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# Proposal for Moray St Native BEE Reserve- a new part of The South Melbourne BEE Gardens

By





## Endorsement by native bee researcher Kit Prendergast....

I would like to express my full support for the amazing pollinator conservation project spearheaded by [REDACTED], the Moray St Native BEE Reserve, a new part of The South Melbourne BEE G

I am a native bee ecologist whose research has focussed on urban bee ecology and conservation. Urban areas have great potential to support pollinators as they are often built on land that was historically biodiverse and we have the people power to make a real difference in these places where we live, work and play to bring the biodiversity back. Unfortunately, however, many "pollinator" projects are created without any consultation with native bee experts to ensure that well-meaning intentions actually have the desired results.

[REDACTED], however, has not only taken the initiative to create pollinator habitat that benefits both [REDACTED] and the community but has also consulted with those knowledgeable in this field to ensure that her project is based on evidence-based principles. Already, together we have designed The BEE Gardens that are attracting native bees as well as a host of other beneficial insects, proving that designing green spaces for pollinators based on science brings results. [REDACTED] and the locals have already gained so much from The BEE Gardens- from the valuable pollination services of the wonderful native bees to the well-published benefits of green spaces for environmental and psychological health. The BEE Gardens are much loved by bees and people- the perfect combination.

Creating successful native bee habitat in the heart of the city is the first step in ensuring urban areas can support our under-appreciated, precious native pollinator fauna. The next step is to connect up these successful spaces so that bees and other pollinators can move between foraging patches, and there is demographic and genetic population connectivity. My research has proven that cities can host an incredible biodiversity of native bees, however this is dependent upon retaining and restoring quality native flowering vegetation.

[REDACTED] is doing this through The Heart Gardening Project and it is very exciting. I ask that you help [REDACTED] and her volunteers with this endeavour to help our wellness, our pollinators, our future generations and our planet.

The South Melbourne BEE Gardens are showing how productive researcher-community engagements can be, and I am so proud of what [REDACTED] has achieved. The BEE Gardens serve as an exemplar for other projects and enhancing urban green spaces and creating more BEE Gardens has only benefits. [REDACTED]'s immense efforts should be celebrated and encouraged in every way possible.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]ntist, conservation biologist and zoologist  
PhD researcher (Curtin University) and Forrest Scholar

ORCID: <https://orcid.org/0000-0002-1164-6099>The site as it is now...



**The site at the moment...**

**Tarmac...**

The proposed garden site is approx. 50m x 3m long, which is part of a 50m x 7m tarmac strip. The entire site is currently covered in tarmac, so with the 4 lane Moray Street alongside, this is essentially a 6 lane highway.

**Trees not doing well...**

There are 3 established trees there already - native brush box- 2 of which are not doing great and will benefit greatly from the breaking up of this large heat island. Incidentally the median strip street trees are also not doing well along this heat island so cooling this area and letting in water will also greatly benefit these trees.

**No nature strip...**

The Native BEE Reserve would be extending the nature strip that runs from Albert Rd to Cobden St and these gardens would be adding to The South Melbourne BEE Gardens, 10 gardens that make up the first public gardens dedicated to honey bees and native bees in Australia.

**Below: The site now .....and an idea of what it will kind of look like...**

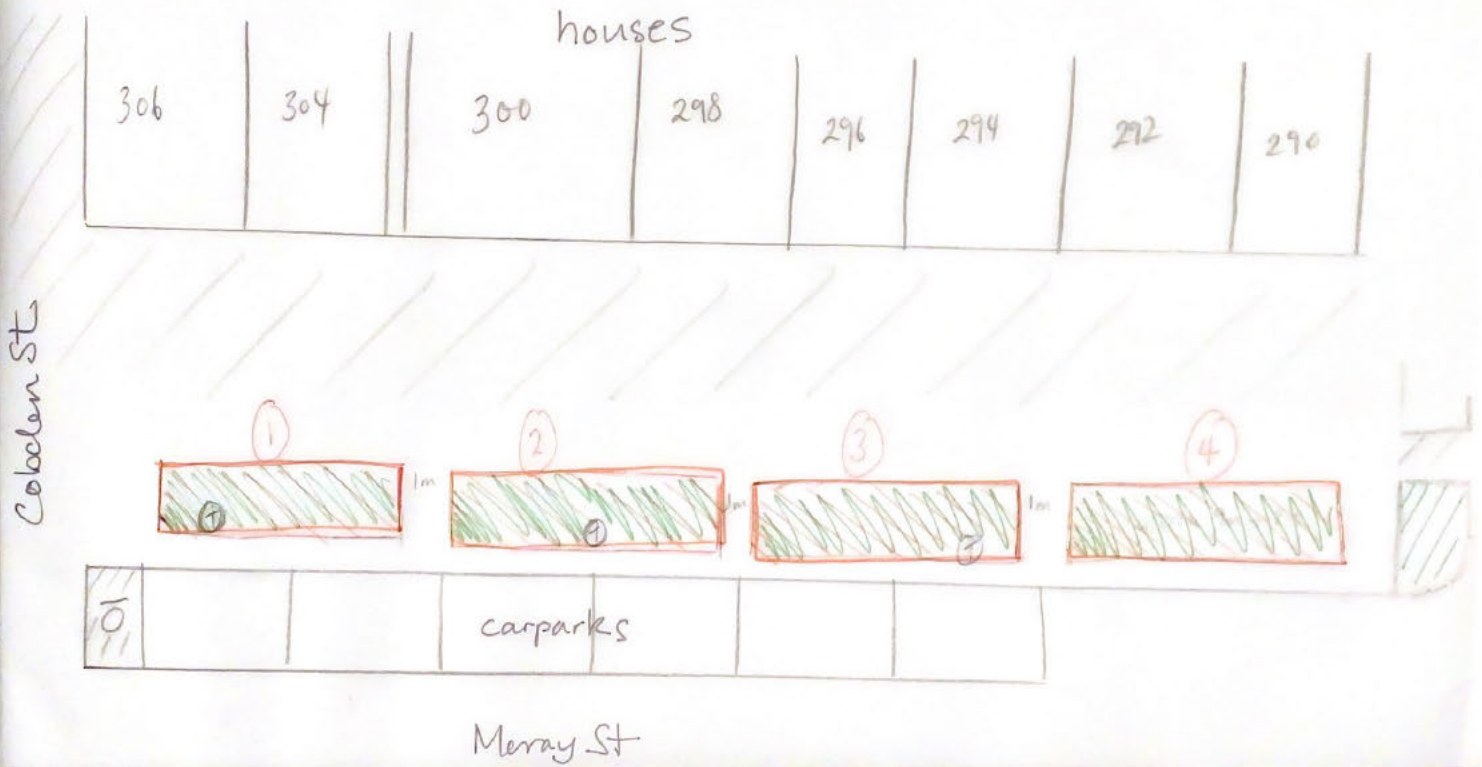


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The site of the Moray St Native BEE Reserve.....to approximate scale...

# The Moray St Native Bee Reserve





## The Moray St Native BEE Reserve will...

### **Break up the heat island...**

There would be 110 square metres of tarmac removed creating indigenous gardens.

### **Have clear access to utilities...**

There will still be access to all utilities, poles, posts and drains.

### **Have clear access to car parks...**

There would be access to 6 car parks with set backs of 500mm from the road and 3 approx 1m paths leading to the 6 car parks.

**Create...** sustenance and nesting spaces for many different local species of native bees, create awareness around native bees, their amazingness and diversity and attract other pollinators and biodiversity as well! I am aiming for pollinator nesting sites to be on show yet out of direct reach of dogs and people. I am aiming for 2 Flow Pollinator Houses (hopefully to be donated) or something similar to be placed in the gardens and for circles of bare earth (inside circles of landscaping rings or logs) to be incorporated as a part of the gardens to provide for ground nesting bees.

**Add...** to the forage for the 4 species of native bees that have been sighted at The South Melbourne BEE Gardens nearby. Plants are to be used in bigger patches and varied patches to help pollinators with their foraging.

**Invite...** species that have disappeared from this area back here again (like the blue banded bee- *Amegilla* genus).

**Extend...** the South Melbourne BEE Gardens to create an even bigger active pollinator friendly 'green patch' to help connect it to Westgate Park and The Royal Botanic Gardens.

**Demonstrate...** what plants locals/visitors can use in their backyards and how they can help with their nesting habits.

**Support...** organic and permaculture gardening principles.

**Attract...** if the native bees are there, then many other pollinators will be happy there too! However, seeing as there are shady patches and native bees prefer sun, these patches will be aimed for other biodiversity like skinks.

### **Be based on research and expert opinions...including...**

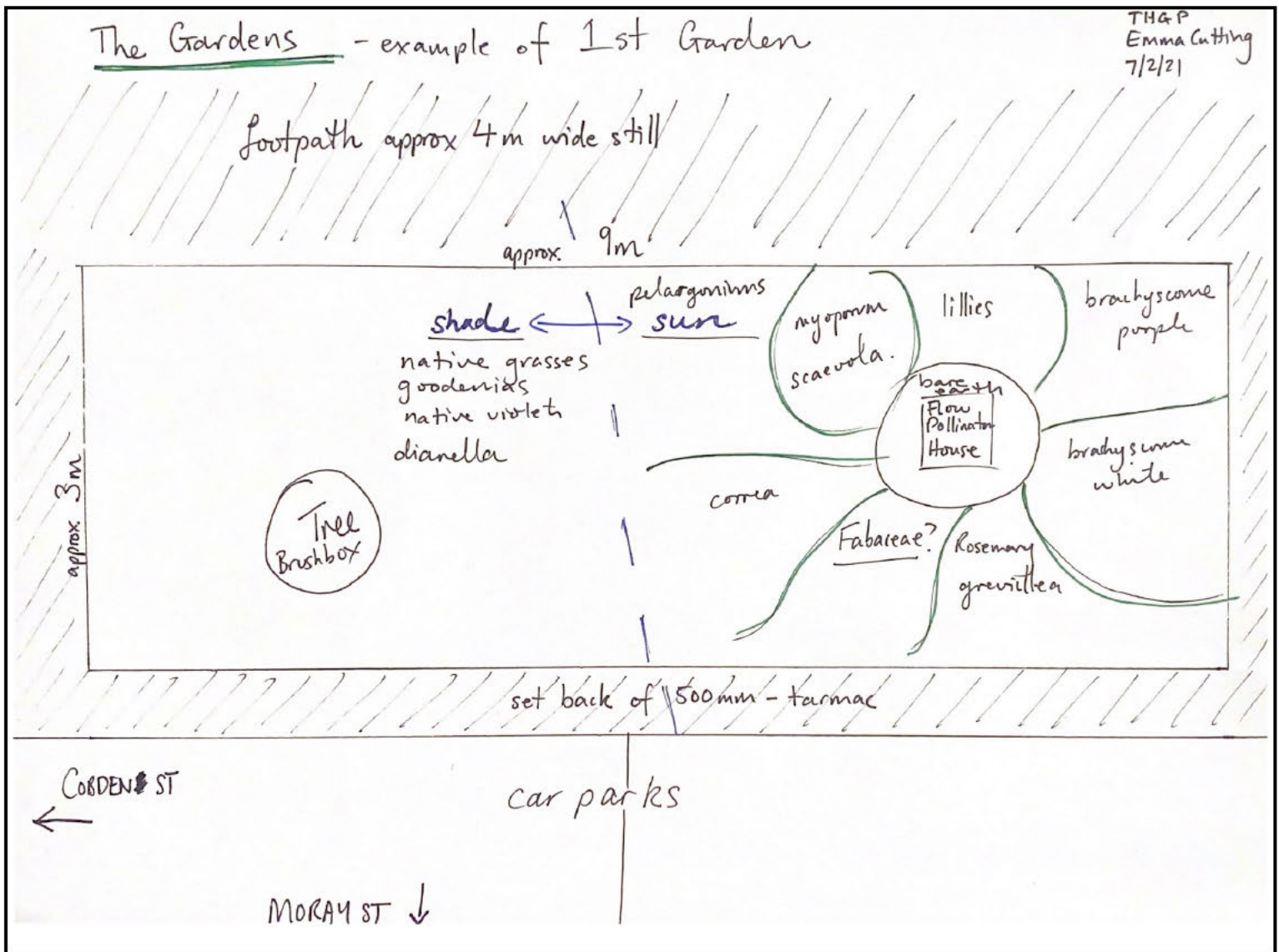
- advice from the eminent [REDACTED] senior entomologist at Museum of Victoria.
- ongoing consultation and [REDACTED] led out by native bee researcher [REDACTED]
- research by ecologist [REDACTED] carried out at Westgate Park
- site visit and ongoing [REDACTED] ions with [REDACTED], General Manager of Westgate Biodiversity

### **Use Signage ...**

Small signs will need to be a vital part of these gardens to explain to pedestrians and visitors what is going on ...and what they can do to help our native bees and our planet.



