

HELD IN THE NAMBUR WARIGA MEETING ROOM, CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, MORWELL AT 7:00 PM ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2008

PRESENT:

Cr Bruce Lougheed, Mayor - Tanjil Ward Cr Doug Caulfield - Gunyah Ward Cr Sandy Kam - Galbraith Ward Cr Susan Lloyd - Burnet 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, General Manager Organisational Excellence Michael Edgar, Acting General Manager Community Liveability Caroline Flake, Manager Council Operations - Legal Counsel Katie Garlick, Council Operations Administration Officer Allison Jones, General Manager Economic Sustainability Philip Marsh, Acting General Manager Governance Peter Quigley, General Manager Built and Natural Environment Sustainability Grantley Switzer, Acting General Manager Recreational and Cultural Liveability

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CLOSED

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

Cr Graeme Middlemiss - Rintoull Ward

3. Declaration of Interests

Cr Kam declared an interest in item 10.1 – Petition requesting the development of skate park in Glengarry, as she has signed the petition.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved:Cr WhiteSeconded:Cr Price

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting, relating to those items discussed in open Council, held on 1 September 2008 (CM 276) be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

5.1 TRANSPORT

Mr Bill Barber asked the following question:

<u>Question</u>

It was reported in the media that no Councils in the Gippsland provided a submission to the Transport Summit held in Melbourne last August.

Given the need to keep pressure on Commonwealth and State Governments to duplicate the Traralgon / Sale section of the Princes Highway, possible additional train services between the same two regions using a single carriage 'Sprinter Train' and developing the Gippsland Inland Freight site as a transport interchange, if the Latrobe City did not provide a submission – why not?

<u>Answer</u>

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 No. 339962 BH:ADJ

16 September 2008

Mr William Barber 1 Dublin Place TRARALGON VIC 3844

Dear Mr Barber

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME RESPONSE

Thank you for your question during public question time on Monday, 15 September 2008:

Question - Transport Summit - Victorian Government "It was reported in the media that no Councils in the Gippsland area provided a submission to the Transport Summit held in Melbourne last August.

Given the need to keep pressure in State & Commonwealth Governments to duplicate the Traralgon/Sale section of the Princes Highway, possible additional train services between the same two regions using a single carriage "Sprinter Train" and developing the Gippsland Inland Freight site as a transport interchange, if the Latrobe City did not provide a submission- why not?" It is my understanding that Transport Summits were held across Victoria, during August and September, to assist the Victorian Government in developing the Victorian Transport Strategy.

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The Gippsland Transport Summit was held on 5 August 2008 at Century Inn where the Minister for Roads and Ports explained to attendees that the aim of the Gippsland Summit was to seek Gippsland views on the development of the Victorian Transport Strategy. He also advised that the Gippsland session was the first consultation session to occur in the State. Latrobe City Council Mayor, Councillor and Officers attended the Summit and took the opportunity to provide a broad range of feedback direct to the Minister and Departmental staff. As the Victorian Transport Plan is in its development stage, submissions have not been called for. One would imagine that this would occur post the release of a draft paper.

Yours sincerely

Bruce Longt

BRUCE LOUGHEED Mayor

5.2 HARD RUBBISH

Mrs Linda Reid asked the following question:

Question

Will the Council survey residents on hard rubbish – this could be a combined 'phone poll' or cast a ballot at Council office or vote 'online' – strike off name from electors role to avoid double voting. It can be done over a two week period at the cost of 'hundreds rather than thousands of dollars'.

Can Latrobe City Council then implement the outcome of the survey provided that WorkSafe don't ban hard waste services altogether?

Will Latrobe City Council cost a kerb side hard rubbish collection service to assist the community in its decision making?

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 No. BL:MP

23 September 2008

Ms Linda Reid 15 Quigley Crescent CHURCHILL VIC 3842

Dear Ms Reid

HARD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

Thank you for your questions regarding the provision of a kerbside hard waste collection service received on 15 September 2008. Latrobe City Council is awaiting the release of the *'Guide to the Safe Collection of Hard Waste'* by the Victorian Work Cover Authority (WorkSafe). We have been informed by WorkSafe that the release of this document is likely to be within the next 4 to 6 weeks.

Unfortunately until this guide is released and full clarification of any future hard waste collection service is provided by WorkSafe, Latrobe City Council is unable to provide you with a substantive answer to your questions, relating to cost, extent of service or the level of liability Council is prepared to undertake.

You no doubt are aware that until the final document is reviewed, Latrobe City Council is offering an interim hard waste collection service. This service is a booked service offered in November 2008 and April 2009. The full cost of the service is \$60 per collection or a reduced fee of \$30 for pensioners and health care card holders.

Yours sincerely

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BRUCE LOUGHEED Mayor

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PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS	11	15 September 2008 (CM 277)
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10.1 PETITION REQUESTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF SKATE PARK IN GLENGARRY FILE NO: NA

AUTHOR: General Manager Built and Natural Environment Sustainability (ATTACHMENT - YES)

1. <u>PURPOSE</u>

The purpose of this report is to present Council with a petition received requesting the development of a skate park in Glengarry and request that the petition be considered as part of the development of the Skate Park and BMX Track Plan that is currently under preparation.

2. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report is consistent with Council's Latrobe 2021 vision document and the Council Plan 2008-2012.

Latrobe 2021 and Council Plan 2008-2012

Strategic Objective - Liveability

"To promote and support social, recreational, cultural and community life by providing both essential and innovative amenities, services and facilities within the municipality."

Strategic Action – Develop and maintain high quality recreation facilities in partnership with the community.

3. BACKGROUND

A petition was received on 12 August 2008, containing approximately 400 signatures and 18 letters of support, requesting the development of a skate park in Glengarry.

In January 2008 Latrobe City Council engaged consultants to undertake community consultation and site assessments to develop a skate park and BMX track plan to guide the future provision of these facilities within the municipality. Currently there are seven dirt BMX tracks and six skate facilities provided for the community by Latrobe City Council. A draft plan was prepared by the consultants and presented to Council officers. Upon receipt, it was identified that further investigation and work was required on the plan prior to it being presented to Council for consideration. This further investigation and work is currently being completed to provide information on the distribution, standard and priorities for the provision of these facilities across the municipality.

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4. ISSUES

Latrobe City Council receives regular requests for the development of skate and BMX facilities in various areas across the municipality. There is no adopted Council document or policy that provides guidance on the distribution or provision of these facilities. It may therefore be premature to allocate resources to any one particular skate park prior to Council consideration of a Skate Park and BMX Track Plan. It is anticipated that a draft plan will be ready for Council to consider in November 2008.

There appears to be little value in laying this petition on the table. A more considered response to the petitioners would be possible once the draft plan has been adopted by Council. Along with professional opinion and other consultation, the views of the petition can be considered as input to the draft plan.

5. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

An allocation of \$100,000 has been made in the 2008/09 capital works program towards implementing the highest priority actions from the skate and BMX track plan.

6. INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

Engagement Method Used:

Site inspections, community meetings and surveys

Details of Community/Consultation Results of Engagement:

The consultation completed towards the development of the skate BMX track plan indicated support for the development of additional facilities and the upgrading of existing sites.

7. OPTIONS

Options available to Council include:

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- 1. Support the proposed development of a skate park in Glengarry prior to the adoption of the skate park BMX track plan.
- 2. Inform the head petitioner that the allocation of funds towards the development of a skate facility in Glengarry will be addressed through the adoption of a skate park and BMX track plan.
- 3. Lay the petition on the table and present a further report to the ordinary council meeting on 6 October 2008.

8. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

The development of new a skate facility needs to be considered in terms of the provision of facilities across the municipality. Guidance on the provision of skate and BMX facilities will be provided through the skate park BMX track plan that is currently being prepared for Council consideration.

9. RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council agrees to not lay the petition on the table, relating to the development of a skate facility in Glengarry, and agrees to deal with the petition at this Ordinary Council Meeting.
- 2. That the petition requesting the development of a skate facility in Glengarry be considered through the development and adoption of the skate park and BMX track plan.
- 3. That the head petitioner be advised of Council's decision in relation to the petition requesting the development of a skate facility in Glengarry.

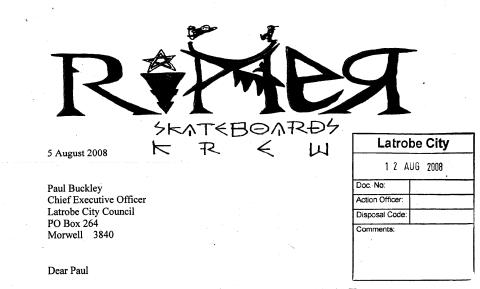
Moved:Cr LloydSeconded:Cr Caulfield

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ATTACHMENT

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Ripper Sk8 Krew – lobbying for skateboarding and BMX facility in Glengarry

I write to you on behalf of the Ripper Sk8 Krew who are an enterprising group of 13 young men from Glengarry with an interest in skateboard, scooter and BMX riding. This group has identified a lack of recreational facilities for young people to participate in such activities and therefore continue to lobby for a facility to be built in Glengarry, which I am sure you are well aware of.

The group participated in Latrobe City's consultancy review of skate park facilities earlier this year and are disappointed to learn of further delays on the completion of this review. Given the preparation and participation of the Glengarry community in this review we felt confident that Glengarry would be high on the priority list for a new skate park facility once the recommendations were complete.

Paul, I wish to provide a brief history of the Ripper Sk8 Krew's commitment, achievements and support in assisting our cause to erect a skate park in Glengarry;

- Background history together with a list of Friends of the Ripper Sk8 Krew (Attached)
- 19 letters of support from local businesses, community groups and politicians. (Attached)
- Traralgon Journal article relating to Latrobe City Council's Australia Day Awards – winning a youth award for their campaigning effort to get a skate park built in the town of Glengarry. (Attached)

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...2 Traralgon Journal article - regarding the Ripper Sk8 Krew campaign to have a ٠ skate park built in the town of Glengarry. (Attached) Australia Day Awards 2008 - Latrobe City Recognition Award for outstanding contribution to the community of Latrobe City. Congratulatory letter from Russell Northe. (Attached) Commitment for in-kind support from local business and community to erect and maintain the proposed skate park facility. Financial pledges of approximately \$3,000 from various businesses, organisations and individuals. Fundraising activities continue to be undertaken. Petition with in excess of 400 signatures from supporters of this project. (Attached) Paul, I also request that you please table the petition to Council at the earliest opportunity. I am willing as the head petitioner to address Council and Councillors on this vital project on behalf of the Glengarry community. I understand the Latrobe City Council is a major sponsor and contributes financially to a number of community and sporting projects. The signatures on the petition, together with the response from the community in gaining local support for this project, signifies encouragement for us to continue to lobby Latrobe City Council to contribute to this project. The Ripper Sk8 Krew asks for Latrobe City Council to join in partnership with them to build this park. We are aware that contained within Latrobe City Councils 2008/2009 Budget there has been \$100,000 allocated to Skate & BMX Plans as part of the Capital Works Program. The Ripper Sk8 Krew seek information from Latrobe City on whether part of this allocated funding could indeed be utilised to assist with the construction of the Glengarry Skate Park given the level of business and community support, financial pledges and commitment to this project. The petition alone is indicative of the enormous need for such a facility within our township. We trust Latrobe City will acknowledge the perseverance of our group and provide their support. The Ripper Sk8 Krew and the Glengarry community have the commitment and drive to progress this important community asset, and I implore Latrobe City to also commit to this vital project for the benefit of our local youth and community in general. .../3

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I am available to answer any questions from any Councillors or Council officers should they wish to discuss this matter. My mobile phone number is 0417 554 526. I look forward to Councils response at your earliest convenience, especially with regard to specific details on Latrobe City Council's \$100,000 allocation for Skate & BMX Plans as detailed in the 2008/2009 Budget and also whether Glengarry Skate Park will be considered for part of this allocation.

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Yours sincerely

Helma Morrison For and an behalf of the Ripper Sk8 Krew

cc: Cr Susan Lloyd Cr Anthony Zimora Cr Bruce Lougheed Cr Darrell White Cr David Wilson Cr Sandy Kam Cr Doug Caulfield Cr Graeme Middlemiss

Cr Lisa Price

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Ripper



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President: Josh Anderson

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Secretary: Dechlan Morrison

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Skate Park

I would like to submit this petition in reference to getting a skate park built in Glengarry to be used by skateboarders, scooter riders, bike riders and roller bladers. If you would like a skate park in Glengarry please sign this document. THANK YOU.

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The Ripper SK8 Krew.

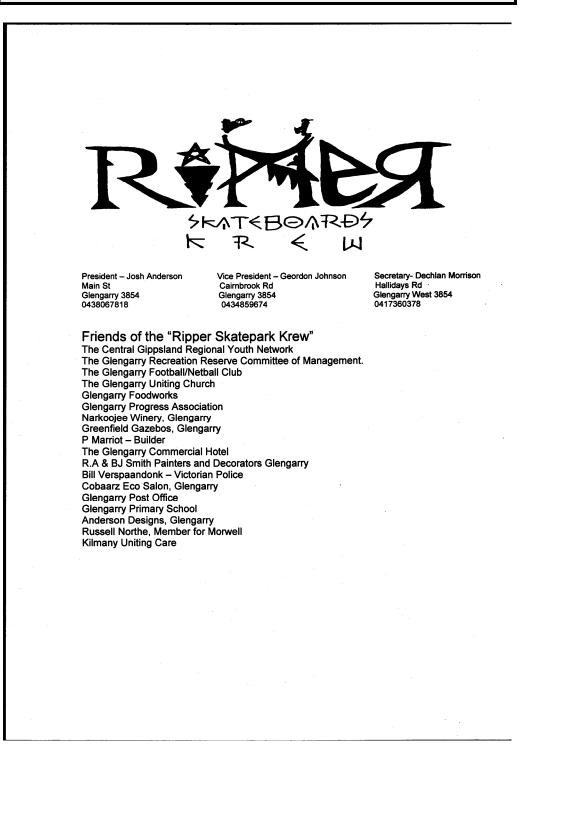
The "Ripper SK6 krew is a group of 13 young men from Glengarry who are skateboard, scooter and BMX bike riders and who had identified a lack of recreational facilities for young people in their town. In April last year the young people and I attended a skateboard art workshop as part of "Youth Week" and it was there they decided to form the Krew and work towards getting a skatepark for their town.

The first step was to attend Latrobe City's "Small Towns Forum" and put forward their case. The forum gave the skatepark as its priority for Glengarry. From that point a committee was formed comprising of the young people, myself as their coordinator, and an invitation was made (and accepted) to Russell Northe MP for Morwell to join. There is also a member of the Victorian Police on board. Parents also take part. Office bearers were elected and the above logo was designed by the president Josh Anderson.

Throughout 2007 the Krew has held meetings which have included representatives from Latrobe City and members of the Glengarry Residents committee, they also attend meetings of the Glengarry Residents Committee. We have liaised with and visited with the committees of Neerium South and Boolarra skateparks who also went through this process to achieve their goals. The Krew has visited several skateparks to gauge what they would looking in order to best suit all the skateboarders, bikeriders, scooter riders and roller bladers who will use the park. The Krew has attended fundraising workshops and have written letters to all Glengarry business's to garner support. They also are circulating a petition in the community to support their cause. Local newspaper "The Journal" has supported the Krew with several articles appearing in the paper to acknowledge their efforts. The Krew has also taken part in Latrobe city's Skatepark consultations, meeting with the consultants, Councillor Susan Lloyd, others from Latrobe city and also other Glengarry community members Russell couldn't be there that day and the federal member of parliament Peter Hall filled in to back the Krew.

