

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council
held in the Council Chamber,
15 Stead Street, Ballan on
Wednesday 20 June 2018, at 6.00 p.m.

Members:

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

Officers:

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

Rob Croxford
Chief Executive Officer

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1. OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor, Cr. Tatchell, opened the meeting at 6.01 pm

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

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

In attendance

<i>Mr. Rob Croxford</i>	<i>Chief Executive Officer</i>
<i>Mr. Danny Colgan</i>	<i>General Manager Social and Organisational Development</i>
<i>Mr. Phil Jeffrey</i>	<i>General Manager Infrastructure</i>
<i>Mr. Satwinder Sandhu</i>	<i>General Manager Growth and Development</i>
<i>Mr. Andrew Goodsell</i>	<i>Manager Strategic Planning</i>
<i>Mr. Ian Waugh</i>	<i>Manager, Community & Recreation Development</i>
<i>Ms. Emma Szymanski</i>	<i>Minute Taker</i>

5. APOLOGIES

Nil.

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 immediately before 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.

Nil.

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
8.2	Consideration of Submissions to the Proposed 2018/19 Annual Budget	Belinda Wehl	Supporter
8.2	Consideration of Submissions to the Proposed 2018/19 Annual Budget	Scott Graham	Submitter
8.2	Consideration of Submissions to the Proposed 2018/19 Annual Budget	Ray Newton	Submitter

8.2	Consideration of Submissions to the Proposed 2018/19 Annual Budget	Jo Barber	Supporter
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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.

Nil.

8. BUSINESS

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

Introduction

File No.: 02/02/002
Author: Danny Colgan
Chief 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 1989* (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 Good Governance and Leadership

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 2017-2021 Council 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.

Resolution:

Crs. Dudzik/Edwards

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.*

CARRIED.

Report Authorisation

Authorised by:

Name: Rob Croxford
Title: Chief Executive Officer
Date: Thursday 7 June 2018



The following persons addressed Council in relation to the submissions for consideration under Item 8.2 - Consideration of Submissions to the Proposed 2018/19 Annual Budget

- ***Mr. Scott Graham***
- ***Mr. Ray Newton***
- ***Ms. Jo Barber***
- ***Ms. Belinda Wehl***

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.	<i>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.</i>

		<p>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.</p> <p>The wind companies' own noise monitoring requirements are not robust and they have great incentive to run the turbines as much as they can.</p> <p>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.</p>	
2	<p>Various submissions relating to the Footpath at the end of Conn Court, Darley (adjoining Fitzroy Street).</p>	<p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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!!)</p>	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>Officers are proposing to complete these works in 2018/19 funded from the 'minor capital' annual allocation in the budget.</i></p>

		<p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>Please complete and extend the pathway between Conn Crt through to Fitzroy St / Riverbend Dr. – Jacqui Huxtable</p> <p>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</p> <p>Please to continue the path from The end of Conn Crt to Fitzroy St. – Andrea McKenzie</p> <p>I often walk down there and it's such a trip hazard should be done before there is a claim. – Garry Rogers</p> <p>I would like to request the footpath from Conn St to Fitzroy St in Darley to be connected. – Catherine Lemarshall</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p>	
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		<p>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 through...not ideal in a family neighborhood. – Erin McBean</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Surely a path to connect the 2 existing paths and safety bollards to stop cars driving through is a priority to Council...? – Rebecca Harmon</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>A path for the end of Conn Court, Darley. – Samantha Di Mieri</p> <p>A path for the end of Conn Court, Darley. – Matthew Di Mieri</p> <p>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</p>	
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3	Gordon Main Street Reference Group – Scott Graham	<p>1. Gordon Main Street - Streetscape Upgrade</p> <p>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 Council's 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.</p> <p>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?</p> <p>2. Tourism in Moorabool Shire</p> <p>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?</p>	<p><i>Council is proposing \$350,000 towards the Gordon Main Street, Streetscape works to be delivered in the 2018/19 financial year.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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 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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>The Destination Management Plan 2013-18 will be reviewed internally in 2018/19 and a</i></p>
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		<p>3. Place Making and Urban Design Framework</p> <p>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?</p> <p>Two further aspects to this:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. 	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>
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		<p>4. Street Trees</p> <p>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?</p>	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>
4	Gordon Recreation Reserve – Adam Frazer	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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</i></p>

		<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>NB:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>**Actual submission in separate attachment**</p>	<p><i>presented to Council at the July OMC.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>If the application is successful, funds from the Female Friendly Facilities Fund will be available from November 2018.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>
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		<p>access large scale events (300 plus people) within their neighborhood.</p> <p>7. Provide community rooms and a meeting room that will have technology to support learning and opportunities for improved collaboration.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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:</p>	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>**Full Proposal in separate attachment**</p>	
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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 Improvement in Council Services
Objective	Sound, long term financial management
Strategy	Develop and maintain a long term financial planning, management and reporting system, which ensures resources to deliver services and manage Council's assets.

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.

