



LATROBE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA AUDIO-VISUAL LINK AT 6PM ON 20 JULY 2020

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PRESENT:

Councillors:	Cr Dan Clancey, Mayor	East Ward
	Cr Alan McFarlane, Deputy Mayor	Central Ward
	Cr Graeme Middlemiss	Central Ward
	Cr Darren Howe	East Ward
	Cr Dale Harriman	East Ward
	Cr Kellie O'Callaghan	East Ward
	Cr Darrell White OAM	South Ward
	Cr Brad Law	West Ward
	Cr Sharon Gibson	West Ward
Officers:	Steven Piasente	Chief Executive Officer
	Suzanne Miller	General Manager Community Health & Wellbeing
	Gail Gatt	General Manager Regional City Growth & Investment
	Greg Drumm	General Manager Organisational Performance
	Larry Sengstock	General Manager Assets & Presentation
	Kieran Stewart	Governance Officer

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COUNCILLOR AND PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

PLEASE NOTE

The Victorian Government's *COVID-19 Omnibus (Emergency Measures) Act 2020* has introduced into the Local Government Act 2020 new mechanisms that allow for virtual Council Meetings to ensure local government decision-making can continue during the coronavirus pandemic.

Pursuant to section 394 of the *COVID-19 Omnibus (Emergency Measures) Act 2020*, a Councillor may attend this Council Meeting remotely by electronic means of communication; and

Pursuant to section 395 *COVID-19 Omnibus (Emergency Measures) Act 2020* this Council Meeting may be closed to the attendance by members of the public by making available access to a live stream of the Meeting on the Council's internet site.

1. OPENING PRAYER

The Mayor read the opening prayer.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

The Mayor read the acknowledgement of the traditional owners of the land.

3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME

Attend as an observer

The Victorian Government's *COVID-19 Omnibus (Emergency Measures) Act 2020* has introduced into the Local Government Act 2020 new mechanisms that allow for virtual Council Meetings and allow for Council Meetings to be closed to the public.

Therefore this Meeting was closed to physical participation by members of the public. To meet legislated obligations and in the spirit of open, accessible and transparent governance, the Council Meeting was livestreamed.

Public Speakers

Members of the public who registered before 12noon were invited to speak to an item on the agenda.

The following persons spoke to Item 6.1 - Draft 2020/21 Budget - Hearing of Submissions:

- Andy Webb - Treasurer and Member, Mathison Park Special Committee (Via Audio-Visual)
- John Langstaff - Committee Member, Traralgon Railway Reservoir Conservation Reserve Special Committee (Via Audio-Visual)
- Graeme O'Hara - Chairman, Latrobe City Farm Ratepayers Association (Via Audio-Visual)
- Katherine Copsey - Council Gambling Harm Advisor, Alliance for Gambling Reform (Via Audio-Visual)

ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE

6. ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE

Agenda Item: 6.1

Agenda Item: Draft 2020/21 Budget - Hearing of Submissions

Sponsor: General Manager, Organisational Performance

Council Plan Objective: Ensure Council operates openly, transparently and responsibly.

Status: For Information

MOTION

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr McFarlane

That Council receives, notes and considers all submissions received in relation to the draft 2020/2021 Budget prior to the adoption of the 2020/2021 Budget at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on Monday, 3 August 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Executive Summary:

This report is to present the submissions received in relation to the draft 2020/2021 Budget

- Council resolved on the 15 June 2020 to release the draft budget for public exhibition.
- A person has a right to make a submission under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989 (the Act)*, on any proposal contained within the draft budget.
- A total of 19 submissions were received in relation to the draft 2020/21 budget.
- It is recommended that Council notes and considers these submissions prior to adopting the 2020/2021 Budget at the Ordinary Council Meeting on Monday 3 August 2020.

Background:

On 15 June 2020, Council resolved to give notice of preparation of the proposed 2020/2021 Budget and to allow a period of 28 days for submissions.

A person has a right to make a submission under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, on any proposal contained within these documents.

Public notice of the preparation of the Budget was subsequently advertised in the Latrobe Valley Express on 18 June 2020, advising that the budget documents were available for inspection at Council's service centres and on Council's website.

Submissions in relation to the Budget were receivable up to 5pm on 15 July 2020. A person who has made a written submission to Council and requested that he or she be heard in support of the written submission is entitled to appear before a meeting of the Council. In the public notice Council indicated that written budget submissions would be considered and submitters would have an opportunity to speak to their submissions at a Special Council meeting to be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 20 July 2020.

A total of 19 submissions have been received in relation to the draft 2020/2021 Budget. Those wishing to speak to their submission will have the opportunity to do so at the Special Council Meeting.

A copy of each submission received has been provided to Councillors, and a summary of the submissions is provided below along with those intending to speak to their submission.

Submitter	Summary of submission	Speaking at this meeting
Anonymous 1	Council should provide genuine financial relief to Latrobe City residents through a reduction of fees associated with Childcare, Leisure and Transfer Station, along with a freeze on payment of rates for home owners. A rolling program to seal all dirt roads should be implemented, and funding should be increased for library book purchases. Further investment in smaller towns such as Yinnar, Boolarra & Churchill to improve liveability, along with a reduction in non-essential positions within council.	No
Anonymous 2	School crossing for the safety of the kids of Lumen Christi Primary School, Churchill.	No

Submitter	Summary of submission	Speaking at this meeting
Anonymous 3	Installation of a bus shelter opposite Gaskin Rise Estate, Churchill.	No
Anonymous 4	Request for upgrade to Church & Buckley Streets Morwell to include additional parking and increased appeal and safety.	No
Anonymous 5	Connecting path between Yallourn North to Newborough and Moe via Rail Trail	No
Lauren Whitehead	Stage 2 of Moe Precinct and Latrobe Leisure Moe upgrade with kids splash area and/or waterslide	No
Mathison Park Special Committee	Request consideration for providing \$300,000 in the budget to fund the first stage of the proposed upgrade to the play space at Mathison Park in accordance with the Mathison Park Management Plan.	No
Alliance for Gambling Reform	Request for funds towards advocacy for reforms to the gambling industry.	Yes
Latrobe City Farm Ratepayers Association	Support for the Farm Rate Differential and an increase in the Municipal charge to the maximum allowable.	Yes
Julie Wilson	Recommend a public vote to increase residential rates by 1% in order to ensure no further decline in services and to reduce debt. Ensure that the costs to run GRAC and LCP do not result in the closure of other leisure centres in Morwell, Newborough and Churchill.	No
Barry Stuckey	Request to bring forward works for the upgrading of Marshall's Road Traralgon and its intersection with Heyfield Rd due to safety concerns.	No

Submitter	Summary of submission	Speaking at this meeting
Yvonne Wink	Request for extension of footpath in Wirraway Street to Comans Way Moe for accessibility and remediation works to the Scorpio Drive convergence from road to footpath	No
Traralgon Railway Reservoir Conservation Reserve Special Committee	Request for upgrades at Traralgon Railway Reservoir Conservation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Replace Deane's Bridge 2. Bollards to be installed at the East end of South Government Road 3. Planning for the future silt removal from the reservoir. 4. Design and construction of a bus turning area at the end of Hickcox Street. 5. Design and construct a carpark at the southern end of Hyde Park Road. 6. Construct a fence around the 94A block. 	Yes
Tom Wolf	Request for updated concrete Skate Park in Moe	No
Yinnar Recreation Reserve	Seeking funding to resurface the Reserves southern multi-purpose (tennis & netball) courts and to address urgent issues.	No
Adam Cassar	Request for upgrade to play park in Smallburn Avenue, Newborough.	No
Victorian Farmers Federation	Request for a fair and balanced rating strategy	No
Lisa Cassar	Request upgrade to Explorers Park	No
Anonymous 6	Request for the current budget to include an allocation for a review of traffic management in Yinnar	No

Issues:

Strategy Implications

This proposal aligns with Objective 6 “Ensure Council operates openly, transparently and responsibly” of the Council Plan 2017-2021. The draft 2020/2021 budget has been on display for a period of 28 days. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Council was unable to provide an opportunity for the community to meet with Councillors at a public information session to discuss any part of the proposed budget, however Councillors were available by phone and email for members of the community to seek any further clarification on the draft budget document.

