

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given of a Special Meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chamber, 15 Stead Street, Ballan on Wednesday 20 June 2018, commencing at 6.00 p.m.

Members:

Cr. Paul Tatchell (Mayor) Cr. John Keogh (Deputy Mayor) Cr. David Edwards Cr. Tonia Dudzik Cr. Jarrod Bingham Cr. Tom Sullivan Cr. Pat Toohey Central Moorabool Ward East Moorabool Ward East Moorabool Ward East Moorabool Ward East Moorabool Ward West Moorabool Ward Woodlands Ward

Officers:

Mr. Rob Croxford Mr. Phil Jeffrey Mr. Satwinder Sandhu Mr. Danny Colgan Chief Executive Officer General Manager Infrastructure General Manager Growth and Development General Manager Social and Organisational Development

Rob Croxford Chief Executive Officer

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1. OPENING OF MEETING

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We respectfully acknowledge the traditional owners of this land, their spirits and ancestors.

3. **RECORDING OF MEETING**

As well as the Council for its minute taking purposes, the following organisations have been granted permission to make an audio recording of this meeting of Council:

- The Moorabool News; and
- The Star Weekly
- 4. PRESENT
- 5. APOLOGIES

6. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Under the Local Government Act (1989), the classification of the type of interest giving rise to a conflict is; a direct interest; or an indirect interest (section 77A and 77B). The type of indirect interest specified under Section 78, 78A, 78B, 78C or 78D of the Local Government Act 1989 set out the requirements of a Councillor or member of a Special Committee to disclose any conflicts of interest that the Councillor or member of a Special Committee may have in a matter being or likely to be considered at a meeting of the Council or Committee.

Definitions of the class of the interest are:

- a direct interest
 - (section 77A, 77B)
- an indirect interest (see below)
 - indirect interest by close association (section 78)
 - indirect financial interest (section 78A)
 - indirect interest because of conflicting duty (section 78B)
 - indirect interest because of receipt of gift(s) (section 78C)
 - indirect interest through civil proceedings (section 78D)
 - indirect interest because of impact on residential amenity (section 78E)

Time for Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

In addition to the Council protocol relating to disclosure at the beginning of the meeting, section 79 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) requires a Councillor to disclose the details, classification and the nature of the conflict of interest immediately at the beginning of the meeting and/or before consideration or discussion of the Item.

Section 79(6) of the Act states:

While the matter is being considered or any vote is taken in relation to the matter, the Councillor or member of a special committee must:

- (a) leave the room and notify the Mayor or the Chairperson of the special committee that he or she is doing so; and
- (b) remain outside the room and any gallery or other area in view of hearing of the room.

The Councillor is to be notified by the Mayor or Chairperson of the special committee that he or she may return to the room after consideration of the matter and all votes on the matter.

There are important reasons for requiring this disclosure <u>immediately before</u> the relevant matter is considered.

- Firstly, members of the public might only be in attendance for part of a meeting and should be able to see that all matters are considered in an appropriately transparent manner.
- Secondly, if conflicts of interest are not disclosed immediately before an item there is a risk that a Councillor who arrives late to a meeting may fail to disclose their conflict of interest and be in breach of the Act.

7. PRESENTATIONS / DEPUTATIONS

The Council has made provision in the business of the Special Meetings of the Council for the making of presentations or deputations to Council in relation to matters presented on the agenda for Council consideration.

Presentations or deputations are required to be conducted in accordance with the requirements contained within the **Presentation/Deputations Protocols and Procedural Guidelines**.

Persons wishing to make a presentation or deputation to Council on a matter included in the agenda shall inform Council prior to the meeting by contacting the Chief Executive Officer's office and registering their name and agenda item being spoken to.

At the meeting the Mayor will invite the persons wishing to make a presentation or delegation to address the Council on the agenda item.

The person making the presentation or deputation is to stand and address Council on the item. No debate on the item is permitted between the person making the presentation or delegation and the Council.

A maximum of three minutes per presentation or delegation will be allocated. An extension of time may be granted at the discretion of the Mayor.

Councillors, through the Mayor, may ask the person making the presentation or delegation for clarification of matters presented.

The Mayor may direct that a member of the gallery ceases speaking if the above procedure is not followed.

List of Persons making Presentations/Deputations other than in relation to a planning item listed on the agenda:

Item No	Description	Name	Position
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List of Persons making Presentations/Deputations to a planning item listed on the agenda:

Individuals seeking to make a presentation to the Council on a planning item listed on the agenda for consideration at the meeting will be heard by the Council immediately preceding consideration of the Council Officer's report on the planning item.

Item No	Description	Name	Applicant/ Objector
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8. BUSINESS

8.1 Consideration of Submissions Draft 2017-2021 Council Plan (2018 Revision)

Introduction

File No.:02/02/002Author:Danny ColganChief Executive Officer:Rob Croxford

Background

On Wednesday 3 May 2018, Council resolved to place the draft 2017-2021 Council Plan (2018 Revision) on public exhibition seeking submissions in accordance with Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 198*9 (the Act).

A communications plan was developed to advise the community of the opportunity to make a submission via Council's website, local and regional newspapers, Council's community consultation website: haveyoursay.com.au and with hard copies available at all Council offices. The public submission period commenced on Friday 4 May and closed on Tuesday 5 June 2018.

In accordance with Section 223 of the Act, Council is required to formally consider any submissions received and allow the submitter should they request to, to address Council in relation to their submission.

Proposal

This report is presented to Council at the conclusion of the public submission period for the draft 2017-2021 Council Plan (2018 Revision).

At the conclusion of the public submission process and up until the inclusion of this report into the Ordinary Meeting of Council Agenda, no submissions to the draft 2017-2021 Council Plan (2018 Revision) had been received by Council.

Policy Implications

The Council Plan 2017-2021 provides as follows:

Strategic Objective 1:	Providing Leadership	Good	Governance	and
Context 1B:	Our People			

The proposal to consider submissions in relation to the draft 2017-2021 Council Plan (2018 Revision) is consistent with the Council Plan 2017-2021.

Financial Implications

In accordance with Section 126 of the Act, the Draft 2017-2021 Council Plan (2018 Revision) Strategic Resource Plan details the resources required to achieve the 4 strategic objectives outlined in the draft 2017-2021Council Plan (2018 Revision) being:

- 1. Providing Good Governance and Leadership
- 2. Minimising Environmental Impact
- 3. Stimulating Economic Development
- 4. Improving Social Outcomes

The Strategic Resource Plan includes the standard statements describing the required financial resources in the form and containing the information mandated by the regulations from 1 July 2017 and concluding 30 June 2021.

The standard statements section of the Strategic Resource Plan show the:

- Comprehensive Income Statement
- Balance Sheet
- Cash Flow Statement; and
- Capital Works

Pending the consideration of submissions to the Proposed 2018/19 Annual Budget, any changes to the 2018/19 Annual Budget will be incorporated into the Strategic Resource Plan of the Council Plan prior to it being presented to Council for adoption at the Special Meeting of Council on Wednesday 27 June 2018 for adoption.

Over the 4 year life of the 2017-2021 Council Plan, the Strategic Resource Plan will be updated as part of Council's Annual Budget Process.

Communications Strategy

The public submission period was conducted for no less than 28 days; from May 4, 2018 closing on June 5, 2018. A communications plan was developed to advise the community of the opportunity to make a submission via Council's website, local and regional newspapers and Council's community consultation website: haveyoursay.com.au and with hard copies available at all Council offices.

In accordance with the Act, the Draft 2017-2021 Council Plan (2018 Revision) and Strategic Resource Plan will progress through the following adoption process:

Timetable for the Consultation and Adoption of the Draft 2017-2021 Council Plan (2018 Revision) including the Strategic Resource Plan		
Consider Public Submissions as per Section 223 (1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1989 for Draft 2017-2021 Council Plan (2018 Revision) and Strategic Resource Plan at a Special Meeting of Council.	Wednesday 20 June	
Formally adopt the 2017-2021 Council Plan (2018 Revision) and Strategic Resource Plan	Wednesday 27 June	

Submit Council Plan 2017-2021 and Strategic Resource Plan to Minister for Local Government by:	Thursday 28 June
Public Notice of Adoption of Council Plan and Strategic Resource Plan	Saturday 30 June

Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006

In developing this report to Council, the officer considered whether the subject matter raised any human rights issues. In particular, whether the scope of any human right established by the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities is in any way limited, restricted or interfered with by the recommendations contained in the report. It is considered that the subject matter does not raise any human rights issues.

Officer's Declaration of Conflict of Interests

Under section 80C of the Local Government Act 1989, officers providing advice to Council must disclose any interests, including the type of interest.

Chief Executive Officer – Rob Croxford

In providing this advice to Council as the Chief Executive Officer, I have no interests to disclose in this report.

Author – Danny Colgan

In providing this advice to Council as the Author, I have no interests to disclose in this report.

Conclusion

Council's consideration of submissions to the draft 2017-2021 Council Plan (2018 Revision) is a statutory requirement necessary to formally adopt the Council Plan 2017-2021 for Moorabool Shire Council and forward the Plan to the Minister.

Finalisation of the 2017-2021 Council Plan (2018 Revision) will depend on the consideration of submissions to the Proposed 2018/19 Annual Budget, where upon any changes to the 2018/19 Annual Budget will be incorporated into the Strategic Resource Plan of the Council Plan prior to it being presented to Council for adoption at the Special Meeting of Council on Wednesday 27 June 2018 for adoption.

Recommendation:

- 1. Notes that at the conclusion of the public submission process conducted in accordance with section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989, no submissions to the draft 2017-2021 Council Plan (2018 Revision) had been received by Council.
- 2. Pending any amendments to the 2018/19 Annual Budget being incorporated into the Strategic Resource Plan of the Council Plan, refers the adoption of the 2017-2021 Council Plan (2018 Revision) to the Special Meeting of Council to be held at 6.00pm in the Council Chamber, 15 Stead Street, Ballan on Wednesday 27 June 2018.

Report Authorisation

Authorised by: Name: Title: Date:

Rob Croxford Chief Executive Officer Thursday 7 June 2018

8.2 Consideration of Submissions to the Proposed 2018/19 Annual Budget

Introduction

File No.:	07/01/015A
Author:	Steve Ivelja
General Manager:	Phil Jeffrey

Background

This report relates to the process for Council to adopt the 2018/19 Annual Budget in accordance with section 127 of the Local Government Act 1989 (The Act). The process includes giving public notice to allow 28 days for submissions to be made by members of the public and such submissions to be heard prior to Council adopting the 2018/19 Annual Budget.

Council commenced statutory procedures dealing with the 2018/19 Annual Budget at the Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 2nd May 2018. At this meeting, Council resolved to put on public display the Proposed 2018/19 Annual Budget that was considered at the meeting.

A public notice was published in "The Moorabool News" on Tuesday, 8 May 2018 and also in "The Courier" in Ballarat on Saturday, 12 May 2018. These public notices called for submissions to the proposed budget.

The proposed 2018/19 budget has been prepared in accordance with Section 127 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) and part 3 of the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014 (the Regulations).

As a result of this advertising process, a total of 23 written submissions were received by the stated cut-off of 5 June 2018. Of the 23 submissions, 19 relate to extending the Footpath at Conn Court, Darley. The following is a summary of the submissions that have been received:

No.	Submission From	Main Points	Response
1	Lal Lal Environment Protection Association Inc John McMahon	I refer to p. 17 of the draft budget for 2018/19 which refers to Windfarm Officer 3 days a week with likely increased workload in future. We fully support this budget allocation because of the great need to protect the wellbeing of the hundreds of families living close to the 3 projects within the Shire. Council's compliance obligations are highly complex and require dedicated staffing. Noise is the greatest concern to residents, particularly for the many families who are at significant risk of experiencing above regulation noise at night. The wind companies' own noise monitoring requirements are not robust and they have great incentive to run the turbines as much as they can.	The 3 day a week position is an initial funding arrangement and further initiatives may be put forward in the 2019/20 budget, depending on workloads. This may also include funding for specialised consultants.

		We believe that the next step beyond the 3 day a week WF Officer is to allocate funds for expert truly independent acoustic consultants who the community can trust to provide strategic accurate measurements of noise at key homes.	
2	Various submissions relating to the Footpath at the end of Conn Court, Darley (adjoining Fitzroy Street).	We live in beautiful Conn Court in Darley. There are lovely walking tracks around and to access them I use the path that takes you to the bottom of our court. Unfortunately, once at the bottom of the court, the path stops. It turns into a rocky, mud pit. This makes it extremely hard for my daughter to get across on her scooter or bike and for me to walk my baby in the pram. This is a popular path for other residents and I know they have the same concerns. Recently I have started seeing cars using this mud paddock as a shortcut to get into the court. Dangerous. I have emailed before but with no prevail. More pedestrian traffic will be expected with the addition of a new playground at the Grantleigh Reserve near the creek. This area needs to be completed as the estate has grown and is final stages of being established. – Kym Raft The footpath on Fitzroy Street desperately needs connecting to the footpath at the end of Conn Court. It's a muddy, rocky mess and makes it difficult to walk the surrounding areas. There are many other uses of this path and it needs to be completed to suit the rest of the established areas of the estate. – Jarrod Raft Please finish the footpath at the Eastern end of Conn court to join Fitzroy street. Please also put up a bollard to stop cars driving through here. Please also provide lighting to make it safe all hours. – Martin Jacobson Please can the footpath at the end of Conn Court be completed through to the walking path on Fitzroy Street? I used to walk through here with my twin pram (as it DOES NOT fit safely on the footpath on Napier street!! However now the ground is too uneven and dangerous due to cars driving through here to push my pram through. The footpath from Grantleigh drive through to the end of Conn court is lovely and wide- but then it stops dead and does not join up with the rest of the walking path along the river. The footpath on Dundas St and Tate street are also very narrow and built right on the fence line of houses which makes pushing a twin pram very difficult.	Moorabool Shire Council has received a number of customer requests from local residents for the creation of shared path in Conn Court, Darley, which triggered an inspection and assessment for the new footpath proposal. Recommendations from the investigation are to construct a 1.5 metre wide path which will link the footpath of Conn Court with Fitzroy Street and the installation of bollards to stop vehicle access. The length of the proposed footpath is approximately 100 metres and this will provide safe access for residents from Conn Court to walk through to Fitzroy Street and the existing footpath network. The estimated cost of this project is circa \$25,000. Officers are proposing to complete these works in 2018/19 funded from the 'minor capital' annual allocation in the budget.