The Glengarry community has rallied behind the Krew and given much support and encouragement as has Latrobe City which has resulted in the young members of the committee being nominated and presented with A special "Latrobe City Australia Day award for young citizens". At Australia celebrations in Kernot Hall, the Krew were presented with individual awards and also with an Australia day medal. They hope that if the skatepark is eventually built the medal will be on permanent display there.

2008 will be the start of fundraising and the formation of a committee has begun. The Krew will be attending some events for young people this year and will be working to raise funds by selling food and drinks. This year will also see the writing of submissions for grants to boast funding.



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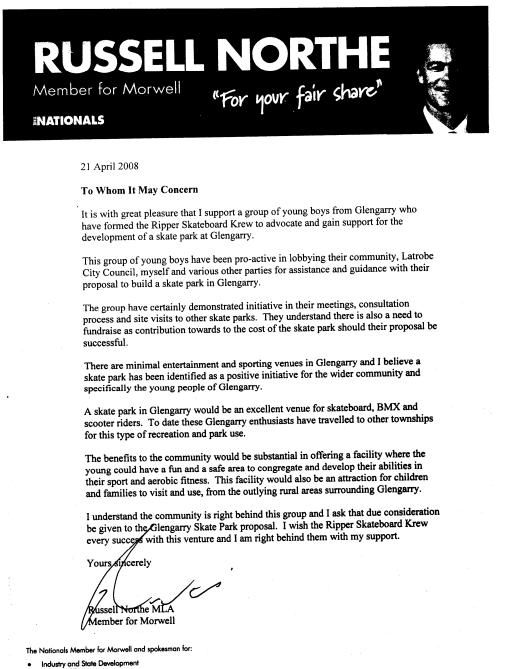
To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Glengarry Primary I would like to offer our support for the construction of a skate park in Glengarry. The School Council would like to work with the skate park committee to achieve this important facility for the young people of the town. We are happy for the committee to use our school newsletter as a means of communication to the wider community.

Our Junior School Council hopes that some representatives from the committee will be able to visit the school to give information to them and how they can support them. The students choose various local groups to support each year as part of the Junior School Council fundraising and activities.

Regards,

Sue Davis Principal



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d Recreation

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To whom it may concern,

We are writing to support the submission presented by the "Ripper Skatepark Krew" of Glengarry.

The Central Gippsland Regional Youth Network (the CGRYN) is a not for profit organisation with members representating youth services across Latrobe City and surrounding areas. The member organisations provide youth services which support young people not only from Latrobe City but also Glengaary and surrounding rural communites.

We believe there is a broad range of of benefits to young people in Glengarry through the provision of a skatepark facilitity including;

- physical wellbeing
- community connectivness and engagement
- social participation.

We urge you to support this positive endevour of young people to enhance their community.

Should you require any further information please contact me on behalf of the Network.

Yours Sincerely

asn

Nicola Magnuson Chairperson, CGRYN

Bushies Bakery

Main St Glengarry 3854 Phone 51924999

To Whom It May Concern: I am writing to give my support to the "Ripper Sk8 Krew" in their efforts to gain a skatepark for Glengarry.

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Glengarry has many young people who have few recreational facilities and who must travel to other towns for the leisure activities. Traveling involves time, effort and considerable costs for all involved which in these times of high petrol costs already strains family budgets. There are also matters of safety with young people in the bigger towns when parents cannot stay for whatever reasons to supervise their children. Their own town is the safest for our young people and a skatepark would encourage them to stay in Glengarry for some of their leisure activities as well as encouraging other s to visit.

We feel that the town, its young people, its community members, business's and its visitors would all benefit from having a skatepark and urge Latrobe Council to look favorably on the "Ripper Krew" project that will benefit our whole community.

Yours Faithfully

Emma Learmonth Proprietor, Bushies Bakery Glengarry

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Glengarry Recreation Reserve Committee of Management Inc. ABN 84 510 622 712

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To: Helma Morrison

Re: Skate Park facility installation for Glengarry Community

Helma,

The Glengarry Recreation Reserve Committee of Management Inc. put their full support for any facility that assists in the fitness and development of the children in our region.

The installation of a Skate Park in Glengarry will create a social environment that will allow youth in the region to build a network together in a safe environment, now common in a lot of small towns within Australia, reducing the boredom that can occur due to limited resources.

We would like to congratulate you and your group on your efforts to have a Skate park facility installed in the Glengarry township.

Regards yau

Terry Pearce President Glengarry Recreation Reserve Committee of Management Inc.

President Terry Pearce 0417 303 412

Secretary Don Duncan 51924413

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Cairnbrook 951 Cairnbrook Rd Glengarry 3854

Dechlan Morrison, Secretary, The Ripper Skate Park Krew/ committee.

The members of the Glengarry Uniting Church support the committee Of the Ripper skate park krew in their efforts to have a skateboard Built in Glengarry. We realise that the skateboarders have no where to ride as some of

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them use the concrete in the front of the church.

Yours faithfully Mangariff bolt Secretary, Glengarry Uniting Church

14/11/07

Rocco Loprese Director Glengarry Foodworks 21-23 Main St Glengarry Vic 3854

We the proprietors of Glengarry Foodworks would like to highly recommend the building of a new skate park in Glengarry, the park would provide entertainment for the youth of the town, as the next major town is too far for children to travel, this would benefit the children and the whole community, make it a lot safer for the children as they skate on roads and footpaths.

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The group of young skaters from the "Ripper Skateboard Krew" are showing great initiative and it is good to see them pushing for something they are so passionate about, we say give the young people of the town something to be proud of.

Yours sincerely

Rocco Loprese

Main Street Glengarry, 3854 51 924 679

April 2008 To whom it may concern,

"Anderson Designs" are writing to support the "Ripper S8park" committee in their endeavours to acquire a skatepark for Glengarry.

We feel that a skatepark would be a major asset for the town in several ways. The skatepark would be bring increased social and economic benefits to Glengarry by offering an attraction to the town. In attracting more young people, the economic benefits would flow on to local businesses and the social, to the young people of Glengarry and in turn to the general community. This would help to break down the isolation that many people experience. There is also the possibility of holding skateboarding events there which would further attract people to the town. In conjunction with the park it could inspire increased tourism as well as increased use for local families.

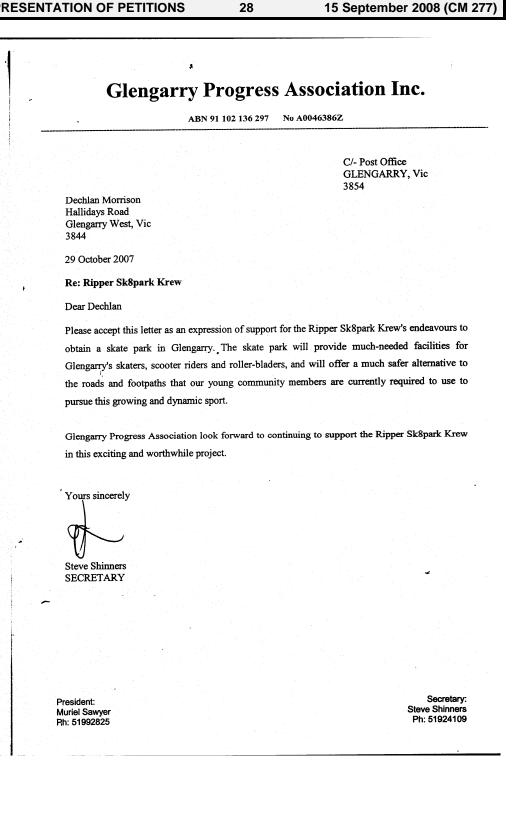
Small rural towns have long had problems in retaining young people and an asset such as the skatepark could be an encouragement for them to stay as well as a tool to dispel boredom and this is of concern to us for our own children and their friends. As parents of a large family ourselves, we feel it would also be an encouragement for families with young people to move to the area as a skatepark would be a facility that young people can use. This would further bring benefits and growth to the town and its surrounds.