Communication

In accordance with the Act, the draft budget has been advertised via public notice and the document has been available for viewing at each of council’s Service Centres as well as being available on council’s Website.

Local media were briefed on the highlights of the draft budget, with details published in the Latrobe Valley Express.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Risk Analysis

There are no risks associated with the consideration of submissions.

Legal and Compliance

This report complies with the requirements of Section 223 of the Act, by providing the opportunity for those that lodged a submission to the draft budget to be heard in support of their submission and for Council to consider all submissions.

Community Implications

Council is required to consider all submissions received in relation to the draft 2020/21 budget in accordance with Section 223 of the Act.

Environmental Implications

Nil.

Consultation

Councillors were available to consult with the community via telephone and email.

Other

Nil.

Declaration of Interests:

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Supporting Documents:

Draft 2020/21 Budget including Fees & Charges

Attachments

1 [↓](#). Draft 2020/21 Budget Submissions

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Draft 2020/21 Budget - Hearing of Submissions

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From: latrobe-vic.noreply@govcms.gov.au on behalf of [Latrobe City Council](#)
To: [Latrobe Central Email](#)
Cc: [Matthew Rogers](#)
Subject: Webform submission from: Have Your Say on 2020/21 Draft Budget Feedback Form >
Date: Wednesday, 17 June 2020 6:42:48 PM

Submitted on Wed, 2020-06-17 18:27

Submitted by:

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Anonymous

Confidentiality

[Please withhold my name](#) from public documents such as Council reports

Your Submission

My submission is

To decrease fees for council run child care and leisure centres. To freeze council rates payments for home owners. To reduce the cost paid at transfer stations. These measures will provide genuine financial relief to Latrobe City residents. Particularly in such difficult and uncertain times of record unemployment and facing a recession. I would like to see dirt roads in Latrobe City be resurfaced in bitumen in a rolling program. This would save council in the long run and add to driver safety. Council invests largely both financially and through the writing of business cases in building infrastructure in Traralgon. Perhaps it is time to invest in towns like Yinnar, Boolarra and Churchill to increase livability. The Commercial Road Morwell beautification is a waste of money and does not link back to job or economic creation. Latrobe City should consider increase funding to its library for new book purchase and decrease its payroll of non essential workforce such as community engagement positions that add little if any value.

I wish to speak on my submission at a future Council Meeting:

No

From: latrobe-vic.noreply@govcms.gov.au on behalf of Latrobe City Council <latrobe-vic.noreply@govcms.gov.au>
Sent: Sunday, 28 June 2020 9:32 AM
To: Latrobe Central Email
Cc: Matthew Rogers
Subject: Webform submission from: Have Your Say on 2020/21 Draft Budget Feedback Form

Submitted on Sun, 2020-06-28 09:31

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Anonymous

Confidentiality

Please withhold my name from public documents such as Council reports

Your Submission

My submission is

School crossing for the safety of the kids of Lumen Christi P.S.

I wish to speak on my submission at a future Council Meeting:

No

From: latrobe-vic.noreply@govcms.gov.au on behalf of Latrobe City Council <latrobe-vic.noreply@govcms.gov.au>
Sent: Sunday, 28 June 2020 9:29 AM
To: Latrobe Central Email
Cc: Matthew Rogers
Subject: Webform submission from: Have Your Say on 2020/21 Draft Budget Feedback Form

Submitted on Sun, 2020-06-28 09:29

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Anonymous

Confidentiality

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Your Submission

My submission is

Bus shelter opposite Gaskin Rise Estate, Churchill in front of Sel Storage place.

I wish to speak on my submission at a future Council Meeting:

No

From: latrobe-vic.noreply@govcms.gov.au on behalf of [Latrobe City Council](#)
To: [Latrobe Central Email](#)
Cc: [Matthew Rogers](#)
Subject: Webform submission from: Have Your Say on 2020/21 Draft Budget Feedback Form
Date: Monday, 6 July 2020 8:05:42 PM

Submitted on Mon, 2020-07-06 19:55

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

[Anonymous](#)

Confidentiality

[Please withhold my name from public documents](#) such as Council reports

Your Submission

My submission is

We have owned The Vault for just over a year now. While we see some great work going into the Commercial Road area it would be great if we could see some work going into the Church St/Buckley St areas to give them more appeal and make them safer.

Church St used to be a fantastic little hub community in Morwell and the Church St fiesta in it's time was amazing. We would love to see some improvements made in Church St & Buckley St. There are some great businesses there and we do believe we miss out on customers because of the lack of parking in the area. There are only so many laps of the block looking for a carpark that people want to do before driving away.

Some ideas that we have to make some improvements to this area are:

- more parking. An option could be to remove garden at the back of the post office. After observing this area over the last few months it is clearly mainly used for people to drink alcohol and deal drugs in.
- better signage to show that Church St is a 1 way street.
- directory at Princes Drive end to show the shops that are in Church St & Buckley St.
- lighting & CCTV in carparking and alley way areas to make workers and public feel safer.

We have had a few instances in our time at our business in the alley way behind us. Most recently there being a physical attack on the baker a couple of doors down from us. The alley way seems to be a hang out for drug dealings and homeless people at the moment. It is extremely unsafe for our workers. We have no option but to park in the alleyway and it is not safe walking to our car after 9pm at night.

Thank you for your time.

I wish to speak on my submission at a future Council Meeting:

No

From: latrobe-vic.noreply@govcms.gov.au on behalf of Latrobe City Council <latrobe-vic.noreply@govcms.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 2 July 2020 9:40 AM
To: Latrobe Central Email
Cc: Matthew Rogers
Subject: Webform submission from: Have Your Say on 2020/21 Draft Budget Feedback Form >

Categories: Budget

Submitted on Thu, 2020-07-02 09:40

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Confidentiality

Please withhold my name from public documents such as Council reports

Your Submission

My submission is

I would love to see a path connecting Yallourn North to Newborough and Moe via the rail trail. My family enjoy bike riding, and we either need to transport bikes to rail trail in the car, or ride on the main road to rail trail which can be quite dangerous with traffic.

I wish to speak on my submission at a future Council Meeting:

No

From: latrobe-vic.noreply@govcms.gov.au on behalf of Latrobe City Council <latrobe-vic.noreply@govcms.gov.au>
Sent: Sunday, 28 June 2020 8:23 AM
To: Latrobe Central Email
Cc: Matthew Rogers
Subject: Webform submission from: Have Your Say on 2020/21 Draft Budget Feedback Form > Whitehead

Submitted on Sun, 2020-06-28 08:23

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details
Lauren Whitehead

Your Submission

My submission is

Stage 2 of Moe Precinct to go ahead. The skate park is an eyesore and needs to be upgraded. Latrobe Leisure Moe Newborough to receive upgrades, with kids splash area and/or waterslide

I wish to speak on my submission at a future Council Meeting:

No

Mathison Park, Churchill
P.O. Box 243
Churchill Vic. 3842

10 December 2019

Mr Steven Piasente
Chief Executive Officer
Latrobe City Council
P.O. Box 264
Morwell Vic. 3840



Dear Mr Piasente

On behalf of Mathison Park Special Committee I request that Latrobe City Council give consideration to providing \$300,000 funding in the 2020/21 Latrobe City Council budget to fund the first stage of the proposed upgrade to the playspace at Mathison Park as detailed in the Mathison Park Management Plan that was recently endorsed by Latrobe City Council on 2 December 2019.

The Mathison Park Special Committee will be approaching local Federal and State Politicians to advocate for additional funding for the playspace project.

The Special Committee are committed to providing a contribution and will canvas local businesses to fund additional contributions.

