scope of the project did not include a review of the geographic aspects of coal and mining in Latrobe Valley.

The breadth and magnitude of this project makes it difficult for Council to consider the ramifications for land use and the wider community without reference to the geographic aspects of the coal resource.

It may be premature for Council to agree to the further development of the draft Coal Resources Planning Provisions until it is accompanied by a reference document that has been through a rigorous community engagement process.

9. RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council not endorse the Draft reports from the *Developing the Latrobe Valley Resources Future Coal Planning Provisions Review Project* to progress to the next phase of development.**
- 2. That Council requests the Department of Primary Industries defer further consideration of the draft planning provisions until the completion of further strategic work that identifies quantity, quality and maps the location of coal reserves in Latrobe Valley.**
- 3. That Council requests the Department of Primary Industries to progress any future changes to the Latrobe Planning Scheme through a full planning scheme amendment process that includes thorough public exhibition and consultation.**
- 4. That Council requests that Department of Primary Industries prepare and implement a comprehensive community engagement plan for the *Developing the Latrobe Valley Resources Future* initiative.**
- 5. That Council writes to the Minister for Planning advising of Council's concerns regarding lack of community consultation on proposed changes to coal planning provisions and requesting that any future changes to coal planning provisions in the Latrobe Planning Scheme be subject to a full planning scheme amendment process, that includes a public exhibition component.**
- 6. That Council advises members of the Gippsland Local Government Network of its position not to endorse the Draft Reports for *Developing the Latrobe Valley Resources Future Coal Planning Provisions Review Project*.**

Moved: Cr Caulfield

Seconded: Cr Middlemiss

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE

11.4.1 COUNCIL PLAN 2008-2012

AUTHOR: Executive Manager Strategy & Performance
(ATTACHMENT – YES)

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek adoption of the Council Plan 2008-2012.

2. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report is consistent with Council's Latrobe 2021 vision document and the Council Plan 2007-2011.

Latrobe 2021 and Council Plan 2007 – 2011

Strategic Objective - Governance

To provide governance and leadership through a strong commitment and adherence to democratic processes, legislative requirements and Council values.

Strategic Action - Ensure compliance with the Local Government Act.

3. BACKGROUND

In Victoria, councils are required under Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1989* to prepare a four yearly Council Plan, which must be reviewed annually.

The Council Plan must set out the strategic objectives of Council, strategies for achieving these objectives for the next four years, strategic indicators for monitoring the achievement of objectives and a Strategic Resource Allocation Plan. Council must submit the Council Plan to the Minister for Local Government by 30 June 2008.

The Council Plan 2008-2012 has been developed in accordance with, and based on, the strategic objectives identified in Latrobe 2021: The Vision for Latrobe Valley.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 5 May 2008, Council resolved to give notice of preparation of the draft Council Plan 2008-2012 for a period of 28 days.

Submissions in relation to the budget were received up to 5.00pm on Thursday, 5 June 2008.

4. ISSUES

The proposed Council Plan 2008-2012 reflects the directions set by Council as identified in Latrobe 2021: The Vision for Latrobe Valley. The Council Plan has taken into consideration both financial and resource allocations, and makes a positive contribution to the achievement of Council's overall vision for the community.

The key priorities and actions outlined in the Council Plan have been used to develop the 2008/2009 annual budget.

5. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

The Council Plan includes a Strategic Resource Allocation Plan.

The Strategic Resource Allocation Plan includes the next four financial years of standard statements describing the required financial resources and non-financial resources, including human resources.

6. INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

Engagement Method Used:

Copies of the draft Council Plan have been available for inspection at Latrobe City offices and on the website since 6 May 2008.

Details of Community/Consultation Results of Engagement:

At the conclusion of the consultation period no submissions had been received.

7. OPTIONS

Council is obliged in accordance with Section 125(3) of the *Local Government Act 1989* to prepare and submit a four year Council Plan by 30 June 2008.

Council may choose to adopt the Council Plan in its current form or undertake amendments.

8. CONCLUSION

The Council Plan provides Council with a four year strategic direction in accordance with Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Consultation has been undertaken in line with requirements of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Sections 125 and 223.

9. RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Council Plan 2008-2012.

Moved: Cr Lloyd

Seconded: Cr Caulfield

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY INFRASTRUCTURE

11.5.1 FOOTPATH ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN 2008 - 2012

AUTHOR: Acting General Manager City Infrastructure
(ATTACHMENT – YES)

1. PURPOSE

This report seeks Council adoption of the Footpath Asset Management Plan 2008 – 2012.

2. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report is consistent with Council's Latrobe 2021 vision document and the Council Plan 2007-2011.

Latrobe 2021 and Council Plan 2007 – 2011

Strategic Objective - Sustainability

To promote the responsible and sustainable care of our built and natural environment for the use and enjoyment of the people who make up the communities of the city.

Strategic Action - Develop and implement asset management strategies for Latrobe City infrastructure including whole of life maintenance requirements.

Policy No. CS 010 - Asset Management Policy

3. BACKGROUND

Latrobe City Council is the owner and custodian of a large portfolio of assets that enables the community to access and enjoy the services and facilities that our municipality has to offer and to support the economic and social development of the City.

Stewardship of these assets is a core council function and sound asset management is necessary to enable council to meet its responsibilities to provide services to current and future generations and maintain community infrastructure within Latrobe City.

The goal of asset management is to ensure that assets and infrastructure support services are appropriate, accessible, responsive and sustainable to the community.

The Asset Management Strategy adopted by Council on 2 April 2007 identified that asset management plans needed to be developed for the major asset classes that council owns and maintains. The Road Management Plan was the first plan developed and it includes path hierarchies and intervention levels for the 685 km of paths within Latrobe City. This Footpath Asset Management Plan complements the Road Management Plan, while also including additional detail on levels of service, life cycles of various footpath types and budget projections.

The Footpath Asset Management Plan is now ready to be presented to Council for consideration. A copy of the full plan, which includes more detailed background information, issues and financial/resource implications is attached.

4. ISSUES

This Asset Management Plan sets out the inspection regimes and maintenance tasks that are to be undertaken over the life of the plan.

Since the introduction of the *Road Management Act 2004*, council officers have been inspecting council paths from a risk reduction perspective. This plan allows for the collection and modelling of asset condition data to allow a more accurate assessment of what the annual renewal expenditure on paths should be to maintain the network in a good condition.

5. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

The Footpath Asset Management Plan recommends that current funding of \$1.2m per annum be maintained while asset condition information is collected and modelled during the remainder of this year and over the next two years.

6. INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

Engagement Method Used:

Council advertised in the Government Gazette and in the Latrobe Valley Express that submissions would be accepted for the Road Management Plan. The intervention levels and response times for footpaths were set when the Road Management Plan was adopted by Council on 21 April 2008.

This Footpath Asset Management Plan complements the Road Management Plan.

Details of Community/Consultation Results of Engagement:

Three submissions were received for the Road Management Plan although none related to any footpath issues including hierarchy or intervention levels.

7. OPTIONS

Council has the following options available:

1. Adopt the Footpath Asset Management Plan as presented.
2. Amend and adopt the Footpath Asset Management Plan.
3. Decline to adopt the Footpath Asset Management Plan.

8. CONCLUSION

The Asset Management Strategy identified that an Asset Management Plan was required for footpaths. The Footpath Asset Management Plan has now been prepared and is being presented for Council's consideration.

Adoption of this plan will ensure that path assets within Latrobe City are maintained at an acceptable level for the community.

9. RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Footpath Asset Management Plan 2008 - 2012.

Moved: Cr Caulfield

Seconded: Cr Wilson

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE SERVICES

11.6.1 CONTRACT DECISIONS FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING AND BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UNDER DELEGATION

AUTHOR: Acting General Manager Corporate Services
(ATTACHMENT – **NO**)

The following is a summary of contracts awarded at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 May 2008.

ITEM NO. 14.5 INVITATION TO TENDER NO. 12464
Home Maintenance and Home Gardening Services

1. That Council accepts the tenders submitted by:
 - Dale Thompson's Lawn & Garden Service
 - Morwell Mowing & Home Maintenance Service
 - TW Willhelme
 - Education Centre Gippsland
 - Stephen Walkley t/as Steve's Home & Garden
 - J L Mowing & Garden Care
 - Gippsland Land Services
 - PHF Investments t/as Grey Army Lawn & Garden Care
 - Latrobe Home & Garden Maintenance
 - Strini Building Solutions Pty Ltd
 - Try Youth & Community Services
 for invitation to tender no. 12464 home maintenance and home gardening services, for the rates as tendered, for a period of two years with an option to extend for a further one year, as these tenders provide the best value for money outcome for the community when assessed against the evaluation criteria.
2. That Council delegates the authority to the Chief Executive Officer, to sign and seal contracts from recommendation 1 resulting from invitation to tender no. 12464 home maintenance and home gardening services.