Obviously again as parents we are mindful that with increased childhood obesity, the skatepark would also be an important tool in keeping young people fit as well as helping them to increase their skills. Many young people do not want the traditional sports such as football etc and a skatepark will offer choices to young people to keep fit, just for leisure and to take up skateboarding etc as their sport of choice. There is also the safety issue that exists with young skaters and bike riders having to use the streets because of a lack of facilities or from them using the footpaths for the same reasons.

We urge you to consider giving your support to the acquisition of the skatepark for Glengarry and district.

Yours truly 16 Indean

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5th January 2008

Dechlan Morrison Secretary The "Ripper Skatepark Krew" Committee Hallidays Road Glengarry West 3854

Dear Dechlan

We write this letter to congratulate you and your team of young Glengarry people, for the publicity you gained in an article in the Traralgon Journal towards the end of last year. We intended to write to you quite some time ago, but Christmas got in the way and our business was also quite hectic at that time. However, although a little tardy, we do wish to acknowledge our support for your project.

You and your committee have done very well in not just saying "we wish we hadetc." but you have formally recognised a local and relevant issue for young people and have been prepared to do something about it. Not only have you identified the issue, but you have taken the next step to engage other young people in your endeavour to make a strategic plan and take action to achieve your goals of establishing a skatepark in Glengarry. We think that is great. Congratulations!

We are a local Glengarry business and it is in our interests as well, to live and work in a place where young people are positively learning and actively engaged in developing a community spirit and ensuring that you and your families are proud to live here. You are working to create a place that will give hours of pleasure, exercise and skill development to many people.

We hope you are successful in your submissions to gain maximum support from Latrobe City Council. I am sure all Council members will recognise that a community involvement project especially one that has been initiated by a committee of young people, will enhance positive networks and relationships between the users, their families and the general community. Glengarry will be a better place if this proposed project reaches fruition.

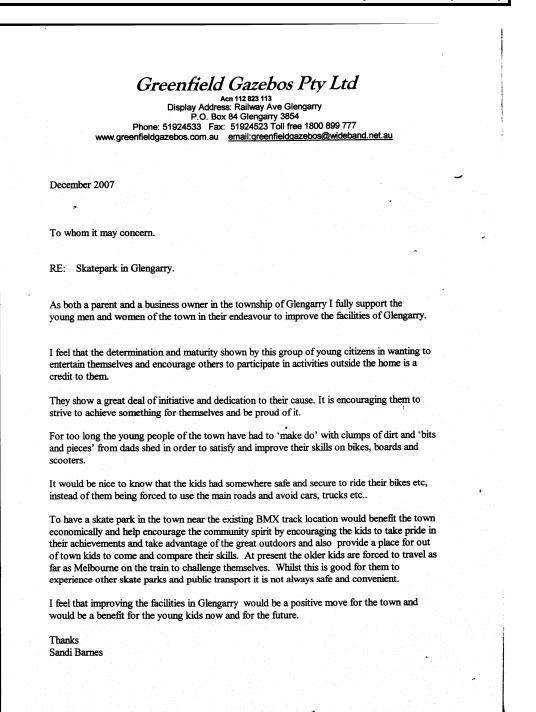
Good luck Dechlan.

Val and Harry Friend Narkoojee Winery.

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Latrobe City Council.

I would like to support the "Ripper Sk8 Park Krew" in their project to get a skate park built in Glengarry.

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I think the skate park would be a great idea because the kids will not have to skate and ride on the road or the foot paths where there is traffic and pedestrians using them all the time.

I also think the area next to the BMX track would be a great place for the skate park because it is close to the shop; bakery etc. if somebody gets hurt. A skate park would also help local businesses because kids from other towns, not just Glengarry, would come and use the skate park as well.

Yours truly,

Peter Marriot Builder

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Latrobe City Council.

I would like to express to you my support of the Ripper Sk8park krews request to have a

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skate park built in Glengarry. As a local business situated in the centre of main street Glengarry, I get to see most days the kids who use the main street and footpath as skating and bike riding areas.

I also see the elderly residents who also use the footpath when going about their daily business trying to avoid the kids as they ride around.

Both of these situations present dangers to the kids and eldery people with the amount of vehicle traffic that also uses the main street.

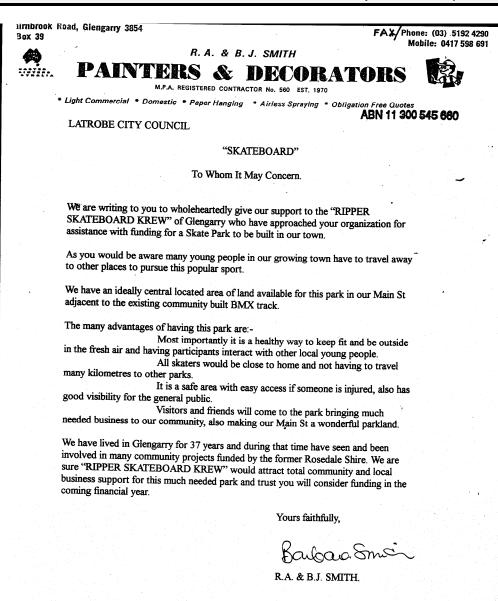
If there was a skate park built in town, it would provide the kids with a safer place to ride and skate reducing the amount of riders on the footpath making it safer for the local residents.

I also feel that the area next to the current bike track would be suitable due to its open area and closeness to local residences for safety concerns.

Steve Wright Licensee Glengarry Commercial Hotel.

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Bill VERSPAANDONK 415 Rifle range Rd, Glengarry 3854.

Dear sir/madam.

I am writing this letter of support for a skate park in Glengarry as both a parent and ratepayer.

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There are a definite lack of facilities for the local kids around the town and the use of a local skate park would be a welcome addition to their recreational activities.

The road between Glengarry and Traralgon is not suitable for kids on bikes to travel safely and for this reason many of Traralgon's facilities are not available to them.

As a Police officer I have observed the local kids in Rosedale utilise their recently constructed skate park in a safe and friendly manner and with surprising social etiquette.

I believe that full support should be given to the Ripper Krew committee for this most worthy cause.

Yours sincerely.

Bill VERSPAANDONK.

August 2007 To whom it may concern,

We at Cobaarz Eco salon, Glengarry, are writing to support the "Ripper S8park" committee in their endeavours to acquire a skatepark for Glengarry.

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We urge you to consider giving your support to the acquisition of the skatepark for Glengarry and district.

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Nancy Prestipino Cobarrz Eco Salon.

Glengarry Post Office Main Street Glengarry Victoria 3854 Ph: 03-5192 4250 7th September, 2007 To Whom It May Concern: As Licensee of the Glengarry Post Office, I am full support of the Ripper Sk8 Park committee and their endeavours to bring a skate park to Glengarry. The skate park would give the local children and teenagers a purpose built area to enjoy a very popular sport and provide a much needed alternative to skateboarding on the local footpaths. The town is certainly lacking in activities for young people and usually this means they travel to Traralgon, taking business away from our town. I would also hope the skate park would bring visitors to our town and increase the local economy. I applaud the Ripper Sk8 Park committee for their commitment and enthusiasm and wish them well.) ani A Jenni Anderson Licensee, Glengarry Post Office





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To whom it may concern

The Glengarry Football Netball Chub are writing to you in support of the endeavours of the "Ripper-S8park" committee to have a skate park located at Glengarry

The club feels that a skate park would benefit the local community in the folling ways

The youth of the community and surrounds would have a structured area to skate in, other than the roads, pathaways or sealed sections around our club rooms. This in its self would decrease the risk of injury to other users of those surfaces.