Yours Sincerely



Andy Webb
Treasurer,
Mathison Park Special Committee



2020/21

**Submission prepared for
Latrobe City Council**

**Partnership proposal
Alliance for Gambling Reform**

INTRODUCTION

The Alliance for Gambling Reform is a collaboration of organisations with a shared concern about the harmful aspects of gambling and its normalisation in Australian culture. We campaign for reforms of the gambling industry that reduce the harm it causes – particularly to local communities.

It's been an extraordinary start to 2020, with first a summer of unprecedented bushfires and now the staggering impact of the coronavirus pandemic affecting communities. This has brought about the closure of gambling venues across the country as a prudent containment measure for COVID-19, but also resulted in a subsequent spike in and promotion of both legal and illegal online gambling products in Australia.

The Alliance is deeply concerned about the rise in online gambling products being promoted to people during this time of crisis. We know the community will be experiencing heightened levels of anxiety, increased physical and mental ill-health, instability and financial stress. We also know that people who are (necessarily) socially isolated are more vulnerable to gambling harm. Communities are in great need of protection from gambling harm at present. At the same time, the disruptive nature of these events means that we have an opportunity to reassess the pervasive and harmful presence of gambling in our society and the influence the industry has come to wield.

We know much more today about poker machines compared to when they were first introduced in Victoria some 29 years ago. We now understand the deliberately deceptive, addictive and misleading programming of poker machines and the devastating impact that this causes on hundreds of thousands of Australians and on our local communities.

The Alliance recognises gambling addiction as a public health issue, with no acceptable level of harm from poker machines. We pursue policy changes that prevent and reduce the harm that flows from poker machine gambling, including;

- changes to the licensing regulations for poker machines that enable communities to have a say over the location of machines in their community;
- elimination of machine design features that increase the likelihood of addiction such as losses disguised as wins and near misses; and
- \$1 maximum bet and maximum hourly loss rate of \$120 per hour.

These policies mark the beginning of a continuous process of preventing harm from poker machines, not the end.

The Alliance is seeking \$15,000 from Latrobe City Council. In requesting these funds, we invite Council to commence a partnership with the Alliance as part of the strong group of Leadership Councils. In 2019/20, 23 councils (Banyule, Brimbank, Darebin, Frankston, Glen Eira, Greater Dandenong, Hobsons Bay, Hume, Kingston, Knox, Maribyrnong, Maroondah, Melbourne, Mitchell Shire, Monash, Moonee Valley, Moreland, Mornington Peninsula, Noosa, Whitehorse, Whittlesea, Wyndham and Yarra) made financial contributions to the Alliance as Leadership Councils.

These funds enabled the Alliance to offer individual support to councils for activities to prevent harm from gambling and allowed us to continue our ground-breaking work pressuring big corporate actors like Woolworths to get out of the pokies business, raising awareness of the harmful effects of sports gambling advertising - especially on children - and furthering our campaign for meaningful regulatory reform.

The Alliance is especially keen to commence a partnership with Latrobe City Council because of the relatively high number of pokies per resident your community suffers (8.8 machines per 1000 adults versus the statewide average of 5). Losses in Latrobe alone last year topped \$46m - an average of more than \$126,000 lost per day. Latrobe has too many machines and the impact of these machines on your local residents is substantial. Your residents deserve higher levels of protection which we aim to assist you to achieve. We have seen that poker machine operators cynically seek to concentrate machines in vulnerable communities and our collaborative efforts will be required to address this imbalance.

INFORMATION – CONTACTS

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Surname	Copsey	Mendis
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ALLIANCE FOR GAMBLING REFORM INFORMATION

Name of Organisation/Group	Alliance for Gambling Reform
Is your Organisation/Group known by another name	No
Australian Business Number (ABN)	14 829 021 950
Postal Address	Suite G06, Ground Floor, 60 Leicester St Carlton VIC
Incorporation Registration Number	266E
Type of organisation	Incorporated association
Registered for GST	Yes
Are you a charity	Yes
Charity type	Health Promotion Charity
Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) ?	Yes
Do you have any Tax Concessions?	N/A
Public Liability Insurance	Insurer: Chubb Policy number: 01EL543968

SECTION 1 : PROJECT SUMMARY

History of the Alliance

Since the introduction of poker machines, individuals and organisations have been advocating for measures to reduce harm. Occasionally, advocacy efforts have led to improvements such as the removal of ATMs from gambling venues. However, the power of the gambling industry is such that operators quickly mitigate against harm minimisation efforts and find new ways to exploit their harmful and dangerous products.

Prior to the creation of the Alliance, advocacy efforts were often ad-hoc and uncoordinated. Advocates sometimes supported conflicting strategies and had different reform asks. The gambling industry benefited from this lack of coordination with a slick and unified publicity and lobbying machine to ensure that they achieved outcomes which maximized profits whilst doing little to protect Australians from harm.

Following the failure of national reforms proposed by federal independent Andrew Wilkie, a number of eminent Australians and longtime gambling reform advocates began conversations with a view to creating a body that could run a successful campaign to counter the power and influence of the gambling industry and see meaningful reform introduced to protect Australians from poker machine harm. The Alliance grew from these conversations. One of Australia's foremost communications and marketing experts, the late Neil Lawrence, was a key leader in this area and the ground-breaking documentary that he produced, *Ka-Ching*, marked a critical turning point in our ability to reframe debate around poker machines to focus on their dangerous, addictive and misleading features.

With the financial backing of some generous private philanthropy, the Alliance was created to forge a far more effective approach by driving collaboration across these different fronts. In doing so, the Alliance is building a powerful base of supporters at the grassroots to propel forward and re-frame the case for change so that it is more compelling and more likely to succeed than previous efforts.

We are a national alliance but have a heavy focus on Victoria and local government is very much at our core. Indeed the Alliance was formed shortly after the successful *Enough Pokies* campaign which Victorian councils formed in the lead up to the 2014 state election. Other organisations involved in the Alliance include the Salvation Army, the MAV, the VLGA and the Gambling Impact Society.

Summary of Alliance activity

The Alliance is advocating for reforms to the gambling industry to reduce the harms it causes. Our focus is on poker machines but we also advocate for changes to sports and online gambling which would also reduce harm.

We are confident that **our campaign can win** because we have a strong strategy:

1. **If we re-frame poker machine gambling** from an individual responsibility to a public health issue industry and governments have responsibility for, then we will reduce shame and stigma, and increase pressure on governments to act
2. **If we build a national supporter base** of individuals, 'Champions of Change' who've experienced gambling harm, Leadership Councils and community organisations that

share our commitment to preventing gambling harm, then we will increase our organisational power to influence effective policy outcomes

3. **If we reduce the credibility and influence of the gambling industry** and contrast with positive examples of gambling-free or pro-reform clubs, then we will limit the power of industry to influence perverse policy outcomes
4. **If we advocate to decision makers**, centering those with lived experience, then we will be more effective at achieving systemic policy reform

The past twelve months has seen continued achievements for the Alliance in terms of media profile and movement building. Notably, the Alliance has maintained pressure on big corporate actors to get out of the harmful business of gambling, with Woolworths announcing their intention to divest from pokies. The Alliance has run a strong campaign targeting Woolworths and their unconscionable conduct. In November 2017 Alliance Director, Dr. Susan Rennie, ran for the Woolworths Board where she gave [a powerful speech](#). This builds on the achievement of passing 'peak pokies' for the AFL and AFL clubs, with over 50% of clubs exiting or announcing their plans to get out of the poker machine business.

In addition, the Alliance has assisted community members and councils to actively participate in VCGLR licensing applications which has reduced the 90% plus success rate which poker machine operators used to achieve at the Commission with their applications.

Finally, the Alliance Champions for Change program is going from strength to strength. The program empowers people with experience of gambling harm to participate in reform advocacy in ways that are meaningful to them. The program is an innovative, impactful and essential part of the Alliance campaign for gambling reform.

The Alliance is keen to develop a partnership with Latrobe City Council. The municipality unfortunately has a very high number of machines per person when compared to the state average, and your community deserves higher levels of protection.

SECTION 2 : OUR GRANT PROPOSAL

Campaign Name

The Alliance for Gambling Reform

How much funding is the Alliance requesting from Council?