Below is an example of what Garden 1 (of 4) might look like...





Left: Bluestone edging like this garden on Victoria Ave in Albert Park would look amazing and be beneficial for many reasons including...

- safety (with visually impaired)
- soil quality (allowing more good soil to be used)
- visual and historical enhancement of the site
- longevity
- easier access for maintenance

.....among others....

Below: an example of some of the plants to be used in The Native BEE Reserve





## How it will be done...

### CoPP, Community and THGP – working together

#### CoPP...

- to help and approve planning- open spaces, local laws etc
- to prepare the site through taking up the tarmac and removing as much rubble underneath as possible- hopefully at a depth of 30cm
- to help protect tarmac from getting chipped, kicked and broken over time perhaps with a wooden frame laid into the ground.
- to build bluestone edging

#### Community!...

Site Prep and Planting Day will be a huge local effort over a couple of weekends involving families, other volunteers, Albert Park College students and local Rotarians- hopefully even local indigenous groups. School students can help on this day and beforehand with native mulch collection (with a donated prize to the class that can collect the most!).

#### THGP...

- will be in charge of bringing it all together and maintenance

### Which companies might be involved?

Bulleen Art and Garden to provide soil

Green Man Char biochar to help with water retention and soil quality

Loving Earth and Pana Chocolate to potentially provide chocolate to volunteers

Flow to hopefully provide Flow Pollinator Houses

██████████ to provide installation of pollinator houses  
odiversity to provide plants.

### How will \$ be raised?

Talking to state and federal government

Talking to organisations such as Wheen Foundation and Rotarians for Bees

Talking to companies such as Pana Chocolate and Bunnings

Asking locals for donations

Going for a grant to cover the whole thing and maintenance for the next few years

### How it will be maintained?

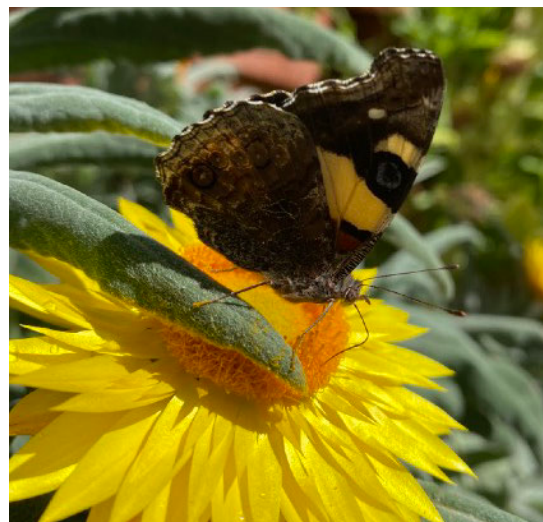
The plantings through myself and THGP volunteers

The tarmac and pathways through CoPP

The trees, though ultimately Council responsibility, will be a joint effort as looking after The Reserve will look after the trees.

Have capacity for irrigation but can also maintain manually.

**Below: predators like tau emerald dragonflies and pollinators like yellow admirals are regulars at The BEE Gardens and The Native BEE Reserve will encourage more of these and others, increasing biodiversity in the area, exactly what is needed for this area.**







**Approximate quote over 3 years...**

**\$25,000 in total**

(solid quote to come after plans have been approved)

**Soil -\$2310**

from BAAG

33 cubic metres native soil

**Plants- \$4000**

Westgate Biodiversity

approximately 1400 plants (50 advanced \$250 and the rest tube stock \$3750)

**Biochar- \$1000**

Green Man Char

To be supercharged with seaweed solution and worm wee and water

**Maintenance in materials over 3 years year- \$3600**

in incidentals (plants more soil etc)

**Labour costs over 3 years- \$14,090**

402 hours @ \$35 per hour

130 hours in setting up over 3 months(at 11 hours a week)

272 hours over remaining 33 months (at around 2 hours a week)

**City of Port Phillip...** to take up tarmac, remove tarmac and rubble from site, and build bluestone edging around the 4 gardens.

**Potential Donations...**

Cow poo - donated by locals who have a farm

Installation of flow houses- donated by local artisan who created and installed the park bench

Time and Labour- Planting and site prep donated by keen locals and community groups

Mulch- local leaves- donated

Logs- donated by [redacted] and [redacted]

Bokashi compost- [redacted] workin [redacted] n Melbourne Sustainability Group

**Below: amazing volunteers are so happy to help and community groups are really keen to get on board too. This will be an incredible community venture to further bring us together after last year's immense efforts to create 10 BEE Gardens.**





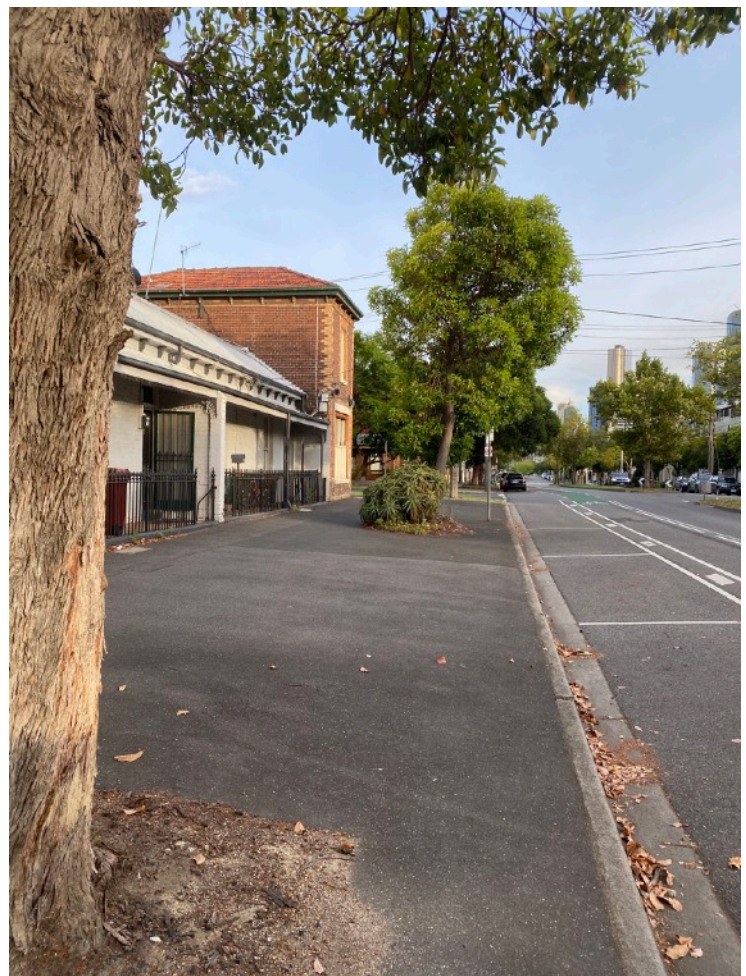
## Enablers & Blockers

### Enablers

- we are doing something about climate change!
- we are doing exactly what we all should be doing- protecting the earth for our selves and our kids and working together positively
- we are helping to change humanity for the better
- biodiversity will increase in this very urban area
- CoPP is actually helping a hugely popular community-led ground-up initiative
- less tarmac= cooler, less noise pollution for locals form MoraySt, less water run off
- More connection to nature in an urban environment by locals and visitors
- more awareness being created around native bees
- 95 square metres more garden for City of Port Phillip
- happier prouder locals
- closer knit community
- a case study that can be used around Australia
- a positive project that can get some great press to grow awareness around what can be done by Councils and locals alike
- it's a small enough area to be a good test for how things go
- it's a big enough area to make a big difference to The South Melbourne BEE Gardens
- I have collated signed consent forms for 6 of the 8 residents (1 residence is unoccupied)
- the gardens will help the 3 existing trees
- I have already started so many relationships and conversations with companies/organisations that will potentially help this project
- a fantastic positive story to share

### Blockers

- CoPP needs to do something to make this happen.
- works are required and some noise will happen
- one resident is a little uncertain of change (but has always been very supportive of The BEE Gardens) - she just needs a little more tlc
- more structure will need to be created around maintenance
- will require maintenance
- there will be theft and the other usual issues to do with public plantings.
- THGP hasn't taken on this big a project before
- it costs money that needs to be raised



**Right: The site as it is- unused tarmac creates a nature dead zone and contributes to heat island effect and water retention problems among others...**

**Photo:** [REDACTED]



## Plant Choice Criteria

Plant height restrictions depending on Council and what residents are happy with around corners. Up to 1-1.5m away from corners but mainly ground cover to 800mm.

Plants are to be a mix of native/indigenous.

Plants are to be non-spiky.

Plants are to be non-poisonous to people big and small and dogs (in fact some native grasses have proven to be beneficial to local dogs and some of those will be planted on the edges to give them some extra nutrition)

Plants are to be beneficial to native bees of the area and other biodiversity including other pollinators (beetles, bugs, flies, butterflies, moths, wasps, honeybees), predators (praying mantis, dragonflies, damselflies, ladybeetles), skinks, microbats and birds.



**A tiny gorgeous native parasitoid wasp on a billy button at The BEE Gardens. The Native BEE Reserve will attract many other native pollinators like this one.**

**Photo:** [REDACTED]



## **Plant List...**

### **Wildflowers...**

Wahlenbergia (native bluebells)  
Brachyscome (purple and white)  
Linum marginale (native flax)  
Tetratheca  
Microseris (murnong daisy)  
Chrysocephalum apiculatum and semipapposum (common everlasting daisy)  
Pycnosorus (billy buttons)  
Anthropodium stricta (chocolate lily)  
Bulbine bulbosa (yellow bulbine lily)  
Anthropodium milleflorum (vanilla lily)  
Thysanotus tuberosus (fringed lily)

### **Ground covers...**

Scaevola  
Hardenbergia violacea  
Kennedia prostrata (running postman)  
Myoporum (fine leaf and normal leaf)  
Viola hederacea (native violet)  
Rhagodia spinescens (spiny saltbush)

### **Small shrubs...**

Rosemary grevillea  
Correa alba, reflexa, glabra  
Leptospermum  
Westringia  
Goodenia ovata  
Acacia  
Melaleuca  
Banksia  
Callistemon  
Leucophyta brownii (cushion bush)  
Olearia ramulosa (twiggy daisy bush)

### **Plants from Fabaceae...**

Bossiaea  
Aeotus ericoides

### **Native grasses**

Poas  
Microlaena stipoides  
Themeda triandra  
Chloris truncata

### Getting the Residents On Board!...

There are 8 residents who live alongside where The Moray St Native Bee Reserve is proposed to be.