Attracting people to the town could provide econonmic assistance to the business area of the community. In the future this may be asisted by the holding of events that would attract a larger participating group and audience to the park and hence the town

By having the park to skate in and not using the roads or sealed sections around the Football Netball club rooms it may decrease impact on the minor / nuisance damage and rubbish that occurs around our rooms. Skaters would be readily visable to the general public in the park

A skate park may help to sway a potential new property owner with younger childrean by being an added attraction and seen as a means of entertainment for the children

With today's times of general obesity, a skate park could play a significant role in getting young people away from the house and into a more energetic life style. This again has significant benefits to the local community and individuals.

If we can get our kids to take the first steps to a healthier life style and a park will assist in this then it is an investment in the future of our community and the community at large. Who knows some of these kids may end up working or running the community as a result of being involved in social activities at a younger age

We urge you to consider giving the skate park your support and look forward to seeing the erection of this attraction in the near future

Gle arry FNC Secretary



Ripper effort reaps rewards

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THESE skaters, BMX and scooter riders are hoping they won't be forced to ride along the Glengarry streets any more, if their town gets a skate park.

The Ripper Sk8 Park Krew/Com-mittee was recognised on Australia Day for its commitment to cam-paigning for a skate park for the town.

The group formed last year, with the aim of gaining funding to build skate park that it believes is esperately needed for the town's oung people. The group comprises losh

young people. The group comprises Josh Anderson (president), Dechlan Morrison, Jack Anderson, Nick Sacco, Billy Duncan, Andy Duncan, Luke Duncan, James Bowman,

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persistence would pay off. "Tm very proud of their efforts and (the award) is great because young people don't often get a lot of recognition."

She said the group had recently met with a Latrobe City consultant as part of the council's review of skating and BMX facilities in the Latrobe Valley.

The group is currently circulating a petition in support of the skate park and is looking at ways to raise funds, including the availability of government grants.

Latrobe City councillor Susan Lloyd congratulated the boys on their commitment.

"I think it's fantastic young people have stepped up for what they believe in and they are advocating on the part of other young people," she said.

Nationals MLA for Monwell Russell Northe said he was pleased to see such a young group receive some accolades on Australia Day.

"I know they were very proud. "The next step is to ensure Glengarry can achieve a skate park and there's certainly no doubt that they're dedicated to the cause."

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people. He said the group was "unselfish" because it was focused on getting a skate park for the town and younger generations, not just for themselves.



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Young Glengarry skaters and BMX riders want a skate park in the town.

BY STEPHANIE CHARALAMBOUS

BY STEPHANIE CHARALAMBOUS A GROUP of young skaters from Glengary has started campaigning for a skate park to be built in the town. Founding members of the Ripper Skateboards Krew, Dechan Morrison, Justin McAlay, Geordon Joinson and Josh Anderson, believe Glengarry is in need of a skate park. The group told The Journal many teenagers in the town were forced to ravel to Traralgon to occupy their free time as there was little for young people to do in Glengary. They said members of the skating community had been forced to ride in the streets and on footpaths in the town. They said members of the local skating and BMX riding community, but benefit the whole town.

If a skate park is constructed the group hopes it will be located next to the current BMX track.

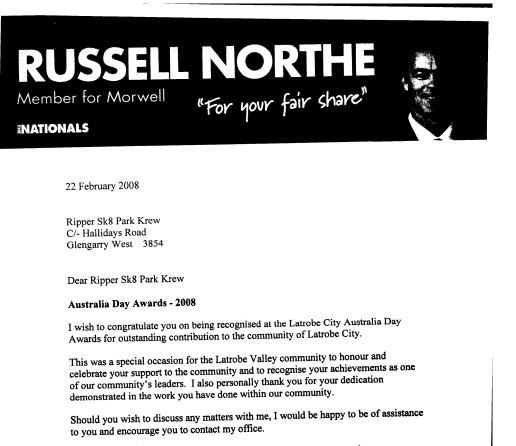
to the current BMX track. Youth development officer for Luke's Place Monwell, Helma Morrison has coordinated the group's mission and supports the suggested location. "It's in the centre of the town and not in a residential area, it's safe to access if somebody is injured and it's casy to find for visitors," she said.

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said. Ms Morrison said most of Glen-gary supported a skate park for the town. "There is a lack of facilities for young people in Glengarry and it's a growing town, there are lots of kids around who would use it," she said. "It's eood to see young people

"It's good to see young people doing something for themselves.

They are meeting people and learn-ing the process. "This is a really positive thing for the community and for everybody to get behind them, it's great." The Ripper Skateboards Krew will launch a new petition in support of a skate park to present to Latrobe City Council. Members are also appealing for local businesses to sponsor any future project. Latrobe City's manager city infra-structure Michael Edgar said the group's concerns and input would be considered in council's review of skating and BMX facilities in the new financial year. "Part of the Skate Park Plan will be to engage with young people and identify what needs there might be," he said.



Congratulations again and I extend my best wishes for your future endeavours.

Yours sincerely 1 Russell Northe MLA

Member for Morwell

The Nationals Member for Morwell and spokesman for:

Industry and State Development Sport and Recreation Youth Affairs

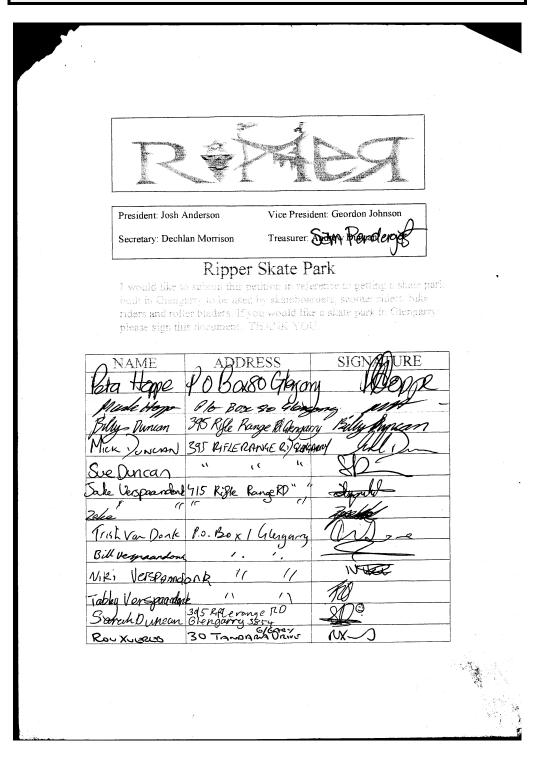
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President: Josh Anderson Vice President: Geordon Johnson Secretary: Dechlan Morrison Treasurer: Andrew Duncan Ripper Skate Park I would like to submit this petition in reference to getting a skate park built in Glengarry to be used by skateboarders, scooter riders, bike riders and roller bladers. If you would like a skate park in Glengarry please sign this document. THANK YOU. NAME ADDRESS SIGNATURE Dean fearce dr (ibner 20-54 Carey Jack <u>Heise</u> 5 R and onnor Maindel 4 wykes me KIRSTEN METNODE LOT 4 WYKOS N 378-40 Kyne St MATH BERRY 2301 Tracalge ∽/Maffr SCOFT tairbrothe ٦rd Marco Blandon mason gafh griffthsat Rel Hannah Stattart Toongabb 9 SPARKS IN TOONLAGE DAVID Jutt Grieve rd causors 85 weid E Thomas Mass Q 100 hill Кs FARLO Vearle