\$15,000

How will Latrobe City Council benefit from this campaign?

The greatest benefit for Latrobe City Council of this campaign comes from working in concert with the Alliance, 23 other local councils and our partner organisations to advocate for state and national legislative reforms.

The legislative changes advocated by Latrobe City Council and the Alliance will reduce gambling harm and disadvantage far more than is possible by councils working in isolation from each other.

In addition to the benefits of working in collaboration, becoming a financial partner entitles Council to:

1. Opportunities to work directly with a member of the Alliance's politics and media strategy team at a grass roots level to ensure that local messaging is crafted in a way that amplifies, and is amplified, by the broader Alliance campaign.
2. Opportunities for Alliance spokespeople such as Chief Advocate the Rev. Tim Costello, Dr Susan Rennie and Champions for Change lived experience advocates to comment and support local media coverage of gambling issues in Latrobe.
3. Media and strategic support for any matters relating to poker machine licencing and planning and Council advocacy.
4. Enhanced ability to develop and deliver effectively on local gambling policy, with a particular focus on advocacy, community consultation, support and education.
5. Promotion of Latrobe City Council gambling related events to Alliance supporters, such as consultation forums, festivals and community events, educational events or *Ka-Ching!* screenings.
6. Your residents and ratepayers will understand the relevance and timeliness of this issue and see their Council as a leader in this field.

SPECIFIC PROJECT / CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES 2020/21

Below are some of the activities which we are looking to deliver over the next year.

- A. **SPORTS AND ONLINE GAMBLING CAMPAIGN:** We will roll out a campaign to call for the huge and growing losses and normalisation of gambling to be reigned in through evidence-backed harm reduction methods. These include: extending the ban on gambling ads to further reduce harm especially to children, furthering the harm reduction methods set out in the National Framework and making sure it's properly implemented. Like the awareness-raising campaign we ran during the Federal election, there will be exciting opportunities for councils to advocate on these issues and raise community awareness of harm and necessary reform as desired. In the new environment created by COVID-19 there is potential for gambling harm to shift online and we will need to work vigilantly to protect our communities from this threat in a time of increased isolation and vulnerability.
- B. **REFRAMING THE DEBATE:** The shift across the nation from states marking 'Responsible Gambling Week' to 'Gambling Harm Awareness Week' is a huge win and sign that the debate is changing to focus on the addictive nature of gambling rather than using the industry's self-serving messaging of 'responsible gambling'. It's important to keep using a public health lens whenever we talk about gambling harm so we support ongoing efforts to get industry to curb harm from its products, encourage decision-makers to take responsibility for protecting communities and lift the burden of stigma and shame

off individuals. Core to this is involving people with lived experience in our campaigning through the Champions for Change program.

- C. **VICTORIAN STATE REFORMS:** Following on from the high-impact work that councils did in raising awareness of the need to curb gambling harm during the Victorian state election, there are opportunities for real reform. The Victorian Government has recently released the reformed venue Code of Conduct for gaming licence holders which takes some positive steps to curbing harm from gambling but unfortunately doesn't go as far as it should. The Alliance and partner organisations continue to pursue our state reform asks, including extinguishment of unused EGM licences, banning harmful machine features like losses disguised as wins, reducing opening hours and introducing maximum \$1 bets. It's the ideal time for councils to be engaging with your local MPs on these issues to find out if they are going to be a champion for real reform in this term of parliament, and we can provide support to do this effectively.
- D. **WORKING WITH LOCAL SPORTING CLUBS TO REDUCE THEIR GAMBLING DEPENDENCE:** Increasingly, local council policies are tackling the unhealthy relationships between the gambling industry and local clubs. We will be working with Leadership Councils and sporting clubs to take advantage of opportunities to reduce their dependence on poker machine revenue or other gambling sponsorship, including championing the success of safe and inclusive clubs that have made the decision to be free from gambling harm.
- E. **LIVED EXPERIENCE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVOCATES:** Work with councils and Champions for Change to build relationships with politicians to secure policy wins, especially around extinguishment of unused licenses and establish a group of MPs prepared to advocate for reform in this term of parliament.

Role for Latrobe City Council residents

The Alliance will continue to work with Latrobe City Council to tailor the communications strategy and materials to suit residents so that they can:

- Learn more about the need for legislative reform to minimise gambling harm
- Share educational materials with their friends, family, neighbours and peers
- Get involved in advocacy for reform of the industry through social media, email or volunteer events in the council area
- Participate in community engagement activities organised by the council that have been designed to align with Council policy and Alliance goals

Role for Latrobe City Council

Cooperation at this level of advocacy is most effective when councils and the Alliance work together to develop and deliver materials and activities.

- Latrobe communications team sharing relevant community demographic and communications research specific to the shire so that Alliance staff can tailor communications plans and materials to suit
- Use of Alliance communications materials in Latrobe
- Promotion of relevant Alliance community engagement actions to residents and community groups in Latrobe

- Latrobe City Council community development team working with Alliance staff and board members when developing community development activities
- Latrobe City Council advocacy team coordinating with Alliance staff and board on activities such as government submissions and meetings with Ministers.

Credentials of AGR staff and board

The Board of the Alliance is made up of individuals who bring expertise, networks, and organisation and other skills required by the Alliance.

Members of the Board are;

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Dr Mark Zirnsak, Deputy Chair

Tom Cummings

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David Beguely

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Tony Mohr, Executive Director

Margaret Quixley, Campaigns Director

Ashley Sutherland, Victorian Campaigner

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Isadora Poole, Digital Campaigner

The Rev. Tim Costello, Chief Advocate

AUTHORITIES & DECLARATIONS

I certify to the best of my knowledge, that the information provided in this submission is correct and discloses a full and accurate statement of the Alliance for Gambling Reform's details and proposal and agree to meet accountability set by Council.

Authorised person's name	Tony Mohr
Signature of authorised person	
Position held	Executive Director
Date	06/04/2020

LATROBE CITY FARM RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

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2nd May 2020

SUBMISSION TO LATROBE CITY COUNCIL FOR FARM RATE DIFFERENTIAL

Our Committee and members thank the council for the opportunity to present this Submission for the retention of our Farm Rate Differential. We acknowledge Council for their support in previous years.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Our Farm Rate Differential has been in place in excess of forty years. The Minister for Local Government is encouraging all regional councils to reduce the rate burden placed on farms by the use of the Differential Rate System Valuation of Land Act, 1960.

The NAV of Farm Land was legislated at Five Percent of the CIV of the said property. The NAV purported to represent the return of the property in a rent or lease situation. The rate of return on Farm Land does not return this Five Percent Figure. Farm ratepayers pay significantly more than township rate payers and have less access to the services offered by council. Our Committee Members congratulate past councils for recognising the inequity that does exist.

STATE GOVERNMENT RATE REVIEW

The rate review findings have not yet been announced probably due to the Covet 19 impact on our country. We have

been informed many of the submissions put forward made reference to the frequency of valuing, impact of potential zone changes resulting in rating increases with no change in the farmer's usage of the land. This has threatened the farm sustainability of some farms in our area.

FARM LAND RATING

Farming is a land based activity. As the Farm Business improves its productivity via the land, the Land Value increases lifting its assessable rate value.

Our Association supports Council to maximise the Municipal Charge up to the Twenty Percent of Total Rate Value. We view this charge as an equal contribution by Rate Payers.

COMMENTS OF CONCERN FROM MEMBERS ON LAND VALUATIONS AND REZONING

The past three years Farm Valuations have plateaued out and in some cases fallen, due to the down turn in prices in the Dairy Industry plus the continuing effects of two years of drought requiring farmers to buy in substantial amounts of fodder leading to greater levels of debt and the destocking of some farms. Councils (independent) Valuers don't seem to acknowledge this fact.

ZONING CHANGES

Zoning changes require careful planning, rating should continue for Farm Zones 1 and 2 (EG) Agriculture to Rural Living until such time as the owner submits a plan of subdivision within its rezoned category. Valuers are able to introduce the POTENTIAL RATE thus rendering the farm property unviable due to the increased Rate Burden.