For the footpath between conn court and Fitzroy street to be finished properly. Cars are starting to use this 'track' which is a danger to all pedestrian (including many children). Please concrete the path and put barricades to stop the cars. – Kim Richards	
Please complete and extend the pathway between Conn Crt through to Fitzroy St / Riverbend Dr. – Jacqui Huxtable	
Can we please have a concreted & well lit walkway between Conn Crt and Fitzroy St Darley. This area is poorly lit and a hazard to walk on, especially at night. – Jill Taylor	
Please to continue the path from The end of Conn Crt to Fitzroy St. – Andrea McKenzie	
I often walk down there and it's such a trip hazard should be done before there is a claim. – Garry Rogers	
I would like to request the footpath from Conn St to Fitzroy St in Darley to be connected. – Catherine Lemarshall	
I have 3 sons who regularly walk and bike ride to friend's places and sporting facilities. The unfinished path at the end of our court has recently become a shortcut and people are now driving through it. I'm worried about the danger this could inflict on my children and other pedestrians that frequently use this path. Time to finish and connect the 2 paths on Fitzroy Street! – Sarah Hatcher	
We've been living in Conn Court for 8 years now and it's time to finish the path that abruptly finishes and turns into a mud pit. Residents from all over Grantleigh Estate use this path to access walking tracks around the creek and I imagine with the proposal of a new playground at the reserve, the pedestrian traffic will increase. It won't be long before someone is injured going through this section. Bollards and a path is desperately needed! – Russell Hatcher	
I'd really like to see the path on Fitzroy Street that leads into the end of Cotton Crt finished. I walk that track frequently and that part is always muddy and far too rocky for me to navigate my pram throughnot ideal in a family neighborhood. – Erin McBean	
Most days I walk with my 2 children around the Grantleigh Estate. My concern is with the muddy walkway at the end of Conn Crt that leads into Fitzroy Street. Not only is it extremely hard to walk my baby in the pram and toddler on bike through, but lately I've seen cars using it as a shortcut to access entry into the bottom of Conn Crt.	

		Surely a path to connect the 2 existing paths and safety bollards to stop cars driving through is a priority to Council? – Rebecca Harmon	
		My partner and I have been enjoying the beautiful walks that Grantleigh Estate has to offer but the sudden ending of paths that lead into mud patches-in particular Fitzroy Street. We'd love to see this path finished to match the high quality of the rest of the estate. – Jade Daly	
		We've recently bought a block of land in Grantleigh Estate and are due to start building any day now. My husband and I are looking forward to walking to our daughter's place but to do so we need to walk through the walkway into the bottom of Conn Court. Currently this walkway is rather dangerous to anyone that uses it. It's extremely rocky & muddy and there have been several times where we have had to stop to let a car come through even though it's clearly not a road. In its current state this walkway is a danger to pedestrians and a path with bollards seems like the safest answer for all. – Wendy Parkes	
		A path for the end of Conn Court, Darley. – Samantha Di Mieri	
		A path for the end of Conn Court, Darley. – Matthew Di Mieri	
		I've recently seen cars drive out of the walkway on Fitzroy Street from Conn Court. It's currently just mud so absolutely not a road and nor is it safe to have cars using this. I would recommend having a concrete path as there are so many pedestrians that use this dangerous, muddy walkway - it's an accident waiting to happen. – Michael Raft	
3	Gordon Main Street Reference Group – Scott Graham	 Gordon Main Street - Streetscape Upgrade Line items in capital works list 'kerb and channel' for Main Street Gordon. Council's summary of community feedback to the concept diagrams in November highlighted the greater importance to 'landscape and aesthetic' (better termed public realm outcomes). With Councils engineering driven brief and with the engineering department coordinating the project the importance of intersections, car parking, drainage have been prioritised with a lack of integrated public realm thinking. 	Council is proposing \$350,000 towards the Gordon Main Street, Streetscape works to be delivered in the 2018/19 financial year. The proposed works include intersection upgrade works at the intersection of Russell Street & Main Street, bus stop relocation, car parking improvements, the development of high amenity /place making locations, drainage improvements, footpath connection improvements and many others.
			Council's annual budget development process commences months in advance

With the brief promoting completion by February and agreed plans yet to be tabled nor reviewed by community obviously the line item does not describe the intended works. Can Council outline what the line item should say? Can Council outline how the budget figure was determined?	of being placed on public exhibition. Although the final detailed design is yet to be fully documented and with the 2018/19 budget adoption process well underway, the \$350,000 allocation was based on experience and engineering judgement to deliver as much as practically possible through the 2018/19 Capital Improvement Program. Alternatively, Council may have deferred the construction project to the 2019/20 budget for consideration, although there was a desire to include a budget allocation in 2018/19 to deliver an outcome for the community of Gordon.
2. Tourism in Moorabool Shire With Council having 'dropped the ball years ago regarding a tourism strategy' can Council please outline how the Fabre+ review and the current strategic tourism review has a confirmed budget and strategy in 2018/19 and how will the western part of Moorabool Shire be engaged and confirmed as a part of strategy?	The information contained in '2. Tourism in Moorabool Shire' is incorrect. The Fabre+ review and the current strategic tourism review (presumably the service review of the VIC) had no allocation in the 2018/19 budget. These were funded in 2017/18. Tourism (not counting VIC expenses) continues to operate on a budget of \$30,000 which is used to represent the entire Shire in all forms of tourism marketing and promotion, both printed and electronic.
	The Destination Management Plan 2013-18 will be reviewed internally in 2018/19 and a budget bid will be made for 2019/20 if further work to refine the document is needed or actions requiring external support are warranted. From July 2018 onwards, Council will escalate effort in on-line branding for all towns as part of a focus on day trip visitation across the Shire. Whilst there is no budget for this work, recent recruiting has now increased internal capacity to enable further work on mapping of activities, marketing and general upgrade of online presence. Work with small business on how to connect further with this tourism sector will be explored.

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	 3. Place Making and Urban Design Framework With Council focused on the one business town of Elaine for a thorough place making process that leads to an Urban Design Framework and discussions 2 years ago promoting that Gordon with 7 Main Street business should be next in line - Since nothing has progressed in 2017/18 can Council show us around how this has been allocated for in 2018/19? Two further aspects to this: At the Dec 2017 Council meeting Cr Toohey promoted the need for fresh strategic community discussions into early 2018. Cr Toohey puts this in the context of his awareness of multiple groups with multiple agendas which of course happens when the strategic work is inadequate. No strategic discussions have been undertaken in 2017/18 Without an Urban Design Framework there is no sense of staged implementation of a plan and as proven by the works now complete at the Primary School - works receive funding and get built when parts of the community lobby loudest. And yes the works are needed and have been installed successfully but were all funding options explored and could have there been a broader public realm and health and wellbeing outcomes achieved if it was part of a comprehensive plan. 	Community consultation was undertaken in conjunction with the Gordon Main Street upgrade to help inform the vision for Gordon. This consultation process assisted in identifying key values, issues and opportunities. The information gathered via the consultation for the Gordon Main St will assist Council staff in the development of a Gordon Township Improvement Plan, which will outline timelines and costings of actions for consideration for implementation in future Council budget processes via recurrent and capital programs. The Township Improvement Plan will be completed in the 2018/19 financial year utilising existing staffing and recurrent budget resources.
	4. Street Trees At the budget session last year Cr Sullivan with Cr Toohey promoted that part of the Street Tree budget should be allocated to Gordon. As a township that has not had a street tree planted for 35+ years prioritising Street tree planning and implementation seems an obvious priority. The Street Tree Strategy showed a total lack of data and blind Freddy could have told you that there are plenty of street tree opportunities. On May 18th Council announced that the implementation related to the allocated \$100k is very advanced - what the article fails to mention is that all trees have been planted in Bacchus Marsh. Can Council explain why the allocation was not prioritised for at least some tree planting in 2017/18? Can Council make a serious commitment to street trees in Gordon not only associated with the works for the Main Street in 2018/19?	The Tree Planting Program for the 2017/18 financial year includes the planting of approximately 450 trees in key locations across the townships of Bacchus Marsh, Maddingley, Darley, Ballan, and Navigators. Tree planting locations were prioritised based on customer service requests from the community, requests from Councillors, the infill of existing plantings, and the continuation of other planting projects conducted in previous financial years. Due to this program being in its first year of implementation, unfortunately not all townships across the Shire were able to be attended to, however townships like Gordon will continue to be

			taken into consideration for Tree Planting Programs in upcoming financial years, and in line with the guidelines and recommendations contained in the recently adopted Tree Replacement Strategy 2017- 2031.
4	Gordon Recreation Reserve – Adam Frazer	In keeping with the Gordon Recreational Reserve (GRR) Masterplan for the Gordon Football Netball Club (GFNC) grounds (endorsed by Council, 2015), work, fundraising and grant application is currently focused on the Gordon Netball Facility Upgrade Stage 1. This project includes the installation of a second netball court with lighting and a change room facility built to Australian Netball Association standards. The Gordon Netball Facility Upgrade Stage 1 Project Control Group (made up of representatives of the GFNC and the GRR) are currently liaising with project partners at the Moorabool Shire Council and Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DLWEP) to finalise plans and secure funding. At the writing of this submission to Council the Project Control Group is working closely with Mitchell Jenkins and Ian Waugh on an Expression of Interest we have submitted for funds from the Victorian State Government 2018/19 – Female Friendly Facilities Fund. Work to calculate the exact cost of the project is in the final stages. The current estimated cost of the project is \$300,000 Council will know the exact cost when it	, 0,
		reviews and decides on July 3rd 2018 whether our application is suitable to put forward to State government. The Victorian State Government 2018/19 – Female Friendly Facilities Fund is a 2 for 1 grant. As aforementioned and outlined in detail in our application the GFNC and GRR have been focused on raising funds to contribute to this project but we will require further assistance. Should the application be successful, and the Victorian State Government in turn grant us funding we would be requesting a contribution of \$75,000 from the 2018/19 Council budget for Gordon Netball Facility Upgrade Stage 1.	OMC. The application is based on a total project cost of approximately \$375,000. Funding of \$250,000 is sought via the Female Friendly Facilities Fund with the Gordon FNC and Reserve Committee contributing \$30,000 cash and \$20,000 in-kind works. The group is seeking a \$75,000 contribution from Council. If the application is successful, funds from the Female Friendly Facilities Fund will be available from November 2018.

	NB:	A contribution from Council has
	A complete file of documentation pertaining to the Gordon Netball Facility Upgrade Stage 1 as well as the application for the Female Friendly Facilities Fund is currently with Council. There are over 20 documents in this file to which Mitchell Jenkins has access to. Please refer to Mitch to view these documents. **Actual submission in separate attachment**	not been proposed in 2018/19 and could be referred to the 2019/20 budget process. If the project is successful in external grants, the project does not need to be completed until May 2020 under the funding program.
5 Darley Football Netball - Ray Newton	Club needs of the growing community nor do they	Over the past 12 months the user groups at Darley Park have been working on plans to redevelop the main pavilion at the reserve. All clubs are experiencing high demands and the number of teams are increasing across all sports. The introduction of female football in particular has highlighted the inability of the ageing pavilion to adequately cater for this growth. The lack of appropriate community function and meeting space within Darley has also been raised. Plans developed by the clubs have been costed at approximately \$2.45 million and \$2.65 million to undertake the full redevelopment. User groups have committed to contributing up to \$250,000 and are requesting a Council contribution of \$1 million. The balance of the funds required (approx. \$1.25 million) would be sourced via other sources E.g. Federal government, AFL Victoria, Sponsorship etc. However at this point no confirmed funding sources have been identified. The AFL Goldfields Regional Strategy classifies Darley Park as a Regional level facility capable of hosting regional finals and higher level football events. This would suggest that AFL Victoria already view the facilities at a high standard. Officers agree that the facilities need to be improved to cater for the rapid development of female football.

 Cur population now nears 9,000 people up from 6,300 in 2006, and our team numbers using the centre have risen from 13 to 42 teams (323% growth) since 1994. We are seeking funding from Moorabool Shire Council together with State and upgrade to the social spaces in accordance with the Council's Recreation Reserve Capital Works Contribution Policy (2016). The clubs have developed a umpres, a new meeting room and office, as well as expanded and upgrade to be expanded by 43% to allow for unises change room development for all players and umpires, a new meeting room and umpires. Provide a multi-purpose pavilion that will accommodate sport and community into the future Provide unisex public anter and accessible entry requirements Make provision for and enhance the development of community programs by providing a space that is accessible and inclusive Remove the barriers to female participation by providing suitable facilities and amenities Provide community rooms and a meeting room that will have technology to support learning and opportunities for improved collaboration. The sporting oval and netball courts at Darley Porball Netball Club and Darley Cricket Club. The growth of individual users and tears with in these three clubs, as well as Auskick, has been explosive over the past 3 decades (323% growth since 1994), and the 3 clubs collectively now have over 1,000 members and cater to thousands of 	 from 6,300 in 2006, and our team numbers using the centre have risen from 13 to 42 teams (323% growth) since 1994. We are seeking funding from Moraboo Shire Council together with State and Federal Governments to facilitate an upgrade to the main buildings at Darley Park. The current tootprint is recommended to be expanded by 43% to allow for univers change room development for all players and umpires, a new meeting roomatise seeks to: Provide a multi-purpose pavilion that will accommodate sport and community into the future Provide unisex player and umpires change rooms that cater for diversity and provide privacy for individuals Provide unisex public amentites that address public safety and accessible entry requirements data amentites Remove the barriers to female participation by providing a space that is accessible facilities and amentites Provide or be arremine were that makes the best use of its prominent and centred to the couroil's consideration is the highe participation for the growing Darley community. This will allow residents to access large scale events (300 plus people) within their neighborhood. Provide community cords and netball courts at Darley Park are vital to the local Darley Community and form the beartuad and history of tenant sporting clubs such as Darley Football Netball Club and Darley
supporters.	and teams within these three clubs, as well as Auskick, has been explosive over the past 3 decades (323% growth since 1994), and the 3 clubs collectively now have over 1,000 members and cater to thousands of

We wish to highlight, in making this submission, that we are fully supportive of current Council initiatives that cover the growth of population within Moorabool Shire and the Town of Bacchus Marsh. We are cognizant of the demands for extra facilities to cover all youth and adult sport and realise the need to develop more sporting grounds and create more areas and facilities for recreational users. It is with this in mind that we convey our support of the Racecourse Reserve Recreational Hub development as an important project. Our groups actually support the creation of a recurrent fund for the purposes of accelerating the ability of Council to leverage other funding and lift the standard of our sporting and community venues in the municipality. This new initiative in South West Maddingley won't however, satisfy the growing and urgent demands of the Darley Community and our sports people. We submit to Council that the Darley Park upgrade project must be planned in tandem with other projects and funded in its turn. Historically, the tenant clubs at Darley Park have been self-sufficient in funding and making improvements to the area and the facilities. To highligh the fact that in the past we have been innovative and industrious in maintaining, upgrading and industrious in maintaining, upgrading and industrious in Grandstand with seating and concreting • Social Room upgrade & extension in 2000. • Construction of Grandstand with seating and concreting • Boubling from 2 lights to 4 lights per pole as well as Grandstand Lighting. • New Home Change Room • New Home Change Room • New Home Change Room • New Home Change Room • New Steel fabricated Scoreboard • New Beel Isheltar and se		
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The following parties have indicated their intention to be heard in support of their written submissions:

- Scott Graham on behalf of Gordon Main Street Reference Group
- Raymond Newton Proposal Leader for Darley Park Sporting Groups

Policy Implications

The 2017 - 2021 Council Plan provides as follows;

Key Result Area	Continuous Services	Improvement	in	Council
Objective	Sound, long to	erm financial mar	nager	nent
Strategy	Develop and maintain a long term financia planning, management and reporting system, which ensures resources to deliver services and manage Council's assets.		reporting to deliver	

The proposal is consistent with the 2017 - 2021 Council Plan.