I have signed consent forms for 6 of the 8 residents like the one below. 1 is currently unoccupied and the other is Therese who, though very supportive of The BEE Gardens (has watered and has a sign in her window supporting The BEE Gardens), is just a little wary of change. When I have plans I will show her then and she can then see it....that will help her a lot.

Below is one of the consent forms.....

101 Cobden St.

#### Resident Consent Form for The Nature Strip Indigenous Garden - an extension of The South Melbourne BEE Gardens

This is a consent form to say that I, a resident who lives directly next to this site, am happy for the following project (of which the concept has been approved in writing by Council) to happen. I understand the following...

- 1-Tarmac will be taken up to continue the nature strip from Albert Road between Moray and Napier St in South Melbourne.
- 2- There will be some noise but the rewards in the long run (which should involve less noise from traffic because of the planting) will far outweigh a few days of noise.
- 3-An indigenous/native garden will be designed and planted out by The Heart Gardening Project and Westgate Biodiversity to create more habitat and sustenance for biodiversity in our area while giving joy to the local community.
- 4- THGP will absolutely take into account pathways to parked cars and any other concerns. I understand that The Heart Gardening Project and City of Port Phillip Council will work together to make sure that local laws are adhered to, my needs are listened to as a resident and the project goes smoothly.
- 5- I may need to sign something similar but more official from Council in the future.
- 6- THGP is happy to plant out and maintain this project with volunteers. This project is an extension of The South Melbourne BEE Gardens.
- 7- If I choose to I can donate to this project (which will probably be funded by a combination of the local community, sponsors and grants) but it is not mandatory.

I give my consent to [redacted] from The Heart Gardening Project to get this project done!

Thank you,

Date: 10/12/20

Full name: [redacted]

Full address: [redacted]

Phone/mobile: [redacted]

Email: [redacted]

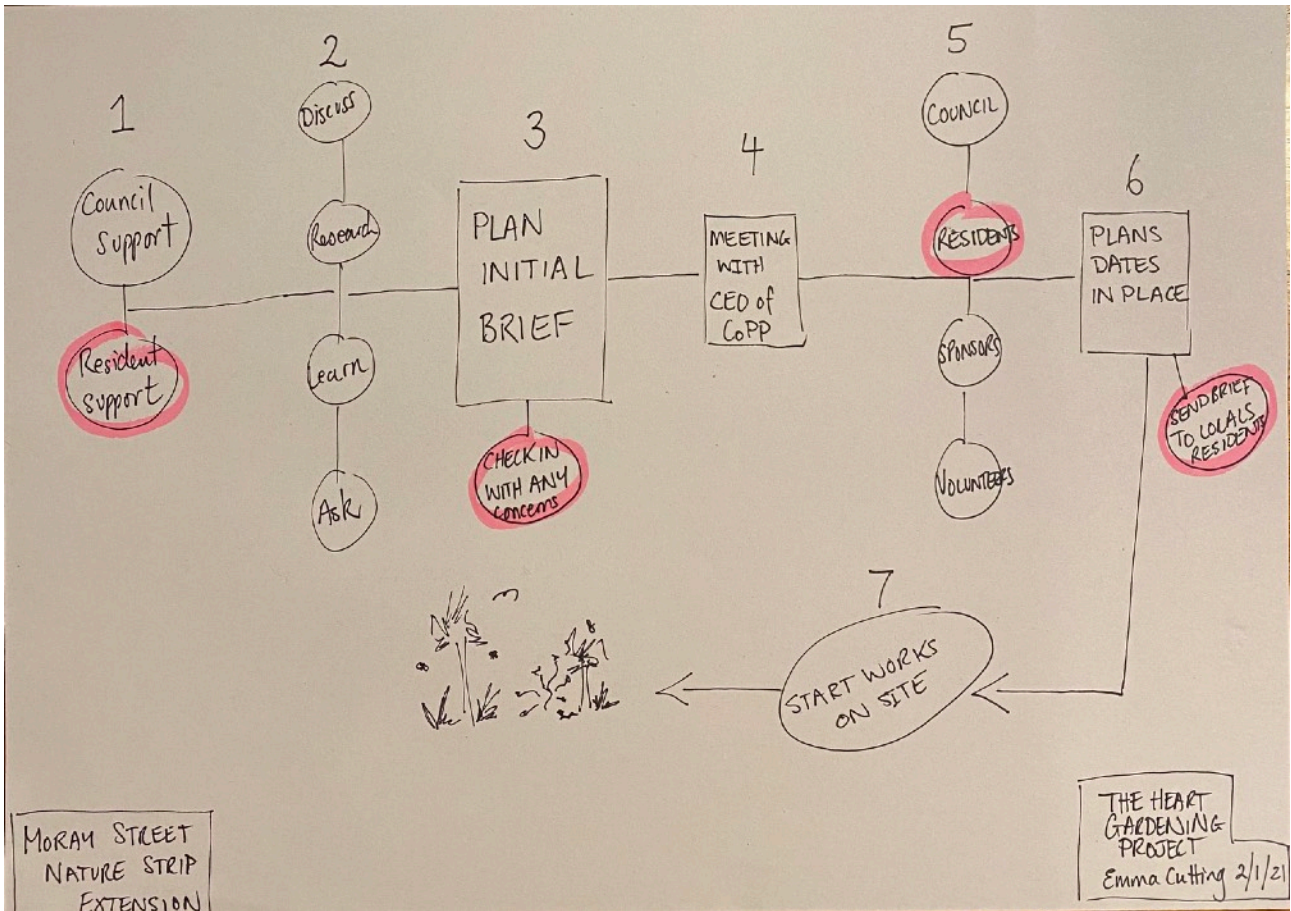
Signature: [redacted]

This was written by [redacted] from The Heart Gardening Project on the 7th December 2020. Any questions? Please email me on [redacted] or phone me on [redacted] Thanks heaps!



### The document that went to some residents who required more info.....

This is demonstrating the chain of events and where locals are going to be brought into the conversation (though they are welcome to contact me at any time).





## Here are the 7 steps from the previous doc in more detail...(this again went to residents who asked for further info)

### 1- Gaining Initial support from Council and Residents

I put this idea (to extend the nature strip that currently runs from Albert Road to Cobden St at least the next block up to Napier St) to Council back in October.

Council approved the concept in writing.

Now the next step is to get something in writing from all residents that they like the idea (currently doing- of the 8 houses I have 6 houses with signed consent forms and 1 house with no tenant)

### 2- Discussing/Researching/Learning/Asking

I will then talk to numerous experts. The following are people that will most likely be a part of the discussion as I have already spoken to them numerous times...

██████████, General Manager of Westgate Biodiversity (indigenous plant expert)

Dr ██████████ (native bee researcher)

██████████ (ecologist for City of Melbourne)

██████████ (permaculture and biochar expert)

I also aim to speak to these two amazing people regarding public plantings...

██████████ (Principal / Sector Leader - Public Realm Hassell, Sydney)

██████████ (internationally renown plantsman, Sheffield University UK)

### 3- Planning Initial Brief

This is when I take what I have learned from previous gardens and put it into something concrete.

An approx \$ for plants.

Look at Nature Strip Guidelines/set backs etc

Look at other Council nature strip plantings

Look carefully at challenges at the site

Research types/heights/foilage/drought tolerance of plants

Research best ways to capture as much water as possible

Get a rough idea of plant species and numbers to create an order with Bili Indigenous Nursery (they need to grow all of the plants!)

### 4- Meeting with Council CEO Peter Smith

February 11th- I aim to take Peter the initial plan with some solid ideas and written support of residents ready to go.

### 5- Further conversations with Council/Residents/Potential Sponsors/Volunteers

Now conversations start with Council around any additional changes to do with local laws and open spaces (around pathways to cars, height of foliage etc).

We will be working out details — eg who will organise/carry out tarmac removal and how this will all work/how long it will take. I will then get in touch with residents again and can go through more details with them. I will have more to say by then!

I will be starting conversations around sponsorship of the planting

I will be organising volunteer groups for planting and future maintenance. (Meanwhile I will be discussing how to turn THGP into a proper NFP to be more official and go for more grants and funding)

### 6- Plans/dates in place

Solidify plans and get them signed off by all involved from Council and Westgate Biodiversity.

Organise dates.

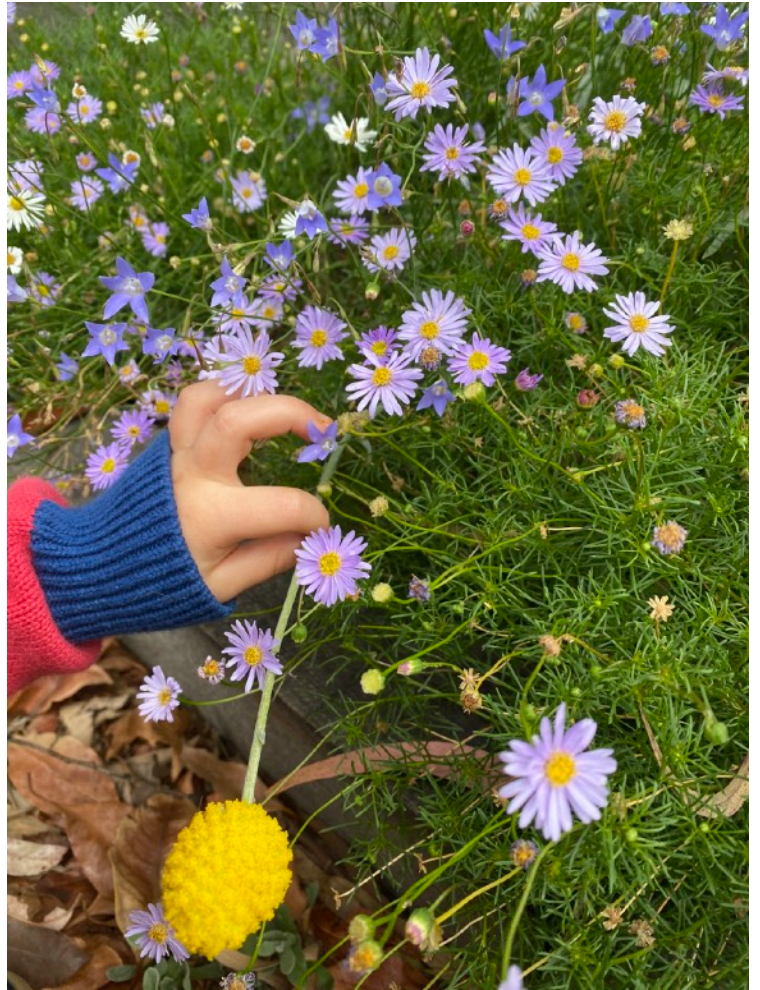
Hoping for autumn planting (the best time to plant tube stock)

### 7- Start works at the site

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Left: *Wahlenbergia*, *brachyscome* and billy buttons are amazing for native bees at this site. There are 4 species that have been found here at The BEE Gardens already. Protecting biodiversity for our kids is *imperitive*.

Photo: [REDACTED]



Pic below taken by myself (as are all the others) in laneway about 50m away form where The Native BEE Reserve will be... beautiful *Megachile* native bee roosting. Giving native bees a safe place away from sprays and leafblowers is vital.

