

Submission received via Bayside City Council

Thanks [REDACTED],

Can you please log this and related inquires in the system to Anthony Savenkov in the Property Team to formally respond who are managing the Elwood building/masterplan project.

Cheers,

[REDACTED]

Coordinator Foreshore | Open Space, Recreation and Community Resilience
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From: Assist <Assist@portphillip.vic.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 12 January 2022 2:20 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Head Street - Elwood Foreshore Project

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From: [REDACTED]
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To: Assist <Assist@portphillip.vic.gov.au>
Subject: Head Street - Elwood Foreshore Project

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Hi Port Phillip Council,

I'm referring below enquiry to City of PortPhillip as it relates to a project within City of PortPhillip.


Can you please consider below request as part of your project? Resident has not provided any contact details.

In relation to access, our expectation is to maintain the existing car park access arrangements/control measures without any changes.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

Senior Traffic Engineer | Climate, Waste and Integrated Transport



[REDACTED]

Bayside City Council proudly acknowledges the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land, and we pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Request Summary	
Ref No:	221133491
Description:	How can we help you today?: The Council of Port Phillip (CoPP) draft plan for the redevelopment of the Elwood foreshore includes parallel parking along the park side of Head

Submission received via Bayside City Council (cont'd)

St between St Kilda St and the beach. The draft plan also includes an overflow car park with entry and exit from Head St.

Several years ago we had huge problems of excess traffic in Head St which is relatively small compared to Ormond Esplanade. CoPP and Bayside City Council largely fixed this problem by blocking off the car park and forcing all foreshore car park visitors to enter and exit via Ormond Esplanade. New trees were planted along the park side and barriers were erected to stop parking along the park. What is proposed is far, far worse than when we had the excess traffic problems.

There should not be any further car parking along Head St. If there was an overflow carpark then entry and exit should be along Ormond Esplanade, not via Head St

thank you for your help in dissuading CoPP from destroying Head St

See haveyoursay.portphilip.vic.gov.au

Other address options: I can't find the address

Would you like to be contacted? : Yes, via phone

Would you like a confirmation email containing your reference number?: Yes

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12 January 2022

[Redacted]
Property Development Associate
Property and Assets
City of Port Phillip
99a Carlisle Street
St. Kilda VIC 3182

Dear [Redacted]

I refer to the City of Port Phillip draft foreshore masterplan that was presented to and discussed with the officers from Bayside City Council at the consultative meeting held on Wednesday 15 December 2021. We understand that at this stage the masterplan is in draft stage and the various stages and timeframe are not finalised. It would be appreciated if further consultation is undertaken when further details are available.

This letter is to express our concerns regarding Head Street parking proposal for fulfilling masterplan parking needs. Based on North Road Foreshore Masterplan consultation we would like to advise that the residential parking and visitors parking was raised as an item of concern by the residents in all streets with beach access.

There are stormwater drainage issues and risk of flooding along Head Street, and we are currently working with Melbourne Water on design options for addressing the flooding issues. Moreover, additional parking along Head Street would lead to traffic congestion and property access issues. The residents have expressed their concerns regarding additional parking along Head Street and the objective of this letter is to convey their concerns to City of Port Phillip at an early stage for seeking timely consideration.

We would like to suggest that a future parking demand study is undertaken based on peak parking demands, traffic flow and future growth aspects for fulfilling the needs of the proposed masterplan. Perhaps construction of off-street carpark at strategic locations would be more suitable and acceptable.

May I request that you discuss this letter at council / foreshore committee level and get back to us regarding future course of action for resolving this issue. I am sure that with cooperation and further traffic assessments the best solution can be achieved.

Should wish to discuss this further please feel free to contact [Redacted], Coordinator Capital Replacement and Renewal, on [Redacted] or via email [Redacted]

Yours sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted]
Manager Project Services



Submission received via James Newbury MP

From: [Marcus Pearl - Mayor](#)
To: [James Newbury](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: EMAIL - Elwood Foreshore Re-Development.
Date: Sunday, 6 March 2022 10:56:13 AM
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Thanks for your email [REDACTED],

I will make sure your feedback is included as part of our consultation process.

Please feel free to call me anytime.

Regards,

Marcus

Sent from my iPhone

Marcus Pearl - Mayor

Councillor

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On 6 Mar 2022, at 10:41 am, James Newbury
<James.Newbury@parliament.vic.gov.au> wrote:

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Good morning [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email and your advocacy on Port Phillip Council's proposal to re-develop Elwood foreshore.

I want you to know that I share your concerns, especially as they relate to Head Street.

I have copied in the Mayor of Port Phillip, into the email, so that your feedback can form part of Council's consideration.

Thank you again and I will be in touch, once Council considers feedback from the community.

Best wishes and please stay well.

Kind regards,

Submission received via James Newbury MP (cont'd)

James Newbury MP
Member for Brighton

Shadow Minister for Environment and Climate Change
Shadow Minister for Bay Protection
Shadow Special Minister of State
Shadow Minister for Equality

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, 5 March 2022 8:40 PM
To: James Newbury <James.Newbury@parliament.vic.gov.au>
Subject: Current proposal By City of Port Philip Forshore

Dear Mr. Newbury,

I am writing to express my strong Objection to the enlarging of Head Street
for more Parking.

It is a narrow Street Street with No Right Turn on St.Kilda Street into Head
Str.

The traffic as it is, is already enormus.

On weekends I have problems to exit from my Drive.

People are Changing into their Bathers and Children are running around the
Street.

IT IS DANGREROUS !!!! And screeming for an ACCIDENT !!!!

It wii Destroy the Birdlife and the Nature of the Park as it will take a
significant area of the Park.

Melbourne has always been known as "the Garden State of Australia"

With the additional Parking it will look more like a "CARPARK" as PARK.

Our apologies, We could not attend the meeting in the Pavilion today, as we
had to isolate for Surgery on Monday Morning.

Kind Regards,
[REDACTED]

Letter from Elwood Bathers restaurant and function centre

ELWOOD BATHERS

DINING · DRINKS · EVENTS

8 February 2022

ATT: Peter Smith
Chief Executive Officer
The City of Port Phillip
Private Bag 3
ST KILDA VICTORIA 3182

BY EMAIL: Peter.Smith@portphillip.vic.gov.au; assist@portphillip.vic.gov.au

Dear Peter

RE: Proposed Elwood Foreshore Precinct Development – Objection

I write as Managing Director of PWI Hospitality Group Pty Ltd as trustee for PWI Hospitality Unit Trust trading as Elwood Bathers (**Elwood Bathers**), the tenant of the existing premises located at 15 Elwood Foreshore, Elwood 3184 (**Premises**) which is leased from the Port Phillip City Council (**Council**).

I understand that the Council is seeking feedback on the proposed Elwood Foreshore Precinct Development site plan (**Proposed Development**).

As the Council would be aware, Elwood Bathers is a long-term reputable tenant which forms an integral part of the precinct's footprint. It is a much-loved venue amongst the local community and beyond and we consider, a key stakeholder with respect to the Proposed Development.

Elwood Bathers is very concerned with the limited direct engagement from Council to date in relation to the Proposed Development and what this means for its current tenancy, investment, and its customers.

As such, Elwood Bathers submits that it currently strongly objects to the Proposed Development and respectfully requests a meeting with senior council officers to discuss the matter and its concerns.

Elwood Bathers reserves its rights, including the right to make further detailed submissions in due course.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Managing Director

Elwood Bathers

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Combined letter from various parties

7th February 2022

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Property and Assets

City of Port Phillip

By email ██████████ portphillip.vic.gov.au

RE : ENHANCING ELWOOD FORESHORE

Dear ██████████

Submission to the Enhancing Elwood Foreshore community feedback process

We, the significant stakeholders of the Elwood Foreshore represent our members, volunteers and patrons comprising of several thousand men, women & children residents of City of Port Phillip. While submission to the Enhancing Elwood Foreshore community feedback process will be submitted individually by each of our clubs/organisations we wish to share with CoPP that we feel the planning process requires a great deal more consultation with us – the key stakeholders.