The following is a summary of Contracts signed and sealed by the Chief Executive Officer under delegation on 21 May 2008.

CONTRACT NO.	DESCRIPTION	CONTRACTOR	DATE AWARDED BY CEO	DATE AWARDED BY COUNCIL
12482	Supply and erection of sports field lighting at Keegan St Reserve Morwell	Werribee Electrical Contracting Services	N/A	21 April 2008 Item No: 14.6
12485	Provision of inappropriate tree removal and stump grinding	3 Way Tree Service Pty Ltd	N/A	5 May 2008 Item No: 14.5

1. **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council notes this report on contract decisions from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 May 2008 and by the Chief Executive Officer under delegation on 21 May 2008.

Moved: Cr White

Seconded: Cr Zimora

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.6.2 2008/2009 BUDGET

AUTHOR: Acting General Manager Corporate Services
(ATTACHMENT – YES)

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the 2008/2009 budget for Council's consideration with a recommendation that it be adopted.

2. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report is consistent with Council's Latrobe 2021 vision document and the Council Plan 2007-2011.

Latrobe 2021 and Council Plan 2007 – 2011

Strategic Objective - No. 3 Governance

Complies with all legal and statutory obligations.

Strategy 3.2 - Legislative compliance for achieving strategic objective.

By ensuring adherence to legislative requirements.

Policy No. Audit Policy GEN-COS 005

The role of an Audit Committee is to assist Council in the discharge of its responsibilities for financial reporting, maintaining a reliable system of internal controls and fostering the organisation's ethical development.

3. BACKGROUND

On 5 May 2008, Council resolved to give notice of preparation of the proposed 2008/2009 budget, including proposed rates and charges for the year, and invited submissions on the budget in accordance with Section 129 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

The notice advertising preparation of the budget was subsequently advertised in the Latrobe Valley Express on Thursday 8 May 2008, Thursday 15 May 2008 and Thursday 29 May 2008 inviting submissions in relation to the proposed budget.

The closing date for submissions was Thursday 5 June 2008. All who made submissions were provided with the opportunity to be heard by Council at the Special Council Meeting held on 10 June 2008.

The draft 2008/2009 budget has been prepared utilising financially prudent principles and measures, whilst supporting the delivery of "*Latrobe 2021 - The Vision for Latrobe Valley*" and clearly articulates the resources required to deliver the 2008-2012 Council Plan.

The draft 2008/2009 budget proposes new borrowings of \$4.25 million for the construction of new assets in the capital program. Even with the additional borrowings, Council remains well within the State Government borrowing guidelines limits.

The draft 2008/2009 budget proposes a 4% increase in general rates and the municipal charge, excluding growth. This report forms part of the statutory process for the adoption of the 2008/2009 budget.

4. **ISSUES**

In assessing the movement in expenses for an industry over time, an important variable is the underlying movement in the industry's input cost. This variable is referred to as the Consumer Price Index (CPI) which measures the price movements of a standard basket of goods reflecting household consumption. The March 2008 quarter CPI for the Melbourne All Groups was 4.4%.

While the CPI broadly reflects movements in household consumer spending, it is not necessarily the most applicable measure for local government. Material costs have been increasing at a higher level, and particularly bituminous products which have been increasing in the order of 15% per annum.

The budget has been drafted to provide for delivery of actions within the Council Plan and the continued provision of the large range of services and programs. There is an increased focus on future land use planning in recognition of the strong growth that Latrobe City is experiencing.

Capital works spending is once again the largest ever allocated, increasing to \$35M. The capital works program allows for the completion of projects currently underway, as well as a range of new projects.

There is a continued focus on the maintenance and renewal of existing assets, and allocations for development projects. Some of the key projects included in the capital works program include the new landfill facility, rehabilitation of the former landfill, Churchill intergenerational hub, Moe & Churchill activity centre plan actions, and Moe Newborough sports centre upgrade.

Thirteen submissions were received on the draft budget. Council considered these submissions at a Special Council Meeting held on 10 June 2008, and nine people spoke to their submissions at this meeting. The following table includes a summary and comment on each submissions received.