Photo: [REDACTED]





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From: [REDACTED]  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: "[REDACTED] (DHHS)" <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Co-Mingled Bicycle/Pedestrian Path - St Kilda Esplanade

Dear All:

Kindly note that I fully support funding for upgrading the safety aspects of the St Kilda Beach-side bike path south from St Kilda Pier to the end of St Kilda Beach. My colleague, [REDACTED] has informed me that there is a possibility that the Council may consider funding to improve the current situation.

It has been noted for a number of years now that there are serious safety issues caused by the close proximity of bi-cyclists to pedestrians.

Near catastrophic accidents have been observed especially on weekends when there an increase in both types of traffic. It has been especially worrying when these have been close calls to small children. A number of instances have been personally observed where only quick reactions have prevented serious injury.

Whilst there are many international examples of cyclists and pedestrians being in close proximity, many of these arrangements are not applicable in St Kilda. In Scandinavia countries and some Europeans countries such as The Netherlands, bicyclists are rather more regimental and careful . . . . It is in their genes!!

In other countries, it has been noted that strict rules are indicated, and in some, the incoming cyclist has to stop, disembark, and push the bike around a barrier before entering such an area.

But to start with, the Council signage is hopelessly substandard – and not only at the Start of the co-mingled area, but also along the dedicated bicycle pathway, for instance between Brookes Drain and to the south end of St Kilda Beach. On the dedicated cycle path, there are openings where pedestrians can cross the dedicated bicycle path to go to the road side path. At many of these crossings there is no ground markings indicating to be careful due to cyclists.

Much of the pedestrian traffic in busy times is comprised of first-time visitors to the St Kilda beach area, and so do not realise the potential danger of being run over by bicyclists.

The safest suggestion would be to construct an improved dedicated bicycle pathway alongside Jacka Bvd.

No doubt that will not happen, but substantial improvements can be made to make the current situation much better, and it has been surprising that the current situation has been allowed to exist for a number of years.

Regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

To: "[REDACTED]" [REDACTED]

Subject: Budget 21/22 -Cyclists -shared Esplanade promenade

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Hi,

I would like to provide my support to improving the safety and experience on the St Kilda promenade. Our family have now lived on [REDACTED] for 12 years and frequently use the promenade. An on-going issue during this time has been the speed and at times reckless behaviour of certain riders. Money spent on improving signage and diversion to a singular bike path would be very welcome. Although I have witnessed many near misses between cyclists and pedestrians I am surprised that I have not as yet witnessed a serious accident - a concern that has been shared by other locals, interstate and overseas visitors. Hopefully the council is now committed to making the necessary changes to improving this situation.

Thanks, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Manager South Behaviour Intervention Services  
Disability and NDIS Statewide Services  
Department of Families, Fairness and Housing

[REDACTED] / [REDACTED]

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Re: Return of BMX track at R.F Julier Reserve

**Petition Report**

<https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/ucejpnkk/report-7-4-bmx-julier-reserve-petition.pdf>

**Minutes – Resolution**

MINUTES - MEETING OF THE PORT PHILLIP CITY  
COUNCIL - 18 NOVEMBER 2020



**Item 7.4 Petition - Request to allow building of a BMX track on Julier Reserve, Port Melbourne**

A change.org Petition containing 330 signatures, was received from local residents.

**MOVED Crs Martin/Cunsolo**

That Council:

Receives and notes the Petition.

- 1 Thanks the community for their petition and acknowledge the community benefits and social connectiveness a BMX track would provide.
- 2 Notes that the current BMX track constructed on public land at R.F Julier Reserve is not in accordance with Local Law 49 and cannot be supported.
- 3 Notes vandalism of a Council tree is not acceptable in any situation.
- 4 Notes the petition will be submitted as a community request for consideration in the upcoming 2021/2022 budget process.

**A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.**

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# Allow building of a bmx track on Julier reserve



[Cooper Allen](#) started this petition to [Port Phillip Council](#)

We the young residents of the city of Port Phillip have been trying to find something to do during the current lockdown period that is safe and practical and allows social distancing that is are still within the 5km bubble. We decided to make some bmx jumps and all the kids loved it but the council wouldn't allow it even though it was safe and all ages could ride from my little brother who's 4 to me and my friends at 15. There is large support for this and we want to make a submission to the council and need evidence of community support. This is a great way to get people out of the house during these unprecedented times and make sure they stay fit and healthy. This is a simple and cheap use of a small area of land that will benefit many and still leaves plenty of open space for other park users.

We would love your support


## Petition Closed


This petition had 330 supporters



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25 Feb 2021

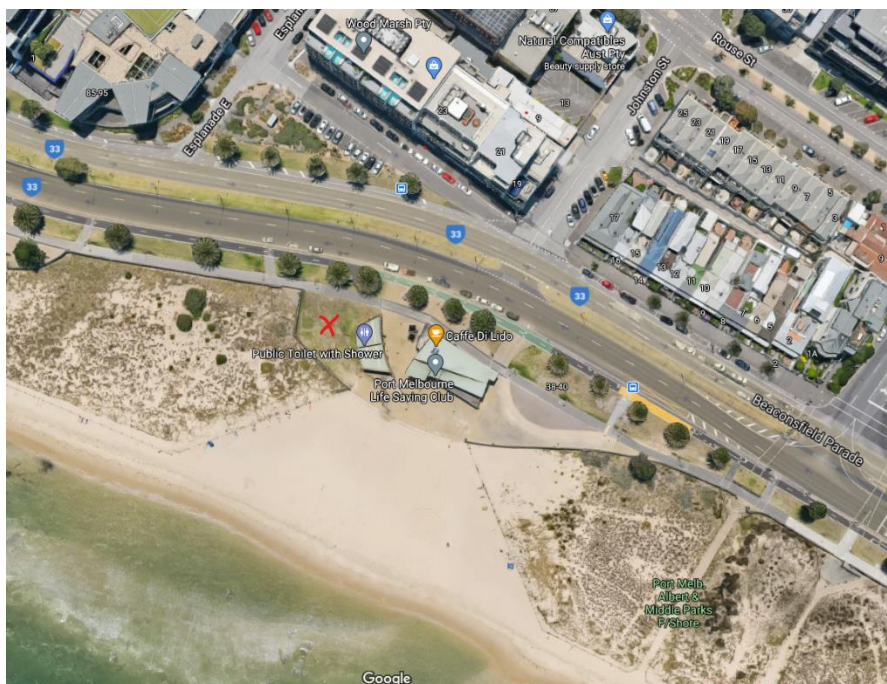
City of Port Phillip

This document is a submission requesting funding in the CoPP 2021-22 budget to enhance an area of public space for better use by residents of the City.

I am a long-term member of the Port Melbourne Life Saving Club and was president of that club for many years. Hence, I know the club environs and have liaised with the CoPP for enhancements to the area in the past. I'm now writing with an improvement suggestion.

The grounds around the clubhouse contain some grassed areas, adjoining CoPP public toilets and the clubhouse itself. Behind the toilet building is a grassed area enclosed with a low bluestone fence, which segregates it from the beach. To the best of my knowledge, this is crown land, possibly under management by the City.

This grassed area has always been "difficult" to put to use and consequently is little used by residents and visitors - the toilet block separates it from the clubhouse and the bluestone fence separates it from the sand dunes. During the recent replacement of council lighting, it was used as a storage area but it has now returned to a dormant state. I've marked the area in question with a red X in the snip below.



I now propose a community use for the area, subject to some relatively minor enhancement work by the City.

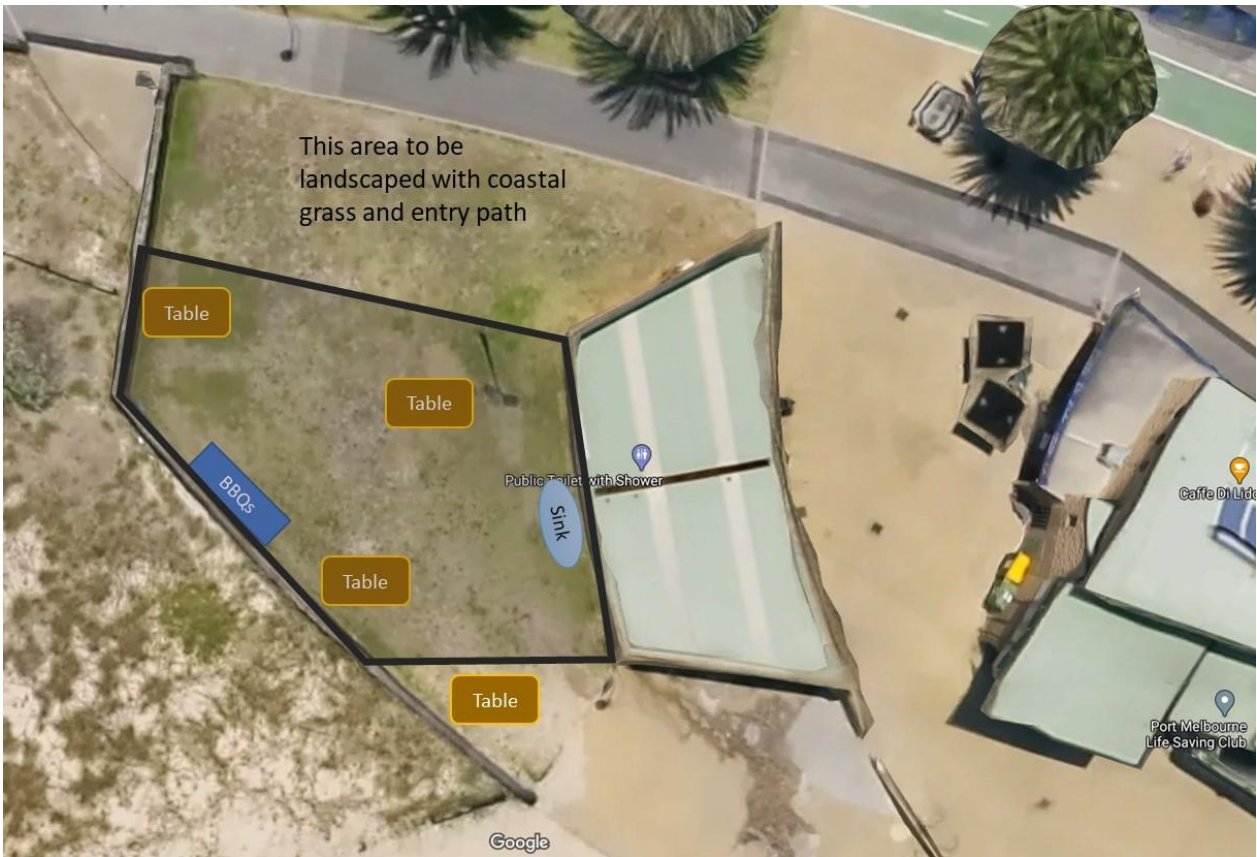
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I think the area would be ideal for a community BBQ and picnic site. To properly equip it, I suggest 2-3 electric BBQs, several tables and a cleanup sink, all under a shade sail stretched from the toilet block or with a stand alone roof and shelter. The area is currently grassed but it would be better converted to a surface such as Lilydale Toppings, a wooden deck such as appears at St Kilda Beach, or a concrete floor.

There are several benefits to this idea.

- 1) This will help address the lack of picnic areas along bayside. The closest is at Sandridge to the northwest and there is no onbeach picnic area between Sandridge and St Kilda.
- 2) The CoPP extols the virtue of sun protection, but there is little shade along the beach front. A shade sail or roof will address that gap and allow families to enjoy the beach area but with protection from the sun.
- 3) The toilet block already has council power and water and it would be a relatively simple exercise to plug into that.
- 4) Any BBQ area should always have an adjacent toilet and that is already in situ.
- 5) Parking is readily available along Beaconsfield Parade.
- 6) The site accommodates DDA access as there are no steps between this and the adjacent roadway.
- 7) Rubbish collection is already servicing this area around the clubhouse.