Collectively we appreciate the CoPP is undertaking thorough community consultation at this stage of the process where the Site Plan is a preliminary and indicative concept and presents a platform for future detailed design. We feel that while some elements of the proposed foreshore plan are quite positive, there are many elements of the proposal that create significant concerns for future proofing our clubs/organisations. Our ability to provide adequate facilities (and therefor services) to our members/patrons will be significantly compromised under the current plan and therefore we urge the CoPP to engage in consultative discussion with us the key stakeholders to that our future needs can be achieved within the overall plan.

As mentioned earlier we are confident with appropriate further consultation and clever design with all the stakeholders and the broader CoPP residents a great result can be achieved in the Elwood foreshore.

Combined letter from various parties (cont'd)

Thank you again for allowing us to make a submission to the Enhancing Elwood Foreshore community feedback process and we look forward to further discussions as this important project progresses.

Sincerely

THE KEY STAKEHOLDERS of ELWOOD FORESHORE



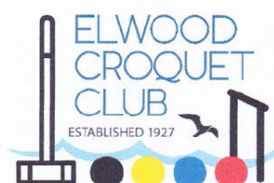
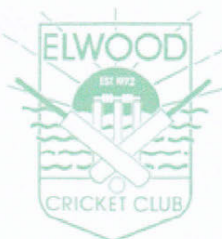
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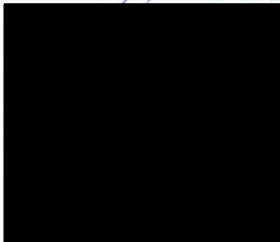
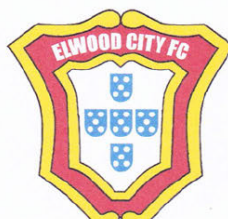
President



President



General Manager



Letter from Elwood Cricket Club



[REDACTED]
Property Development Associate
City of Port Phillip

By email [REDACTED]@portphillip.vic.gov.au

Dear [REDACTED]

Submission to the Enhancing Elwood Foreshore community feedback process

I write to provide the Elwood Cricket Club's submission to the Enhancing Elwood Foreshore community feedback process. The Club appreciates Council is undertaking thorough community consultation at this stage of the process where the Site Plan ('the Plan') is a preliminary and indicative concept, and presents a platform for future detailed design. We thank Council officers for offering their time on 10 December 2021 to provide a briefing on the plan, and an update on the process.

Notwithstanding this, we consider that implementation of the Plan will require explicit consultation with the Clubs and organisations affected before any more detailed design work is undertaken, and supports the general principle of further and additional consultation with key stakeholders.

As outlined at our meeting of 10 December 2021, there are number of aspects of the Plan that the Elwood Cricket Club considers can be improved, or that the Club has concerns over. With six senior and five junior teams we are one of the bigger cricket clubs in the South East of Melbourne. We consider it is important that our facilities reflect that and that the foreshore redevelopment allows for continued growth and future proofing.

The most worrying aspect of the Plan is the inclusion of temporary overflow parking on the Elwood No 2 cricket oval, which Council officers refer to as Head St B. In normal years, Elwood No 2 is the home ground for many of our lower grade and junior teams and we are concerned that allowing cars on there, however infrequent, will render it unsuitable. In its current state it is already a poor surface, frequently flooded due to the presence of the Elwood Diversion Drain. The Club is concerned that the proposed expansion of the Drain, and a move to allow cars onto the surface, will make the ground even more unsuitable for sports, particularly cricket. With sports grounds in the City of Port Phillip at a premium, the loss of and damage to sporting grounds must be avoided at all cost.

The Club notes that the proposed resizing and realignment of the Elwood No 2 oval will bring it into further contact with the adjacent Head St and Esplanade rectangular grounds, and require the removal of a retaining wall, a number of shrubs and a recently installed light tower. Our Club has concerns that the realignment, and inclusion of a new car park next to the croquet club and installation of tennis courts along Ormond Esplanade, will result in a cramped space and significantly reduce the size of the already small Elwood No 2 oval. The Club also seeks, as part of the redevelopment, the inclusion of some sort of permanent shade shelter for spectators and players on the back oval, similar to that included between the ovals at JL Murphy Reserve.

Letter from Elwood Cricket Club (cont'd)

A key issue the Club currently faces is accessing the pavilion. On warm summer days when the Elwood Beach carpark is congested, with cars aligned into poorly marked spaces, it is a time-consuming and sometimes dangerous exercise to access our clubrooms for parking and deliveries. Many umpires and opposition players have commented on how they don't like coming to Elwood as it can be a problem finding parking at the ground. While the proposed change to accessing the Clubrooms via Head St, and the provision of additional off-street parking offers a potential solution, the Club notes that consultation with Bayside Council and the residents of Head St will be required on this matter. Further, the Club notes that access to Head St is not available directly via Ormond Esplanade, which will reduce any potential improvements to amenity and access.

On the issue of car parking and traffic management more generally, while we are generally supportive of the proposed parking arrangements and the relocation of parking away from the immediate foreshore, we note that a workable solution will require an informed study of the current needs of all users. Our Club considers that implementation of the Plan and further stages of design and development will benefit from undertaking a detailed traffic management or car parking study.

The pavilion at Elwood Reserve, as currently designed, offers poor protection from the elements while spectating onto Wattie Watson Oval, and is of insufficient size. The Club supports the need for additional female specific changerooms and notes that such an expansion would hasten our plans to re-offer girls cricket teams to the Elwood community. The Club considers a modest expansion of the pavilion that includes an extension of the Wattie Watson viewing area and additional changerooms on the beach side of the pavilion should be included in future detailed designs.

The Club notes that the current Plan does not include the relocation of the cricket nets and supports their retention in the current position next to the redeveloped Wattie Watson oval. Of benefit to the Club in implementing the foreshore enhancement would be a modest expansion to our practice facilities to include a fourth net. This would allow for more functional and flexible training for the Club, and would help manage growth in the number of teams. The Club would be willing to partner with Council in funding this expansion, and notes that there are various State government and cricketing Association infrastructure programs that could be used to seek a financial contribution from.

And finally, but of equal significance, while our Club supports the principle of additional vegetation in the foreshore, we request that, particularly around the perimeter of playing surfaces, this be in the form of trees and not shrubs. It is very frustrating when our Saturday games and evening training sessions are delayed while players look for balls buried deep in thick shrubs.

Thank you again for allowing us to make a submission to the Enhancing Elwood Foreshore community feedback process and we look forward to further discussions as this important project progresses.

Sincerely



President, Elwood Cricket Club
7 February 2022



Email from event organiser

From: [Assist](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Elwood foreshore Looking to the future
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 8 February 2022 12:19 PM
To: Assist <Assist@portphillip.vic.gov.au>
Subject: Elwood foreshore Looking to the future
Importance: High

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[REDACTED]

My Name is [REDACTED] I have been a resident [REDACTED] – I am an event organiser who has staged events in the City of Port Phillip continuously [REDACTED] – I currently stage the largest sporting event in the City of Port Phillip and have done so for [REDACTED]

I am a daily user of the Elwood foreshore and have been so since [REDACTED]

I have made comments in “have your say” for Elwood Foreshore Looking to the Future and have tried to join the Q&A but it does not allow anyone to join.

I wish to be part of the Elwood foreshore Q & A on Feb 3.

I have serious concerns about the as is presented plans and the interpretation of the current usage of the area in your strategy – some things are inaccurate others are extrapolated to present an exaggerated position that exists but is not a concern.

The future plans and reconstruction fall short in addressing the issues of the foreshore - the proposed changes create greater conflict with the existing space use and residents and they remove the already existing simultaneous cohesion between the local business community, residents , visitors and event spaces.