CONCLUSION

The Farm Rate Differential is a tool provided by the Local Government Act to assist in the setting an equitable rate. Farm Businesses are logistically low users of Council Services but they contribute substantially to both the Latrobe Cities economy and rate revenue. Agricultural production within Latrobe City is a large contributor for the growing Gippsland Food Bowl. We have been in the grip of a two year drought which has necessitated farmers to buy in fodder at extremely high prices just to maintain their breeding herd. Thank goodness that we have received good rainfall in the past six months and are able to replenish our stocks of fodder.

Yours faithfully

GRAEME O'HARA
LATROBE CITY FARM RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION



19-Jun-2020 13:34:55:
CR DARREN HOWE

Re appeal for 1% residential rate rise

From: Julie Wilson
Date: 19 June 2020 at 12:58:53 pm AEST
To: Cr Darren Howe <Darren.Howe@latrobe.vic.gov.au>, Cr Sharon Gibson
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Subject: Re appeal for 1% residential rate rise

To Latrobe city council

I would strongly plea and recommend
A public vote to increase residential rates by 1%
As we are currently in huge debt!
Not wanting to risk a further decline in services.
Parks n gardens already declining due to insufficient manpower!
While many areas are also insufficiently lit at night! Franklin St! for one!

I would also like an amendment that Newborough Morwell Churchill leisure centres do not close due to running cost of new leisure and arts centre in Traralgon, that Traralgon closes first if unable to sustain!

Julie Wilson

From: latrobe-vic.noreply@govcms.gov.au on behalf of Latrobe City Council <latrobe-vic.noreply@govcms.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 23 June 2020 3:54 PM
To: Latrobe Central Email
Cc: Matthew Rogers
Subject: Webform submission from: Have Your Say on 2020/21 Draft Budget Feedback Form > Components
Attachments: Marshalls Road upgrade.docx

Submitted on Tue, 2020-06-23 15:53

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Barry Stuckey

Your Submission

My submission is

Thank you for this opportunity to make a submission.

Per the attached, and for reasons of safety, I request that the planned Traralgon works for the up-grade of Marshalls Rd, and its intersection with the Heyfield Rd be brought forward to the 2020/21 budget period.

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[Marshalls Road upgrade.docx](#)

I wish to speak on my submission at a future Council Meeting:

No

Latrobe City – 2020/21 Draft Budget Feedback
Marshalls Road Traralgon upgrade.

Since at least 2018, planning for the Marshalls Road upgrade has been in place. I'm advised by council representatives that the trigger for roadworks to commence is the commencement of works on the new supermarket in the "Rise" subdivision.

After three years of waiting I ask that road safety be made the new trigger for works to commence.

I cycle and drive this section of Marshalls Road almost daily at varying times. I pass through from all directions both in daylight and darkness. These are my observations, and hence my reason to ask for works to be brought forward.

On the Traralgon – Heyfield Road, Marshalls Rd is an unlit T-intersection in an 80 Kmh zone. It desperately needs street lights.

Leading up to that intersection, the east end of Marshalls Rd is reduced to a single lane. At its eastern end, Marshalls Rd has an aggressive camber and rough surface. On that section of Marshalls Rd there are no signs in either direction warning that the road narrows, and that it has a rough surface. This is an unsafe oversight.

In several communications to Latrobe City since Nov 2018, no one has refuted my claims that the current situation is unsafe. Can safety become the reason for the proposed upgrade to be brought forward please? The single lane section of Marshalls Rd is used by a range of vehicles including buses, trucks, boat-trailers, caravans, motorhomes, farm vehicles, work-trailers, and cyclists. The volume plus the diversity of traffic can hopefully demonstrate the need here. At a high risk are the cyclists who journey through this intersection. The upgrade to the rail trail will increase this risk as families try to access the trail up Marshalls Rd.

It appears that whilst the supermarket plans are blocking competitors moving in, they are seemingly under no pressure to commence their building. Meanwhile, the new and brightly lit subdivisions in the Marshalls Rd area are selling and causing increased traffic. Additional traffic is also passing for many reasons beyond Traralgon along the Heyfield Road. Marshalls Road is a dark, and dangerous intersection for traffic coming in and out of town. A site visit on a weekday at 6:30am will assist the decision process. Please be careful.

Considering all this, can the Marshalls Rd upgrade be brought forward so work can commence from funding in the 2020/21 Latrobe City budget?

Yours Sincerely

Barry Stuckey

From: [barry_stuckey](#)
To: [Matthew Rogers](#)
Subject: Re: Have Your Say on 2020/21 Draft Budget
Date: Wednesday, 24 June 2020 8:03:41 AM
Attachments: [image0.jpeg](#)

Hi Matthew
Per attached I stand corrected about "Road Narrows" sign. Please add to my submission.
Barry



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From: latrobe-vic.noreply@govcms.gov.au on behalf of [Latrobe City Council](#)
To: [Latrobe Central Email](#)
Cc: [Matthew Rogers](#)
Subject: Webform submission from: Have Your Say on 2020/21 Draft Budget Feedback Form - Wink
Date: Monday, 22 June 2020 7:07:43 PM
Attachments: [Footpath James Gilders 18.06.2020..pdf](#)

Submitted on Mon, 2020-06-22 18:51

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your Details

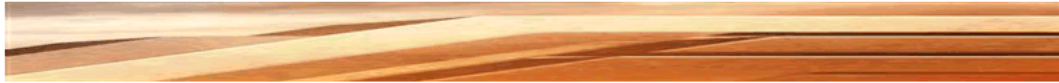
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Yvonne Wink

Your Submission

My submission is
see attached letter

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I wish to speak on my submission at a future Council Meeting:
Yes



Yvonne Wink
Occupational Therapist

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18.06.2020.

It Takes A Village To Raise A Child –

It takes a village to raise a child is an African proverb that means that an entire community of people must interact with children for those children to experience and grow in a safe and healthy environment. The villagers look out for the children.

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Concrete Footpath Required for Wirraway Street Extension Moe, Victoria.

The African proverb quoted above is to highlight the roles that we adults have in children's lives. I support an inspirational young man who lives in Coman's Way in Moe at the beginning of Wirraway Street Extension who is needing *the Village* to help raise him.

I am this teen's occupational therapist. This young man has his parents, sister, extended family, teachers, medical persons and friends already a part of his life assisting him to be the best he can be, do the best he can do and achieve what he dreams. He needs more. Now he needs *the Village*.

This young man has a diagnosis that sees him permanently in a manual wheelchair for mobility. This young man attends Lowanna College and so catches the College bus to and from school. From his home in Coman's way, there is no concrete footpath to the bus stop. At times the bus will use a private driveway so that the ground beside the bus is not slippery mud and wet grass. This is done to ensure that the individual can get on and off the bus safely in his manual wheelchair.

This determined young man had to be embarrassingly assisted out of the mud when his wheelchair got bogged and he was unable to move. A goal for all parents is that children become independent, more so with children who have differing abilities due to reasons out of their control. The current dirt and gravel footpath is not conducive to this individual developing independence. He is now hesitant after rain to use the path and so will ask for parental assistance or use the road.

As the footpath is gravel, mud and uneven, often the wheelchair's Smart Drive cannot be used as it spins on the mud. The Smart Drive is a motorised wheel used to maintain the long term integrity of shoulder joints which have the demands of both legs and arms in persons with paraplegia.

Photo 1:



Current dirt and gravel footpath along Wirraway Street Extension to bus stop.

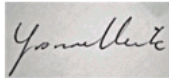


Uneven pathway with declines that fill with water causing deep mud holes.

Please consider this an urgent request for occupational health and safety reasons. This young person can use the road, but it is not the safest option. *The Village* needs to have this in the immediate Latrobe City Planning budget. It has been brought to the attention of various council members for some years now. In the meantime, this teenage boy is placed at losing independence or is placed at risk.

Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding this letter of urgent request for a concrete footpath at Wirraway Street Moe to ensure access and safety.

Regards



Yvonne Wink

Occupational Therapist

From: Yvonne Wink <ywink1@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, 9 July 2020 10:15 AM
To: Cr Sharon Gibson; Matthew Rogers
Cc: pbgilders
Subject: Footpath Coman's Way down Wirraway Street Moe
Attachments: James Gilders Photos of guttering 09.07.2020..docx.pdf

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Hi Sharon and Matthew

I believe that the footpath has been planned in the budget. This is excellent news. Thank you for your support with this process.

In this footpath budget, can the guttering at the Scorpio Drive have its depression decreased at the convergence from road to footpath also addressed? It is steep and James has been lodged in the guttering at least once per week. On the day of my assessment, this was the case and his mother had to lift the chair up to get the rear wheelchair wheels back onto the footpath. James has also tipped back and jumped forward onto the road at an uncontrolled speed and manner with these gutters between the road and footpath on Scorpio Drive, Moe.

Does this need me to place another submission?

Regards

Yvonne Wink

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Sent: Thursday, 25 June 2020 2:21 PM
To: Latrobe Central Email
Cc: Matthew Rogers
Subject: Webform submission from: Have Your Say on 2020/21 Draft Budget Feedback Form > TRRCRSC

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Submitted on Thu, 2020-06-25 14:20

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

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Traralgon Railway Reservoir Conservation Reserve Special Committee

Your Submission

My submission is

The Traralgon Railway Reservoir Conservation Special Committee (TRRCRSC) would like to make the following submission and bring to the LCC's attention the following works which will require LCC funding in upcoming LCC budgets plus design and planning by the LCC .

1. Deane's Bridge requires replacing as the main support timbers are rotted through and the bridge structure timbers are severely rotted. The bridge currently is tied via a metal bond to the weir wall to stabilize the bridge. The bridge will probably need to be closed off within the next eighteen months. As LCC have decided that the weir needs to be widened, Deane's bridge work should be carried out when the weir widening works are carried out.

2. Kevan Delaney said that the LCC would place bollards at the East end of the South government Road. He was waiting on LCC funds. see below

03-Oct-2019 17:29:03 - Kevan Delaney - GEN

Update -- As some Councillors would be aware Council Officers attended the AGM at which an update on the matter was provided. Officers have obtained agreement to close the portion of the road in question, have a quote, and are seeking funding.

18-Nov-2019 15:46:39 - Kevan Delaney - GEN

Update -- Regarding Pathways Request 854192 – Closure of un-opened road south of TRRCR unfortunately no funding surplus has arisen for this. Council Officers will therefore make a submission to any future funding process (such as the mid-year and end of year budget review process).

3. The removal of silt from the reservoir will be required within the next four years. This will be a considerable undertaking in all aspects, ie planning, Cost and execution.

Les Hilton from the LCC is producing a report on the reservoir, the reservoir wall and the weir. The TRRCRSC is awaiting this report so they can assess the impact on the reservoir.

4. When construction of the Assembly shed is completed there will be the need for a bus turning area to be left at the top end of Hickcox Street. This area would be utilized by busses bringing groups to the shed and the TRRCR. Design, construction and cost will be LCC responsibility.

5. Due to the increasing numbers of people attending the TRRCR in vehicles the current car park in Hickcox street overflows at least once a week.

The TRRCRSC would like to see a carpark constructed at the Southern end of Hyde Park Road. This should be in consultation with Dalkeith Heights as they will shortly be constructing more housing units in this immediate area. Design, construction and cost will be LCC responsibility.

6. Construct an external fence around the 94A block. The South, East and West sides could be of a similar type as that of the TRRCR external fence. The North side will probably need to be a treated pine paling fence and will have to be discussed with the land owner of the adjoining property.

The Traralgon Railway Reservoir Conservation Reserve has facilities at the reserve which include a Toilet, bird hide, walking paths, information shelter and signage, reservoir, wetlands, an assembly shed complete with meeting room, car park, open grassland areas and canyon. Rare plant species and bird life along with an abundance of native plants and grasses. The TRRCR is an extremely popular reserve and receives in excess of 2,000 patrons per month and this level of patronage is increasing. Carrying out the above works will only help increase the usage of this popular reserve.

The TRRCRSC wish to work closely with the LCC and its officers to bring about these works to satisfy the needs of people attending the TRRCR.

The TRRCRSC and its volunteers will assist the LCC in carrying out any of these works that they can do.

Regards,
John Langstaff (For TRRCRSC)
0419501474

I wish to speak on my submission at a future Council Meeting:

Yes

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Sent: Friday, 26 June 2020 11:02 PM
To: Latrobe Central Email
Cc: Matthew Rogers
Subject: Webform submission from: Have Your Say on 2020/21 Draft Budget Feedback Form > Wolf

Submitted on Fri, 2020-06-26 23:02

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Tom Wolf

Your Submission

My submission is

Moe is in need of a up to date concrete skate park as my son and other kids travel to other towns to access the skate parks this is well overdue.

I wish to speak on my submission at a future Council Meeting:

No

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Don Barnes
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25 February 2020

Cr Dan Clancey
Mayor
Latrobe City Council
141 Commercial road
Morwell VIC 3844

Dear Mayor Clancey

**SUBMISSION TO THE LATROBE CITY COUNCIL 2020/21 BUDGET
YINNAR RECREATION RESERVE SOUTHERN MULTI PURPOSE COURT RESURFACING**

Further to my letter of 1 November 2019 and your recent discussion with our Committee of Management Secretary, thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to Council's 2020/21 budget process.

The submission seeks Council funding to resurface the Reserve's southern multi-purpose (tennis & netball) courts and to address the high risk and urgent issues identified by Council's expert external consultant 2MH consulting.

The rapidly deteriorating condition of the southern courts is placing at risk the continued fielding of netball and tennis teams together with significant casual recreational activity within the Yinnar & district community. The courts will reach the point where they are unsafe to use for any purpose, potentially as soon as the end of 2020. This will directly impact:

Netball - competition teams, approximately 90 players

- Under 9
- Under 11
- Under 13
- Under 15
- D grade
- C grade
- B grade
- A grade

Netball, ancillary / complimentary uses

- October through to February, Mid Gippsland Netball Association pre-season competition (weekly)
- Significant casual & community use (courts are open to the public)
- Yinnar & District School Sports Association, netball carnival

Tennis - competition teams & activities, approximately 50 junior players

- Hot Shots (5-12 year olds)
- Coaching/training (12-17 year olds)
- Junior competition - 4 teams

Tennis, ancillary / complimentary uses

- Social tennis - 6-8 families, approximately 30 people
- Significant casual & community use (as per netball, the courts are open to the public)

The outcome we are seeking is to see the courts resurfaced and the Yinnar community to have netball and tennis facilities that are safe, meet community / user group needs and are commensurate with other facilities of this type across Latrobe City.

It is important to understand some background and history to explain why resurfacing of the courts is a LCC responsibility.

1. The courts were established in the mid 1970's to provide for the growing needs of netball and tennis within the Yinnar community.
2. The courts were constructed and funded by the former Shire of Morwell.
3. The courts have been resurfaced twice by Council as part of its annual hard-court resurfacing program.
4. Minor capital upgrades to address court run off distances and improve spectator facilities were completed by Latrobe City Council in 2010 as part of Council's 'Southern Towns Outdoor Recreation Plan'.
5. Minor maintenance and repairs have been, and continue to be undertaken and the responsibility of the YRR CoM, YFNC & YTC.
6. Hard court sporting facilities across Latrobe City were until recently, resurfaced on a cyclic basis under Latrobe City's annual hard-court resurfacing program (refer point 3 above).

The YRR CoM have only recently been made aware the annual hard-court resurfacing program has been discontinued. This has caused some frustration in understanding how and when the southern courts will be resurfaced as funding and responsibility for these works has rested with, and completed by LCC.