Name	Summary of submission	Comment
Jim and Judy Lawless, on behalf of the residents of Farrans Road, Hazelwood South	Request for funds to be included in 2008/09 budget to seal Farrans Road.	Funds have been included in the draft budget for the implementation of a rural road sealing program. The specific allocation of these funds will be subject to a consultation and prioritisation process.
Sally Jones, on behalf of the residents of Black Tank Road	Seeking Council's consideration of funding for the sealing of Black Tank Road.	Funds have been included in the draft budget for the implementation of a rural road sealing program. The specific allocation of these funds will be subject to a consultation and prioritisation process.
Linda and Colin Reid, Latrobe Valley Hockey	Latrobe Valley Hockey commends Council on the adoption of the Synthetic Hockey Strategy, but expressing concern that funding is not proposed until the 2009/10 financial year.	Latrobe City Officers will continue to liaise with Latrobe Valley Hockey regarding the submission to Monash University for permission to develop the existing soccer pitch at the Churchill campus into a synthetic hockey and soccer facility as identified in the regional study.
Carol Kemp	Requesting that Council reconsider the allocation of funding for a synthetic hockey playing surface in the 2008/09 budget.	As above
Traralgon South & District Association	Writing to support the inclusion of the Traralgon South Shared Pathway project in the 2008/09 draft budget.	Noted

Name	Summary of submission	Comment
Peter Hall MLC, on behalf of Mrs Irene Elson-Derry Probert	Seeking Council's consideration of a concession rate on garbage charges for pensioners who have no need to use all of the services offered.	The charge covers the full cost of the service including collection, processing and disposal. Sharing of bins is an option within unit developments.
Carol Flint, on behalf of the Godridge Action Group	Seeking Council consideration for inclusion of the sealing of Godridge Road into the 2008/09 budget.	Godridge Road has been identified in the capital works list for consideration for funding in future years. Road projects included in the budget are focused on Council's priority to maintain the road assets at current service levels.
Russell Northe MLA	Writing in support of residents request for sealing Godridge Road.	As above
The RAMS Churchill United Soccer Club	Seeking Council's consideration of funding in the 2008/09 budget for a number of improvements at the Hazelwood South Reserve.	Discussions will be held with Vic Roads, the soccer club and other facility users regarding options for intersection improvements off Tramway Road. Other facility improvements will be considered as part of the Southern Towns Outdoor Recreation Plan to be undertaken in 2008/09.
Latrobe City Farm Ratepayers Association	Acknowledging Council's decision to maintain the farm rate at 75% of the general rate. The association also welcomes the proposal to commence the sealing of unsealed rural roads.	Noted
Victorian Farmers Federation & United Dairy Farmers of Victoria – Yinnar Branch	Thanking Council for retaining the 75% differential farm rate in the draft 2008/09 budget. Also pleased that the draft budget provides an allocation towards the sealing of gravel roads. The group believes that the farm industry should be considered separately from the needs of other rural residents, particularly when it applies to roads servicing farmers.	Noted
Tom Lawless	Writing to provide advice on state of the farm industry in Latrobe City.	Noted

Name	Summary of submission	Comment
Newborough Football Netball Club	Expressing disappointment that the proposed funding in the draft 2008/09 budget is not at the level to allow all the proposed works to be undertaken at Northern Reserve.	Further discussions will be held with the club regarding funding options.

5. **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS**

The budget has been drafted to provide for the continuation and, in some cases, enhancement of services and programs. Once again provision has made for a significant capital works program of \$35M.

The budget has been prepared, with an increase in income from rates of 4%, which is less than the current CPI of 4.4%. It is proposed that the farm rate will continue to be maintained at 75% of the general rate.

6. **INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION**

Engagement Method Used:

Copies of the draft budget have been available for inspection at Council offices and on the Council web site since 6 May 2008, ensuring a minimum of 28 days were available for submissions to be received, as per the Council resolution in 2005.

Council's Audit Committee considered the draft budget at its meeting held on 24 April 2008 and commended the budget as being financially responsible.

7. **OPTIONS**

Having considered the submissions, Council could adopt the proposed budget or amend the budget prior to adoption.

Any material amendment to the draft budget would require Council to undertake further community consultation and adoption at a later date.

8. CONCLUSION

The proposed 2008/2009 budget has been prepared to provide for the ongoing delivery of services and programs as well as a significant capital works program. The increase in income from rates is proposed to be 4%, which is less than the current CPI.