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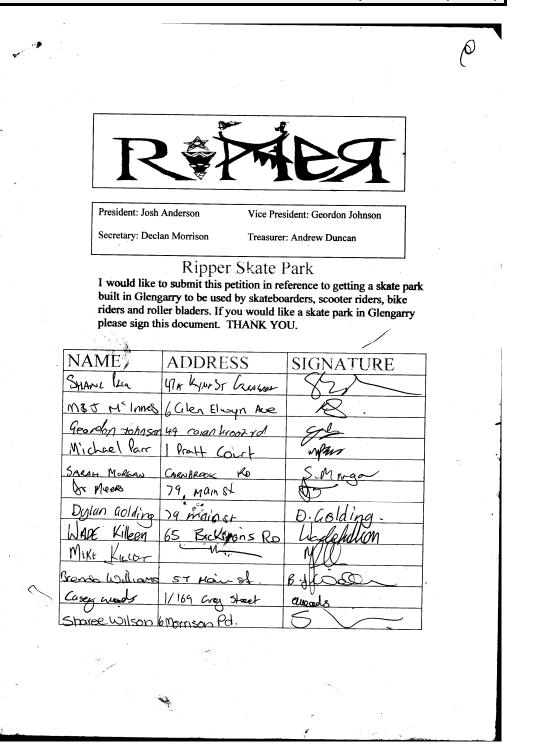
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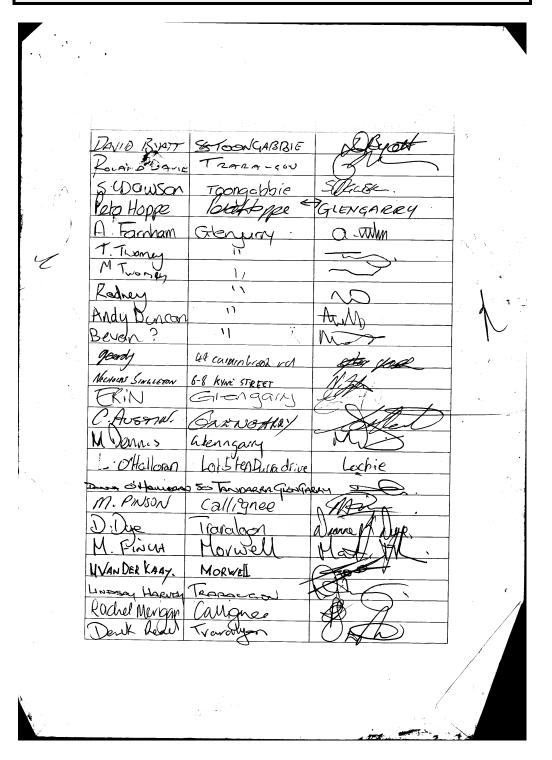
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Suspension of Standing Orders

Moved: Cr White Seconded: Cr Zimora

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 7.04 pm

Mrs Linda Reid addressed Council in relation to Item 11.3.1 – Hard Waste Service update report and answered questions put to her.

The Mayor thanked Mrs Reid for addressing Council and for her submission.

Resumption of Standing Orders

Moved: Cr White Seconded: Cr Wilson

That Standing Orders be resumed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.20 pm

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11.3.1 HARD WASTE SERVICE UPDATE REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager Built and Natural Environment Sustainability (ATTACHMENT – NO)

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with updated information regarding the trialed Hard Waste Collection Service introduced in September 2007.

2. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report is consistent with Council's Latrobe 2021 vision document and the Council Plan 2008-2012.

Latrobe 2021 and Council Plan 2008-2012

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 community of Latrobe Valley. To provide leadership and to facilitate a well connected, interactive economic environment in which to do business.

Strategic Action - Natural Sustainability

Develop facilities to manage waste which enhance the desirability for economic development within Latrobe City.

Key Priority

Collect and process waste in accordance with the waste management strategy.

Policy/Strategy: Latrobe City Waste Management Principles:

- 1. Latrobe City will advocate the following waste hierarchy.
 - Avoidance;
 - Re-use;
 - Recycling;
 - Recovery of energy;
 - Treatment;
 - Containment;
 - Disposal.

- 2. Latrobe City will strive to be a leader in the management of solid waste. The disposal behaviour exhibited by the Latrobe City organisation shall be equal to or greater than what we expect from the community.
- 3. Latrobe City will apply the principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD) when developing infrastructure, services and action relating to waste management. ESD principles are:
 - Inter-generational Equity;

- Intra-generational Equity;
- Conservation of Biodiversity;
- Precautionary Principle; and
- Global issues.
- Latrobe City acknowledges that the waste generator will be responsible for choosing the appropriate disposal option and the costs associated with that disposal choice.
- 5. Latrobe City will ensure that the actual costs of waste treatment are applied to that service.
- 6. Latrobe City will advocate the need for greater manufacturer's responsibility in material management.
- 7. Latrobe City will be an active regional partner and will consider the regional benefit to social, economic and environmental aspects in the development of waste management services and infrastructure.
- 8. Latrobe City will ensure that it moves to a greater emphasis on material management by ensuring that available data on the quality of waste is obtained to determine its appropriate treatment.
- 9. Latrobe City will develop treatment objectives for handling municipal solid waste. Where appropriate Latrobe City will provide services and infrastructure to support these treatment objectives.
- 10. Latrobe City will continue to identify opportunities for reducing the volume of waste deposited to landfill.

3. BACKGROUND

The Hard Waste Project Review Group was established in 2006 to re-evaluate the decision to suspend the provision of a kerbside hard waste collection service. The project review group consisted of Councillors, community representatives, Council officers and WorkSafe representatives.

The group held a series of meetings to investigate options for the reinstatement of an appropriate hard waste service. The review group agreed on a preferred model for the provision of a service that included the provision of transfer station vouchers and an optional at-call service. Council subsequently endorsed the recommendations of the project review group and resolved as follows at the 19 March 2007 Ordinary Council Meeting:

1. That the following hard waste service be provided, commencing in the 2007/08 financial year:

- Provision of three vouchers, valued at \$8 each, to all ratepayers in the waste collection areas.
- Vouchers to be distributed to ratepayers with the rates notices.
- Increase the Waste Service Charge by \$24 above the CPI increase of \$5, to cover the cost of the vouchers.
- Amend the transfer station fees to equate to multiples of \$8 for ease of use of the vouchers.
- Allow residents to dispose of all material accepted by the transfer stations, with the utilisation of vouchers.
- Allow residents to book an at-call hard waste collection service limited to the items on the approved list, and a maximum quantity of 1.5 cubic metres.
- The at-call service to cost residents \$43 in addition to the three vouchers.
- Subsidise pensioners and health card holders for the at-call service by \$13 on the assumption that only 90% of vouchers will be utilised.
- This would result in an at-call service for pensioners and health card holders being \$30 in addition to the three vouchers.
- Provide for two separate months in the year for residents to book an at-call service – possibly October and April.
- Continue to provide the two free green waste disposal weekends, with one of them being in the lead up to the fire season.
- 2. That the hard waste project review group meet on a 3 to 4 monthly basis, following commencement of the hard waste service, to monitor and review the hard waste service.

The trial hard waste collection service was operated in accordance with the Council resolution from 1 September 2007. Numerous complaints were received between the time the vouchers were issued and the meeting of the Hard Waste Review Group on 30 October 2007. A further report was presented to Council on 19 November 2007 to consider the groups recommendations.

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It was noted that the Hard Waste Review Group was divided in its opinion on the provision of a hard waste collection service and that the service should be modified to provide a more equitable option for the community.

Council resolved at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 November 2007 to amend the service as follows:

- a) Return any unused vouchers by 1 May, 2008 and receive a credit for the commensurate amount.
- b) Utilise the vouchers as part payment for the at-call kerbside hard waste collection service as booked to date or the at-call kerbside hard waste collection service planned for April, 2008.
- c) Utilise vouchers at Council operated Transfer Stations throughout the 2007/08 financial year.

Officers intended to report on the results of voucher at the earliest possible Council Meeting following the expiry of the issued vouchers.

4. ISSUES

Latrobe City Council intends to provide all data relating to the use, refund or non-redemption of the issued vouchers.

There has been extensive use of the vouchers at the Transfer stations prior to their expiry on 31 August 2008. Latrobe City Council is in the process of recording and analysing the data to provide meaningful advice of the results.