Financial Implications

The 2018/19 Budget contains details of the financial resources required to deliver the 2017 - 2021 Council Plan.

Communications Strategy

The public submission period was conducted for no less than 28 days; from May 8, 2018 closing on June 5, 2018. A communications plan was developed to advise the community of the opportunity to make a submission via Council's website, local and regional newspapers and Council's website: haveyoursay.com.au and with hard copies available at all Council offices.

The proposed 2018/19 budget has been prepared in accordance with Section 127 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) and part 3 of the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014 (the Regulations), and will progress through the following adoption process:

Timetable for the Consultation and Adoption of the Proposed 2018/19 Annual Budget			
Consider Public Submissions as per Section 223 (1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1989 for the Proposed 2018/19 Annual Budget at the Special Meeting of Council	Wednesday 20 June		
Formally adopt the Proposed 2018/19 Proposed Annual Budget	Wednesday 27 June		
Submit the 2018/19 Annual Budget to Minister for Local Government by:	Thursday 28 June		
Public Notice of Adoption of the 2018/19 Annual Budget	Saturday 30 June		

Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006

In developing this report to Council, the officer considered whether the subject matter raised any human rights issues. In particular, whether the scope of any human right established by the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities is in any way limited restricted or interfered with by the recommendations contained in the report. It is considered that the subject matter does not raise any human rights issues.

Officer's Declaration of Conflict of Interests

Under section 80C of the Local Government Act 1989 (as amended), officers providing advice to Council must disclose any interests, including the type of interest.

General Manager – Phil Jeffrey

In providing this advice to Council as the General Manager, I have no interests to disclose in this report.

Author – Steve Ivelja

In providing this advice to Council as the Author, I have no interests to disclose in this report.

Conclusion

Council's consideration of budget submissions is a statutory step necessary to formally adopt the 2018/19 Annual Budget for Moorabool Shire Council and forward it to the Minister.

Recommendation:

1. That Council receives the following submissions:

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2	Various submission s relating to the Footpath at the end of Conn Court, Darley (adjoining Fitzroy Street).	measurements of noise at key homes. We live in beautiful Conn Court in Darley. There are lovely walking tracks around and to access them I use the path that takes you to the bottom of our court. Unfortunately, once at the bottom of the court, the path stops. It turns into a rocky, mud pit. This makes it extremely hard for my daughter to get across on her scooter or bike and for me to walk my baby in the pram. This is a popular path for other residents and I know they have the same concerns. Recently I have started seeing cars using this mud paddock as a shortcut to get into the court. Dangerous. I have emailed before but with no prevail. More pedestrian traffic will be expected with the addition of a new playground at the Grantleigh Reserve near the creek.	Moorabool Shire Council has received a number of customer requests from local residents for the creation of shared path in Conn Court, Darley, which triggered an inspection and assessment for the new footpath proposal. Recommendations from the investigation are to construct a 1.5 metre wide path which will link the footpath of Conn Court with Fitzroy Street and the installation of bollards to stop vehicle access. The length of the proposed footpath is approximately 100 metres and this will provide safe access for residents from Conn Court

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being established. – Kym Raft The footpath on Fitzroy Street	footpath network. The estimated cost of this project is
desperately needs connecting to the footpath at the end of Conn Court. It's a muddy, rocky mess and makes it difficult to walk the surrounding areas. There are many other uses of this path and it needs to be completed to suit the rest of the established areas of the estate. – Jarrod Raft	circa \$25,000. Officers are proposing to complete these works in 2018/19 funded from the 'minor capital' annual allocation in the budget.
Please finish the footpath at the Eastern end of Conn court to join Fitzroy street. Please also put up a bollard to stop cars driving through here. Please also provide lighting to make it safe all hours. – Martin Jacobson	
Please can the footpath at the end of Conn Court be completed through to the walking path on Fitzroy Street? I used to walk through here with my twin pram (as it DOES NOT fit safely on the footpath on Napier street!!) However now the ground is too uneven and dangerous due to cars driving through here to push my pram through. The footpath from Grantleigh drive through to the end of Conn court is lovely and wide- but then it stops dead and does not join up with the rest of the walking path along the river. The footpath on Dundas St and Tate street are also very narrow and built right on the fence line of houses which makes pushing a twin pram very difficult. – Lindy Jacobson	
For the footpath between conn court and Fitzroy street to be finished properly. Cars are starting to use this 'track' which is a danger to all pedestrian (including many children). Please concrete the path and put barricades to stop the cars. – Kim Richards	
Please complete and extend the pathway between Conn Crt through to Fitzroy St / Riverbend Dr. – Jacqui Huxtable	
Can we please have a concreted & well lit walkway between Conn Crt and Fitzroy St Darley. This area is poorly lit and a hazard to walk on, especially at night. – Jill Taylor	
Please to continue the path from The end of Conn Crt to Fitzroy St. – Andrea McKenzie	

I often walk down there and it's such a trip hazard should be done before there is a claim. – Garry Rogers	
I would like to request the footpath from Conn St to Fitzroy St in Darley to be connected. – Catherine Lemarshall	
I have 3 sons who regularly walk and bike ride to friend's places and sporting facilities. The unfinished path at the end of our court has recently become a shortcut and people are now driving through it. I'm worried about the danger this could inflict on my children and other pedestrians that frequently use this path. Time to finish and connect the 2 paths on Fitzroy Street! – Sarah Hatcher	
We've been living in Conn Court for 8 years now and it's time to finish the path that abruptly finishes and turns into a mud pit. Residents from all over Grantleigh Estate use this path to access walking tracks around the creek and I imagine with the proposal of a new playground at the reserve, the pedestrian traffic will increase. It won't be long before someone is injured going through this section. Bollards and a path is desperately needed! – Russell Hatcher	
I'd really like to see the path on Fitzroy Street that leads into the end of Cotton Crt finished. I walk that track frequently and that part is always muddy and far too rocky for me to navigate my pram throughnot ideal in a family neighborhood. – Erin McBean	
Most days I walk with my 2 children around the Grantleigh Estate. My concern is with the muddy walkway at the end of Conn Crt that leads into Fitzroy Street. Not only is it extremely hard to walk my baby in the pram and toddler on bike through, but lately I've seen cars using it as a shortcut to access entry into the bottom of Conn Crt.	
Surely a path to connect the 2 existing paths and safety bollards to stop cars driving through is a priority to Council? – Rebecca Harmon	
My partner and I have been enjoying the beautiful walks that Grantleigh Estate has to offer but the sudden ending of paths that lead into mud patches-in particular Fitzroy Street. We'd love to see this path finished to match the high quality of the rest of the estate. – Jade Daly	

		We've recently bought a block of land in Grantleigh Estate and are due to start building any day now. My husband and I are looking forward to walking to our daughter's place but to do so we need to walk through the walkway into the bottom of Conn Court. Currently this walkway is rather dangerous to anyone that uses it. It's extremely rocky & muddy	
		and there have been several times where we have had to stop to let a car come through even though it's clearly not a road. In its current state this walkway is a danger to pedestrians and a path with bollards seems like the safest answer for all. – Wendy Parkes	
		A path for the end of Conn Court, Darley. – Samantha Di Mieri A path for the end of Conn Court, Darley.	
		- Matthew Di Mieri I've recently seen cars drive out of the walkway on Fitzroy Street from Conn Court. It's currently just mud so absolutely not a road and nor is it safe to have cars using this. I would recommend having a concrete path as there are so many pedestrians that use this dangerous, muddy walkway - it's an accident waiting to happen Michael Raft	
3	Gordon Main Street Reference Group – Scott	1. Gordon Main Street - Streetscape Upgrade Line items in capital works list 'kerb and channel' for Main Street Gordon.	Council is proposing \$350,000 towards the Gordon Main Street, Streetscape works to be delivered in the 2018/19 financial year.
	Graham	Council's summary of community feedback to the concept diagrams in November highlighted the greater importance to 'landscape and aesthetic' (better termed public realm outcomes). With Councils engineering driven brief and with the engineering department coordinating the project the importance of intersections, car parking, drainage have been prioritised with a lack of integrated public realm thinking.	The proposed works include intersection upgrade works at the intersection of Russell Street & Main Street, bus stop relocation, car parking improvements, the development of high amenity /place making locations, drainage improvements, footpath connection improvements and many others.
		With the brief promoting completion by February and agreed plans yet to be tabled nor reviewed by community obviously the line item does not describe the intended works. Can Council outline what the line item should say? Can Council outline how the budget figure was determined?	Council's annual budget development process commences months in advance of being placed on public exhibition. Although the final detailed design is yet to be fully documented and with the 2018/19 budget adoption process well underway, the \$350,000 allocation was based

	2. Tourism in Moorabool Shire With Council having 'dropped the ball years ago regarding a tourism strategy' can Council please outline how the Fabre+ review has a confirmed budget and strategy in 2018/19 and how will the western part of Moorabool Shire be engaged and confirmed as a part of strategy?	on experience and engineering judgement to deliver as much as practically possible through the 2018/19 Capital Improvement Program. Alternatively, Council may have deferred the construction project to the 2019/20 budget for consideration, although there was a desire to include a budget allocation in 2018/19 to deliver an outcome for the community of Gordon. The information contained in '2. Tourism in Moorabool Shire' is incorrect. The Fabre+ review and the current strategic tourism review (presumably the service review of the VIC) had no allocation in the 2018/19 budget. These were funded in 2017/18. Tourism (not counting VIC expenses) continues to operate on a budget of \$30,000 which is used to represent the entire Shire in all forms of tourism marketing and promotion, both printed and electronic. The Destination Management Plan 2013-18 will be reviewed internally in 2018/19 and a budget bid will be made for 2019/20 if further work to refine the document is needed or actions requiring external support are warranted. From July 2018 onwards, Council will escalate effort in on-line branding for all towns as part of a focus on day trip visitation across the Shire. Whilst there is no budget for this work, recent recruiting has now increased internal capacity to enable further work on mapping of activities, marketing and general upgrade of online presence. Work with small business on how to connect further with this tourism sector will be
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3. Place Making and Urban Design Framework	Community consultation was undertaken in conjunction with
With Council focused on the one business town of Elaine for a thorough place making process that leads to an Urban Design Framework and discussions 2 years ago promoting that Gordon with 7 Main Street business should be next in line - Since nothing has progressed in 2017/18 can Council show us around how this has been allocated for in 2018/19? Two further aspects to this: - At the Dec 2017 Council meeting Cr Toohey promoted the need for fresh strategic community discussions into early 2018. Cr Toohey puts this in the context of his awareness of multiple groups with multiple agendas which of course happens when the strategic work is inadequate. No strategic discussions have been undertaken in 2017/18 - Without an Urban Design Framework there is no sense of staged implementation of a plan and as proven by the works now complete at the Primary School - works receive funding and get built when parts of the community lobby loudest. And yes the works are needed and have been installed successfully but were all funding options explored and could have there been a broader public realm and health and well-being outcomes achieved if it was part of a comprehensive plan.	the Gordon Main Street upgrade to help inform the vision for Gordon. This consultation process assisted in identifying key values, issues and opportunities. The information gathered via the consultation for the Gordon Main St will assist Council staff in the development of a Gordon Township Improvement Plan, which will outline timelines and costings of actions for consideration for implementation in future Council budget processes via recurrent and capital programs. The Township Improvement Plan will be completed in the 2018/19 financial year utilising existing staffing and recurrent budget resources.
4. Street Trees At the budget session last year Cr Sullivan with Cr Toohey promoted that part of the Street Tree budget should be allocated to Gordon. As a township that has not had a street tree planted for 35+ years prioritising Street tree planning and implementation seems an obvious priority. The Street Tree Strategy showed a total lack of data and blind Freddy could have told you that there are plenty of street tree opportunities. On May 18th Council announced that the implementation related to the allocated \$100k is very advanced - what the article fails to mention is that all trees have been planted in Bacchus Marsh. Can Council explain why the allocation was not prioritised for at least some tree planting in 2017/18?	The Tree Planting Program for the 2017/18 financial year includes the planting of approximately 450 trees in key locations across the townships of Bacchus Marsh, Maddingley, Darley, Ballan, and Navigators. Tree planting locations were prioritised based on customer service requests from the community, requests from Councillors, the infill of existing plantings, and the continuation of other planting projects conducted in previous financial years.

		Can Council make a serious commitment to street trees in Gordon not only associated with the works for the Main Street in 2018/19?	Due to this program being in its first year of implementation, unfortunately not all townships across the Shire were able to be attended to, however townships like Gordon will continue to be taken into consideration for Tree Planting Programs in upcoming financial years, and in line with the guidelines and recommendations contained in the recently adopted Tree Replacement Strategy 2017- 2031.
4	Gordon Recreation Reserve – Adam Frazer	In keeping with the Gordon Recreational Reserve (GRR) Masterplan for the Gordon Football Netball Club (GFNC) grounds (endorsed by Council, 2015), work, fundraising and grant application is currently focused on the Gordon Netball Facility Upgrade Stage 1. This project includes the installation of a second netball court with lighting and a change room facility built to Australian Netball Association standards. The Gordon Netball Facility Upgrade Stage 1 Project Control Group (made up of representatives of the GFNC and the GRR) are currently liaising with project partners at the Moorabool Shire Council and Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DLWEP) to finalise plans and secure funding. At the writing of this submission to Council the Project Control Group is working closely with Mitchell Jenkins and lan Waugh on an Expression of Interest we have submitted for funds from the Victorian State Government 2018/19 – Female Friendly Facilities Fund. Work to calculate the exact cost of the project is in the final stages. The current estimated cost of the project is \$300,000 Council will know the exact cost when it reviews and decides on July 3rd 2018 whether our application is suitable to put forward to State government. The Victorian State Government 2018/19 – Female Friendly Facilities Fund is a 2 for 1 grant. As aforementioned and outlined in detail in our application the GFNC and GRR have been focused on raising funds to contribute to this project but we will require further assistance.	Officers have been working with the Gordon Recreation Reserve Committee and Gordon Football Netball Club to identify funding opportunities for the development of an additional netball court, lighting and change room at the reserve. The Committee and Club have been working for some time on the project including design, cost estimates and fundraising to advance the project. Recently the State Government announced the Female Friendly Facilities Fund. The Female Friendly Facilities Fund is a Victorian Government funding program that assists local clubs and organisations to develop grounds, pavilions, courts and lighting to enable more women and girls to participate in sport and active recreation. A report seeking Council endorsement of an application to the Fund for the Gordon Reserve project will be presented to Council at the July OMC. The application is based on a total project cost of approximately \$375,000. Funding of \$250,000 is sought via the Female Friendly Facilities Fund with the Gordon FNC and Reserve Committee contributing \$30,000 cash and \$20,000 in- kind works. The group is seeking a \$75,000 contribution from Council.