Council's audit committee has commended the budget as being financially responsible. Community input has been received and all submissions have been considered.

9. RECOMMENDATION

1. That discussions be held with Vic Roads, Churchill United Soccer Club and other users of Hazelwood South Reserve regarding options for intersection improvements off Tramway Road.
2. That further discussions be held with the Newborough Football Netball club regarding funding options for improvements at Northern Reserve Newborough.
3. That officers continue to liaise with Latrobe Valley Hockey regarding the potential development of a synthetic hockey facility at Monash University, Churchill and that a further report be presented to Council once location and funding options have been further progressed.
4. That the 2008/2009 budget, dated 10 June 2008, annexed to this resolution, and having regard to submissions made under the *Local Government Act 1989*, be adopted by Council in accordance with Section 130 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
5. That Council, in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989*, declares that the amount that it intends to raise by way of general rates, municipal charges and service charges for the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 is as follows:

(a) General Rates	\$30,377,210
(b) Municipal Charge	\$3,153,600
(c) Service Charges	\$5,789,260
(d) Payments in lieu of rates	\$7,683,061
6. That Council declares that:
 - 6.1 the general rates will be raised in 2008/2009 by the application of the following differential rates calculated on the Capital Improved Value of rateable property:

- (a) General rate of 0.00419717 cents in the dollar on lands as defined in paragraph 7.1(a).
 - (b) Farm rate of 0.00314788 cents in the dollar on farm land as defined in paragraph 8.1(a).
- 6.2 the general rates for a twelve month period commencing 1 July 2008 and that the rates be levied in respect of each portion of rateable land for which the Council has a separate valuation.
- 6.3 Council is of the opinion that the differential rates to be levied in 2008/2009 will contribute to the equitable and efficient carrying out of its functions.
- 7. That Council specifies in relation to the General Rate for 2008/2009 the following in accordance with Section 161 of the *Local Government Act 1989*:
 - 7.1 The objectives of the general rate as:
 - (a) the types and classes of land to which the rate will apply is all other rateable land that is not defined as farm land as described in paragraph 8.1(a);
 - (b) the level of the general rate is 0.00419717 cents in the dollar on the capital improved value of land as defined;
 - (c) the reasons for the use and level of that rate are that:
 - (i) the types and classes of land to which the rate applies can be easily identified;
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 - (x) fruit growing;
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These amounts have regard to the services provided by Council in relation to such lands and the benefit to the community derived from such recreational lands.

12. That Council directs that copies of the information required by Section 161(3) of the *Local Government Act 1989* be made available for inspection at Council's office during office hours.
13. That Council:
 - 13.1 having considered submissions received in relation to the draft 2008/2009 budget, directs that the rates and charges as declared for 2008/2009 be levied by sending notices to the persons who are liable to pay, in accordance with Section 158 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
 - 13.2 resolves that the rates and charges for 2008/2009 must be paid by the dates fixed under Section 167 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, namely:
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14. Rate of Interest – Section 172 of the *Local Government Act 1989*:
 - 14.1 That for the 2008/2009 financial year Council resolves to require a person to pay interest on any outstanding amounts of rates and charges:
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Moved: Cr White

Seconded: Cr Lloyd

1. That discussions be held with Vic Roads, Churchill United Soccer Club and other users of Hazelwood South Reserve regarding options for intersection improvements off Tramway Road.
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4. That the 2008/2009 budget, dated 10 June 2008, annexed to this resolution, and having regard to submissions made under the *Local Government Act 1989*, be adopted by Council in accordance with Section 130 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
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13. TEA BREAK

Adjournment of Meeting

The Mayor adjourned the Meeting at 8.02 pm for a tea break.

Cr Wilson left the Chamber at 8.15 pm.

Resumption of Meeting

The Mayor resumed the Meeting at 8.16 pm.

Moved: Cr Middlemiss

Seconded: Cr White

That this Meeting now be closed to the public to consider the following items which are of a confidential nature.

ITEMS		NATURE OF ITEM
14.1	ADOPTION OF MINUTES	Other
14.2	CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS	Other
14.3	2007/08 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM - CONSIDERATION OF THREE FURTHER GRANT APPLICATIONS	Other
14.4	MORWELL LANDFILL LEACHATE EVAPORATION POND REHABILITATION	Contractual
14.5	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	Contractual

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The Meeting closed to the public at 8.17 pm.