We have been advised a new policy – the Recreation Infrastructure Funding Policy (RIFP) now applies to facilities such as the southern multipurpose courts. We have been further advised hard court condition assessments are undertaken by an external expert consultant on which Council officers rely for making recommendations to Council for investment.

In respect to the Recreation Infrastructure Funding Policy and its related documents, plans, strategies etc., we believe the following points are highly relevant to this matter and require consideration:

- The YRR CoM made a submission to the RIFP engagement process and was, and remain generally supportive of the policy and its intent.
- If it the policy was explicit in that existing Council assets and future infrastructure renewal funding was subject to the policy assessment criteria, we would have lodged a strong objection to this point. Infrastructure renewal is about maintaining a base level of asset fabric, useability and safety – not about improving or making new.
- Council's external expert report on hard court conditions across the municipality was based on inspections conducted in November 2015. Unfortunately, hard court surfaces are predominantly either a concrete or asphalt base, the condition of which don't improve with time – quite the opposite, they deteriorate.
- Following a period of not being able to get clarity of Council position on the timing of court resurfacing, and in an effort to obtain up to date professional advice on the courts condition to ensure accurate information could be provided to Council officers, Council's external

expert 2MH Consulting was engaged by us (at a cost of \$1400) to provide a current (Nov 2019) condition report.

- A copy of the 2MH report (att) found:
 - *The court surface has a lifespan of 1-3 years and is a HIGH priority – immediate works estimated in the vicinity of approx. \$35k (1 only compliant netball court, a reduction from 2).*
 - *To address all issues and remedy matters such as run off distances, drainage etc. and to retain two competition courts, works are estimated in the vicinity of \$250k.*

In respect to the Recreation Infrastructure Funding Policy and the discontinuation of Council's annual hard-court resurfacing program, we believe the following further work would address perceived policy gaps and provide increased clarity for all – including volunteer Council committees of management:

- The policy approach to renewal of existing assets (i.e. hard court surfaces)
- An Asset Management Plan be developed for hard court services (we are advised one does not exist)

To support our application, the following has been provided as attachments to this letter:

Attachment #	Document
Page 4	Letter of support – Yinnar & District Community Association
Page 5	Letter of support – Yinnar Football & Netball Club
Page 6	Letter of support – Yinnar Tennis Club
Page 7	Letter of support – Yinnar Primary School
Page 8	2MH report <i>Please note the report date has not been amended to Nov 2019 - when 2MH revisited the site. We have asked for the error to be fixed and await the amended report. Otherwise the report content is current as at Nov 2019.</i>
Page 22	Quotation for the immediate works required from Ace Earthmoving.

As you can see, this project has wide community support and action is now urgent. We look forward to Council recognising the importance and urgency of the project and its inclusion in the Latrobe City Council 2020/21 budget.

Should you require any further information in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0499 493 524 or email yrr@mail.tidyhq.com

Yours faithfully

Don Barnes
PRESIDENT



President: Herb Smith

Secretary: Kevin Young

21 February 2020

Cr Dan Clancy
Mayor
Latrobe City Council

Dear Mayor Clancy

**LETTER OF SUPPORT – LATROBE CITY COUNCIL 2020/21 BUDGET
YINNAR RECREATION RESERVE SOUTHERN MULTI PURPOSE COURT RESURFACING**

I write of behalf of the Yinnar & District Community Association to offer our strong support to the Yinnar Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's submission to the LCC 2020/21 budget.

We are aware of the Reserve CoM endeavours over a number of years to see the courts resurfaced so our community has safe, fit for purpose tennis and netball courts.

It is essential to a community's health and wellbeing to encourage sport and reaction activities, as well as to provide an avenue for ongoing social interaction and cohesion.

The courts are used 365 days a year and provide the venue for both organised sports and social casual use for tennis, netball and informal outdoor basketball. They are an integral part of our community's sport, recreation and social offering.

The courts are also the venue for school sports netball competition, with the YRR the venue for the Yinnar & District School Sports Association annual sporting event calendar.

You can see from the uses detailed above, if the courts became unusable due to risks associated with the court surface, there would be a huge gap in the facilities required to meet the sporting and social needs of the Yinnar & district community.

Yinnar is rapidly changing and growing. There has been an influx of young families choosing to make Yinnar their home, with the primary school close to capacity.

More than ever, we need to have appropriate sports and recreation facilities to meet the needs of our community.

We urge Council to make the necessary provision in its 2020/21 budget to ensure the resurfacing of the Yinnar Recreation Reserve's southern multipurpose tennis & netball courts.

Yours faithfully

Kevin Young
SECRETARY

25 February 2020

Cr Dan Clancey
Mayor, Latrobe City Council
141 Commercial Road
Morwell VIC 3840

Via email: dan.clancey@latrobe.vic.gov.au

Dear Mayor Clancey

**LETTER OF SUPPORT – LATROBE CITY COUNCIL 2020/21 BUDGET
YINNAR RECREATION RESERVE SOUTHERN MULTI PURPOSE COURT
RESURFACING**

I write this letter in relation to the condition of the netball/tennis courts at Yinnar Recreation Reserve. I have been the Vice President (Netball) at the Yinnar Football Netball Club for the past 9 years.

The condition of the courts has deteriorated over the past decade due to age and wear and tear associated with extensive use by the community and resident clubs.

There has been no major cyclic maintenance or refurbishment (resurfacing) works carried out on these courts in many years. Volunteers clean the courts (sweeping, blowing with leaf blowers etc.) weekly to try and minimise the risk associated with the court conditions.

Players have suffered serious injuries in recent years due to the condition of the courts - slipping due to loose sand and/or moisture. The court surfaces no longer have appropriate levels of surface material.

There is major ponding on both courts due to the uneven surfaces and sand continues to come through the asphalt no matter how much you blow or clean the courts – players continue to slip.

Yinnar Football & Netball Club hosted the MGNA Preliminary final in 2019, however whilst they were cleaned and blown, unfortunately they were wet and there was ponding, causing players to slip through the match.

The coach of the defeated Under 15s side emailed our Club and informed us that our courts were the reason they lost the game, because her girls were scared to run fast on the court.

A qualified (badged) umpire also advised that courts are not at an appropriate safety standard and she was concerned that the safety of players and umpires was compromised as a result of the court conditions.

In recruiting players to our Club as well as coaching staff we have had been asked if there is any major works being carried out on our courts, which can be a deciding factor if the player or coach will join our Club, as they are concerned about injury.

Thank you for considering the YRR application to upgrade these much valued and used courts.

Deidre Buckley
VICE PRESIDENT NETBALL



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23 February 2020

Cr Dan Clancy
Mayor
Latrobe City Council

Dear Mayor Clancy

**LETTER OF SUPPORT – LATROBE CITY COUNCIL 2020/21 BUDGET
YINNAR RECREATION RESERVE SOUTHERN MULTI PURPOSE COURT RESURFACING**

We at Yinnar Tennis Club have been concerned about the condition of the courts for sometime now and know that the inability to use them would greatly impact our players and the local community.

Yinnar Tennis Club (est 1918) has a long history and has been part of the wider Tennis community for many years. We are longtime members of Latrobe Valley Junior Tennis Competition.

Our courts are used for both training and competitive play every week. Concerns about the court surface and player safety have been raised numerous times by coach, players and parents. Players are anxious about their freedom of movement and that affects play. Other teams have worried that our courts are not to the same standard as elsewhere in the area. There have been occasions during the season when competition has been cancelled due to courts holding excessive water.

At season commencement we had courts cleaned but this made little difference as the underlying surface issues remain.

Our current Hot Shot Program has about 30 children participating under an accredited coach and is well supported by the community. The BBQ and playground provide a great venue for families to congregate. The coach and those families have raised concerns with our committee regarding the standard of the courts. Losing the program and social gathering would be upsetting for those families.

Tennis is a great sporting activity for all ages and abilities. We have about 8 families who meet for regular social games and to use the other facilities available. This allows community members to meet, connect, interact and engage which helps in keeping Yinnar and district a vibrant place to belong. The loss of the courts would negatively impact us all.