		Should the application be successful, and the Victorian State Government in turn grant us funding we would be requesting a contribution of \$75,000 from the 2018/19 Council budget for Gordon Netball Facility Upgrade Stage 1. NB: A complete file of documentation pertaining to the Gordon Netball Facility Upgrade Stage 1 as well as the application for the Female Friendly Facilities Fund is currently with Council. There are over 20 documents in this file to which Mitchell Jenkins has access to. Please refer to Mitch to view these documents. **Actual submission in separate attachment**	If the application is successful, funds from the Female Friendly Facilities Fund will be available from November 2018. A contribution from Council has not been proposed in 2018/19 and could be referred to the 2019/20 budget process. If the project is successful in external grants, the project does not need to be completed until May 2020 under the funding program.
5	Darley Football/ Netball Club – Raymond Newton	The pavilion and facilities at Darley Park are unfit for purpose and they neither meet the needs of the growing community nor do they cater for the requirements of the diverse demographic of active and potential users. We are seeking to have Moorabool Shire Council partner us in our endeavor to seek adequate funding for the purposes detailed in this document. This budget submission is for Moorabool Shire Council to include, in the forthcoming budget and forward estimates, significant funding to provide a complete upgrade of the facilities, the pavilion and the park amenities. The pavilion hosts three of the largest sporting clubs in the Shire as well as several other community groups who use it from time to time. However the facilities fail to meet modern standards associated with increased female patronage. They do not allow for privacy for all users and they do not fulfill the basic requirements to embrace diversity for visitors and sports people. Further the needs of the greater Darley Community cannot be met with the current size and nature of the facility which prohibits use for many other functions and events. It is the contention of this submission that there are no other suitable locations for the purpose, so the upgrade at the current location is the only resolution to satisfy the needs of the Darley community. Refer Attached	Over the past 12 months the user groups at Darley Park have been working on plans to redevelop the main pavilion at the reserve. All clubs are experiencing high demands and the number of teams are increasing across all sports. The introduction of female football in particular has highlighted the inability of the ageing pavilion to adequately cater for this growth. The lack of appropriate community function and meeting space within Darley has also been raised. Plans developed by the clubs have been costed at approximately \$2.45 million and \$2.65 million to undertake the full redevelopment. User groups have committed to contributing up to \$250,000 and are requesting a Council contribution of \$1 million. The balance of the funds required (approx. \$1.25 million) would be sourced via other sources E.g. Federal government, AFL Victoria, Sponsorship etc. However at this point no confirmed funding sources have been identified.

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	"Darley Park Business Case" presentation.	The AFL Goldfields Regional Strategy classifies Darley Park as a Regional level facility
	This submission is made in conjunction with the attachment "Darley Park Business Case".	capable of hosting regional finals and higher level football events. This would suggest that AFL Victoria already view
	Whilst the Darley community is resilient, inclusive and welcoming of change, we are also a proud community that wishes to retain its place at our location within the Shire of Moorabool.	the facilities at a high standard. Officers agree that the facilities need to be improved to cater for the rapid development of female football.
	Our population now nears 9,000 people up from 6,300 in 2006, and our team numbers using the centre have risen from 13 to 42 teams (323% growth) since 1994.	It would be appropriate for Council to contribute to this aspect of any upgrade but it is felt that user clubs should assume greater responsibility for funding any upgrade to the
	We are seeking funding from Moorabool Shire Council together with State and Federal Governments to facilitate an upgrade to the main buildings at Darley Park. The current footprint is	social spaces in accordance with the Council's Recreation Reserve Capital Works Contribution Policy (2016).
	recommended to be expanded by 43% to allow for unisex change room development for all players and umpires, a new meeting room and office, as well as expanded and upgraded kitchen and social facilities. The proposal seeks to:	The clubs have developed a "business case" for the proposal which has been circulated to Councillors. Councils 10 year strategic financial plan currently does not include an allocation
	 Provide a multi-purpose pavilion that will accommodate sport and community into the future Provide unisex player and umpire change rooms that cater for diversity and provide privacy for individuals Provide unisex public amenities that 	towards the project. Whilst the proposal does have some merit it is difficult to foresee how Council could accommodate a financial contribution of this magnitude.
	 address public safety and accessible entry requirements 4. Make provision for and enhance the development of community programs by providing a space that is accessible and inclusive 5. Remove the barriers to female 	Council has previously determined that completion of the Bacchus Marsh Racecourse and Recreation Reserve master plan implementation is the highest
	 participation by providing suitable facilities and amenities 6. Provide a premium venue that makes the best use of its prominent and central location for the growing Darley community. This will allow residents to access large scale events (300 plus people) within their use the best set of the set of	strategic priority in the Sport and Recreation area. It is proposed that the project be referred to the Council's Capital Improvement Program for assessment against other projects and consideration of funding in future financial
	neighborhood. 7. Provide community rooms and a meeting room that will have technology to support learning and opportunities for improved collaboration.	years.

The sporting oval and netball courts at Darley Park are vital to the local Darley Community and form the heartland and history of tenant sporting clubs such as Darley Football Netball Club Inc., Darley Junior Football Netball Club and Darley Cricket Club. The growth of individual users and teams within these three clubs, as well as Auskick, has been explosive over the past 3 decades (323% growth since 1994), and the 3 clubs collectively now have over 1,000 members and cater to thousands of supporters.	
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	Change Rooms toilets, and also the Netball Court resurfacing. It is estimated that the tenant clubs at Darley Park have invested approximately \$1.5 million of their own cash & labour in- kind over the past 25 years. This would be seen to have provided over \$2.5 million in actual commercial value of projects completed and improvements to Council's assets.	
	Whilst Darley Park users have in the past, been proactive in improving and sustaining the facility this should not detract from our submission to seek significant assistance for improvements needed now. Whilst we do not have the resources	
	necessary to fund this proposed and vital upgrade at Darley Park, we will strive to make a substantial monetary contribution towards achieving the desired result and to strengthen our claims in this submission.	
	It is on these bases along with the Business Case attached, which articulates the well planned and strategic nature of this concept that we submit to Council our need for your considerable monetary assistance for the project to attract additional partners and leverage sufficient investment to proceed in full.	
	Full Proposal in separate attachment	_

2. That Council takes into consideration the matters raised within the submissions in its consideration of the 2018/19 Annual Budget at the Special Meeting of Council on Wednesday 20 June 2018.

3. That following the adoption of the 2018/19 Annual Budget, responses are provided to each Submitter.

Report Authorisation

Authorised by:

Name:Phil JeffreyTitle:General Manager InfrastructureDate:Thursday, 14 June 2018

Attachment I Item 8.2

Submission		Last		Post	How did you hear about this feedback	Do you wish to appear in person or by a person acting on your behalf before a Special Meeting of Council on Wednesday, 20 June 2018 from 5.00pm in support of	
Number 1	Name	Name McMahon	Town	Code 3352	opportunity? Moorabool Shire	your written submission?	
	John	мсманон	rendon	3352	Website		I refer to p. 17 of the draft budget for 2018/19 which refers to Windfarm Officer 3 days a week with likely increased workload in future. We fully support this budget allocation because of the great need to protect the wellbeing of the hundreds of families living close to the 3 projects within the Shire. Council's compliance obligations are highly complex and require dedicated staffing. Noise is the greatest concern to residents, particularly for the many families who are at significant risk of experiencing above regulation noise at night. The wind companies' own noise monitoring requirements are not robust and they have great incentive to run the turbines as much as they can. We believe that the next step beyond the 3 day a week WF Officer is to allocate funds for expert truly independent acoustic consultants who the community can trust to provide strategic accurate measurements of noise at key homes.
2.01	Kym	Raft	Darley	3340	Moorabool Shire Website	No	We live in beautiful Conn court in Darley. There are lovely walking tracks around and to access them I use the path that takes you to the bottom of our court. Unfortunately, once at the bottom of the court, the path stops. It turns into a rocky, mud pit. This makes it extremely hard for my daughter to get across on her scooter or bike and for me to walk my baby in the pram. This is a popular path for other residents and I know they have the same concerns. Recently I have started seeing cars using this mud paddock as a shortcut to get into the court. Dangerous. I have emailed before but with no prevail. More pedestrian traffic will be expected with the addition of a new playground at the Grantleigh Reserve near the creek. This area needs to be completed as the estate has grown and is final stages of being established.
2.02	Jarrod	Raft	Darley	3340	Facebook	No	The footpath on Fitzroy Street desperately needs connecting to the footpath at the end of Conn Court. It's a muddy, rocky mess and makes it difficult to walk the surrounding areas. There are many other uses of this path and it needs to be completed to suit the rest of the established areas of the estate.
2.03	Lindy	Jacobson	Darley	3340	Word of mouth	No	Please can the footpath at the end of Conn court be completed through to the walking path on Fitzroy street. I used to walk through here with my twin pram (as it DOES NOT fit safely on the footpath on Napier street!!) However now the ground is too uneven and dangerous due to cars driving through here to push my pram through. The footpath from grantleigh drive through to the end of Conn court is lovely and wide- but then it stops dead and does not join up with the rest of the walking path along the river. The footpath on Dundas st and Tate street are also very narrow and built right on the fence line of houses which makes pushing a twin pram very difficult.
2.04	Martin	Jacobson	Darley	3340	Word of mouth	No	Please finish the footpath at the Eastern end of Conn court to join fitroy street. Please also put up a bollard to stop cars driving through here. Please also provide lighting to make it safe all hours.
2.05	Kim	Richards	Darley	3340	Word of mouth	No	For the footpath between conn court and fitzroy street to be finished properly. Cars are starting to use this 'track' which is a danger to all pedestrian (including many children). Please concrete the path and put barricades to stop the cars.

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2.06	Jacqui	Huxtable	Darley	3340	Word of mouth	No	Please complete and extend the pathway between Conn Crt through to Fitzroy St / Riverbend Dr
2.07	Jill	Taylor	Darley	3340	Word of mouth	No	Can we please have a concreted & well lit walkway between Conn crt and Fitzroy st Darley. This area is poorly lit and a hazard to walk on, expecially at night.
2.08	Andrea	Mckenzie	Darley	3340	Facebook	No	Please to continue the path from The end of Conn crt to Fitzroy st.
2.09	Garry	Rogers	Darley	3340	Facebook	No	I often walk down their and its such a trip hazzord should be done before their is a claim.
2.10	Catherine	Lemarshal	Darley	3340	Facebook	No	I would like to request the footpath from Conn st to Fitzroy st in Darley to be connected.
2.11	Sarah	Hatcher	Darley	3340	Moorabool Shire Website	No	I have 3 sons who regularly walk and bike ride to friend's places and sporting facilities. The unfinished path at the end of our court has recently become a shortcut and people are now driving through it. I'm worried about the danger this could inflict on my children and other pedestrians that frequently use this path. Time to finish and connect the 2 paths on Fitzroy Street!
2.12	Russell	Hatcher	Darley	3340	Moorabool Shire Website	No	We've been living in Conn Court for 8 years now and it's time to finish the path that abruptly finishes and turns into a mud pit. Residents from all over Grantleigh Estate use this path to access walking tracks around the creek and I imagine with the proposal of a new playground at the reserve, the pedestrian traffic will increase. It won't be long before someone is injured going through this section. Bollards and a path is desperately needed!
2.13	Erin	McBean	Darley	3340	Word of mouth	No	I'd really like to see the path on Fitzroy Street that leads into the end of Cotton crt finished. I walk that track frequently and that part is always muddy and far too rocky for me to navigate my pram throughnot ideal in a family neighbourhood.
2.14	Rebecca	Harmon	Darley	3340	Word of mouth	No	Most days I walk with my 2 children around the Grantleigh Estate. My concern is with the muddy walkway at the end of Conn crt that leads into Fitzroy Street. Not only is it extremely hard to walk my baby in the pram and toddler on bike through, but lately I've seen cars using it as a shortcut to access entry into the bottom of Conn crt. Surely a path to connect the 2 existing paths and safety bollards to stop cars driving through is a priority to council?
2.15	Jade	Daly	Darley	3340	Word of mouth	No	My partner and I have been enjoying the beautiful walks that Grantleigh Estate has to offer but the sudden ending of paths that lead into mud patches-in particular Fitzroy Street. We'd love to see this path finished to match the high quality of the rest of the estate.
2.16	Wendy	Parkes	Darley	3337	Moorabool Shire Website	No	We've recently bought a block of land in Grantleigh Estate and are due to start building any day now. My husband and I are looking forward to walking to our daughter's place but to do so we need to walk through the walkway into the bottom of Conn Court. Currently this walkway is rather dangerous to anyone that uses it. It's extremely rocky & muddy and there have have been several times where we have had to stop to let a car come through even though it's clearly not a road. In its current state this walkway is a danger to pedestrians and a path with bollards seems like the safest answer for all.

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2.17	Michael	Raft	Darley	3340	Word of mouth		I've recently seen cars drive out of the walkway on Fitzroy Street from Conn Court. It's currently just mud so absolutely not a road and nor is it safe to have cars using this. I would recommend having a concrete path as there are so many pedestrians that use this dangerous, muddy walkway - it's an accident waiting to happen.
2.18	Samantha	Di Mieri	Darley	3330	Word of mouth	No	A path for the end of Conn Court, Darley.
2.19	Matthew	Di Mieri	Darley	3340	Word of mouth	No	A path for the end of Conn Court, Darley.