I look forward to inclusion in the Q & A

Letter from Elwood Life Saving Club



A club for life

7 February 2022

[Redacted]
City of Port Phillip

Via email [Redacted]

Re: Enhancing Elwood Foreshore

OVERVIEW

Elwood Life Saving Club has been part of the area’s social fabric for more than 100 years, having been established in 1912. Today the club plays a core role as an emergency service with volunteer lifesavers last year alone watching over 170,000 beachgoers, performing four rescues, tending to more than 30 first aid cases and taking 950 actions to prevent a more serious safety incident. The club also runs a Nippers program which teaches 300 children aged 5-13 vital water safety and surf skills, performs water safety duties at triathlons across the state, is a training hub in the area and has partnered with Elwood College to provide bronze medallion courses to more than 200 year 10 students in recent years. Elwood LSC’s membership has doubled over the last 10 years – reflecting our strong connection and standing with the community.

OUR POSITION

Elwood LSC recognises its current clubhouse is no longer suitable for its existing 900 members, with storage and space constraints as well as maintenance issues already contributing to a cap on Nipper participants and restricting social and training activities. We welcome moves to address this issue however hold significant concerns and seek important detail on proposed changes to the Elwood foreshore precinct. Relinquishing our foreshore position given its importance to the functionality of our operations, practicality in watching over beachgoers and presence spanning 110 years is not supported based on the current proposal. The proposed “lookout tower” further fails to grasp the logistics of what our lifesavers need to keep beachgoers and visitors to the foreshore safe. The adequacy and location of parking, shared boat storage and notations flagging shared use of Elwood LSC’s proposed new clubhouse are among additional concerns with the proposal.



1912-2012 saving lives for 100 years

Elwood Life Saving Club Incorporated (Established 1912 - Incorporated in 1986)
John R Conabere OBE Pavilion Foreshore Elwood Beach PO Box 43, ELWOOD, Vic 3184

Letter from Elwood Life Saving Club (cont'd)

CLUBHOUSE RELOCATION

Elwood LSC is not willing to give up its foreshore clubhouse position based on the current proposal. Our clubhouse has in various forms been on the foreshore since 1912 and we ask this tradition be allowed to continue, particularly given the redevelopment's objectives of honouring Elwood's history. Easy beach access is not only necessary for patrols so lifesavers have ready access to vital rescue and first aid equipment but needed for our wide range of club activities including Nippers, training across all age groups and various competition events. Splitting club activities across a lookout tower and clubhouse would create significant logistical challenges. This includes having patrollers split across multiple buildings as well as the beach when on duty which would make it harder to serve the public including to tend to first aid cases should the patrol tower not have a fully equipped first aid room. Having equipment spread across multiple locations risks hindering our rescue speed and capability in the event of an emergency with vital time lost travelling to retrieve equipment, boats and vehicles. With the clubhouse away from the foreshore carrying the large amount of equipment used in our Nippers sessions would also be problematic and create safety concerns, particularly for children carrying larger items such as rescue boards and increase damage to such expensive equipment. Equipment used for Nippers also includes a large barbecue, coffee cart and uniform sales stand which require power access. Each of these would be difficult to move such distances and significantly increase occupational health and safety risks to volunteers.

Further, moving away from the foreshore means we have less visibility of the beach and creates security concerns if the building is left even momentarily unlocked as volunteers move between locations. The importance of our foreshore location in building positive incidental connections and awareness about water safety education in the community should also not be underestimated, with the public regularly engaging with our volunteers during club activities. We note we do not have any detail about facilities nor the size of the proposed clubhouse as well as conditions of use, including the notation of the rooftop as "shared".

LOOKOUT TOWER

The proposed lookout tower shows a lack of understanding about how Elwood Life Saving Club's volunteers operate in keeping beachgoers safe and the resources they need to do so effectively. Proposing what is effectively a radio room on stilts serves no benefit to our lifesavers nor their ability to ensure the safety of tens of thousands of beachgoers each year. To be effective this tower would need additional facilities beyond a radio control room. These include a first aid room, toilets, kitchen facilities and air conditioning plus storage for multiple rescue boards, at least one inflatable rescue boat and beach trailer, a patrol storage trailer, all-terrain-vehicle and additional rescue equipment. Such provisions are absent from the redevelopment plans and appear impractical to accommodate based on the indicative sizing of the tower. These inclusions are the same as what would be required in the new clubhouse also, giving rise to questions about the worth of duplicity when they could all be accommodated in the one building if the clubhouse position on the foreshore was to be retained with an expanded structure to combat existing storage and functionality limitations. The proposal does not detail how the beach would be accessed from the tower and clubhouse when towing equipment like boats and our patrol storage trailer. It should be noted the proposed lookout tower would sit at the south end of Elwood Beach, looking over a stormwater drain outlet and a section of Bayside Council foreshore which is not popular for swimming. There would be suboptimal visibility of the main Elwood beach and negligible if any visibility of the stretch of beach which meets Point Ormond, meaning less surveillance to ensure the safety of beachgoers in this popular section of foreshore.

Letter from Elwood Life Saving Club (cont'd)

The photos below were taken on Melbourne Cup Day, 2 November 2021 and show the area we can currently view from our patrol room, as well as demonstrating how popular the foreshore is on a nice day.



SHARED BOATING FACILITIES

We do not support shared boating storage. Elwood Life Saving Club is unique from surrounding clubs being an emergency service provider, with distinct storage and access needs. Our lifesavers can be called on for service at Elwood or beyond at any time of the day and night, which means we must have easy and fast access to our inflatable rescue boats. These boats have specific storage requirements to prevent damage which depends on whether they are inflatable or rigid hull, our boat motors are equally valuable and dedicated fuel storage is a necessity. Further, we have two water safety trailers used to carry boats to triathlons and emergencies which would need to be housed alongside our boats and motors. We cannot leave such valuable equipment in a shared facility where it is susceptible to damage or interference. Currently Elwood LSC has eight inflatable rescue boats and 10 motors worth a combined [REDACTED]. Should this equipment be placed in a shared storage facility we are highly likely to face insurance complications or at the very least premium increases.

Letter from Elwood Life Saving Club

PARKING

The Elwood foreshore precinct already suffers from a lack of parking during peak periods, with the problem noticeably worsening due to increased beach attendance during the pandemic. In particular our members have observed an increase in the number of visitors from outside the area, many of whom have no option but to drive. Increasingly beachgoers stay for long periods and come equipped with large shade shelters, umbrellas, tables, chairs and eskies. It is impractical for them to ride or walk with so many items. Restricting their ability to drive in turn limits their access to enjoy Elwood Beach. Our existing allocated parking spaces for members on patrol are already limited and regularly illegally occupied. The plans seem to indicate an overall loss of parking which would further aggravate this problem. The revised positioning of the carpark is not suitable. Our members require parking close to the clubhouse for safety, particularly those leaving training courses and meetings throughout the year which run into the evening. Such access is also needed so members can load and unload gear as well as for trailer access when moving boats, boards and other equipment.


STORMWATER

Stormwater pollution significantly limits the ability of the public to enjoy Elwood foreshore and the bay. Our lifesavers advise swimmers of EPA water quality readings as part of our beach signage and play a key role in educating the public about the impact of stormwater pollution on Port Phillip Bay. We welcome measures to better deal with stormwater and pollution of our beaches.

CONCLUSION

Elwood LSC would welcome further engagement from Port Phillip Council, specifically a thorough needs analysis to determine our club's requirements for growth and functional operation not only now but into the coming decades. Victoria last year recorded its highest number of drownings in more than 20 years, with 61 lives lost. People from culturally and linguistically diverse communities represented 35 per cent of all drowning deaths, making them twice as likely to drown than people born in Australia. Elwood LSC is committed to preserving life and looks forward to a strong working relationship with those involved in redevelopment plans for Elwood foreshore to continue this mission. Representatives of the club are available to outline our position in further detail at upcoming Port Phillip Council meetings and would appreciate time to develop a comprehensive document outlining the club's existing and future needs.

Kind regards,


President Elwood Life Saving Club
(On behalf of Elwood Life Saving Club Committee)

Email from member of Elwood Sailing Club

From: Assist
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Att: [REDACTED] | Enhancing Elwood Foreshore
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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for the Q&A meetings you presented on Enhancing Elwood Foreshore last week, I attended on Thursday.

I have given a response on 'Have your say' but there was little opportunity to detail concerns. I have a special interest in the Elwood Foreshore area because as a local Elwood resident I usually visit the area in question almost every day and usually sail every weekend during the season.