To help visualise this area, I've drafted the diagram on the following page, but recognise this may be varied according to your own design and cost constraints. In the diagram, the black lines indicate the area that I propose be provided with shade and rain protection, plus some sort of suitable floor surface.



I'd be pleased to meet City representatives on site to further explain my thinking and look forward to your reply.

Cheers

Port Melbourne Lifesaving Club  
38 Beaconsfield Pde  
Port Melbourne

23 February 2021

City of Port Phillip

This document is a submission requesting funding in the CoPP 2021-22 budget to upgrade heavily used public toilets and changerooms.

The Port Melbourne Life Saving Club has played a prominent role in saving lives and promoting beach safety within the CoPP for over 100 years. We lease our well-known clubroom from the CoPP on the beach in Port Melbourne, near the border of Gateway and Lake Wards.

Recently, our past president submitted a request to create a family picnic area in the vicinity of the public changerooms and understand that request will be included in the current budget considerations. We confirm that the Port Melbourne Lifesaving Club endorses that submission and we're now writing with a separate improvement request.

We believe we operate the largest lifesaving club within the CoPP with over 800 members. We run a highly successful Nippers program during summer months with several hundred participants. In addition, we operate a successful water safety program for Y7 APC students - this year numbering around 300 students. Further, we also provide a similar water safety program for several local primary schools, again numbering in the hundreds of students. And with increasing focus on year-round bay usage and restrictions due to Covid, we also find higher numbers of swimmers using our beach throughout the year.

Our clubhouse also houses a small, but popular, kiosk serving coffee and drinks, with many customers consuming them on the tables and chairs provided. Finally, our club also hosts Accessible Beaches facilities, provided by the CoPP, to support easier access to the water for disabled persons.

**The Problem:**

Adjacent to our clubhouse is a stand-alone building housing public toilets and changerooms. With hundreds of members and students spending hours on the beach (and eating lunch), numerous members of the public also attending due to the popularity of our beach, plus kiosk patrons, the adjacent toilets and changerooms are heavily used. This is considerably supplemented by passing drivers as parking is readily available very close to the toilets. However, the facilities are suffering from this usage, being rundown and unattractive.



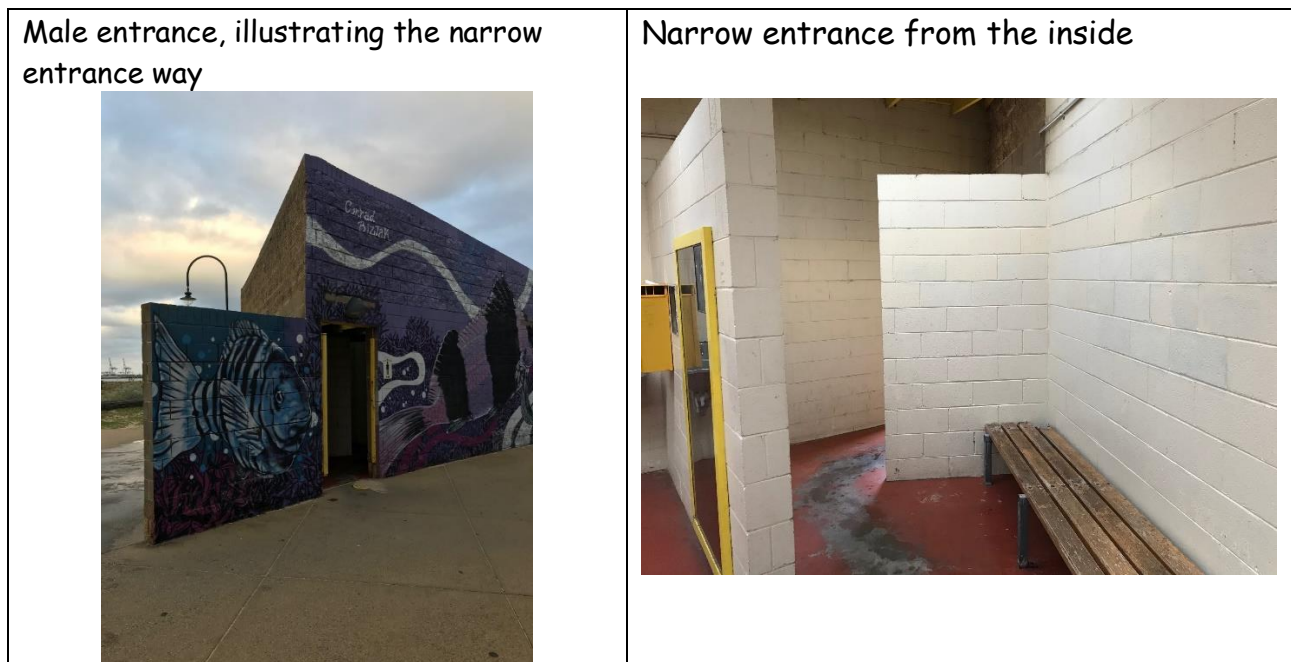
In recent months, it has become apparent that the sewage system cannot handle this patronage and there are constant odours within, and surrounding, the building. This has generated considerable negative feedback from our members and the public.

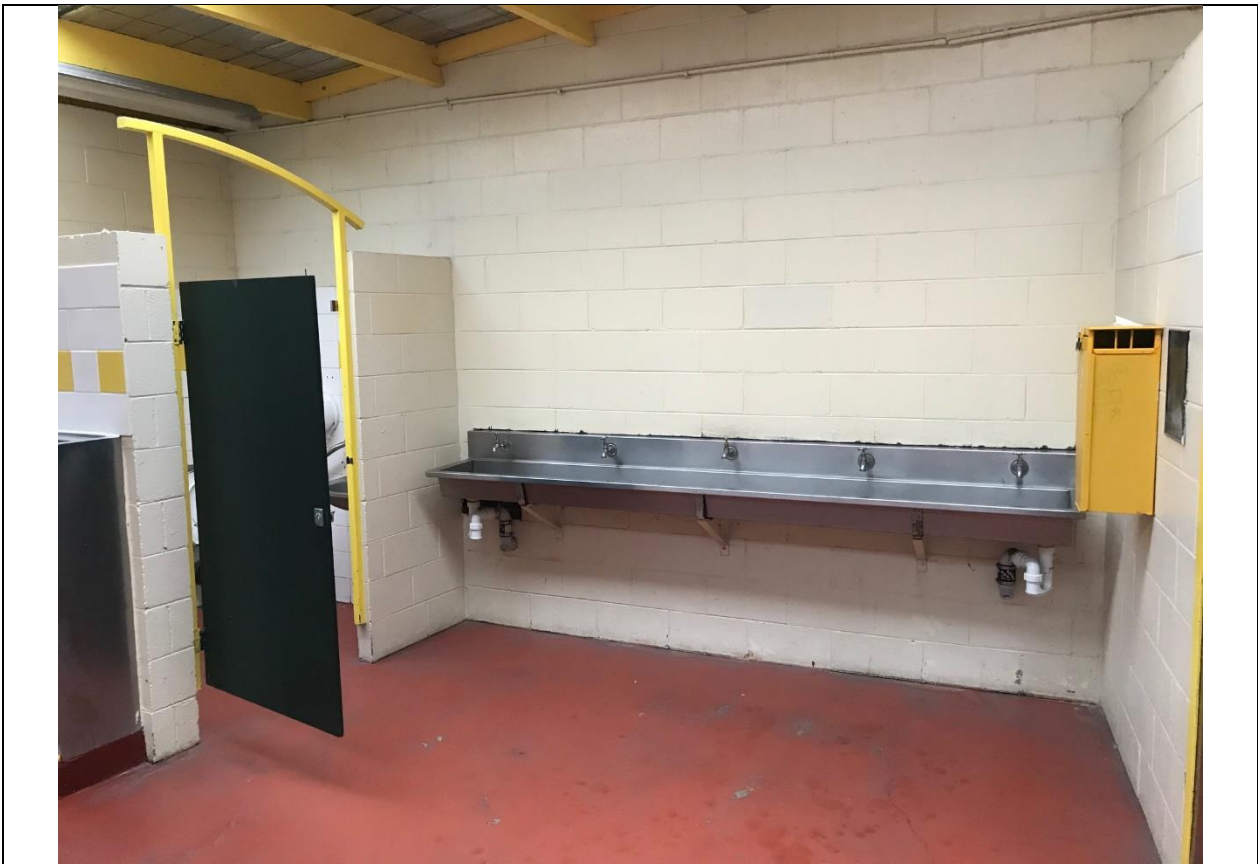
In addition, we understand the changerooms do not meet DDA requirements. Finally, the amenities are old and tired, presenting an unattractive option for the thousands of people using them over the year.

We assume that the CoPP has an upgrade program in place for such facilities. St Kilda, Middle Park and South Melbourne have all received new toilet / changerooms in recent years. With the possible exception of St Kilda, the changerooms adjacent to our club receive the most traffic. We assert the time has now come to upgrade these facilities.

This submission is to request a full upgrade to the changerooms and toilets in the next financial year. We suggest structural work to meet DDA compliance, an upgrade to the sewage system to deal with the large numbers of users, replacement of existing toilet appliances, better access and sightlines for students to prevent harassment issues, and a complete refurbishment of the internal space, including lighting, painting and enhanced air flow.

We attach a series of photos to illustrate the problems.









We would be pleased to meet *City* representatives on site to further explain our thinking and look forward to your reply. We can be reached on the details below.

Regards

[Redacted]

Past President

Port Melbourne Lifesaving Club

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President

Port Melbourne Lifesaving Club

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## Operational updates

### Bay Trail Lighting Upgrade Stage 03 Works



The Public Space Lighting Renewal and Upgrade Program consists of projects that renew and replace existing ageing and or failing lighting infrastructure with modern sustainable lighting to meet current Australian Standards.

The program aims to replace 123 failing green goose-neck light poles between Station Pier and Kerford Road with modern, sustainable lighting. New poles and LED lanterns will decrease power consumption, reduce maintenance, improve lighting quality and security while removing visual clutter from the foreshore. To date, three of the four stages of the lighting renewal program have been completed, with the last section between Port Melbourne Life Saving Club and South Melbourne Life Saving Club remaining (Stage 03).

The scope of works for Stage 03 includes:

- replacing existing green goose-neck lights with new poles and lanterns, consistent with those installed in previous stages
- reinstatement of lawn, garden bed and hardstand areas
- soil contamination management guided by construction and environmental management plans
- landscape reinstatement and upgrade works for the area surrounding Port Melbourne Lifesaving Club.

The landscape surrounding Port Melbourne Life Saving Club will also be upgraded as some damage is expected to this area in the removal and installation of lighting. The upgrade will:

- improve paved surfaces to match the rest of the Bay Trail, removing the multitude of different surfaces resulting from previous works
- improve accessibility to the existing public conveniences, kiosk and crossing points on the Esplanade
- provide better separation between the Bay Trail and the Promenade
- improve public amenity, including seating and horticulture.

# Weekly councillors' notes

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*Artist impression: Port Melbourne Life Saving Club landscape*

## Next steps – communication and construction

The project team will notify Port Melbourne Life Saving Club and Café Di Lido about the project and upcoming works. Following this notification, officers will commence the tender process, with construction expected to commence in winter 2021.

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## SPACE2B BUDGET BID 2021

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## ABOUT SPACE2B

Space2b is an art and design social enterprise and charity established in 2013 by founders [REDACTED], a Somali refugee and [REDACTED], an established designer from an English language background. Their vision was to create a safe, welcoming space supporting newly arrived CALD migrants, refugees and people seeking asylum to thrive by connecting people, facilitating creative enterprise, and providing workplace training and business mentoring.