Questions from Gordon Main Street Reference Group regarding the proposed Moorabool Shire 2018/19 budget

Prepared and represented by Scott Graham

1. Gordon Main Street - Streetscape Upgrade

Line items in capital works list 'kerb and channel' for Main Street Gordon. Councils summary of community feedback to the concept diagrams in November highlighted the greater importance to 'landscape and aesthetic' (better termed public realm outcomes). With Councils engineering driven brief and with the engineering department coordinating the project the importance of intersections, car parking, drainage have been prioritised with a lack of integrated public realm thinking.

With the brief promoting completion by February and agreed plans yet to be tabled nor reviewed by community obviously the line item does not describe the intended works. Can Council outline what the line item should say? Can Council outline how the budget figure was determined?

Context for this includes:

PART A

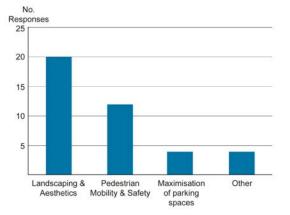
All outputs are required to be completed and submitted to Council for final review no later than Friday 23 February, 2018.

Activity	Completion Date
Appoint consultant	12 September 2017
Submission of Concept Option Plans	29 September 2017
Council approval/adoption of Concept Options for community engagement	20 October 2017
Community engagement & adoption of an option to progress to Functional Layout(s)	20 October-17 November 2017
Submission of Functional Layout(s)	1 December 2017
Council approval of Functional Layout(s)	22 December 2017
Submission of Preliminary Detailed Design(s) & preliminary schedule(s) of quantities	19 January 2018
Council approval of Preliminary Detailed Design(s) & preliminary schedule(s) of quantities	9 February 2018

THE PROGRAM SET IN THE BRIEF REQUIRING COMPLETION BY 9 FEB. DRAWING SET IS STILL YET TO BE COMPLETED AND LIAISON WITH INTERESTED GROUPS LIMITED

QUESTION 1

What do you feel is the most important aspect of any improvements to Main Street?



EXTRACT OF SUMMARY OF NOV CONSULTATION HIGHLIGHTING IMPORTANCE OF 'LANDSCAPE AND AESTHETICS' - PERHAPS BETTER TERMED 'PUBLIC REALM'



Request for Quotation

ENG09-2017/18 Consultancy Brief

Engineering & Minor Landscape Design – Gordon Township Improvements

Enquiries:

Simon Blanchfield Acting Capital Works Coordinator Moorabool Shire Council Telephone: (03) 5366 7100

BRIEF PROMOTING COUNCILS APPROACH FOR THE PROJECT TO BE ABOUT ENGINEERING OUTCOMES

2. Tourism in Moorabool Shire

With Council having 'dropped the ball years ago regarding a tourism strategy' can Council please outline how the Fabre+ review and the current strategic tourism review has a confirmed budget and strategy in 2018/19 and how will the western part of Moorabool Shire be engaged and confirmed as a part of strategy?

3. Place Making and Urban Design Framework

With Council focussed on the one business town of Elaine for a thorough placemaking process that leads to an Urban Design Framework and discussions 2 years ago promoting that Gordon with 7 Main Street business should be next in line - Since nothing has progressed in 2017/18 can Council show us around how this has been allocated for in 2018/19?

Two further aspects to this:

- At the Dec 2017 Council meeting Cr Toohey promoted the need for fresh strategic community discussions into early 2018. Cr Toohey puts this in the context of his awareness of multiple groups with multiple agendas which of course happens when the strategic work is inadequate. No strategic discussions have been undertaken in 2017/18
- Without an Urban Design Framework there is no sense of staged implementation of a plan and as proven by the works now complete at the Primary School works receive funding and get built when parts of the community lobby loudest. And yes the works are needed and have been installed successfully but were all funding options explored and could have there been a broader public realm and health and well-being outcomes achieved if it was part of a comprehensive plan.

4. Street Trees

At the budget session last year Cr Sullivan with Cr Toohey promoted that part of the Street Tree budget should be allocated to Gordon. As a township that has not had a street tree planted for 35+ years prioritising Street tree planning and implementation seems an obvious priority. The Street Tree Strategy showed a total lack of data and blind Freddy could have told you that there are plenty of street tree opportunities. On May 18th Council announced that the implementation related to the allocated \$100k is very advanced - what the article fails to mention is that all trees have been planted in Bacchus Marsh. Can Council explain why the allocation was not prioritised for at least some tree planting in 2017/18? Can Council make a serious commitment to street trees in Gordon not only associated with the works for the Main Street in 2018/19?

COUNCIL'S \$100,000 TREE PLANTING INITIATIVE TAKES ROOT

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Date: Friday, 18 May, 2018 - 13:00 Category: Community

Moorabool Shire Council has committed an ongoing \$100,000 to planting new and replacement trees across the Shire. Council is responsible for the management and maintenance of over 18,000 urban and reserve trees.

While an annual budget allocation is made towards the maintenance of these trees, there has been a limited budget for new or replacement trees.

"This allocation establishes a budget dedicated specifically to tree planting and will reduce the number of vacant sites in urban streets and reserves around the shire to achieve the objectives of our Street Tree Strategy," Council's General Manager Infrastructure, Phil Jeffrey said.

"Council recognises and appreciates the importance of a dedicated tree planting program for the future and consequently, committed an ongoing \$100,000 into the budget to plant new and replacement trees." Mr Jeffrey said.

"Not only are there many environmental advantages associated with new tree plantings, there are other advantages such as improved amenity and beautified streetscapes, social, health and wellbeing outcomes as well," he said.

The new initiative covers the supply, planting and establishment of trees across urban areas and towns within the Shire. Works began in early May on new plantings which are a blend of natives and exotics, depending on the location.

NO MENTION THAT THE PALL PLACE WHERE STREET TREES HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED IS IN BACCHUS MARSH



Budget Submission Form

Budget submissions must be received no later than the close of business on **Tuesday 5th June 1700 hrs** addressed to: *The Chief Executive Budget Submission Moorabool Shire Council P.O Box 18, Ballan Vic. 3342.* <u>Note:</u> Submitters need to be aware that submissions are public documents and form

part of the meeting agenda and minutes. Therefore, budget submissions cannot be suppressed and will become part of the public record.

Contact details of person / groups of persons making a written submission under S.223 of the Local Government Act.

Name:	Adam Frazer
Organisation / group	
(optional):	Gordon Recreational Reserve
Address:	Gordon 3345
Contact number:	

Any person / persons who have made a written submission to the Council are entitled to appear in person or by a person acting on his / her behalf before a meeting of the Council.

Do you wish to appear in person or by a person acting on your behalf before a Special Meeting of Council on Wednesday, 20 June 2018 from 5.00pm in support of your written submission?

Please tick:	Yes	
	No	x

If you have chosen yes, Council will provide notice of the time and place for the meeting to the presenter of the submission.

I / We under S.223 of The Local Government Act (Right to make submission) are hereby making a formal written submission in relation to the 2016/2017 proposed budget.

Please document your written submission within the space provided (if you require more space please attach additional pages to this form).

SUMMARY OF YOUR SUBMISSION

In keeping with the Gordon Recreational Reserve (GRR) Masterplan for the Gordon Football Netball Club (GFNC) grounds (endorsed by Council, 2015), work, fundraising and grant application is currently focused on the Gordon Netball Facility Upgrade Stage 1. This project includes the installation of a second netball court with lighting and a change room facility built to Australian Netball Association standards.

The Gordon Netball Facility Upgrade Stage 1 Project Control Group (made up of representatives of the GFNC and the GRR) are currently liaising with project partners at the Moorabool Shire Council

and Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DLWEP) to finalise plans and secure MOORABOOL funding.

At the writing of this submission to council the Project Control Group is working closely with Mitchell Jenkins and Ian Waugh on an Expression of Interest we have submitted for funds from the Victorian State Government 2018/19 – Female Friendly Facilities Fund. Work to calculate the exact cost of the project is in the final stages. The current estimated cost of the project is \$300,000 Council will know the exact cost when it reviews and decides on July 3rd 2018 whether our application is suitable to put forward to State government.

The Victorian State Government 2018/19 – Female Friendly Facilities Fund is a 2 for 1 grant. As aforementioned and outlined in detail in our application the GFNC and GRR have been focused on raising funds to contribute to this project but we will require further assistance. Should the application be successful, and the Victorian State Government in turn grant us funding we would be requesting a contribution of \$75,000 from the 2018 – 19 council budget for Gordon Netball Facility Upgrade Stage 1.

NB:

A complete file of documentation pertaining to the Gordon Netball Facility Upgrade Stage 1 as well as the application for the Female Friendly Facilities Fund is currently with council. There are over 20 documents in this file to which Mitchell Jenkins has access to. Please refer to Mitch to view these documents.

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Contact details of person / groups of persons making a written submission under S.223 of the Local Government Act.

Name:	Raymond Newton
Organisation / group	
(optional):	Darley Football Netball Club Inc.
Address:	Cnr Fitzroy & Grey Sts Darley
Contact number:	

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SUMMARY OF YOUR SUBMISSION

The pavilion and facilities at Darley Park are unfit for purpose and they neither meet the needs of the growing community nor do they cater for the requirements of the diverse demographic of active and potential users.

We are seeking to have Moorabool Shire Council partner us in our endeavor to seek adequate funding for the purposes detailed in this document.

This budget submission is for Moorabool Shire Council to include, in the forthcoming budget and forward estimates, significant funding to provide a complete upgrade of the facilities, the pavilion and the park amenities. The pavilion hosts three of the largest sporting clubs in the Shire as well as several other community groups who use it from time to time. However the facilities fail to meet modern standards associated with increased female patronage. They do not allow for privacy for all users and they do not fulfill the basic requirements to embrace diversity for visitors and sports people. Further the needs of the greater Darley Community cannot be met with the current size and nature of the facility which prohibits use for many other functions and events. It is the contention of this submission that there are no other suitable locations for the purpose, so the upgrade at the current location is the only resolution to satisfy the needs of the Darley community. Refer Attached "Darley Park Business Case" presentation.

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DETAILS OF SUBMISSION/ COMMENTS

This submission is made in conjunction with the attachment "Darley Park Business Case".

Whilst the Darley community is resilient, inclusive and welcoming of change, we are also a proud community that wishes to retain its place at our location within the Shire of Moorabool.

Our population now nears 9,000 people up from 6,300 in 2006, and our team numbers using the centre have risen from 13 to 42 teams (323% growth) since 1994.

We are seeking funding from Moorabool Shire Council together with State and Federal Governments to facilitate an upgrade to the main buildings at Darley Park. The current footprint is recommended to be expanded by 43% to allow for unisex change room development for all players and umpires, a new meeting room and office, as well as expanded and upgraded kitchen and social facilities. The proposal seeks to:

- 1. Provide a multi-purpose pavilion that will accommodate sport and community into the future
- 2. Provide unisex player and umpire change rooms that cater for diversity and provide privacy for individuals
- 3. Provide unisex public amenities that address public safety and accessible entry requirements
- 4. Make provision for and enhance the development of community programs by providing a space that is accessible and inclusive
- 5. Remove the barriers to female participation by providing suitable facilities and amenities
- 6. Provide a premium venue that makes the best use of its prominent and central location for the growing Darley community. This will allow residents to access large scale events (300 plus people) within their neighborhood.
- 7. Provide community rooms and a meeting room that will have technology to support learning and opportunities for improved collaboration.

The sporting oval and netball courts at Darley Park are vital to the local Darley Community and form the heartland and history of tenant sporting clubs such as Darley Football Netball Club Inc., Darley Junior Football Netball Club and Darley Cricket Club. The growth of individual users and teams within these three clubs, as well as Auskick, has been explosive over the past 3 decades (323% growth since 1994), and the 3 clubs collectively now have over 1,000 members and cater to thousands of supporters.

We wish to highlight, in making this submission, that we are fully supportive of current Council initiatives that cover the growth of population within Moorabool Shire and the Town of Bacchus Marsh. We are cognizant of the demands for extra facilities to cover all youth and adult sport and realise the need to develop more sporting grounds and create more areas and facilities for recreational users. It is with this in mind that we convey our support of the Racecourse Reserve Recreational Hub development as an important project. Our groups actually support the creation of a recurrent fund for the purposes of accelerating the ability of Council to leverage other funding and lift the standard of our sporting and community venues in the municipality.

This new initiative in South West Maddingley won't however, satisfy the growing and urgent demands of the Darley Community and our sports people. We submit to Council that the Darley Park upgrade project must be planned in tandem with other projects and funded in its turn.

Historically, the tenant clubs at Darley Park have been self-sufficient in funding and making improvements to the area and the facilities. To highlight the fact that in the past we have been innovative and industrious in maintaining, upgrading and improving the total asset at Darley Park, some improvements carried out by the clubs include:

- Social Room upgrade & extension in 2000.
- Construction of Grandstand with seating and concreting
- Ground Lighting improvements
- Doubling from 2 lights to 4 lights per pole as well as Grandstand Lighting.

- New Home Change Room
- Further extension home change / community exercise space
- Installation of Cool room
- New Home Coaches Box
- New Steel fabricated Scoreboard
- New Electronic Scoreboard
- Netball Shelter and seating
- Football goal end netting
- Significant upgrade to kitchen/canteen area.
- Contributing to costs of the Netball Change Rooms toilets, and also the Netball Court resurfacing.

It is estimated that the tenant clubs at Darley Park have invested approximately \$1.5 million of their own cash & labour in-kind over the past 25 years. This would be seen to have provided over \$2.5 million in actual commercial value of projects completed and improvements to Council's assets.

Whilst Darley Park users have in the past, been proactive in improving and sustaining the facility this should not detract from our submission to seek significant assistance for improvements needed now.

Whilst we do not have the resources necessary to fund this proposed and vital upgrade at Darley Park, we will strive to make a substantial monetary contribution towards achieving the desired result and to strengthen our claims in this submission.

It is on these bases along with the Business Case attached, which articulates the well planned and strategic nature of this concept that we submit to Council our need for your considerable monetary assistance for the project to attract additional partners and leverage sufficient investment to proceed in full.

Ray Newton President Darley Football Netball Club Inc. Proposal Leader for Darley Park Sporting Groups

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Darley Park Sport and Community Centre Upgrade

Creating a modern centre that better caters for sport, recreation and community event needs of current and future Darley residents



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Darley Park Sport and Community Centre Upgrade Proposal – Executive Summary



Darley's population has grown by 46% since 2006, with sports team numbers across Cricket, Netball and Football rising from 20 to 42 in that period alone.

This user group and Council driven concept plan provides a modern, sustainable building at right standards for current / future users and broader community.

The Darley community is resilient, inclusive and welcoming of change. We are a proud community and to support our ever growing and changing community we need Moorabool Shire Council and State / Federal Government support to create a facility in Darley that will ensure community members have access to safe and flexible spaces that can be used by key user groups and the broader community. Our population now nears 9,000 people up from 6,300 in 2006, and our team numbers using the centre have risen from 13 to 42 teams (323% growth) since 1994. Further, our community has limited ability to come together and meet and celebrate in a medium scale function space.