Resolution:

Crs. Edwards/Keogh

1. *That Council receives the following submissions:*

No.	Submission From	Main Points	Response
1	Lal Lal Environment Protection Association Inc. - John McMahon	<i>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</i>	<i>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.</i>

		<p><i>robust and they have great incentive to run the turbines as much as they can.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	
2	<p><i>Various submissions relating to the Footpaths at the end of Conn Court, Darley (adjoining Fitzroy Street).</i></p>	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>This area needs to be completed as the estate has grown and is final stages of being established. – Kym Raft</i></p> <p><i>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</i></p> <p><i>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</i></p> <p><i>Please can the footpath at the end of Conn Court be completed through to the walking path on</i></p>	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>Officers are proposing to complete these works in 2018/19 funded from the 'minor capital' annual allocation in the budget.</i></p>

		<p><i>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</i></p> <p><i>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</i></p> <p><i>Please complete and extend the pathway between Conn Crt through to Fitzroy St / Riverbend Dr. – Jacqui Huxtable</i></p> <p><i>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</i></p> <p><i>Please to continue the path from The end of Conn Crt to Fitzroy St. – Andrea McKenzie</i></p> <p><i>I often walk down there and it's such a trip hazard should be done before there is a claim. – Garry Rogers</i></p> <p><i>I would like to request the footpath from Conn St to Fitzroy St in Darley to be connected. – Catherine Lemarshall</i></p> <p><i>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</i></p>	
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		<p>connect the 2 paths on Fitzroy Street! – Sarah Hatcher</p> <p>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</p> <p>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 through...not ideal in a family neighborhood. – Erin McBean</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Surely a path to connect the 2 existing paths and safety bollards to stop cars driving through is a priority to Council...? – Rebecca Harmon</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p>	
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		<p><i>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</i></p> <p><i>A path for the end of Conn Court, Darley. – Samantha Di Mieri</i></p> <p><i>A path for the end of Conn Court, Darley. – Matthew Di Mieri</i></p> <p><i>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</i></p>	
<p>3</p>	<p><i>Gordon Main Street Reference Group – Scott Graham</i></p>	<p><i>1. Gordon Main Street - Streetscape Upgrade</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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?</i></p>	<p><i>Council is proposing \$350,000 towards the Gordon Main Street, Streetscape works to be delivered in the 2018/19 financial year.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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,</i></p>

		<p>2. Tourism in Moorabool Shire</p> <p><i>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?</i></p>	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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</i></p>
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		<p><i>documents in this file to which Mitchell Jenkins has access to. Please refer to Mitch to view these documents.</i></p> <p>**Actual submission in separate attachment**</p>	<p><i>If the project is successful in external grants, the project does not need to be completed until May 2020 under the funding program.</i></p>
5	<p>Darley Football/ Netball Club – Raymond Newton</p>	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>We are seeking to have Moorabool Shire Council partner us in our endeavor to seek adequate funding for the purposes detailed in this document.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>This submission is made in conjunction with the attachment “Darley Park Business Case”.</i></p>	<p><i>Over the past 12 months the user groups at Darley Park have been working on plans to redevelop the main pavilion at the reserve.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>

		<p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Provide a multi-purpose pavilion that will accommodate sport and community into the future</i> <i>2. Provide unisex player and umpire change rooms that cater for diversity and provide privacy for individuals</i> <i>3. Provide unisex public amenities that address public safety and accessible entry requirements</i> <i>4. Make provision for and enhance the development of community programs by providing a space that is accessible and inclusive</i> <i>5. Remove the barriers to female participation by providing suitable facilities and amenities</i> <i>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.</i> <i>7. Provide community rooms and a meeting room that will have technology to support learning and opportunities for improved collaboration.</i> 	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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 social spaces in accordance with the Council's Recreation Reserve Capital Works Contribution Policy (2016).</i></p> <p><i>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 towards the project.</i></p> <p><i>Whilst the proposal does have some merit it is difficult to foresee how Council could accommodate a financial contribution of this magnitude.</i></p> <p><i>Council has previously determined that completion of the Bacchus Marsh Racecourse and Recreation Reserve master plan implementation is the highest strategic priority in the Sport and Recreation area.</i></p>
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	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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</i></p>	<p><i>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 years.</i></p>
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		<p><i>innovative and industrious in maintaining, upgrading and improving the total asset at Darley Park, some improvements carried out by the clubs include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Social Room upgrade & extension in 2000.</i> • <i>Construction of Grandstand with seating and concreting</i> • <i>Ground Lighting improvements</i> • <i>Doubling from 2 lights to 4 lights per pole as well as Grandstand Lighting.</i> • <i>New Home Change Room</i> • <i>Further extension home change / community exercise space</i> • <i>Installation of Cool room</i> • <i>New Home Coaches Box</i> • <i>New Steel fabricated Scoreboard</i> • <i>New Electronic Scoreboard</i> • <i>Netball Shelter and seating</i> • <i>Football goal end netting</i> • <i>Significant upgrade to kitchen / canteen area.</i> • <i>Contributing to costs of the Netball Change Rooms toilets, and also the Netball Court resurfacing.</i> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	
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		<p><i>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.</i></p> <p>**Full Proposal in separate attachment**</p>	
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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.***

CARRIED.

Report Authorisation

Authorised by:

Name: Phil Jeffrey
Title: General Manager Infrastructure
Date: Thursday, 14 June 2018

9. FURTHER BUSINESS AS ADMITTED BY UNANIMOUS RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS 7.07 pm

Resolution:

Crs. Edwards/Keogh

That Standing Orders be suspended to facilitate a discussion on Victorian Government Pick My Project Funding Program 2018 proposed report.

CARRIED.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS 7.18 pm

Resolution:

Crs. Edwards/Bingham

That Standing Orders now be resumed to facilitate a return to the business of the Agenda.

CARRIED.

ADMIT ITEM OF BUSINESS

Resolution:

Crs. Dudzik/Edwards

That the Victorian Government Pick My Project Funding Program 2018 Report be admitted to the business of the meeting.

LOST.

10. CLOSED SESSION OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Nil.

11. MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 7.19pm.

Confirmed.....Chairperson.