It is the Elwood Sailing Club which is my greatest concern as a member and regular user.

This is my personal response as an ESC member and as a Resident Ratepayer of [REDACTED] years.

Elwood Foreshore Enhancement Plan response:

Some questions and concerns in relation to the basic proposed plans with reference to **Elwood Sailing Club**.

1. The plans indicate the Club buildings as Boat Hub (shared storage & amenities) not Elwood Sailing Club, discussion confirmed that the area will be shared with others eg

Email from member of Elwood Sailing Club (cont'd)

Anglers Club and Non Members possibly Life Saving Club which would reduce space for ESC member boat storage raising a concern for security and sufficient space.

2. The plan does not have any dimensions to allow space calculation re-storage: visually the main building seems less than half the current size, much less if I correctly understood that the downstairs section is not enclosed and the external storage yard is gone. Has any consideration been given to boat sizes, circulation room, number of current active member Sail boats, Wind Surfing Equipment and Paddle boards stored on site and used regularly?
3. During the Meeting on Thursday the expression was used that the current ground floor area of the Elwood Sailing Club would become a "Robust permeable area for community access" in line with the whole plan "Trying to prioritize the General Public". Has it been taken into consideration that community access through the site would significantly reduce the security of property? This includes the physical building structure and the boats, boards and safety equipment stored in the club as well as the safety of members, guests and staff visiting the club. In recent times there have been cases of assault in the immediate area by persons accessing the site from the path through the Indigenous Vegetation Area to the North and East.
4. The boat storage building appears to be multi story, is there a proposal for mechanised access such as a forklift like St Kilda Marina? Would this necessitate ticketed forklift operators and limit spontaneous access by individual sailors. Currently sailors can access boats and lift/ramp them down manually and sail independently outside race days. Is there space to work on site in a secure area in order to mend or replace damaged fittings on boats? The need for this is a regular occurrence.
5. The proposed ESC Club rooms are significantly reduced in size and don't appear to have an outside deck/veranda. Reducing the ambience and amenity for Club Members and hirer's alike and negatively impacting the economic viability as a venue for functions.
6. The proposed public 'Connection to the bay' through what is currently the outdoor storage space seems to go through the 100 year old pine tree. That path seems to be intended as boat access also.
7. The narrow vehicle trailer access between the buildings seems to have no access to the boat ramp or turning circle to allow for exiting the site. This would be particularly problematic if there were multiple clubs needing to access power boats on road trailers in addition to sailors manoeuvring hand wheeled dinghy boat trailers.

At the meeting on Thursday you invited feedback and I hope this response is received in the open and respectful way it is intended.

Kind Regards,

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8/2/2022

Letter from Elwood Sailing Club



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Elwood Sailing Club response to Elwood Foreshore Site Plan

Elwood Sailing Club

Elwood Sailing Club (ESC) has been a part of the Elwood community and foreshore for nearly 100 years. The Club has a proud history in the development of dinghy sailing in Victoria and in providing off the beach sailing to the broader City of Port Phillip (COPP) community. Sailing on Elwood Beach is an important part of the character of the precinct.

Elwood Sailing Club is part of the broad fabric of community sailing clubs around Australia. Sailing has been an Olympic sport for more than a century. Australia is one of the world's leading sailing nations, built from this network of local, off the beach sailing clubs. ESC provides broader community benefits: increased on-water presence improves beach safety for all. The ESC clubrooms are utilized by a wide range of community groups and activities, from karate classes to the annual Anzac Day Ceremony.

Sailing is a popular, challenging sport accessible to all ages, cultures and genders. The craft of sailing is easy to experience and hard to master. It teaches resilience and independence. Sailing is also a zero-emissions water sport, requiring an understanding of how to harness energy from the wind, the sun, waves and currents. These skills have renewed importance in the 21st century.

The ESC clubrooms were built on the Elwood foreshore by the community over the past 60 years. They serve multiple purposes: to store boats, provide changing facilities and to host social activities. The ESC remains highly active with more than 200 members, many from the local community.

The foreshore redevelopment

The Elwood foreshore redevelopment provides an opportunity to protect the natural, historical and built environment of the precinct while improving access, amenity and improved community benefit from new and existing buildings. This plan has the potential to revitalize the precinct. A successful plan will increase the provision of sailing and other on-water recreational activities and maximise co-benefits (safety, amenities) for all foreshore users.

To achieve this, the plan needs to provide adequate space and resources for sailing and related activities to ensure the growth in participation that reflects a community empowered to take to the water. Sailing

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and other related on-water recreational activities are healthy, sustainable and empowering. They will only deliver these benefits if the physical resources are put in place to support them.

The ESC is working on more detailed advice to the COPP and will provide this later in 2022. Our preliminary comments on the plan are as follows:

Project principles & goals

ACCESS + MOVEMENT

Aim 1 - Increase pedestrian and bike access to site

ESC strongly supports this aim. Adequate boat storage is critically important because it enables the community to use low impact watercraft (sailboats, windsurfers, stand up paddleboards (SUPs) and kayaks) without needing cars to transport them. Under the plan, cars will have limited access to the precinct. The ESC would like to see more bike parking in this precinct as some of our members ride and sail, and we would like to encourage more to do so.

Aim 2 - Safe movement of diverse users through the site

ESC is supportive of these aims, particularly the proposal to re-route bike path away from the pedestrian walkways to a dedicated path behind the clubhouses to reduce possibilities of collisions.

Aim 3 - Minimize impact of car access and car parking

ESC is generally supportive of this aim, however a reduction in onsite boat storage would lead to an increase in traffic and parking (including trailers) requirements within the foreshore reserve, particularly at times of high demand, such as weekends and public holidays.

DEVELOPMENT+ FOOTPRINT

Aim 4 - Only coastal uses along the coastal edge

ESC Supports this aim.

Aim 5 - Retain existing character and local history of buildings

ESC supports the continued provision of adequate boat storage and sailing club facilities as part of the foreshore precinct. A balance needs to be found between the desire to retain the character and history of existing buildings and the need to upgrade facilities to meet contemporary community standards, building design regulations and environmental challenges, such as climate and sea level change.

Aim 6 - Increase coastal vegetation

ESC supports this aim.

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SPORTS + RECREATION

Aim 7 - Spaces that can work together for a range of events

The ESC clubrooms are already used for a wide range of community events.

Aim 8 - Shared use of multi-purpose buildings

Some buildings or components of buildings can be designed with shared use. Other buildings, like boat and on-water craft storage, need to be secure and dedicated for single use. The plan should identify which buildings it sees as being multi-purpose and which are deliberately single use.

ESC BUILDING PROPOSED RE-DEVELOPMENT

Elwood Sailing Club notes the existing club tenancy area is greatly reduced in the proposed foreshore plan. ESC would like to invite Council officials to tour the existing ESC building. We would like to explain in more detail some of the practical and functional design considerations required in re-developing boat storage, wet area, changerooms and sailing club facilities.

The proposed new building should accommodate further growth in membership and boat storage, increase access for other on-water craft, changing areas proportionate to this growth, improved beach access for those with disabilities, sufficient floor space to continue to provide amenity to a wide range of community groups.

We look forward to working with the COPP to develop designs for this part of the foreshore development that meet these multiple requirements and maximize the utility of the buildings and precinct while minimizing the physical and environmental footprint of any proposed redevelopment of our current site. This will deliver the greatest benefit for the community.

Yours sincerely

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Email from member of Elwood Scouts

From: [Helpdesk - Strategic Engagement](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Bay WAC building Elwood Foreshore
Date: Tuesday, 8 February 2022 11:23:39 AM

Hi [REDACTED]

For your information and response.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 7 February 2022 10:18 PM
To: Helpdesk - Strategic Engagement <engagement@portphillip.vic.gov.au>
Subject: Bay WAC building Elwood Foreshore

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To whom it may concern,

I wish to express my deep dismay at the proposed demolition for the Bay WAC scouting building on the Elwood Foreshore.

I have been involved in scouting for many years and a keen member of 1st Elwood and 12th Caulfield.