We are seeking support and partnerships with local, state and federal government to help us upgrade the aged and inadequate facilities at Darley Park, and create a facility where people are welcomed, feel connected and are supported to learn, play and live. Our proposed upgraded facility will grow the current footprint of the existing building by 43% in order to:

- 1. Provide a multi-purpose pavilion that accommodates sport and community
- 2. Provide unisex player and umpire change rooms that cater for diversity
- 3. Provide unisex public amenities that address public safety and accessible entry concerns
- 4. Enhance community programs offering by providing a facility that is accessible and inclusive
- 5. Remove the barriers to female participation by providing suitable facilities and amenities
- 6. Provide a premium venue that makes the best use of its prominent location for the growing Darley community, that currently cannot access a large scale events centre (300 plus people) within their community.
- 7. Provide community rooms and a meeting room that will have technology to support learning and opportunities for improved collaboration.

We fully support the efforts of Moorabool Shire Council to upgrade existing venues and development of new facilities across the whole municipality to increase community wellbeing, such as the establishment of new and improved facilities at Bacchus Marsh Racecourse. We encourage Council to plan for an annual fund to support a systematic upgrade of existing venues across the region. The burgeoning Darley community of 8,899 people (2017 Estimated Resident Population ID Forecast) is growing rapidly (46 % since 2006) and desperately needs local, state and federal investment in this proposal. It seeks to build a modern sport and community centre in the heart of the Darley community, whilst replacing aged facilities at Darley Park to cater for unisex participation levels that are exploding across all user groups.



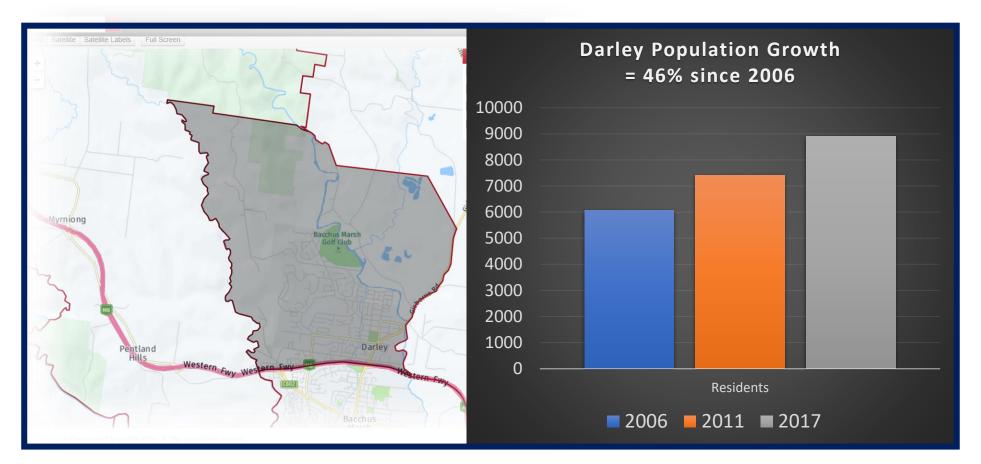
Darley Park Sport and Community Centre Business Case

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Darley Population Growth 2006 - 2017

Darley is a suburb of Bacchus Marsh and is the most populous and fast growing section of Moorabool Shire.

It has grown by 46% since 2006.

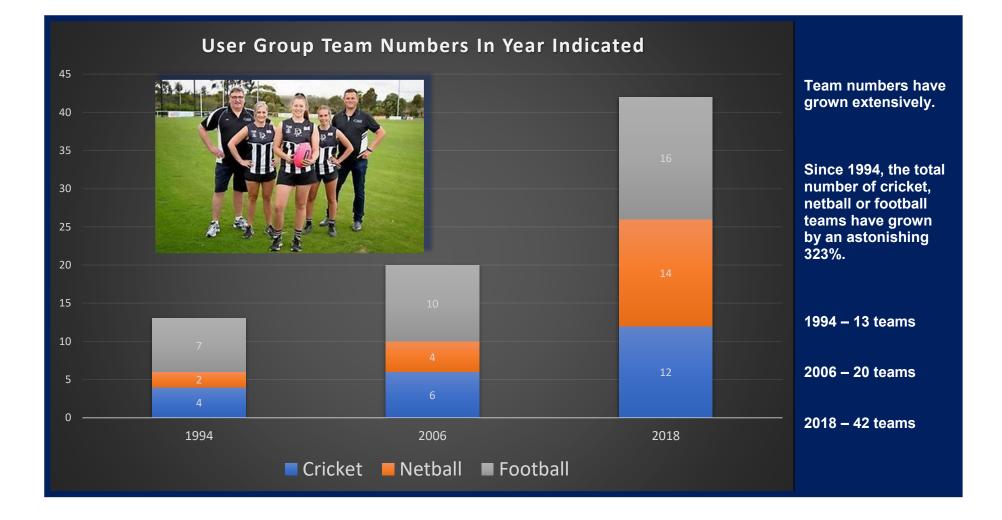


Darley Community and Precinct Aerial Views



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Darley Cricket, Netball and Football Team Growth



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Strategy Linkages

Moorabool Shire Council



Moorabool has a vision of 'Vibrant and resilient communities with unique identities' which links well to this very proposal.

The Darley community shares such values and this project strives to create a centre for sport and community for 9,000 residents that this part of Bacchus Marsh can utilise fully as their own centre for sport and community events, on and off the field.

Council's plan objective regarding improving social and wellbeing outcomes is defined as: **'Enhanced community health and wellbeing is achieved through the intersection of enhanced economic, social, built and natural environments'**.

Our proposal seeks to bring people together on a daily basis at this venue through not only sport, but also through making a function centre available to all community members for their events and celebrations. Being out in the country but close to the world is a fine sentiment, and we need to be able to allow community identity and resident celebrations to be held within their communities of interest.

Darley Park has a strong sporting heritage, combined with natural flora and fauna within it's precinct. The economic and social impact of the user groups activities is vast, and this combined with **an increased ability for community events and functions will drive increased economic outcomes for local groups and businesses**.

Councils Recreation and Leisure Strategy 2015-2021 recommended that Council investigate the preferred location for a Regional level football venue in the Shire, in conjunction with the BFNL and AFL Goldfields (a 'Regional' level facility as defined by AFL Goldfields). This has been completed in the AFL Goldfields Regional Plan and sites Darley Park as the sole regional level AFL venue in Moorabool Shire.

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Darley Park Site



AFL State and Regional Planning



As part of the master planning of the proposed new Darley Park pavilion, a leading architect has worked with all current user groups and Council to analyse the full Darley Park site and it's future directions. This architect, Nick Millar, has been used by both the AFL and the Victorian Government to develop their best practise unisex pavilion design guidelines in which all sporting groups are encouraged to strive towards.

This comprehensive planning exercise has been completed to ensure that the concept building design would be completed in a way that considered all aspects of the park's future use. Mr Miller has then developed, over a period of 9 months, a concept plan that has been adopted by the user groups, which has now been costed fully and is provided in a later section of this document. **Darley Park user groups have invested \$14,000 to undertake this comprehensive planning and costing process.** They have ensured that it linked with Council planning by involving Council officers (inviting them to all meetings), briefing Councillors at key points and building on known findings from other relevant strategic planning and previous site master plans.

AFL Victoria's 'Growing the Heartland' Football Facilities Strategy aims to create a network of welcoming, accessible facilities that cater for the growth of the game.

The AFL Goldfields strategy completed in 2017 lists Darley Park as the sole 'Regional Level' AFL Venue in the Moorabool Shire. The AFL audited all venues in Australia in 2017 including Darley Park, offering advice for how venues could be improved to meet the sports role in each community. It also defined the role of each venue as either State level, regional level or regional level which allows Councils and venue stakeholders clear guidance on how to develop each site in the most cost effective and participant focussed manner.

Each venue now has recommendations on how they could be improved to better cater for the future needs of this sport, which has seen female participation numbers explode in recent years. In 2010, there were only 57 female AFL teams in Victoria, and in 2018 there are over 1,000. This growth is fundamental to our recommendation that Council consider a recurrent funding mechanism to assist all existing venues adapt to their future needs.

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As identified in the AFL Goldfields Regional Strategy Darley Park is an identified Regional Facility, meaning it is used by the Ballarat FNL to host a large number of finals fixtures and Representative training sessions and games. Darley Park is therefore a critical facility for the Ballarat FNL, and is used as the Ballarat FNL's only 'eastern finals' venue, and is the only Ballarat FNL Regional Facility in the Moorabool Shire.

The Value of an AFL Community Football Club world first research project has found that for every one dollar invested in a community football club, at least \$4.40 is returned in social value. It found that it does not matter where you live, how long or how often you are involved in a football club, or whether you are a player, coach, volunteer or a supporter, people involved with a football club experience greater social connectedness, wellbeing and self-reported physical and mental health than the general population as a result of being involved in a football club.

Being a natural turf wicket table, which is rare in the region, **Darley Park offers the cricket community** a chance to play Cricket at a high level on the natural turf wicket at both junior and senior levels, from grass root to high level talent pathway fixtures.

Cricket Victoria believes that the provision of appropriate facilities is a fundamental part of enabling Victorians to participate in and benefit from cricket, regardless of location, ability, age, gender or background.

This does not only include facilities that provide for all levels of cricket participation from entry to elite, but also **shared facilities that are actively used by all of the community.**

Netball remains the most popular team sport for girls and women in Australia, and participation numbers continue to rise.

This is why it is so important that the facilities across Victoria have access to high quality netball facilities that meet competition, training and programming needs and contribute to healthy, active and connected communities. The change and umpiring facilities at Darley Park fail to meet Netball Victoria recommended standards.

Victoria Park, Daylesford



Bungaree Recreation Reserve



Community function space in Darley is severely limited, with no community based not for profit venue being able to cater for an event of 150 plus people. This limitation is acknowledged in Council's community infrastructure needs analysis and is quite unique for a community with a population of nearly 9,000 people. The Darley community has grown by the total population of Ballan (3,000 people) in the past 12 years, which exacerbates the issue of function and community space.

Addressing this issue will reduce the loss of economic activity lost by the Darley community as their residents travel away from their community on a regular basis to seek such a venue for their celebration, event or function.

The community of Daylesford (population 2,468 (2016 Census)) had suffered from a similar issue, before redeveloping their local recreation reserve in a manner akin to this proposal.

Whilst that town had a range of commercial event venues in the area that are wedding industry focussed, the \$1.9 million Victoria Park redevelopment now caters for a host of functions for it's locals in a not for profit function space as part of the sporting groups pavilion and adjacent upgraded change rooms to unisex standard. The Daylesford project attracted \$500,000 investment from Regional Development Victoria for the function space aspect of the project, in addition to other government related sporting facility grants (\$650,000) and Hepburn Shire Council investment (\$500,000) with user groups contributing the balance.

In a similar fashion to Daylesford, the development of **the \$1.98 million Bungaree Community Centre** at a recreation reserve has played an important role for it's surrounding community. This project developed a meeting place and function room that was not existent for the whole Bungaree community of 269 people (2016 Census) to access, whilst also addressing changeroom deficiencies.

Our vision is for the function area of this upgrade to be available to anyone in the Moorabool Shire community to hire to enjoy their own customised event in a community space.

We also wish for the redeveloped building to grow it's community programs offering and would seek Council guidance on forging links with community partners, such as Darley Neighbourhood House and several other important community focussed organisations.

Community Support and Fundraising

Community pledges and funds from user groups

change.org

Fundraising with the Australian Sports Foundation



A petition lodged with www.change.org in late May 2018 has already **attracted well over 500 signatures of support.**

The users of Darley Park have combined to pledge an amount of 10% up to \$250,000 towards the financial cost of this full proposal.

This amount of funding is close to being available at present within combined financial reserves of these user clubs, who will also seek the support of their peak sporting organisations to support the concept and reduce the strain on club volunteers of each of their sports to find the full \$250,000 themselves.

Darley Park user groups have launched a fundraising plan that will help to meet their financial pledge to the project as well as fit the project out with modern fittings and equipment.

A fund has been set up with the Australian Sports Foundation to allow for tax deductible donations to be made by individuals and or businesses.

Registration with the ASF has been confirmed recently and the launch and promotion of this fund will commence in July 2018 and continue until the completion of the project.

Images of Existing Facility



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Recent History of Darley Park Projects

Historically, the tenant clubs at Darley Park have been self-sufficient in funding and making improvements to the area and the facilities. To highlight the fact that in the past we have been innovative and industrious in maintaining, upgrading and improving the total asset at Darley Park, some improvements carried out by the clubs include:

- Social Room upgrade & extension in 2000.
- Construction of Grandstand with seating and concreting
- Ground Lighting improvements
 - Doubling from 2 lights to 4 lights per pole as well as Grandstand Lighting.
- New Home Change Room
- Further extension home change / community exercise space
- Installation of Cool room
- New Home Coaches Box
- New Steel fabricated Scoreboard
- New Electronic Scoreboard
- Netball Shelter and seating
- Football goal end netting
- Significant upgrade to kitchen/canteen area.
- Contributing to costs of the Netball Change Rooms toilets, and also the Netball Court resurfacing.



It is estimated that the tenant clubs at Darley Park have invested approximately \$1.5 million of their own cash & labour in-kind over the past 25 years. This would be seen to have **provided more than \$2.5 million in actual commercial value of projects completed and improvements to Council's assets.**

We also appreciate and look forward to co-funding with Council and hopefully the Victorian Government to develop the Oval's lighting levels to give us more fixturing flexibility and equity for all genders and grades in terms on night football.

Cost Estimate for In-Situ Extension Proposal

PlanCost has prepared a cost plan for JMA Architect's In Situ Extension Design. This cost plan indicates a total	Darley Park EXECUTIVE SUMMARY Sport and Community Centre Cost Plan B Sketch Design 1 June 2018 Introduction
cost of this option to be in the order of	The Cost Plan is based on Sketch Design documents from JMA Architects.
\$2,608,000	<u>Cost Estimates</u> The current anticipated total cost is \$2,608,000.
	Refer to the attached Cost Plan B for details.