Results of this analysis will be available for Council's consideration on 6 October 2008.

5. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

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The financial and resource implications of the trial Hard Waste Service will be detailed in the Hard Waste Analysis Report, to be provided to Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 6 October 2008.

6. INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

Engagement Method Used:

Latrobe City Council has utilised the following methods of engagement; Print Media, Link, personal letters, independent consultants and focus groups.

Details of Community/Consultation Results of Engagement:

Latrobe City officers have received many representations regarding the former service. Officers have been active in requesting guidance and providing input to the provision of future kerbside hard waste services within the state of Victoria.

7. OPTIONS

Options relating to the trialled Hard Waste Service will be tabled in the forthcoming Hard Waste Analysis Report.

8. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

The analysis of the trial Hard Waste Collection Service offered in the 2007/08 financial year will inform Council as to the use of the vouchers.

The results are likely to give an insight into areas Council can best provide future services related to the collection and disposal of bulky waste material generated by the community.

9. <u>RECOMMENDATION</u>

That Council considers the Hard Waste Analysis Report at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 6 October 2008.

Moved:Cr WhiteSeconded:Cr Caulfield

That the Recommendation be adopted.

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11.6.1 AUTHORISATION OF COUNCILLORS FOR CERTIFICATION OF 2007-2008 FINANCIAL, STANDARD AND PERFORMANCE STATEMENTS AUTHOR: Acting General Manager Governance (ATTACHMENT – YES)

1. <u>PURPOSE</u>

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval in principle to the 2007/2008 financial, standard and performance statements and to authorise two Councillors, on behalf of the Council, to certify the financial, standard and performance statements for the year ended 30 June 2008 in their final form.

2. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report is consistent with Council's Latrobe 2021 vision document and the Council Plan 2008-2012.

Latrobe 2021 and Council Plan 2008-2012

Strategic Objective - Governance

To ensure governance and leadership through a strong commitment and adherence to democratic and legislative requirements.

Strategic Action- Ensure compliance with the Local Government Act.

Policy No. GEN-COS – Audit Policy

The audit policy defines the role of the audit committee which includes assisting Council in the discharge of its responsibilities for financial reporting.

3. BACKGROUND

The Local Government Act 1989 requires Council to prepare an annual report that includes a report on its operations for the completed financial year. The annual report includes audited financial, standard and performance statements. The auditor must not sign the auditor's report concerning the financial, standard and performance statements unless Council has completed the certification of the statements in the manner prescribed in the Local Government Act 1989 and the Local Government (Financial and Reporting) Regulations 2004.

4. ISSUES

The annual report, including the audited financial, standard and performance statements, must be lodged with the Minister within three months of the end of the financial year, which is by 30 September 2008.

Under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989*, a Council cannot submit its financial, standard and performance statements to the Auditor-General or the Minister unless a resolution has been passed by Council authorising two Councillors to certify the financial statements in their final form.

Once the auditor's report has been received by Council, public notice will be given in accordance with Section 131 (12) of the *Local Government Act 1989* and the auditor's reports will be made available for inspection at all Council offices.

Similarly, once the Annual Report has been submitted to the Minister for Local Government, public notice will also be given advising that the Annual Report can be inspected at all Council offices. In accordance with Section 134 of the *Local Government Act 1989* a meeting of Council will be held as soon as practicable, to consider the annual report, within the time required by the regulations, being one month after providing the annual report to the Minister

5. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

The subject reports are in respect of the Council's financial position and operations for the year ended 30 June 2008. There are no financial or resource implications.

6. INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

Engagement Method Used:

Councillors Middlemiss and White are the Council appointed members of the Audit Committee and attended the meeting held on 4 September 2008 where the Audit Committee reviewed and discussed the draft financial, standard and performance statements and provided their endorsement for Council approval in principle. Staff from the Victorian Auditor General's Office, who conducted the Latrobe City audit, attended the audit committee meeting on 4 September 2008. They tabled a closing audit report to the audit committee which concluded that the financial reports of Latrobe City Council do present fairly in all material aspects.

7. OPTIONS

This process is a legislative requirement which Council is required to comply with.

8. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

As Councillors Middlemiss and White are the appointed members of Council's Audit Committee and involved in the review of the financial, standard and performance statements, it is appropriate that they be the nominated to certify the financial, standard and performance statements, on behalf of Council.

The recommendations below are necessary to comply with statutory requirements of the *Local Government Act 1989* and the *Local Government (Financial and Reporting) Regulations 2004*.

9. <u>RECOMMENDATION</u>

- That Council, in accordance with Section 131 (7) and 132 (6) of the Local Government Act 1989, gives its approval in principle to the 2007/2008 financial, standard and performance statements.
- That Council, in accordance with Section 131 (8) and 132 (7) of the Local Government Act 1989, authorises Councillors Darrell White and Graeme Middlemiss to certify the financial, standard and performance statements on behalf of Council for the year ended 30 June 2008 in their final form.

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Moved: Cr White Seconded: Cr Price

- 1. That Council, in accordance with Section 131 (7) and 132 (6) of the Local Government Act 1989, gives its approval in principle to the 2007/2008 financial, standard and performance statements.
- 2. That Council, in accordance with Section 131 (8) and 132 (7) of the Local Government Act 1989, authorises Councillors Darrell White and Bruce Lougheed to certify the financial, standard and performance statements on behalf of Council for the year ended 30 June 2008 in their final form.

11.6.2 DOCUMENTS PRESENTED FOR SIGNING AND SEALING AUTHOR: Acting General Manager Governance

(ATTACHMENT - NO)

Lease Agreement between Latrobe City Council and VicTrack for the land described as Railway Lot 79 at Morwell for the Consideration of \$3,920 per annum plus GST, payable annually in advance.
Lease Agreement between Latrobe City Council and VicTrack for the land described as Railway Lot 8 at Moe together with right of way access over Railway Lot 89 at Moe for the Consideration of \$1,560 per annum plus GST, payable annually in advance.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal the Lease Agreement between Latrobe City Council and VicTrack for the land described as Railway Lot 79 at Morwell for the Consideration of \$3,920 per annum plus GST, payable annually in advance.
- 2. That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal the Lease Agreement between Latrobe City Council and VicTrack for the land described as Railway Lot 8 at Moe together with right of way access over Railway Lot 89 at Moe for the Consideration of \$1,560 per annum plus GST, payable annually in advance.

Moved:Cr PriceSeconded:Cr Zimora

That the Recommendation be adopted.

11.6.3 PLACE NAME PROPOSAL - BALFOUR RESERVE, MOE AUTHOR: Acting General Manager Governance (ATTACHMENT – YES)

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1. PURPOSE

The following report presents for Council's consideration a proposal for the naming of the municipal purpose reserve, located at Parkside Drive and Lloyd Street, Moe.

2. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report is consistent with Council's Latrobe 2021 vision document and the Council Plan 2008-2012.

Latrobe 2021 and Council Plan 2008-2012

Strategic Objective - Governance

To ensure governance and leadership through a strong commitment and adhere to democratic processes and legislative requirements.

Strategic Action - Ensure compliance with other relevant legislation.

Policy No. - There is no specific policy relating to Road Name or Place Name Changes. The procedure is specified by the Geographic Place Names Act and Guidelines.

3. BACKGROUND

Council has received a suggestion by a community member (attached) that the unnamed municipal purpose reserve located at Parkside Drive and Lloyd Street, Moe be named Jim Balfour Park.

This reserve was created on Plan of Subdivision PS 441953 when the former Moe High School site was subdivided into residential allotments in 2003.

The former Moe High School hall/gymnasium fronting Truscott Road was named Balfour Hall in recognition of James Charles Murray Balfour, former School Councillor and former Member of the Legislative Assembly for Morwell and Narracan and Liberal Government Minister. A short history of Mr Balfour's career is attached to this report. A Building Approvals Permit to demolish Balfour Hall was issued on November 2001, with demolition occurring thereafter.