My family and I have enjoyed the Bay WAC building Elwood Foreshore over many years and object to its proposed demolition by the Port Phillip Council.

As you will be aware Bay WAC was built by local Scouts under the supervision of the Scout Master who was a professional builder in three stages during the 1950s. I don't want to lose the unique place that Bay WAC is, and the long Scouting connection it has represented for the past 70 years.

I urge you to reconsider these plans and withdraw the proposal for the good of our community and for our beloved scouting groups who utilise this wonderful old building.

Thanks. you,

[REDACTED]

I acknowledge the Boon Wurrung people of the Kulin nations, who are the traditional custodians of the land on which I live with my family. I pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend this respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait people from other communities.

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Email from member of Elwood Scouts (cont'd)

From:
engagement@portphillip.vic.gov.au

To:
[REDACTED]

Cc:

Sent:
Mon, 07 Feb 2022 11:09:05 +0000 (UTC)

Subject:
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Letter from Elwood Park Tennis Club

January 4, 2022

City of Port Phillip

To whom it may concern,

Re: Elwood Foreshore: Proposed relocation of the Elwood Park Tennis Club

We are writing to voice our objection to the proposed relocation of the Elwood Park Tennis Club (EPTC) as part of the Elwood Foreshore Site Redevelopment Plan. We have notified Council staff of our concerns and recently made presentations to the City of Port Phillip at the Council meeting on 1 December 2021.

Tennis Victoria, the peak body for tennis in Victoria, has also met with Council staff regarding the relocation of the club.

The EPTC held its AGM on 5th December 2021 and members agreed the current facilities were not sufficient to meet demand and unanimously objected to the proposed relocation of the tennis courts.

Club Background

The EPTC is a popular and valued community asset.

- The tennis club has a proud history and is over 90 years old.
- Despite only having four tennis courts, the EPTC has 439 club members, most of them City of Port Phillip rate payers. This equates to over 100 members per court, which is well above the average for tennis clubs in Melbourne.
- The club has over 125 applications on the membership waiting list (60 reside in Elwood, 33 in other City of Port Phillip suburbs and 32 from neighbouring areas). The club has been forced to cap membership numbers for several seasons due to insufficient courts. This year the club was only able to offer membership to 10 new people, as almost all members renewed their membership. We have repeatedly asked Council for more tennis courts.
- Tennis Victoria lists the EPTC in the top 50 clubs by membership in Victoria, and as having one of the highest number of members on a per court basis in the State.
- Importantly, we are one of the largest clubs by membership in the Elwood Foreshore precinct, whilst occupying a relatively small site.
- The club makes a significant contribution to the local area's recreational facilities, including coaching for children and adults, competition tennis and casual tennis. We also facilitate community events such as the Tennis Hot

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Shots program and Open Court free tennis sessions, which help people from different communities and backgrounds become more aware of the sport.

- The EPTC provides meaningful access to both club members and the public through its online booking system. We have continuously promoted the use of the tennis club in the local area. On average, approximately 50 non-members use the tennis courts per week either by hiring a court or as a guest of a member. We have recently asked the Council and Tennis Victoria for financial assistance to expand our online booking system to make it more accessible for non-members.

Concerns

We have reviewed the proposed site plans and documents provided to us and have put together the following summary of our concerns:

- *Inadequate information:* We are concerned about the inadequate provision of crucial information about the proposed new courts and club house design. It is difficult for us to have informed discussions with our members and provide meaningful feedback to the Council when there is no information on the proposed facilities, the timing of the proposed relocation and the capital expenditure plans.
- *The area is too small:* Of particular concern is the size and shape of the proposed site (courts are never designed to play in the staggered court layout outlined in the Council's preliminary design). We believe the proposed new area allocated is too small to properly house the tennis courts and the proposed new shared club house.
- *We need more tennis courts:* The EPTC needs additional courts to meet current demand. There are only 4 tennis courts in Elwood with many courts recently demolished to make way for new property and infrastructure developments. This equates to around one court per 4,000 of population (based on Elwood's population of around 16,000). If we include the 8 private for-profit Elsternwick tennis club courts on St Kilda Street, the number falls to one court per 1,300 of population. Based on this, it is easy to understand why the EPTC has such a long waiting list.
- *Financial implications:* We believe that the proposed relocation of the tennis courts would be an unnecessary expenditure and would not help the Council achieve its 'Strategic Target' of ongoing balance sheet sustainability. The relocation costs of moving the tennis club will be significant. We believe leaving the tennis courts where they are is the most cost-effective option and would help the council achieve an ongoing sustainable balance sheet.
- *Car parking focus:* The current Foreshore proposal replaces the tennis courts with car parking, which runs contrary to the Council's stated aim of minimising the impact of car parking. The Foreshore redevelopment plan shows general car parking would increase from 376 spaces to about 408.
- *Community objections:* We are anxious about the potential neighbourhood community concerns with the proposed new development and extra car parking that will be needed. This could potentially result in a considerable

Letter from Elwood Park Tennis Club (cont'd)

delay in the construction of the proposed new facilities (lighting, club house and new tennis courts).

- *Maintenance planning uncertainty:* We are concerned about the impact the relocation will have on the clubs' maintenance schedule. The club is scheduled to resurface its courts within the next two years, a large capital expenditure commitment for the EPTC, but we are hesitant to proceed without greater certainty on the timing of any potential move.

Benefits of Tennis to the City of Port Phillip

Finally, we would like to highlight the importance and benefits of playing tennis.

- The City of Port Phillip has acknowledged that access to physical activity opportunities is important in encouraging lifelong physical wellbeing (Physical Health and Activity report, 2020). We believe improving access to tennis can go a long way in supporting the Councils aim of increasing participation in sport and recreation.
- Tennis is a very popular sport in Australia and can be played by people of all ages. There are not many sports where this is the case, with most sports predominately youth focused.
- According to the latest AusPlay data, a large-scale national population survey funded and led by Sport Australia, 1.529 million Australians played tennis in the 12 months ending June 2021. Adult participation grew by 37% over the 12-month period and children's participation grew by 29%. Both adults and children playing tennis had the highest percentage increase of any of the top 15 sports surveyed in the AusPlay data.
- Tennis can be played as a competition sport or as a recreational activity with friends and family. Either way, playing tennis is a good activity to maintain your health, fitness, strength, cognitive skills, and agility.
- Belonging to a tennis group and in particular exercising with them has been found to be beneficial for participants mental health. Tennis provides social support, promotes wellbeing, and addresses isolation. That's everything people want after being locked down in their homes for months.
- Unlike many other sports, tennis is gender neutral and gives equal opportunities for male and female players to participate.
- Tennis is a relatively inexpensive sport. You can buy a tennis racquet for under \$100 and for around \$12 a month you can get access to the EPTC tennis courts all year round. Just think how much it would cost to buy a set of golf clubs and join a golf club.
- Tennis is played all year round, unlike some seasonal sports such as cricket and football. The tennis club achieves far greater utilisation efficiency of Council land.

We hope that the matters we have raised above will cause you to reconsider your plans. We believe that the best option for the City of Port Phillip would be for the

Letter from Elwood Park Tennis Club (cont'd)

club to stay in its current location and increase the number of courts to cater for the growing local demand for tennis court time.

This offers a unique opportunity for setting up the tennis club facilities to play a key role in delivering important recreational opportunities in the local area.

We look forward to working with the Council on this important project. If you have any questions regarding our submission, please feel free to contact the club president [REDACTED] or secretary [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

President

Elwood Park Tennis Club

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Email from member of Elwood Park Tennis Club

From: "Louise Crawford - Councillor" <Louise.Crawford@portphillip.vic.gov.au>
Sent: Wed, 9 Feb 2022 22:05:22 +1100
To: "Helpdesk - Councillor Service Requests" <helpdeskcouncilreq@portphillip.vic.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Please don't destroy Elwood Park Tennis Club

Submission

Louise Crawford - Councillor

Councillor
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 1:58 PM
To: Tim Baxter - Deputy Mayor <Tim.Baxter@portphillip.vic.gov.au>; Rhonda Clark - Councillor <Rhonda.Clark@portphillip.vic.gov.au>; Louise Crawford - Councillor <Louise.Crawford@portphillip.vic.gov.au>
Cc: james.newbury@parliament.vic.gov.au
Subject: Please don't destroy Elwood Park Tennis Club

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Dear Representatives of Canal Ward

I have been a resident of Port Phillip since [REDACTED] and of Elwood for the past [REDACTED] years.