Option B – Complete Demolition and Modular Construction to Like Design





The AFL has undertaken 12 months of consultation with AUSCO Modular to develop a range of options for their clubs and associated community group user groups to develop quality venues that meet all sport and building guidelines and are guaranteed to have at least a 30 year lifespan. These buildings are now also approved for application to Sport and Recreation Victoria for their grant support. At Darley Park, this option has some clear advantages:

- 1. Provide the whole complex brand new and to all standards
- 2. Flexible change areas (that can allow 4 football change spaces if required on carnival type days).
- 3. Elevation of the building 1.14m above oval level
- 4. Achieve at a cost at or below the cost of refurbishment and 43% extension of existing in an in-situ method (\$2.45m fully installed with cost estimated by AUSCO modular)
- Be fully installed within 20 weeks of signing a contract (Eg. Sign 1st October then opened for use by end of February)
- 6. 45% of total budget for locally based trades and economy



Darley Park Sport and Community Centre Business Case

Funding Strategy Proposal and Request from Council for Budget Alteration

This proposal seeks to develop a funding strategy that will enhance the prospects of multiple funding partners assisting us to deliver this project. We are not wanting to rely on Moorabool Shire alone as may other sports clubs in other regions. We understand the extensive demands that a peri-urban Councils, like MSC, operate within and their limitations in being able to respond given their limited rate bases.

On the enclosed QS costing advice from PlanCost, the full project built in a traditional bricks and mortar method would cost in the order of \$2,608,000. This cost could fall to as low as \$2.45 million if constructed using a modular method and accessing locally based club aligned trades and businesses according to consultation with ASUCO Modular. This option involves complete demolition of existing pavilion for a new building.

As a group of users, members of the Darley Sports Club are aiming to pledge to covering 10% of total costs (up to a maximum of \$250,000), seeking 40% from Council (circa \$1M). We would then be in a strong position to seek to leverage the other 50% (circa \$1.25M) from a combination of sources across the coming year.

We are seeking Moorabool Shire Council to initiate in 2018/19 (or if not then in 2019/20) a budget allocation to a 'Key Sporting Venue Upgrade Fund' of \$1 million that, once created, would be able to be accessed for this project and, in particular, leverage further funding as we approach the next Victorian and National elections.

The 50% non club/ Council section of funding will require a focus on lobbying both sides of government in the lead up to the next State and Federal Elections occurring late this year and in the first half of next year respectively, from either or a combination of successful program applications or election commitments. We believe that the project lends itself to not only sport based funding but also funding to support the creation of community event and economic outcomes, such as Regional Development Victoria. Corporate funding may also support the project, such as the local Bendigo Community Bank branch, as well as approaches to philanthropic bodies.

Representatives of this proposal would seek to join with Councillors to advocate to election candidates for this cause, on the basis that Council forward budgets would have pledged to support any successful approached to candidates with at least partly matched funding.

We recognise and fully support Council in delivery of the Racecourse Reserve project to create additional community oval capacity.

We believe that a 'Key Sporting Venue Upgrade Fund' should be formalised as a recurrent budget item for the ensuing five years at least, to enable our Council to upgrade all existing recreation assets, whilst leveraging other funding, to modern unisex standards and ensure that these venues can cope with future demand from their communities.

Lead contact for more information

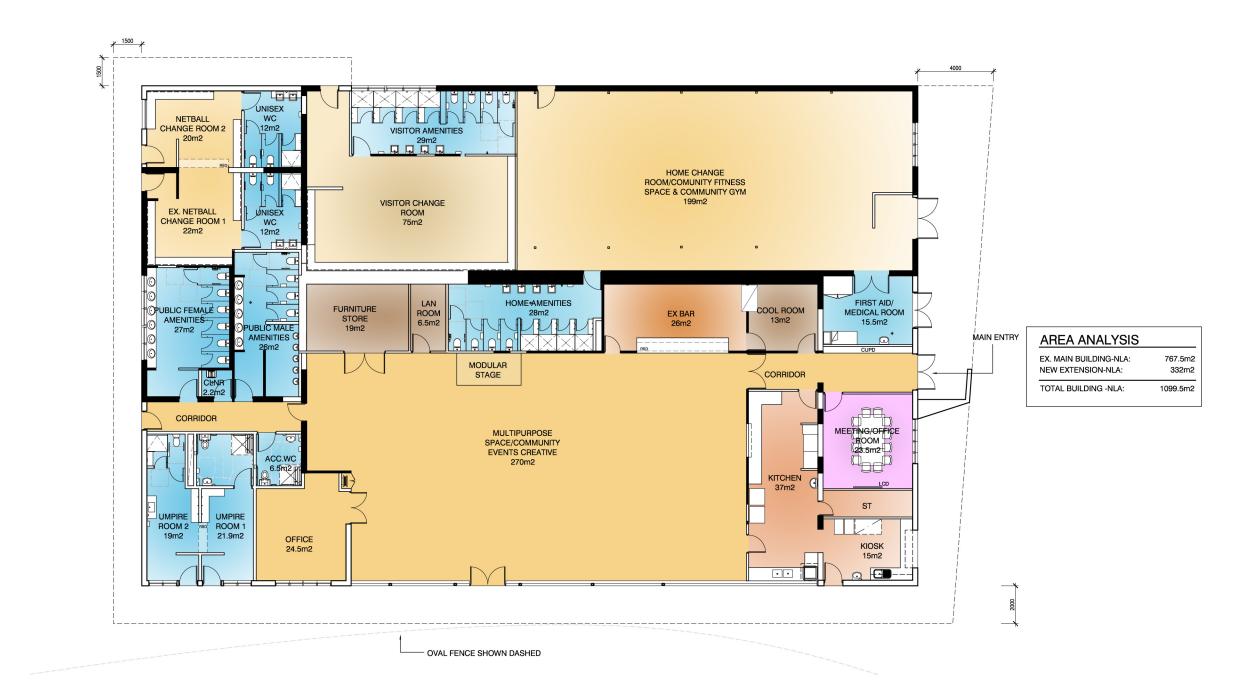
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DARLEY PARK SPORT & COMMUNITY FACILITY REDEVELOPMENT

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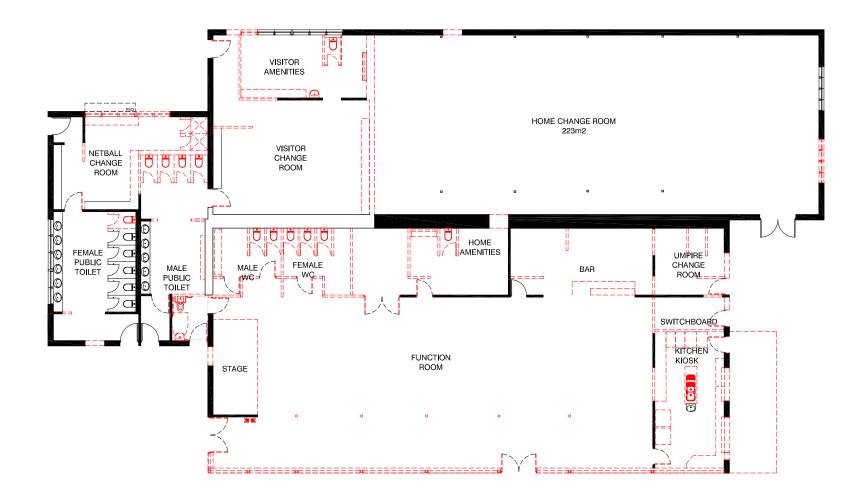
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EXISTING DARLEY PARK AMENITIES

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Cost Plan B Sketch Design

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Cost Plan B Sketch Design

1 June 2018

Introduction

The Cost Plan is based on Sketch Design documents from JMA Architects.

Cost Estimates

The current anticipated total cost is \$2,608,000.

Refer to the attached Cost Plan B for details.

<u>Note</u>

The Cost Plan is based on preliminary information and therefore should be regarded as indicative only of the possible order of cost.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The cost of various components of the Cost Plan could vary significantly depending on the final design, materials selection and quality of the proposed building works.

We recommend that a detailed Cost Plan be prepared at Schematic Design stage to verify the anticipated total cost.

Inclusions

The Cost Plan includes allowances for the following:

- Building works
- · External works and external serviecs
- Demolition
- Design contingencies
- · Contract contingencies
- · Consultants' fees
- Supply authority charges
- Cost escalation up to completion of construction May, 2019
- Costs associoated with staging works
- Site services infrastructure upgrades

Exclusions

The Cost Plan excludes the following:

- Rock excavation
- Asbestos removal
- Site decontamination
- Rainwater harvesting
- Landscaping
- ESD initiatives
- \cdot $\,$ IT, audio visual and communications equipment
- Management support costs
- · Disbursements
- · Furniture, furnishings and equipment
- Cost escalation after May, 2019
- · GST



Darley Park Sport and

Community Centre

Cost Plan B Sketch Design



1 June 2018

COST COMPONENT	Quantity	Rate	Total
Building Areas			
Area of Refurbishment	768 m²		
Proposed Extensions	332 m²		
Total Building Area	1100 m ²		
Estimated Cost Breakdown			
Concrete slabs and footings	345 m ²	250	86,250
Connections to existing floor structures	74 m	120	8,880
Make good and level existing floor	Provisional		25,000
Columns and pad footings	Provisional		55,000
Timber and steel framed roof and metal deck roofing	649 m²	300	194,700
External walls	167 m²	250	41,750
Propping and make good to existing walls to remain	Item		10,000
External windows and glazed doors	93 m²	650	60,450
Curtains and blinds	Excluded		-
External single solid core timber door	8 No	1,200	9,600
External double solid core timber door	3 No	2,000	6,000
Stud internal walls including acoustic insulation	394 m²	70	27,580
Brick internal walls	57 m²	250	14,250
Toilet/shower partitions and doors	29 No	1,250	36,250
Internal single timber doors	16 No	900	14,400
Internal double timber doors	3 No	1,600	4,800
Servery roller doors	6 m²	500	3,000
Large roller doors	20 m²	600	12,000
Wall finishes	955 m²	90	85,950
Patch and paint existing walls throughout	480 m²	40	19,200
New floor finishes throughout	1100 m ²	120	132,000
Levelling screed to wet areas	157 m²	60	9,420
New ceiling finishes	332 m²	110	36,520
Soffit finishes	267 m ²	120	32,040
Patch and paint existing ceilings	768 m²	30	23,040
Joinery	Item		95,000
Kitchen and bar equipment	By others		-
Furniture and furnishings	By others		-
Sanitary fittings	Item		85,000

COST PLAN SUMMARY

Darley Park Sport and

Community Centre

Cost Plan B Sketch Design

1 June 2018

COST COMPONE					Qua	ntity	Rate	Total
HWS, plumbing	g and reticu	ulation			Item		80,000	
Mechanical ser	vices				Provisional		120,000	
Electrical, com	munication	s and fire p	protection		Provisional		165,000	
Sundry alterati	ions and m	ake good t	o existing b	ouilding		Item		105,000
Builder's prelin	ninaries, m	argin and o	overheads		15.00%			240,000
TOTAL BUILDIN	G COST (T	BC)			1100	m²	1672/m²	1,839,000
External demo	lition, exca	vation and	site prepar	ation		Item		17,000
Fences and gat	tes					Existing		-
Paving and lan	dscaping					Provisional		50,000
External servic sewer, gas, tel	es includin	-	mwater, w	ater,	3.50%			65,000
Builder's prelin works and serv		argin and o	overheads (on external	15.00%			20,000
NET CONSTRUC	TION COST	Г(NCC) (М	1ay, 2018)		1100	m²	1810/m²	1,991,000
ESD initiatives								excluded
Locality allowa	nce							excluded
Design Conting	jency				5.00%			100,000
Contract Conti	ngency				10.00%			200,000
TOTAL CONSTR	UCTION CO	OST (TCC)	(May, 2018	3)	1100	m²	2083/m²	2,291,000
Consultants' fe	es				10.00%			229,000
Disbursements	5							excluded
Furniture, furn	ishinas and	l equipmen	ıt					excluded
IT, audio visua	-			t				excluded
Supply authori				-	1.00%			23,000
TOTAL PROJECT	COST (TP	C) (May, 20	018)		1100	m²	2312/m²	2,543,000
Cost Escalatior								
Up To	Date	Months	% / year	Weighting	Total %			
Tender	Nov, 18	6	3.00%	1.0	1.50%			38,000
Completion	May, 19	6	3.00%	0.7	1.05%			27,000
Goods and Ser	vices Tax							excluded



COST PLAN SUMMARY

Legend:

- 1. Proposed Club House Extension And Paving
- 2. Existing Grand Stand
- 3. Proposed Future Carkparking Expanison
- or Spectators Structure
- 4. Drop Down Bollards Blocking Car Access
- 5. Proposed Bin Storage
- 6. Existing BMX Track Potential Future Carparking
- 7. Resurfaced Netball Courts with Plexipave
- 8. Landscaping Zone / Asphalt C/Park
- 9. Oval Lighting Upgrade to Achieve 150 LX
- 10. Existing Oval / Sports Ground No Works
- 11. Refurbished Coaches Box
- 12. Existing Score Board / Box
- 13. Overflow Netball Courts to remain
- 14. Solid Fencing & Spectator Area for Netball Courts



DARLEY PARK SPORT & COMMUNITY FACILITY REDEVELOPMENT - SITE PLAN

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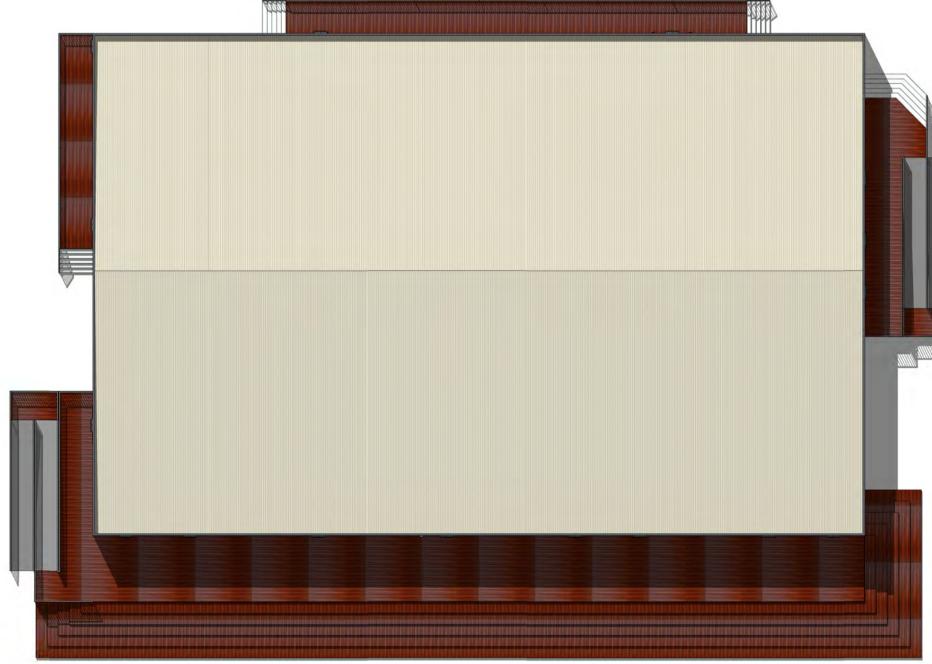
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Corner Fitzroy & Grey Streets