Operating from a vibrant, creative workspace in Chapel St, St Kilda, Space2b has become a popular retail outlet, Artspace, employment, training and business hub and laneway Global café. Its unique model is fully inclusive as every aspect of the business provides opportunities for the local community to connect and train with new migrants and refugees.

Space2b three key employment pathway programs :

**SPACE2FLY** Individually designed creative and business mentoring for our artisan and maker entrepreneurs.

**SPACE2WORK** Work experience across different aspects of Space2b including the retail outlet, gallery, events, workshops, the Artlane café and online store, and all other aspects of the social enterprise.

**SPACE2CONNECT** Activities, workshops and events that connect culturally diverse communities with the wider public.

## WHAT WE DO FOR THE CITY OF PORT PHILLIP

### 1. Strengthen community capacity through training & skill development

Space2b's main program, Space2work provides on the job training to new migrants in retail, hospitality, gallery management, event management, administration and accounting. Our unique model pairs new migrants with a volunteer who trains as they work together, fostering inclusion, connection and cultural understanding, thus creating a healthier and more accepting society. One of our young trainees who came to us homeless (referred through Salvation Army, St Kilda) is now in part time employment and has a new home.

### 2. Foster social inclusion & diversity

Space2b's main aim is to address social inclusion. We work with people from over 35 different cultural backgrounds who live locally and around Victoria. Every event, activity and program that we run provides unique opportunities for locals and migrants to build social connections, and increase cultural awareness by training and working together. This year we are starting a meetup program in the café to address isolation amongst local Indian women, Chinese and Latin students, and the muslim women living in COPP. Meetups will provide opportunities to build skills, improve English, make friends and feel included. [REDACTED] a local migrant from India came through our doors in 2014. Today she is on our board, ran the Diwali Festival & is also a Copp MAC member.

### 3. Promote COPP's cultural heritage and explore identity and diversity

Space2b's core philosophy focuses on diversity, acceptance, respect and equality of different cultures. Space2b runs many arts and cultural events with and for the local community which build, share and celebrate the rich and diverse artistic talents of migrants in the COPP multicultural community. The events not only meet the needs of the local community but provide a unique and safe environment for many cultures to connect. A [short clip from Space2b laneway festival](#) (2019) gives you a glimpse.

### 4. A new arts & cultural Precinct in COPP and local tourist attraction

The Space2b ArtsHub is a crucial component of our business model. Its purpose is to build, share and celebrate cultural diversity via a new dynamic Arts Precinct by 'Making Balaclava the Place2b'. A funky laneway ArtsHub & Global Café provides a platform for Space2b to achieve its aims and also support Council's aims of 'increasing visitors to the municipality and maintaining dynamic distinctive precincts'.

### 5. A much loved Art & Cultural Hub for residents to enjoy and participate

## OUR ANNUAL IMPACT

- 30** Gained work experience. 90% found paid work
- 90** Participants had work opportunities, improved their skills and leadership capability
- 85** Emerging artists, mentored by established volunteer artists, successfully exhibited their art, generating sales of \$8,000.
- 54** Designers are selling their unique creations through Space2b's retail outlet, generating \$88,973 in sales.
- 12** Experienced and skilled mentors support our participants
- 51** Hardworking, committed volunteers help us make Space2b, the space to be.
- 2000** People attended our annual [Laneway Festival](#) and [Diwali Festival](#)
- 5000** Came through our smaller events, activities and workshops
- 21,212** People came through our doors through events, workshops, our gallery, retail store and cafe
- 5685** Volunteer hours in a year
- \$235,284** Volunteer annual contribution

## OUR THREE YEAR PLAN TO FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Space2b has grown steadily since its beginning, with one of its strengths being its ability to respond to the changing demographics and needs of its core participants and volunteers.

Space2b recently held a major review of its organizational capacity to evaluate its programs in terms of its mission as well as its longterm sustainability. The review recognised the importance and success of Space2b's three main employment programs and its progression towards financial viability. The positions of retail manager and gallery manager are now largely funded by the retail shop and gallery's monthly exhibitions.

The review noted, however, the inherent dangers of continuing to build the organization primarily on volunteer capacity. Space2b's ethos of training participants to become job-ready and up-skilling volunteers means that expertise developed is not necessarily retained. As participants are encouraged to find ongoing positions with other organizations, Space2b is left needing to retrain new people.

### INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE- \$78,000

Space2b is now at a critical point in its journey towards financial sustainability. We recognise that in order to grow and effectively manage our programs in the long term, a permanent part-time operations manager/administrator is required. This position is currently filled by volunteers. Priority can then be given to attracting further ongoing funding and developing longer term strategies for sustainable practice. Such strategies include building the Space2b brand, increasing networking opportunities in media and social media, developing strategic partnerships, and expanding our programs and audience.

We are seeking a financial contribution from the City of Port Philip towards the funding of a part-time position (4 days) over a 3 year period. The total cost of this position is estimated to be \$78,000 (March - December, 2021). We are also currently in discussions with a range of potential partners, including Josh Burns (Federal MP for Macnamara), David Southwick (State MP for Caulfield), the Les Twentyman Foundation and Wellsprings for Women, Dandenong.





## Feedback from the community 2021

Dear Council please support space2b

THIS IS LITERALLY THE PLACE TO BE!

I love it, is multicultural there are things to look at to wear to take home to use and put on one's walls, food to eat and sometimes music.

This place is ALIVE we have too many shopping strips in St.Kilda which are dead full of HSP stores and the jarring effect of unoccupied shops like Fitzroy Street.

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Space2b is of huge importance to Melbourne:

- in these days of online technology, there are very few physical opportunities to see and taste arts and crafts. To be able to absorb the looks and feel of something created by an individual (rather than mass production) is priceless.
- local councils will benefit from supporting local art galleries as it will bring more people into their community who are also likely to frequent other businesses in the area.

I truly hope the local council will continue to support space2b.

Yours sincerely,

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Council, you would literally be MAD not to support Space2b. I have loved them for 6 years since they popped up on Carlisle St. They are fun and exciting and vibrant, full of colour and wonderful people from all over the world.

They are what we want in COPP, to make us happy, to feel good about ourselves and love the place we have chosen to live in. You have already lost 4Deverse. Please don't let this go as well!

[Redacted]

Please City of Port Phillip don't let another wonderful place leave us. We are so fed up with all the arts leaving to go North!

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I have lived in Balaclava around the corner from Space2b for over 20 years. Space2b has literally brought this area to life. I now smile when I walk down that laneway that used to be dull and dark and full of rubbish! Space2b has done a job that council should be doing. Bringing back life and soul to Port Phillip!

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I am a long-time resident of COPP. I have watched so many amazing venues close that brought fun and laughter to St Kilda, and made me proud to live here. Space2b has built up an amazing, welcoming and important space that we all value, love and enjoy!

The team have worked so hard to build it into an wonderful art and cultural precinct that council should be proud of.

Once it is gone, you will never get it back and we will all regret it!

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I believe there is virtually nothing quite like Space2b in the whole of Melbourne.

Please value this wonderful place that you have in Port Phillip. Do you really want to lose it on your watch!!

When it's gone there is no return! Other councils would invest lots of money to build such a place!

Open your eyes!

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I love Space2Be , the name says it all. A space where you can just be. The community vibe , the beautiful women who work and assist each time I visit the space are so lovely and genuine and helpful. The gallery area has some amazing artworks which are always evolving and changing. Space2Be is such a vital hub.

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Space2b makes St Kilda a better place to live. It brings colour and fun and different wonderful people to us right here on our doorstep. It is truly a special place.

Please Please don't let it go!

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Space2b for me is a place where I don't feel judged of who I am and there's only support and appreciation of what I do or what I can do.

Kind of poem that my kids like for Space2B

S – Safe and supportive

P – Place for

A – All that

C – Cares the creativity from every

E – Ethnicity

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B Become Beaming star.

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We need places like spac2be in our life! Please support it! It makes us happy! █

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Space2b helps me to breath. ██████████

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Space2b has brought life to the area. I love the laneway Festival, colourful, fun, multicultural, makes my heart sing! I no longer need to go North of the River- Yay

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When I arrived to Australia, I was very lonely and sad. My friend told me about the Spacebe, and I started to do some training there. It has changed my life, and also my family. ██████████

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I love just walking by Space2b. The fantastic bright colours make you want to smile. The whole little area (which is my neighbourhood) is suddenly full of life, wonderful art, murals, representing the wonderful people and cultures that make up our home. They have virtually built a brand new funky precinct. It is a no brianer that council should support such a place.

We all love it!

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It's incredible to see the growth in confidence and resilience of the migrant and refugee women who have taken part in Space2b's programmes. The change in their lives is palpable.  
For the rest of us, our eyes have been opened to a new world of stories, culture and possibilities and every visit to what is now a St Kilda institution, enriches our lives.

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Space2B provides me with a place to shop for that perfect, unusual and often home-made gift for anyone and everyone; babies, children, men and women, young and old alike. It is a truly community minded enterprise and so unique in their offering and support. Space2B also supports my work as a local emerging artist and connects me with other established and experienced artists in additional to artists new to Australia with such diverse stories to share.

Space2B is a truly community minded enterprise and so unique in their offering and support. By simply beginning their enterprise making face masks throughout the lockdowns and restrictions that were creative, individual and beautiful empowered women new to Australia. Our community needs enterprises like Space2B to grow as thriving places of safety and support and I cannot think of a better way of utilising council funding.

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I can think of no greater expression of hope against hardship than to witness creatives thrive in their element, because of a platform like Space2be.

Nurturing emerging talent in the environment of S2B, preserves a cultural resource that benefits all Victorians.

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"Space2b is a great studio for community to connect, create and celebrate our diversity and support each other. The harmony, wellbeing and enterprising of our communities is needed now more than ever before, we therefore invite our council to be part of this resourceful venture."

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Space2B holds a unique place in the Port Phillip community, creating a welcoming, safe and productive space for newly arrived women, many of whom come from highly vulnerable populations and for whom English is not their first language, to connect and collaborate with other more established community members and fellow. It allows them to share their own considerable skills and knowledge of craft, art and design in ways which build their confidence in what they have to offer their new home - for after all, this is what many of us are striving for - to feel at home, to make a valued contribution, to feel welcome. You only have to walk in the door at any given time, on any day, to feel the warmth, laughter, energy and ease of this vibrant group of women, who also educate the rest of us to bring us along these journeys of resilience and triumph. It's unique, and it's very important for Port Phillip which prides itself on its diversity. What it does not reveal though, is the incredible amount of hard work, planning and professionalism that go into making such an important service not only survive but thrive, and this can't be a hand-to-mouth thing, as it has been until now, if Space2B are to have a chance at becoming sustainable. Our community is so much the richer for what Space2B brings and they are immensely deserving of support.

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I volunteer at Space2b, and it is such a unique wonderful place. You meet the most amazing, resilient people, you learn skills, you eat wonderful food from many cultures and have great conversations. You see people blossom, and you really make a difference! It means so much to so many people. It must be part of St Kilda!

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Hey Space2b!!

I love Space2b because every time I go in there I meet new inspiring people from a wide variety of cultural backgrounds and experiences! I have learnt more about experiences, especially the female experience, and lessons of humility and courage and creativity from those at Space2b than I have anywhere else! Truly a special place.

The council should support Space2b and facilitate its ability to flourish and grow because it really is a hub of creativity, learning and compassion! Those who work/volunteer there really do want to make a difference in other people's lives not by "helping them" but by "supporting them". This difference is something Space2b recognises and is so important!