The Elwood Park Tennis Club plays a key part in my physical and mental wellbeing. A group of us from Port Phillip and Brighton have been playing there every Monday evening for around 12 years, finishing off with a BBQ, a beer and a laugh, even in the depths of Winter.

The current club has a secluded feel and an intimate atmosphere, divided from the road and the car park by rows of trees with a park and children's playground on one side.

The proposed relocation appears to disregard all that is special about Elwood Park and jams it in a corner as far as possible from the centre of Elwood, with no consideration of all the things that make EPTC unique. A tennis club is much more than a few tennis courts.

It also seems to completely contradict Council's stated purpose to:

Email from member of Elwood Park Tennis Club (cont'd)

- * protect the character, identity and amenity of the place
- * respect nature and the history of the site
- * reflect local priorities.

Replacing a Tennis Club and a playground with a car park may appeal from a revenue perspective, however Joni Mitchell's lyrics seem to reflect it best:

So they paved paradise
Put up a parking lot
With a pink hotel, a boutique and a swingin' night spot

Don't it always seem to go
That you don't know what you got 'til it's gone
They paved paradise put up a parking lot

I hope you are able to take my concerns on-board when finalising this redevelopment plan.

Cheers

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Email from another member of Elwood Park Tennis Club

From: "Louise Crawford - Councillor" <Louise.Crawford@portphillip.vic.gov.au>
Sent: Wed, 9 Feb 2022 20:06:38 +1100
To: "Helpdesk - Councillor Service Requests" <helpdeskcouncilreq@portphillip.vic.gov.au>
Subject: FW: I OBJECT TO THE RELOCATION OF THE ELWOOD PARK TENNIS CLUB.

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To Whom It May Concern,

I object to the relocation of the Elwood Park Tennis Club, where I have been a member and a volunteer for many years, based on below concerns:

- The proposed new site is too small to properly house the existing four tennis courts and the new shared club house.
- The club needs more tennis courts. We have a waiting list of 125 applications.
- The proposed new site is near a busy intersection with minimal tree screening.
- We are anxious about the potential community concern with the proposed new development and extra car parking that will be needed.

Email from another member of Elwood Park Tennis Club (cont'd)

- We are concerned about the impact the relocation will have on the clubs' maintenance schedule. The club is planning to resurface its courts within the next two years, but we are hesitant to proceed without greater certainty on the timing of any potential move.
- We believe that the proposed relocation of the tennis courts would be an unnecessary expenditure and would not help the Council achieve its 'Strategic Target' of ongoing balance sheet sustainability.
- The current proposal replaces the tennis courts with car parking, which runs contrary to the Councils stated aim of minimising the impact of car parking.

Please DON'T move our Tennis Club!!!!

Kind Regards,

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Sent from [Outlook](#)

Email from Tennis Victoria

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 28 January 2022 11:13 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Elwood Park TC - Concept Plan Dimensions

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for providing a copy of the concept plan for the relocation of Elwood Park TC. As a follow-up to our phone conversation, I provide the following comments.

When designing a new facility, court layout is dependent on a number of factors including existing site conditions, spatial availability, adjacent buildings/infrastructure and in-ground services. The staggered layout proposed for the courts is unusual, however it looks like a really tight site and fitting four courts in the projected location will likely be difficult. Surrounding amenities (e.g., cricket ground, croquet club) may impact the available space and these, together with other developments included as part of the greater Foreshore project, may influence the tennis court layout. The staggered layout might therefore be the only way four courts fit in the location, or the layout may simply be proposed to achieve best court orientation. The staggered layout means the courts would run north-south (ideal) but if they were built with the baselines running parallel to the road they'd run NE-SW (not ideal but would possibly still be in Tennis Australia's recommended guidelines).

It's also possible the staggered layout may make the construction more challenging than four courts laid out side by side, and this could add to the overall cost of the project. This could be confirmed by an experienced court designer as part of the detailed design and costing process.

The court dimensions shown on the concept plan require review as minimum runoff distance required from a court sideline to a fence for club/recreational play is 3050mm. The plan seems to allow only 2750mm from sideline to a fence on each court so each of these runoffs is 300mm short. The proposed dimension on the plan for baseline to fence is 5490mm on each court, meeting the minimum requirement for this runoff. Expansion of the proposed facility footprint to meet runoff guidelines would obviously put more pressure on spatial requirements. Below is a link to download Tennis Australia's Infrastructure Guide – refer to pages 62-64 for information on court orientation, dimensions, and runoffs.

Depending on the court design and construction, allowance may also need to be made for surrounding infrastructure such as spoon drains, walkways, shade shelters and light poles/footings, built outside the court fences. This could add 2000mm or more around each court, putting additional pressure on available space and the ability to fit four courts in the proposed location.

TA Infrastructure Guide - <https://www.tennis.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/215231959-Tennis-Infrastructure-Planning-Resource-FINAL-1.pdf>


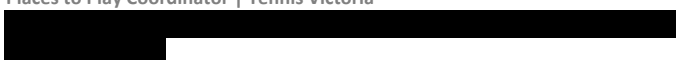



Thanks for the invitation to the meeting at Elwood Park TC on Wednesday 2nd February.

Any questions, please call or email.

Regards,

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Email from Tennis Victoria (cont'd)


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Sent: Wed, 19 Jan 2022 20:27:05 +1100
To: "Helpdesk - Councillor Service Requests"
<helpdeskcouncilreq@portphillip.vic.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Objection to the Elwood Foreshore Site Plan
Attachments: Elwood Foreshore Site Plan 2021.docx

To add to the consultation on Elwood foreshore

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Hi Councilors,
I would like to submit my objection to the proposed Elwood Foreshore Site Plan.
See attached.
Regards
[REDACTED]

Email submission (cont'd)

Elwood Foreshore Site Plan (Proposal) Outline and Comments 18th January 2022

Executive Summary points:-

1. **Elwood Foreshore** has **challenges** including **aged infrastructure; climate change risks and sub-optimal user experience**
2. **COPP is proactively & strategically considering** how the **needs of the foreshore** could be **met in the short, medium and long term**
3. **Site Plan** intended as a **preliminary and indicative concept**, a platform for future detailed design
4. This follows community consultation of 2020 & 2021 and a suite of technical investigations of the site
5. **Key features:-**
 - (a) Provide a sense of continuity by retaining the highest value buildings or parts of them
 - (b) No significant changes to the total overall building area, but provides higher quality community spaces
 - (c) Vegetation coverage is increased by ~78%
 - (d) Foreshore paths are made more generous
 - (e) A designated zone for boats/other water craft based activities
 - (f) Various elements to enhance sense of presence and uniqueness of the place
 - (g) Deliverable in stages
6. **Key changes affecting the tennis club** – Tennis facility to be **moved and co-located with the Croquet facility** allegedly to improve pedestrian access along Ormond Esplanade and **relocate car parking away from the foreshore**
9. Investment totalling **over \$50M in stages over 10+ years** and will need to be considered as **part of Council's budget making/review processes and some external funding contributions** from **other layers of government & the tenants of the site.**

Funding availability will be key driver of ultimate scope & timing

Email submission (cont'd)

Objections to the Plan from the tennis perspective.

1. I believe none of the planners sought to inspect the tennis court area including the club house and measure the dimensions of the required space including boundaries and the court lighting configuration.
2. Elwood Park Tennis Club now has over 400 members and a long waiting list. Moving the tennis facility next to the Croquet facility on a wedge shaped land would mean the maximum amount of courts would be four (4) and no chance for expansion. The existing location would allow another one or two courts to the south if the playground would be moved.
3. The playground could be moved to the wedge site.
4. The Croquet club house would have to be either demolished or radically renovated if it was to accommodate both the Tennis & Croquet Clubs.
5. The imbalance of membership of the Croquet Club (~60) compared to the Tennis Club (over 400) would cause friction especially on weekends and car parking would be an issue.
6. The cost of the move would be of the order of \$1 Mill.
7. Climate change risks will be exacerbated if the COPP increases the number of car parking spaces. It should rather encourage the use of public transport and walking to Elwood Park.