As a club we are always looking to develop. Next year we hope to have a senior team play competition (from the social group), the juniors are also keen to host some holiday clinics. These plans or season 2021 and our current playing commitments are of course contingent on court suitability.

A safe playing surface is fundamental to the sport of tennis. We would like the courts to be suitable for all abilities and to be safe to play on. We want tennis in Yinnar to be fun, safe and enjoyable for all, hopefully encouraging players to pursue tennis into the future as part of our community.

We fully support the initiative to have the courts resurfaced and urge Council to budget for this in 2020/21.

Yours sincerely,

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PRESIDENT

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21 February 2020

Cr Dan Clancy
Mayor
Latrobe City Council

Dear Mayor Clancy

**LETTER OF SUPPORT – LATROBE CITY COUNCIL 2020/21 BUDGET
YINNAR RECREATION RESERVE SOUTHERN MULTI PURPOSE COURT RESURFACING**

I write of behalf of the Yinnar & District Community Association to offer our strong support to the Yinnar Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's submission to the LCC 2020/21 budget.

We are aware of the Reserve CoM endeavours over a number of years to see the courts resurfaced so our community has safe, fit for purpose tennis and netball courts.

It is essential to a community's health and wellbeing to encourage sport and recreation activities, as well as to provide an avenue for ongoing social interaction and cohesion.

The courts are used 365 days a year and provide the venue for both organised sports and social casual use for tennis, netball and informal outdoor basketball. They are an integral part of our community's sport, recreation and social offering.

The courts are also the venue for school sports netball competition, with the YRR the venue for the Yinnar & District School Sports Association annual sporting event calendar.

You can see from the uses detailed above, if the courts became unusable due to risks associated with the court surface, there would be a huge gap in the facilities required to meet the sporting and social needs of the Yinnar & district community.

Yinnar is rapidly changing and growing. There has been an influx of young families choosing to make Yinnar their home, with the primary school close to capacity.

More than ever, we need to have appropriate sports and recreation facilities to meet the needs of our community.

We urge Council to make the necessary provision in its 2020/21 budget to ensure the resurfacing of the Yinnar Recreation Reserve's southern multipurpose tennis & netball courts.

Yours faithfully

Chester Hatt

*Assistant Principal
Yinnar Primary School*

From: latrobe-vic.noreply@govcms.gov.au on behalf of Latrobe City Council <latrobe-vic.noreply@govcms.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 1 July 2020 1:35 PM
To: Latrobe Central Email
Cc: Matthew Rogers
Subject: Webform submission from: Have Your Say on 2020/21 Draft Budget Feedback Form

Submitted on Wed, 2020-07-01 13:34

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details
Adam Cassar

Your Submission

My submission is

A request for the park in Smallburn Avenue in Newborough to be upgraded. Having a slide and climber, along with a couple of rockers looks a bit plain and boring so to speak.

There are several families in the street that go there and I believe it is outdated, unsafe and more importantly unhygienic. The council have been great and prompt to clean the mould off the slide when I put in this request a while ago, but discussing with others that go there, are hoping for new and additional equipment.

My points and recommendation requests are:

1. Additional equipment like swings, see-saw or other climbing equipment
2. A new bench or two to be installed as there is mould over the wood
3. A new fence; as it is so old that it is rotting and breaking off
4. A possible undercover or gazebo
5. Pot holes on the grass to be levelled
6. Fences around park to be sealed as a couple of them have dogs peeking through broken pailings

Thank you for your time and please contact me if you have any questions or further discussion.

I wish to speak on my submission at a future Council Meeting:

No

From: Charles Everist
Sent: 18 May 2020 11:24:32 +1000
To: 'latrobe@latrobe.vic.gov.au'
Subject: 2020/21 Draft Budgets - Farm Rates

Cr Dan Clancey
Mayor
Latrobe City Council
141 Commercial Road
MORWELL, VIC 3840

By email: Dan.Clancey@latrobe.vic.gov.au

18 May 2020

Dear Cr Clancey,

RE: 2020/21 Draft Budget - Farm Rates

Victorian agriculture cannot be expected to shoulder an even greater rating burden as we work to help rebuild the state's economy in the wake of COVID-19.

That's why I am writing to all Victorian local government councils to encourage a fair and balanced rating strategy, and to extend an invitation to partner with the Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) in advocating for an overhaul to Victoria's rating system.

The VFF recognises the difficult position councils face when it comes to the resources available to them to develop a fair rating strategy. Victoria's rating system has created the situation whereby regional and rural ratepayers pay more in rates as a percentage of the value of their property than ratepayers in metropolitan Melbourne.

What's more, regional and rural ratepayers often receive and have access to fewer services from local government than ratepayers in the city.

The VFF is deeply concerned about the inequities that all regional and rural ratepayers face, not just farmers. Changes must be made to the state's rating strategy in the long term and we would welcome the opportunity to work with Latrobe City Council to advocate for reform.

However, our expectation remains that all councils will put forward a fair and equitable rating strategy this year, particularly in light of recent drought conditions, the bushfires and the COVID pandemic.

The VFF constantly monitors and reports on the rates set by all local government councils to promote fair rating strategies and to actively campaign against unfair and inequitable rate hikes.

The VFF will be vocal in calling out councils that unfairly shift the rating burden onto farmers and the agricultural sector, whilst acknowledging and publicly commending councils that strike balance in their rating strategy.

The current model of using land valuations for striking rates, places undue financial stress on farming businesses as the value attributed to farm land does not reflect farm businesses' revenue generation nor capacity to pay. Differential rates were introduced as a tool for councils to address equity issues arising from the land valuation method of determining rates.

The fundamental principle should be that as the value of farmland increases, the differential rate is adjusted to reduce the rate in the dollar so that the rate burden paid by the farm sector remains stable. The VFF expects that Latrobe City Council will use the mechanisms it has available to maintain a balanced rating strategy.

The VFF is very happy to meet with your council to discuss your rating plans for 2020/21 and how we may work together to advocate for long term reform. To discuss further, please contact Luke Hooke, Manager, Stakeholder Policy and Advocacy, on 0428 288 909 or at lhooke@vff.org.au.

Yours sincerely,



David Jochinke
President

Victorian Farmers Federation

cc: Mr Steven Piasente, Chief Executive Officer, Latrobe City Council

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From: Lisa
Sent: Mon, 29 Jun 2020 21:34:57 +1000
To: latrobe@latrobe.vic.gov.au
Subject: 2020/2021 budget suggestion

Good Morning,

We would love explorers park to be updated, some new play equipment with the addition of putting in a bbq area/picnic tables/toilet - it's a beautiful large area that the whole community use regularly and this could be something positive that could bring us together to enjoy.

Lisa Cassar

From: latrobe-vic.noreply@govcms.gov.au on behalf of Latrobe City Council <latrobe-vic.noreply@govcms.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 15 July 2020 4:03 PM
To: Latrobe Central Email
Cc: Matthew Rogers
Subject: Webform submission from: Have Your Say on 2020/21 Draft Budget Feedback Form >

Submitted on Wed, 2020-07-15 16:03

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

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Confidentiality

Please withhold my name from public documents such as Council reports

Your Submission

My submission is

to request a review of traffic management in Yinnar and have the costs of such a review included in the current budget (infrastructure planning).

The Yinnar community has been actively seeking solutions regarding pedestrian safety on Main St and Jumbuk Rd since (at least) the year 2000. With the town and surrounding population growing, the number of children attending the local primary school is also growing, and the number of near misses, between cars/trucks and children walking to/from school, is unfortunately also growing. Whilst we continue to work on ways to mitigate the risks to lives short term, long term planning needs to be considered and must start somewhere, hence this request.

We understand such a project takes time and significant resources which is why at this stage we're asking for the current budget to include an allocation for a review of the towns traffic management / infrastructure planning, to be able to understand the scope of work required, necessary resources and timelines and actually have steps in place to improve our community and the safety of our children.

I wish to speak on my submission at a future Council Meeting:

No

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7.08 PM.

I certify that these minutes have been confirmed.

Mayor: _____

Date: _____