Best, ██████

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I love Space2b as it a unique venue, shop and most importantly, a group of people that engages, supports and strengthens the community.

The council should support Space2b as the mission of Space2b is reflected well in the council's Art and Soul Creative and Prosperous City Strategy of "Creativity and innovation", "Creative ecosystem" and "Challenges and opportunities". Also Space2b has demonstrated on more than one occasion how it can contribute towards the local community's wellbeing by connecting people to the CoPP through festivals, support systems, training and in several other ways to find their feet as new members of the local Copp community.

Cheers

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I discovered Space2B last year through the Heads High exhibition where I exhibited a portrait. During this time it has impressed me as a social enterprise that is run by a group of remarkably committed, talented, and professional people. It does a wonderful job of supporting migrants on both a practical level by helping them establish themselves professionally, and on a spiritual/psychological level by providing them with the opportunity to express themselves artistically. This is inspiring.

In addition, the enterprise offers the opportunity for people to volunteer in a range of roles. This not only encourages the participation of the local community but also helps to build a bridge between the local residents and the migrants thereby creating a healthier and more connected community.

The shop, gallery, and café, as well as the numerous events that Space2B put on, all add to the dynamic and colourful character of the City of Port Phillip.

To sum up, Space2B is a gem in the city of Melbourne and embodies real community development. Council will no doubt reap dividends from any additional investment in this social enterprise.

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Space2b is truly a wonderful place to be!. Over a period of nearly 6 years, they have not only provided huge opportunities for migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, but through their many community events have brought a cultural vitality and buzz to the City of Port Phillip. They punch massively above the weight of their meagre resources, and deserve every encouragement from Council to be able to continue their great work.

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Over the last three years I have watched my small neighbourhood of Balaclava grow and blossom into this wonderful arty and special little neighbourhood. I love the hand -made product, meeting the trainees who come from all over the world, going to the laneway festival that makes you feel you have been thrown into another world. It's fantastic and makes you feel alive and that we care!

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I love Space2B because they highlight all the incredible cultures that now makeup the Australia's cultural identity

Council should offer funding, because the organisation works hard to create opportunities for everyone █████

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The Space 2 b don't feed people with fish, It learn people fishing.  
The group are so helpful and always welcoming.

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"Space2b is all about community, support and inclusion. Being a part of such an enterprise such as this, had made me feel like I'm a part of something bigger, with more meaning and a real sense of purpose. It's essential to keep this non for profit alive, continue to support it and it's staff through funding and growth, in order to help others".

"Together we ALL can make a difference, but we need the funds to continue do so".

Good luck!

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Space2b is an integral part of the Port Phillip Community. It's a welcoming and vibrant space for all, and has contributed so much to the diversity of the local area. As a support worker at the the Port Phillip Community Group, I can also vouch for the amazing work training programs and creative opportunities offered to the local CALD community - especially those that have found it difficult to break into employment or build social networks.

Space2b have an amazing team of passionate volunteers, but they require a paid manager to enable them to continue to sustain their work. I hope that the council supports them with this, as the benefit to the local community will be immense.

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Space2b has opened the world to me. I have met extraordinary people whose lives have been lived extra - ordinarily and I have learned so much from their telling of the stories of their lives. I feel enriched by the people who have come through Space2b and am thrilled to offer my own skills to such a wonderful organisation.

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I love Space2b. I have met lots of people from other countries there.  
Its great the hang around the shop, chat and hear their stories.

I think the council should definitely support what they are doing.  
It would be very sad if they weren't here to support our community.

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Being a part of Space2b has broadened my horizons in so many ways and I can't wait to see what the future holds. It also has given me the confidence to know that I CAN work and I CAN have some responsibility without spontaneously combusting.

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I have lived in port phillip for 2 years. Space2b has made me feel like I have a family here.

Please don't take it away!

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I think your shop is always fulfilled with happy feeling... People come in, have chat with you and come out feeling happy. That atmosphere is not something you can create in one day. It is from the patina of your life -what you have seen, felt and experienced...

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I never felt I was part of this world. Then I found Space2b and the rest is history. Janine I will buy you a goat! █████

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Space2b is the best thing in Balaclava.

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Space2b does really important work, supporting newly arrived migrants, refugees and people seeking asylum to develop their skills and products and gain valuable employment experience.

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Its bright, vibrant shopfront, gallery, cafe and laneway—and the events and activities it hosts—all make a wonderful contribution to the St Kilda/Balaclava community.

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I love Space2b because it connects people and communities in a diversity of ways. It enriches and expands the lives of all who come there.

Council should support Space2b because it contributes so much to a healthy, welcoming and productive community.

A longtime fan,

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Hi

I found space2b this time last year when they made the most amazing masks. The staff were absolutely fantastic and really made our day during absolutely scary times for us all.

I really hope they can be given funding so they continue to support the artists and also us the community who get such enjoyment from their work.

Kind Regards

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I came across your stall at St. Kilda Primary a couple of years ago and chatted with the people there manning the stall and promoting you.

Also a girl who was going through your programme at the time. I forwarded your details to a newly arrived refugee here alone, and was grateful you were operating such a place.

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I think that Space 2 b should be supported and encouraged by the council. It is a wonderful place that supports many people in the community with work experience, cultural enrichment, positive role modelling, inclusiveness and increasing a sense of Community.

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I love Space2b because of the breadth and depth of the work you undertake. You have thought carefully about the best way(s) to support Australian refugees and asylum seekers and I really like the fact that you have diverse programs as a result, focusing on building confidence, inclusivity, retaining and sharing knowledge and skills from a person's land of their birth, and building a sustainable business.

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I love your shop, full of such high quality products! These are such an important way to validate the creators and their skills, the shop makes the people more visible to the community, which is important. I have a dress I bought in the shop and always think of the lady that made it, when I wear it, I like that personal connection. Keep going and growing!

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Council must support Space2b

I was recently looking for community organisations in St Kilda that support Australian refugees an asylum seekers and found nothing current except for Space2b. The organisation is unique and essential in order to create and maintain an inclusive positive community in St Kilda. St Kilda isn't an easy suburb to live in sometimes due to the social diversity. Space2b adds a much needed positive contribution to the area. In addition to their importance of their presence in the community, the actual work they do is also to be applauded and is much-needed. They help individuals who are new to the country gain confidence and integrate, learn new skills and start businesses - all of which contributes to Port Phillip's and Australia's economy and health of the nation. We need to help them grow and become more prominent in the community, in turn helping more people and further contributing to our community and economy.

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Space2b has given me so much over the past few years and who would have thought a peek through the windows would have led to being part of this incredible family? You have literally created an amazing space where people have the Space to Be....

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Space2b is like my family. They have giving me many opportunities and introduced me to others who have given me work. I have met many friends .

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Space2b makes me feel like I can do anything!



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I love Space 2b, it's such an amazing vibrant space which really cares about the community.. I would love the council to support Space2b, it's so important to provide somewhere for migrants, asylum seekers and refugees to feel they can begin to feel part of the wider community and Space 2b does exactly that in spades.

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Space2 B is in such a fabulous, thriving artistic community. It's right on the fringe of both St Kilda and Chapel Street vibes – which is such a delight for any artist.

The lovely team at Space2B is very knowledgeable and so beautiful to work with. And I love the fact that they are support basic rights and needs of immigrants to our country.

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I would recommend this venue for any artist wanting to show their work. The gallery area of Space2B is lovely: so light, bright and welcoming.

This really is a perfect venue to not only show my paintings, but to help create a supportive and friendly environment for artists and those wanting to purchase affordable art.

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Recently an on-line customer shared with me about Space2B Social Design. She said that you were especially awesome (yes, her words) ██████████

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'This is not a shop, it is a home!' ██████████

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I love Space2b because there are always fun and exciting events that really expose you to diverse experiences you might not have had otherwise. The council should support Space2b because the organisation is having a large impact on refugees and migrants which can really make a difference in our community and the lives of many.

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To whom it may concern,

I am a member of the local community and have seen the wonderful work that space2b has done over several years, by supporting women from a huge diverse range of backgrounds and needs. I recently referred a friend in need of work who is a refugee from Pakistan and she has benefited from the support and training provided by Space2b. It is an inclusive, inspiring space for all women to feel a part of and if you are able to support them to continue to do this important work, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much!

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'Space2b is a bundle of opportunities and positive energy, and has given me lovely longtime friends. Being associated with them has made me feel independent and confident that I can do something. Space2b has

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helped me improve my capabilities, all the while pushing me to better myself.

My children have learnt the importance of hard work as they have seen me running market stalls and working on my art projects late nights, in addition to the usual domestic chores.

Working together with 6 other artists on the laneway mural was a great experience for me. It made me feel special, valued and part of the community. It gave me the confidence to become Space2b volunteer coordinator and then to go for a job. I am now working full time.

Thank you to Space2b, for the support and always standing beside me like a second family'.

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Space2b plays a unique and important role in the community, serving as a model enterprise for other councils that are committed to welcoming refugees into the community. Council support is required to leverage the successful model the team at Space2b have created. This will enable a more sustainable approach to equip refugees with English and business skills, whilst creating a sense of belonging.

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Space2be is a warm, caring place to learn new skills and make connections, allowing migrants and refugees to become independent while contributing their talents.

Our community is enriched through its café, shop, festivals, gallery shows, classes and talks, making it a vital and fun place to be. Please allow it to grow and prosper!

Good luck

Cheers ██████████

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Space2b is like a mini family to me, the support and warm energy I received as soon as I stepped through the door as a volunteer unmatched!! The store helped me grow both professionally and personally and I will always appreciate them for that.

The council should support Space2b, so they are able to continue to provide these types of opportunities for other members of the community, including people of a vast number of different experiences and backgrounds.

Cheers,

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I love Space2b it's positive contribution to the creative culture of our city. We need more of these spaces that nurture the artistic and creative development of our diverse community. At space2b everyone is encouraged to learn and support each other. I love the amazing range of hand crafted items and the affordable and inspiring gallery space. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to participate. It is community at its best.

Thank you,

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I love you because you support great painter, curator and human beings.

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You should be supported because you show leadership in facilitating quality people in the arts who normally would be looked over.

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I found my voice in Space2. I was as seed in Kenya but now I am a nourished fully grown Eucalyptus tree!

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Space2b is a great community that provides opportunities for all sorts of people. Well known and with a great reach they have cemented themselves into our psyche.

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Every time I visit Space2b, it raises my spirits - the colour, the festivals, the music, the wonderful art on the gallery walls, the beautiful and unusual products for sale in the shop, the delicious treats available from the café. But more than all this, it is a place where people are celebrated and nurtured irrespective of where they come from and who they are. It is such a great asset for the local community (and beyond), but to continue to grow it needs Council support.

Cheers, ██████

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My name is ██████ and I am a local resident. I am originally from the Philippines. I have lived in Australia for more than 33 years. I am 42 years old, married, mother of two boys and a full-time housewife.

When I came across Space2b, I was moved by what your organisation stands for and what you do. And I wanted to let you know that what I love and admire about your organisation is the celebration of cultural diversity. I think it is very inspiring and sends a positive message to people. Especially in the kind of world we live in now, and with the pandemic. Making connections and providing a support network for people from different ethnic backgrounds is more important than ever. Creating a safe space, a place where one feels a sense of belonging and to be accepted and supported is a wonderful feeling. And this is one reason why I think Council should fund and support your community. I am sure the community already wants and values you because of what you provide.

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Space2b, you were the first that took a chance on me. Without you I would'nt be where I am now. When I think of my beginning story I think of Space2b and everything you've done for me! I am truly grateful.