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Subject: Elwood Proposed Foreshore Plan

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Hi Anthony
My pleasure to talk with you yesterday regarding the Elwood Foreshore Enhancement project.

As mentioned I am the [REDACTED] for the Brighton Icebergers based out of the Royal Brighton Yacht Club. We have 156 members who swim 365 days a year, without wetsuits, in water temp to 9 deg in winter. Between the yacht club and the Brighton Baths Icebergers, our members make up 18% of all persons who have ever swum the English Channel.
Recently I've been involved with Parks Vic and the RBYC regarding storm damage and refurbishment of the Brighton Pier. In these consultations I was assisted by [REDACTED] a semi retires noted civil engineer (at last count 70 large bridge projects for SE Asian governments), [REDACTED] Coastal Engineer who has advise numerous councils more recently Mornington and recently retired CEO of Lifesaving Victoria [REDACTED].
In recent years I moved from living on Esplanade in Brighton (where I was involved in City Of Bayside's Foreshore Development Plan) to [REDACTED].

May I make the following suggestions regarding the plans for the Elwood Foreshore Enhancement Plan;

Elwood Sailing Club - Needs Higher Utilisation - More Hours - More Days

- During COVID municipal swimming pools closed causing a mass of wetsuit clad pool swimmers to migrate to Elwood, swimming between the yellow poles opposite the Elwood Lifesaving Club.
- These swimmers seemed to have 'stuck' not returning to the pool as they are enjoying open water swimming. Many will want to swim through winter, such is the addictive nature of open water swimming. An opportunity exists to include a sauna or steam room in either the proposed new lifesaving club or the Elwood Sailing Club necessary to raise a swimmers core body temp after swimming in cold water to prevent rapid hypothermia. Sauna and steam rooms are located at both the Royal Brighton Yacht Club and Middle Brighton Baths to service swimmers. With Elwood Beach's increased usage with swimmers and triathlon groups over COVID, it would be good to support and retain these sports

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people in the precinct. These type of swimmers predominantly are between 6am and 8am everyday of the week.

- Many kite boarders joined the RBYC after it proposed organising races for them with inflatable rescue craft as support and buoy course placement. Unfortunately this was discontinued by the RBYC and the kite boarders left. An opportunity exists, via an enhanced Elwood Sailing Club facilitating kite boarding, to capture the large local kite boarding community by 'giving them a home' at the revitalised Elwood Sailing Club which has storage, inflatable rescue craft and the necessary State organisation sailing accreditation (carrying insurance) to administer racing. Kiteboarder's predominantly practice their sport in the afternoons, everyday of the week.
- The foreshore lacks inexpensive food (incl alcohol) and beverage served in a controlled, casual environment as per the Albert Park Anglers Club,,,,basically sitting on a deck with a magnificent view of Port Phillip Bay with a 'pub priced' beer and hamburger. The foot traffic in front of the Elwood Sailing Club would be a captive audience and there is no noise issue for local residents.
- These suggestions more fully utilise the capital investment in the sailing club infrastructure from early morning to evening with the potential to be self funding.

Trees Aligning Ormond Esplanade - The Itchy Tree, Lagunaria Patersonia

- It seems contradictory if the foreshore proposal is to encourage more pedestrian traffic via improvement to the footpath on the beachside of Ormond Esplanade, then after improvement to the footpath, ask the community to walk beside mature Lagunaria Patersonia trees which cause asthma and breathing issues with their spores.
- The 'toxicity' of these trees is increased many fold by their facing the strong winds coming off Port Phillip Bay. This variety of vegetation reduces the whole areas amenity for residents, foreshore users and especially children. Why retain trees that create headaches, sore eyes and runny noses for areas that the Council propose to spend millions of dollars attracting increased community usage? The trees should be removed irrespective of the foreshore plan proposal. Hobson Bay Council recognise the associated health risks of Lagunaria Patersonia and have a community orientated eradication program. The Wattie Watson Oval and adjoining playing areas provide a visual 'village green' atmosphere and don't deserve to be hidden, and should be a showcase for, motorists driving along Ormond Esplanade, pedestrians and local residents.

Seaweed & Leaf Beach Cleaning Collection Area

- Currently located behind the cricket practice nets. Heavy machinery operates in this area from 5 am on multiple days of the week. The machinery is noisy in itself and has the additional issue of OH&S mandated reversing noise warning systems. This noise is disturbing for Ormond Esplanade residents at an hour when most are trying to sleep. The foreshore plan proposes to move this depot even closer to residents properties facing Ormond Esplanade. Bayside residents set a legal precedent with successful court proceedings preventing garbage collection which created similar noise in similar hours to the seaweed & leaf collection depot.
- The proposed site of the depot should be re-located to an area which doesn't impact residents, which it currently does.

Sand Drift Movement.

Sand drift along the beaches from Green Point to Head St has changed radically in the last 3 years, especially after the dredging of the East Channel in Port Phillip Bay causing faster, stronger

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tidal movements. As a result the Park St groin has become 'full' of sand and no longer 'catches' sand, allowing the sand to drift northward causing (similarly to see point 3 in att Portsea Coastal Advisory Group Minutes);

- A totally new beach to be formed on the southern side of the Brighton Baths opposite the car park.
- The beach/sand area in front of the Royal Brighton Yacht Club has trebled in 3 years.
- The 'dog beach' opposite Sandown St had to be recently dredged to prevent it from closing the boating channel opposite the Royal Brighton Yacht Club marina.
- Elwood's foreshore will be effected by this increasing drift as the Brighton areas fill up with sand.
- Prior to investing heavily in a Elwood foreshore enhancement program I would advise a expert be retained to assess the future Elwood sand drift situation.
- [REDACTED] Coastal Engineer [REDACTED] has been of great assistance to Parks Vic and the Royal Brighton Yacht Club and Mornington Shire, also see his membership of the panel which conducted the Vic Gov report on emerging coastal issue https://www.marineandcoasts.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0030/405885/Emerging-Scientific-Issues-on-Victoria-Coast-2011-Update.pdf

Disabled Access

- Recently, I have found State Gov't Dept's seem to 'fast track' decision making processes in regard to budget & timing when projects include clearly defined advantages to encourage disabled persons to be included in the use of the proposed planned amenities.

Anthony, happy to be included in discussions together with those who have previously advised me.

Regards

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Letter

Elwood Foreshore feedback

Following a careful review of the proposed Site Plan, submission of questions to the online portal and participation in the Thursday 3/2/22 online forum I submit the following (updated) comments for consideration by the Council.

Introduction

The Foreshore upgrade proposal has some positive components to it however it largely seems to be a lot of money spent doing things that don't need to be done. It is my understanding that only a very general survey was undertaken online seeking feedback to carefully crafted questions without full consideration of the actual requirements of the full spectrum of foreshore users and surrounding residents.

I understand the need to upgrade aging infrastructure (the expected life spans of which should be detailed in the Plan) and the need to cater for potential sea level rises or storm surges, however the proposed changes seem to be more about retaining certain architectural features and catering for ad hoc users of the foreshore rather than focusing on what the various clubs needs are and what the locals love about going there and living in the area.

Positive aspects of Plan

- **Improving pathways for pedestrian access to the beach and the coastal facilities and along Ormond Esplanade.** Provided this does not lead to scooters being permitted on the pathways.
- **Retention of existing character and local history and the increase in coastal vegetation and shade** provided that the view from the BBQs currently located near the Surf Life Saving Club are not blocked in any way. In fact, these facilities should be enhanced with further seating, tables and shade. The Plan should show what is proposed with all the BBQs on the foreshore.
- **Moving the bike path away from the beach** as it poses a risk to pedestrians accessing beach side facilities. In fact, the bike path should have rumble strips to stop speeding/racing.
- **Upgrade of change rooms and toilet facilities** as these are sub-optimal and aged.
- **Keeping dogs off this part of the foreshore.** However improved signage about the permitted dog-friendly areas in Port Phillip (and in Bayside at Elsternwick Park) would be beneficial.