4. ISSUES

The Guidelines for Geographic Place Names specify that Councils, as naming authorities, have two major areas of responsibility:

- 1. the investigation and determination of geographic place names of local significance.
- 2. the notification of new or altered names to the Registrar for official mapping data and other purposes.

In doing so Council must give consideration to the 17 principles contained in the guidelines when determining Victorian place or feature names. The following principles apply to this application:

<u>Principle 1 – Responsibility for naming</u> As this is a place of local significance Council is the responsible naming authority.

<u>Principle 3 – Linking the name to the place</u> Based upon the above history it can be seen that Mr Balfour has a historical link to the former Moe High School site.

Principle 7 – Duplication of names

With the exception of the demolished Balfour Hall, there is no other place within Latrobe City that contains the name "Balfour" on the Register of Geographic Place Names (Vicnames).

The following entries appear in the adopted Latrobe City Register of Public Roads:

- Balfour Place, Churchill; and
- Balfour Street, Newborough.

It is noted that Vicnames has recorded places containing the name Balfour in two adjoining municipalities. These are:

- Balfour Swamp Wellington Shire; and
- James Balfour Oak Tree Park Baw Baw Shire.

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Consideration has been given to the merits of the terms 'park' and/or 'reserve'. It is suggested that the use of 'reserve' will reduce potential confusion with Balfour Place. It is anticipated that the naming of Balfour Reserve will not cause any confusion with either the street names or the adjoining municipalities.

Principle 10 – Consultative process

Should Council proceed and invite public comment on the proposal to name the municipal purposes reserve it will satisfy this principle.

<u>Principle 13 – Commemorative names</u> Naming authorities should not name places after living persons, unless exceptional circumstances apply. As Mr Balfour died in 1990 the proposal will not conflict with this principle.

<u>Principle 17 – Preserving a record of place names' origins</u> Details will be collected from various sources to support the proposal.

Following consultation and resolution to name the reserve, it will be necessary for Council to prepare an application to the Registrar of Geographic Names to have the unnamed municipal purposes reserve recorded in the Vicnames register.

It is suggested that if a plaque or signage is erected that reference is made to the fact that this reserve was the site of the former Moe High School.

5. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

The costs associated with this proposal are minimal, being the cost of advertising the proposal.

In the event the reserve is named, expenditure for either a sign or plaque would be incurred.

6. INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

Engagement Method:

Should the proposal be accepted Public Notices will be placed in the Latrobe Valley Express. The Moe Historical Society will be specifically invited to discuss the proposal. Details of Community/Consultation Results of Engagement:

Similar to the provisions of Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 it is proposed to give public notice of Council's intention to consider naming the reserve Balfour Reserve. Any objections would be considered at a subsequent Council meeting.

The suggested reserve name has been discussed with a representative of the Balfour family. This representative consulted other members of the family and has advised that the family supports the proposed naming of the reserve.

7. OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

- 1. To resolve to commence the statutory process to name the municipal purpose reserve, located at Parkside Drive and Lloyd Street Moe; or
- 2. To resolve not to proceed with the statutory process to name the municipal purpose reserve, located at Parkside Drive and Lloyd Street Moe which will require no further action.

8. CONCLUSION

Based upon the above information it is recommended that Council supports in principle the naming of the municipal purpose reserve, located at Parkside Drive and Lloyd Street, Jim Balfour Reserve.

To allow the general public to have input into the naming of the reserve it is suggested that Council now gives public notice of its intention to consider the proposal and invite comment.

9. <u>RECOMMENDATION</u>

1. That Council gives support, in principle, to the naming of the municipal purpose reserve, located at Parkside Drive and Lloyd Street, Moe, Jim Balfour Reserve.

- 2. That Council gives public notice of its intention to consider the proposal to the naming of the municipal purpose reserve located at Parkside Drive and Lloyd Street, Moe, Jim Balfour Reserve and seeks public comment.
- 3. That Council considers any submissions received in relation to the proposal to name the municipal purpose reserve, located at Parkside Drive and Lloyd Street, Moe, Jim Balfour Reserve at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 15 December 2008.
- 4. That, if no objections are received, an application to be made to the Registrar of Geographic Names to register the municipal purpose reserve, located at Parkside Drive and Lloyd Street, Moe with Jim Balfour Reserve as a place name.
- 5. That, if the application to the Registrar of Geographic Names to register the municipal purpose reserve, located at Parkside Drive and Lloyd Street, Moe with Jim Balfour Reserve as a place name is successful that an appropriate plaque or sign be erected including reference to this reserve having formerly been the site of the Moe High School.

Moved: Cr Price Seconded: Cr White

That the Recommendation be adopted.

ATTACHMENT - E-MAIL TO CR. ANTHONY ZIMORA 22 MAY 2008

Dear Sir

We live in Parkside Drive, Moe which happens to be the former High School site. When it was a High School a plaque was erected in honour of Jim Balfour adjacent to Balfour Hall.

I feel that it would be nice to continue to honour him as it is called Balfour Park but it appears that the original plaque has disappeared. I have approached the City of Latrobe, the Moe Historical Society, Regional Education Office in Moe, former Principal of Moe High School and Lowana College without results.

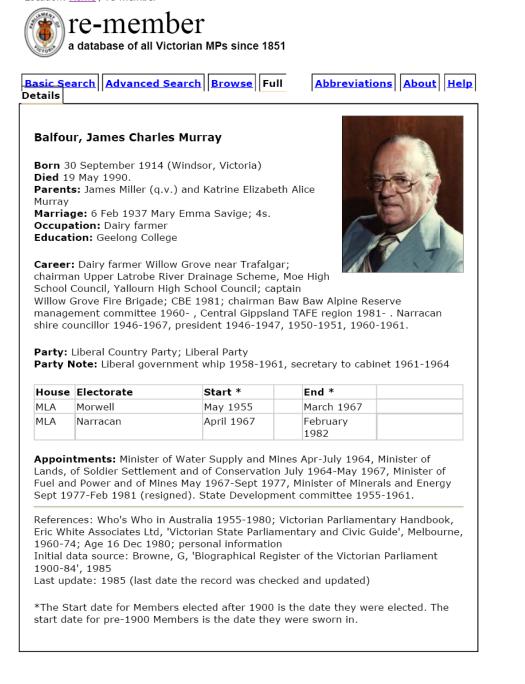
I then approached M. May of the Make Moe Glow group who suggested that I approach you. I just wonder if you would be interested and possibly get Council to arrange for a new plaque to be erected in his honour. I feel that Jim Balfour is part of our history and it would be nice to remember him this way especially seeing the estate is named in his honour.

Yours faithfully Pat Bur

ATTACHMENT – JAMES CHARLES BALFOUR HISTORY

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ATTACHMENT – BALFOUR RESERVE

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13. TEA BREAK

Adjournment of Meeting

The Mayor adjourned the Meeting at 7.25 pm for a tea break.

Resumption of Meeting

The Mayor resumed the Meeting at 7.40 pm.

Moved: Cr Zimora Seconded: Cr Price

That this Meeting now be closed to the public to consider the following items which are of a confidential nature, pursuant to Section 89(2) of the *Local Government Act* 1989.

Items		Reasons under s.89(2) of the LGA
14.1 Adop	ption of Minutes	Other – s.89(2)(h)
14.2 Conf	fidential Items	Other – s.89(2)(h)
14.3 Moe	Activity Centre Plan - implementation update	Proposed developments – s.89(2)(e)
	etscaping of Church Street, Morwell from Princes e to Buckley Street	Contractual – s.89(2)(d)
14.5 Chie	f Executive Officer's Performance Review 2007/08	Personnel matters – s.89(2)(a) and/or Contractual – s.89(2)(d)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Meeting closed to the public at 7.41 pm.