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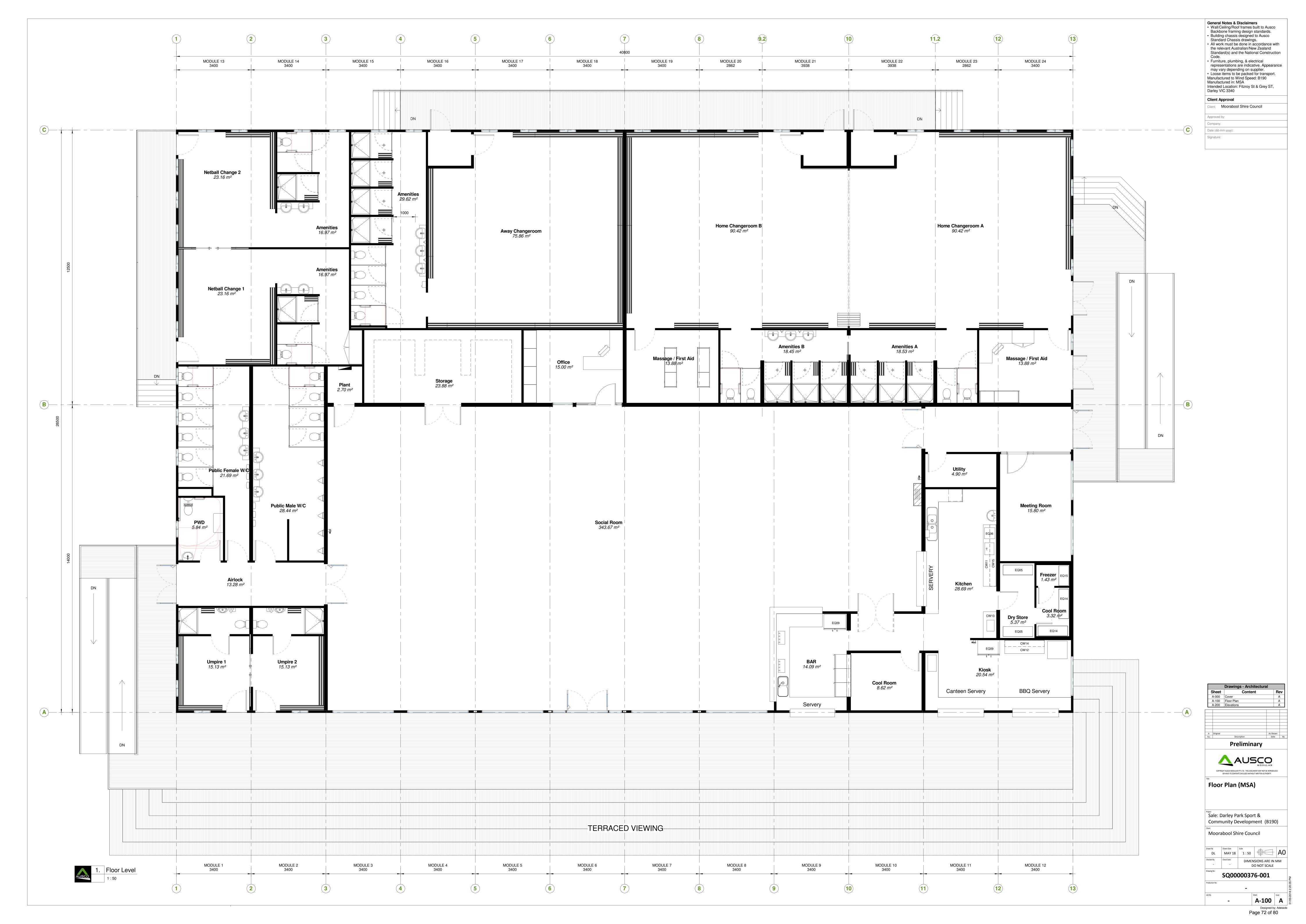
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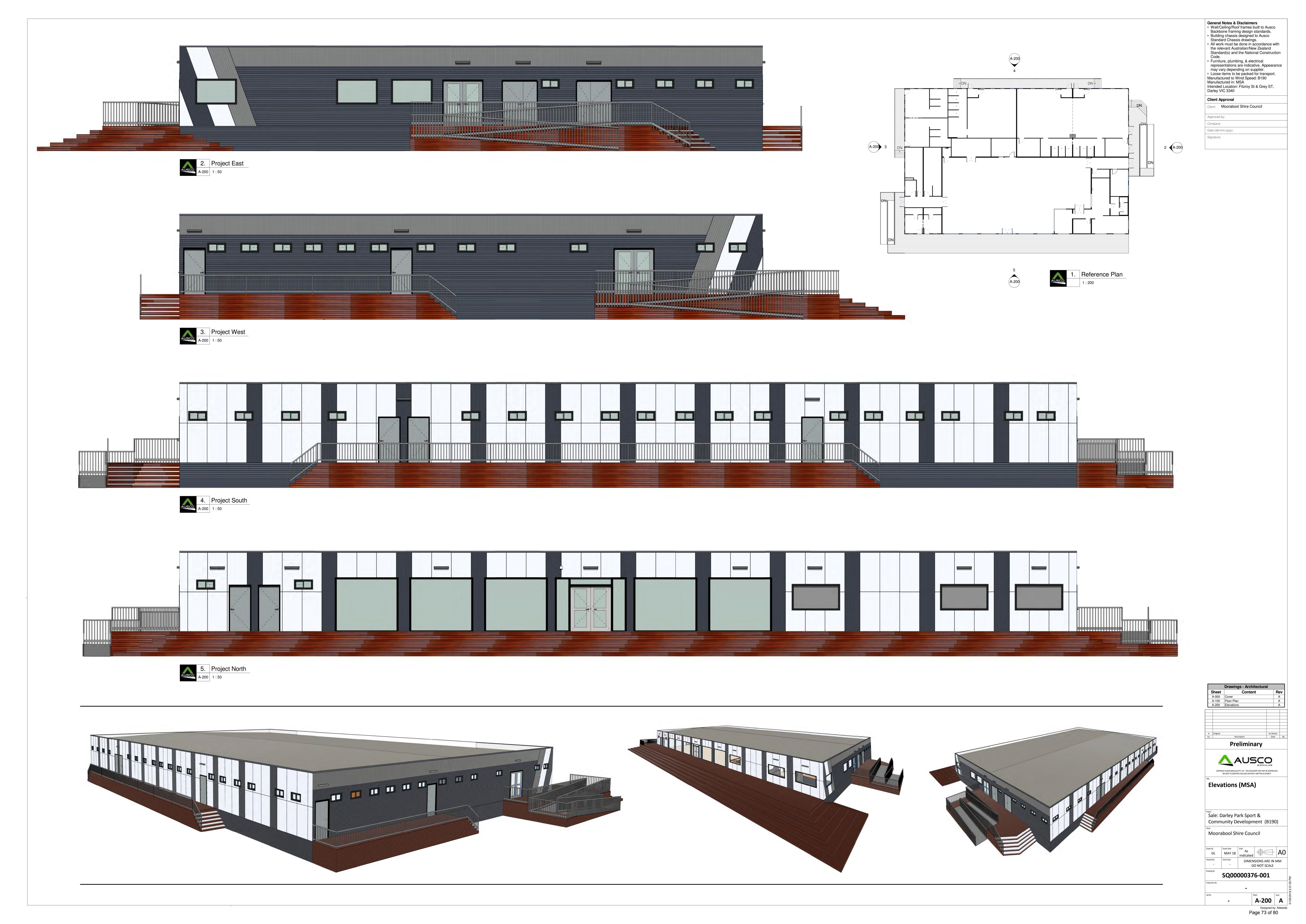
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> Scyon Matrix Panel System w/ Express Joints (Rectangular / Flush)



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Centre for Sport and Social Impact





Value of a Community Football Club



Research Background

The Centre for Sport and Social Impact (CSSI) at La Trobe University was commissioned by AFL Victoria to determine the social value of a "typical" community football club; specifically its social, health and community impact.

Research Design

The research design comprised two stages:

- Conducting nine case studies on the activities and outcomes of football clubs in various locations across Victoria developed through 110 in-depth interviews with club and community members; and
- 2. A survey sent to all members of AFL Victoria football clubs across the state (with 1677 returned) examining individual health, well-being, trust and social connectedness.

It is important to note that this research includes the views of people outside of football clubs. The research design deliberately sought to confirm the views of football club members with those in their communities in developing the case studies and comparing the results of the survey of football club members with the general community. For every \$1 spent on a community football club, there is at least \$4.40 return in social value.



Social Return on Investment

The social return on investment for an average community football club indicates that for every \$1 spent to run a club, there is at least \$4.40 return in social value in terms of increased social connectedness, wellbeing, and mental health status; employment outcomes; personal development; physical health; civic pride and support of other community groups.

SROI is an increasingly accepted method for undertaking impact assessments, especially for community focussed organisations and has been identified by the Productivity Commission as a comprehensive method for social impact assessment. SROI is based on program logic – the process of identifying the inputs, activities, outputs, outcomes and impacts associated with an organisation.

Social Outcomes

- 1. Football clubs provide an environment where people are more socially connected at every age group compared to other Victorians.
- 2. Football clubs are 3 times more useful for developing social networks than work, education or other community group networks.
- 3. Football clubs provide club members greater social support than through their other social networks.
- 4. Football clubs help people develop skills in public speaking, problem solving, decision making, conflict resolution, and dealing with people from diverse backgrounds.
- 5. Football clubs provide individuals, particularly those aged 15 to 24, with significantly increased chances of securing employment via the social networks provided by the club.

Health Outcomes

- 1. Football clubs are important and effective vehicles for delivering health and safety campaign messages for young people.
- 2. Individuals associated with a football club have a greater level of self-reported wellbeing at every age group compared to a sample of the Victorian population.
- 3. Individuals associated with a football club have higher levels of self-reported physical and mental health at most age groups compared to a sample of the Victorian population.
- 4. The self-reported mental health of people aged 18-24 associated with a football club is substantially higher than the general population; given the higher incidence of mental health issues among young people, it could be argued that 'football clubs help those at greatest risk of poor mental health'.



Things that would suffer if my football club disappeared ...



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'We joined this club when we moved; I didn't know a single person in the town. Now I can walk down the street and know lots of people.'

'You know the one thing about footy, whenever you meet up with someone you played footy with, you've always got something to talk about, it creates those lifelong connections with people.'

'My football club is like a second family to me and everyone involved with the club. Not only have I gained many lifelong friends, but I have role models who I look up to and have taught me so much since joining the club. Our club is a place where you can go to escape from normal everyday life and also confront your problems with the help of the people at the club.'



'Our club is the hub of our community. I have witnessed young boys who come from abusive homes and are disconnected from school and the community come to our club and feel part of a team. These boys learn respect, discipline, team work, responsibility, mate ship and a sense of belonging.'

'You can always be welcomed down at the football club – it doesn't matter who you are or what your background is.'

'My football/netball club brings the community together. Living in a country area, it is a place that allows everyone to catch up at least once a week, brings the family together and strengthens relationships.'

'I know from my own experience that I would not be in the career I am now if it was not for the contacts I made through football.'

Community Outcomes

- 1. Football clubs harness the collective energy of players, coaches, administrators, volunteers and supporters to not only deliver sport and social activities for members, but for their respective communities.
- 2. Football clubs are increasingly engaged with their communities, delivering a range of services such as school holiday clinics and health awareness programs in schools, while supporting other community groups' events and fundraising efforts, supporting health awareness and education campaigns, and supporting socially disadvantaged members of the community participate in football.
- 3. A football club's reach is significant and extends beyond its players, coaches, administrators and volunteers; for every 1 player, football clubs reach 10 people in their community, generating increased civic pride.
- 4. Football clubs are considered the hub of a community, particularly in rural and regional areas, are a focal point for community efforts in times of crisis and celebration, and are considered by club and community members as central to shaping the identity of a township or area.
- 5. Sponsors typically support community football clubs to assist them deliver community benefits rather than for commercial gain.
- 6. Football club leaders, on and off the field, are considered community role models.

Economic Outcomes

- 1. As highlighted under social outcomes, football clubs create direct employment opportunities for their communities.
- 2. Football clubs are large consumers within their own communities, supporting local businesses such as bakeries, cafes, hotels, butchers, restaurants and local trades people.
- 3. The average community football club in Victoria makes an annual economic contribution of \$630,000 (Street Ryan Economic Contribution Assessments of Australian Football).

It does not matter where you live, how long or how often you are involved in a football club, or what role you have (player, coach, volunteer, supporter) in the club, people associated with a football club experience greater social connectedness, wellbeing and self-reported physical and mental health. Page 76 of 80 For further information on this project contact: AFL Victoria at reception@aflvic.com.au www.latrobe.edu.au/cssi



Reach of football clubs



A football club's reach is significant and extends beyond the players, coaches, administrators and volunteers within the club; for every 1 player, football clubs reach 10 people in their community.

Community Activity Reach	 Primary school & school holiday clinics Facilitate football activities for disadvantaged and people with a disability Volunteers for community activities and individuals in need Participation in local festivals
Social Reach	 Spectators at football games Football game day functions Attendees Thursday & Saturday night club meals Attendees at social functions – club members; extended friends/ family; individuals
	Club MembersLife members; Committee; Past player; Senior players; Social supportersconsors and PartnersLocal business partnerships such as bakery, butcher, bardware, tradespeople, local supermarkets, bank, stock feed, sports suppliers and gymscommittee MembersMater carriers; Bar; BBQ; Canteen Caching staff and trainerscommittee MembersPresident; Vice President; Bertealt; General memberscommittee MembersPresident; Vice President; Bertealt; General membersPlayersPenior football players Betal playersPlayersPetate players Betal playersenserie RestPlayers
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9. FURTHER BUSINESS AS ADMITTED BY UNANIMOUS RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

10. CLOSED SESSION OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Recommendation:

That pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1989, the meeting now be closed to members of the public to enable the meeting to discuss matters, which the Council may, pursuant to the provisions of Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) resolve to be considered in Closed Session, being a matter contemplated by Section 89(2) of the Act, as follows:

- (a) personnel matters;
- (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer;
- (c) industrial matters;
- (d) contractual matters;
- (e) proposed developments;
- (f) legal advice;
- (g) matters affecting the security of Council property:
- (h) any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person;
- (i) a resolution to close the meeting to members of the public

11. MEETING CLOSURE