Negative aspects of the Plan

- **Moving the restaurant away from the beach and behind a lifesaving tower** as this diminishes the view and ambience from the restaurant. The restaurant (and the abutting change rooms and lifesaving structure) are already on a 1.5m platform which should be enough to allow for the proposed 0.8m sea level rise by 2100 (by which time all buildings will have likely been replaced/upgraded again).

It is important to note that almost all the restaurants around Port Phillip Bay (many of which used to be old change rooms) are located right on the beach and this is a major attraction to customers from the area and from outside the area. **A desire by architects to project the significance of the 'brutalist' change rooms as a stand-alone feature should NOT override the desirability of the restaurant's current location.**

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- **Moving the carpark away from the beach** as this would make trips to the car for additional beach, BBQ, picnic or personal items much more difficult and would still require crossing the bike path if the proposed plans are implemented. Better to just move the bike path to behind the carpark and leave the carpark as is with access from both Ormond Esplanade and Head Street as is currently the case. Consideration should be given to construction of a low bridge structure for the bikes to go over any access roads to avoid conflict with cars. I also note that closure of the access road down to the restaurant would result in 18 free car parks disappearing.
- **Increased parking in Head Street** as the design does not specify how this would be catered for. Putting car parking spaces, a bike path and pedestrian access on the north side of Head Street would probably require narrowing the road and/or impinging on the park area including maturing trees and recently installed oval lighting.
- **Overflow parking near Croquet Club should not be proposed to be on oval space.** If it is deemed to be required (and data should be provided to support this need), then it would make much more sense to put overflow parking on the currently unused area proposed for the tennis courts and have a lane on the west side of the Club for access purposes. Consideration should also be given to the fact that increased parking spaces will lead to more traffic and encourage people to drive to the beach. **The Plan should focus on more facilities for pedestrians and bike users to encourage people to walk or ride to the beach, not drive.**
- **Moving of the tennis courts to near the Croquet Club.** This seems like an unnecessary expense and will block a much used pathway at the rear of the croquet club and build over recently completed gardens in Elwood Park and venting for Elwood Canal. It will also impinge on the park and bay views of many residents along that stretch of Ormond Esplanade.
 - o In fact one of your FAQs asks "*What will be the impact (visual/other) on neighboring residents?*" The answer provided is "*A key consideration of the project planning is to improve the visual opportunities and minimize visual impacts.*" **This consideration is not met by the proposed tennis court relocation.**
 - o In addition, Section 2.7 of **Elwood Foreshore: Looking to the Future: Site Plan for Community Consultation** (presented to PPCC on 1/12/21) states "*The tennis facility moved and co-located with the croquet facility, to improve pedestrian access along Ormond Esplanade and relocate car parking away from the foreshore*". My measurements show that the pedestrian path is currently narrowed from 2m to 1.5m beside the courts (with poorly maintained overhanging trees) however there is still a 3.5m area from the path to the tennis court fence. The path can be easily widened without needing to move the courts provided key local vegetation is not adversely impacted. **This is therefore not a valid justification for their relocation. Refer also my car parking comments above.**
 - o Detailed usage information for these courts should be made available to the public to support any changes. It is my understanding that the tennis club is seeking to expand their court area which would not be possible if they are relocated.
- **Proposed planning of trees on ovals near Head Street.** Any trees that are proposed to be planted in between ovals or to line the proposed road to the Pavilion will obstruct playing activity on these ovals as well as obstructing views of the bay for the residents who live around this part of the park. **These trees should be deleted from the Plan.**

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Conclusion

Too many of the changes appear unnecessary and do not fit with the needs of the various clubs, beach users or local residents. A significant project of this type should have collated specific requirements from users and residents and these requirements should be published and demonstrated as being met by the proposed design. Focus should be on upgrading those facilities that are past their expected life span and making them sustainable and disabled friendly. Changes for changes sake are in nobody's interest and to spend this amount of money now to cater for 80 years' time is also a false economy.

Many of the questions and comments from the community during this feedback period seem to be postponed to the Detailed Design phase which is a flawed approach as this does not demonstrate that all the requirements have been met and the various considerations and concerns addressed.

Things that have not been considered (or have perhaps been considered but not included in this Plan) are storm water management, environmental sustainability, location of cricket nets, relocation (or removal?) of existing secure parking area, proposed increased shade, indigenous considerations and loss of existing mature vegetation. Also, there is no evidence that any thought has been given to construction of a sea wall as is typical along Port Phillip Bay to stem any sea or storm incursions and is being undertaken in nearby Bayside.

It is understood that funding for this proposal is not provisioned for in the current budget and will need to be sought from various levels of government. It is also not known whether rates will have to go up to cover these works if adequate funding is not provided. Ratepayers need to know how funding is going to be secured for any or all of this work and any potential impact to rates.

In closing, it would be in the interest of the community to see alternative designs which reduce some of the proposed changes and associated costs, and which incorporate all feedback and concerns such as the above and those raised by the community. These alternative designs can then be presented to the community and feedback sought directly to determine the preferred approach and budget. This approach has been used successfully by neighboring councils in open spaces such as by Bayside Council in Elsternwick Park.

Letter from St Kilda City Junior Football Club

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Dear Ms ██████████

Submission to the Enhancing Elwood Foreshore community feedback process

I write to provide the St Kilda City Junior Football Club (STKCJFC) submission to the Enhancing Elwood Foreshore community feedback process. Our Club appreciates Council is undertaking a thorough community consultation at this stage of the process where the Site Plan ('the Plan') is a preliminary and indicative concept and presents a platform for future detailed design.

We and many of our fellow stakeholders consider that implementation of the Plan will require explicit consultation with the Clubs and businesses affected before any more detailed designs are approved.

The most worrying aspect of the Plan is the inclusion of temporary overflow parking on the Elwood No 2 football/cricket oval, which Council officers refer to as Head St B. In normal years, Elwood No 2 is the home ground for many of our younger junior teams who are typically aged 7 to 12 years old. We are concerned that allowing cars on the oval, however infrequent, will render it unsuitable for use as a football field. In its current state it is already a poor surface, frequently flooded due to the presence of the Elwood Diversion Drain. Our Club is concerned that the proposed expansion of the Drain, and a move to allow cars onto the surface, will make the ground even more unsuitable for sports, particularly cricket. With sports grounds in the City of Port Phillip at a premium, the loss of and damage to sporting grounds must be avoided at all cost.

Our Club notes that the proposed resizing and realignment of the Elwood No 2 oval will bring it into further contact with the adjacent Head St and Esplanade rectangular grounds, and require the removal of a retaining wall, a number of shrubs and a recently installed light tower. Our Club has concerns that the realignment, and inclusion of a new car park next to the croquet club and installation of tennis courts along Ormond Esplanade, will result in cramped space and significantly reduce the size of the already small Elwood No 2 oval.

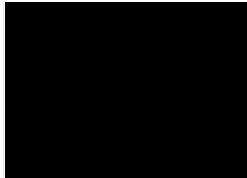
On the issue of car parking and traffic management changes, while we are generally supportive of the proposed parking arrangements and the relocation of parking away from the immediate foreshore, we note that a workable solution will require an informed study of the current needs of all users. Our Club considers that implementation of the Plan and further stages of design and development will benefit from undertaking a detailed traffic management or car parking study.

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The pavilion at Elwood Reserve, as currently designed, offers poor protection from the elements while spectating onto Wattie Watson Oval, and is of insufficient space. The Club supports the need for additional female specific changerooms and as a Committee we are investigating the fast tracking of this development. The Club considers a modest expansion of the pavilion that includes an extension of the Wattie Watson viewing area and additional changerooms on the beach side of the pavilion should be included in future detailed designs.

Thank you again for allowing us to make a submission to the Enhancing Elwood Foreshore community feedback process and we look forward to further discussions as this important project progresses.

Sincerely



President