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1. I LOVE SPACE2b because  
- I am always welcomed with a smile

- They encourage a sense of community by bringing people together
- It is the best place to purchase gifts made by local artists and makers
- I have made many friends
- They encourage a creative, learning environment

2. COUNCIL SHOULD SUPPORT SPACE2b because

- They support the community
- They support local artists and makers
- They offer valuable learning programs to newly arrived migrants in a safe environment

Kind regards

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I love Space2Be , the name says it all. A space where you can just be. The community vibe , the beautiful women who work and assist each time I visit the space are so lovely and genuine and helpful. The gallery area has some amazing artworks which are always evolving and changing. Space2Be is such a vital hub.

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### 1. Why I love Space2b:

Space2b is an innovative showcase of diversity and talent who have made a warm and welcoming environment to contributors, passerbys and shoppers alike.

### 2. Why council should help us support our community:

In an uncertain world, examples of individuals from near and far who have faced their adversity head-on, collaborate and strive together is to be applauded. Please consider why keeping this enterprising spirit alive, growing the flame is of a benefit to a greater number.

Love ██████

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Thank you Space2b, for seeing my potential and making me realise I have talent. You pushed me and gave me the confidence to push myself and belie I could do anything! ██████████

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I love this place because it is a nurturing community and provides opportunity to artisans and local people.

This is a place of fellowship and support for people who need social interaction, want to feel they belong, and to express themselves.

Cheers. ██████████

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I live in Chapel St two blocks from Space2b. I see many people from around the world coming and going into the building, people meeting to discuss creative community based activities, wonderful products, toys, clothing and artwork being made and displayed.

I see happy, involved and productive folk of diverse cultures and demographics using the space. Space2b is a vibrant community hub that St Kilda needs badly.

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Space2b is like a light. You can see a way to improve in darkness.

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I would hate to see Space2b go.  
Art galleries provide an inclusive environment for exhibitors and patrons alike.

Kind regards

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Space2b is a place where you can heal, you can feel creative and meet other people from other countries and just feel connected to the community in St Kilda.

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Space2b makes it feel safe to make mistakes. Space2b is my family!

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Thank you so much for all your help, otherwise this job opportunity wouldn't have happened! I will drop by Space2b soon to give you the biggest hug.

Regards,

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I love browsing in the Space2b shop where am always amazed by the creativity of the makers. I love learning about the makers' history, where they came from and how they made it.

Space2b is like that. You can take your time to learn, to connect and to reflect. I don't know many places that you can actually do that.

I have met makers and artists from Tibet, Africa, South America, Japan, Iraq, Afghanistan at Space2b. These days such encounters don't happen enough and they are so vital for understanding and respecting each other's background.

St Kilda wouldn't be the same without Space2b's festival, workshops and all the other amazing things that it provides to the community.

Thank you Space2b for what you do, and thank you Port Phillip for supporting Space2b.

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Hi , Im sitting in class and I just wanted to say that I really miss Space2b and I wish there were more people like all of you!

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'A moving and wonderful exhibition. Thank you to everyone involved and I hope it helps encourage an accepting and kind place to be in Australia' –

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'Touching and timely. I am pleased as a ratepayer that COPP was involved with funding such a moving exhibition. Thanks to all the participants especially' - ██████████

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'Wow! Thank you for the beautiful art works. I have learnt so much and appreciated everyone's stories. So moving and inspiring. I hope we can be a more welcoming as a society'

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'his is the best exhibition ever! I nearly cried to read the stories' - ██████████

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My name is ██████████.I'm from Iran.I came to Australia as a Refugee at 2013.at 2015 as I was trying to improve during these 2 years  
I found Space2B Centre where is running to help Asylum seeker to improve their English and also helping them in different subjects.  
This place made where my English got better and also I could find many good friends in Australian Community.This place made where I Felt calm and freedom in Australian Community.I am grateful to those who helped me in this period of my life and I am so happy to have Good friends in the Community,Specially the owner of this place who is Janin.

God bless you

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Space 2b is one of the most encouraging places I have ever experienced.  
I was introduced to them through an art program with the council.  
They have made me aware of immigrant women and the challenges they face as well as embracing the local communities.  
I have become involved in the 'Laneways' projects because of them.

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LEVEL 4, VICTORIAN TRADES HALL  
54 VICTORIA ST, CRN LYGON ST  
CARLTON SOUTH, VIC 3054  
Contact : [REDACTED]

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January 2021

## Letter of support for Space2b Social Design

RE: GRANT APPLICATION FROM SPACE2B

I write to acknowledge support for Space2b's Feels Like Home, Meetups & festival

Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Women's Coalition (VIRWC) was established by a group of 25 women on July 23, 1997. Since then, the VIRWC has grown substantially and includes a variety of organisations and individual members and has completed many exciting and innovative projects and initiatives.

VIRWC work with all migrant communities. We are happy to support Space2b by :

- Advising in content and evaluation
- Training & supervision
- Referring people to the program.
- Promoting the program and activities via social media.

We firmly believe in Space2b's vision and are keen to support them with their objectives to provide opportunities for newly arrived migrants, refugees and people seeking asylum, and to provide opportunities for our communities to be heard.

We believe that art and food are strong mediums to not only share stories, but also distinguish how cultures are artistically unique. This is crucial when building a more inclusive and informed community.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]  
Chair  
VIRWC  
Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Women's Coalition



**Letter of support for Space2Be**

2020

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you regarding the wonderful Space2Be - an art and social design enterprise located in my electorate.

Space2Be is a not-for-profit organisation that provides a safe space for newly arrived migrants to share creative ideas and develop business skills.

Space2Be has a track record of upskilling local migrants, helping them find employment opportunities and guiding them to achieve financial independence.

They are a great example of an organisation that has adapted throughout this pandemic, producing thousands of reusable masks.

They have big plans to continue their work into the future engaging and educating local schools and community groups in the process.

I have had the pleasure of working with Space2Be numerous times in the past and was delighted to see the improvements they made to their space in St Kilda with a Stronger Communities Grant that I administered last year.

Space2Be are a special community organisation supporting and educating some of the most vulnerable in our community.

I hope you can join me in supporting this wonderful organisation.

Kind regards,



MP

Federal Member for Macnamara





[REDACTED]  
OneBall  
J.L. Murphy Reserve  
430 Plummer Street  
Port Melbourne, Victoria, Australia 3207  
[REDACTED]

RE: GRANT APPLICATION FROM SPACE2B

I write to acknowledge support for Space2b's Café, Cultural & Connection Training Hub

One Ball is a community Program designed for children and young adults. The program provides opportunities to all people especially those from CALD (culturally and linguistically diverse) backgrounds across Melbourne to play soccer in a social setting with the aim to develop positive cross-cultural relationships with others, and to feel more connected and empowered to make a positive contribution to our community.

One ball works with all migrant communities and will support and advise Space2b in working with the Muslim communities in the City of port Phillip.

We will:

- Advise on program content, in particular how to welcome various communities.
- Referring people to the program.
- Promoting the program and activities via social media.

We firmly believe in Space2b's vision and are keen to support them with their objectives to provide opportunities for newly arrived migrants, refugees and people seeking asylum, and to provide opportunities for our communities to be heard.

We believe that art and food are strong mediums to not only share stories, but also distinguish how cultures are artistically unique. This is crucial when building a more inclusive and informed community.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]  
Founder  
One ball



2020

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: SPACE2b Social Design

I write in support of Space2b, to help implement their programs and establish a sustainable future for its important and impressive work.

With very little fanfare, and virtually no financial support, but with immense effort, commitment and leadership by founders Janine and Mariam and their group of volunteers, Space2b has quickly demonstrated the value of a genuine social enterprise, utilizing a commercial model to create sustainable opportunities to improve our society. We are not talking lip service here, Space2b has established a initiative deserving of support and admiration:

In a short space of time, through the platform of a retail shop, art gallery and Café, its business provides:

- outlets to displays and sell artist & designer products of its Australian and immigrant/refugee artist/designers;
- platforms for refugee immigrant women artists to display the stories of their lives and journeys through access to contemporary gallery space;
- opportunities for Australian and newly arrived women from some of the world's poorest countries to work together to create brighter economic and social futures
- opportunities for immigrant women to learn commercial and business skills through their involvement in the shop, café, art gallery and the markets
- building community understanding and friendships through both the shop front and an active series of innovative and accessible workshops which promote cultural exchange between women and girls in a safe, friendly and fun environment

I have lived in Balaclava for almost 20 years and have worked in the development sector for even longer. I do understand community development and its governance, and the way the Space2B has been embraced by the community is heart warming and affirms the need for its services. [REDACTED] is a woman of rare vision and integrity, with a clear idea of what can and needs to be done to build a connected community for women. A successful businesswoman and designer in her own right, as Space2B's key proponent, she deserves, but does not seek, accolades for her work and leadership. Most importantly though, Space2B needs the engagement and financial support to enable it to be everything it has the potential to be. We will all be the richer for it.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch should you require further information

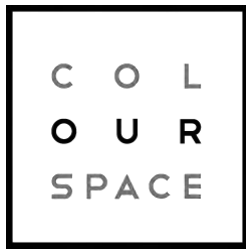
Best wishes

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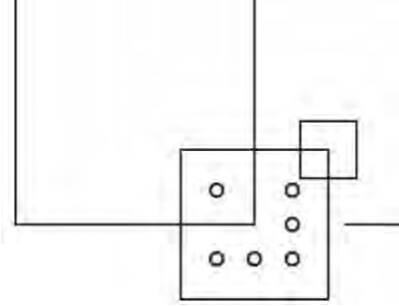
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Principal & Partnerships Specialist

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[REDACTED] Balaclava Vic 3183 Australia



# Letter of Support for Space2b



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**Re: Application for Funding support for Space2b**

2021

This letter is to acknowledge my support for Space2b's application.

We have been involved with Space2b for over a year now in both creative and professional endeavours and wholeheartedly support the important work they do.

I am thrilled to be working with Space2b in supporting newly arrived emerging artist. I believe that this will not only strengthen the quality and variety of art in Victoria but will also provide an opportunity for others to experience our rich cultural diversity.

Should this project proceed, ColourSpace will be happy to provide downstream support for the exhibition through our existing network of clients. We will endeavour to display the collection and its supporting themes and stories to our corporate clients around the city, which allows us to further generate some income for Space2b and the artists.





We are grateful for the contribution Space2b makes in supporting emerging artists and providing a safe space for artists to develop.

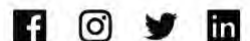
We believe this plays a vital role in the success of our arts community and to 'revitalising Arts and Culture' in Victoria.

Yours sincerely,

  
Director  
ColourSpace

  
Docklands VIC 3008

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On all social media as   
ABN: 





## Re: Support for Space2b Social Design

2021

This letter is to acknowledge our support for Space2b.

We have been involved with Space2b over the past few years and fully support the important work they do.

Space2b's work in supporting and providing opportunities and connections for newly arrived women is a core objective of Wellsprings for Women. Wellsprings is based in Dandenong, and partnering with Space2b provides women a safe place for them to grow, outside of Dandenong and their communities.

It also provides that essential opportunity for women to connect with other designers and artists, exchange ideas and begin to see themselves as artist in their new home.

Wellsprings will support Space2b programs by referring participants, providing support with job interviews and cv writing, promoting the program and introducing new partners.

We are grateful for the contribution Space2b makes in supporting emerging artists and designers and providing a safe space for newly arrived women to develop and thrive.

We believe this plays a vital role in successful settlement of newly arrived in Australia.

Yours sincerely,

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Australia Council for the Arts

[REDACTED]  
Pyrmont NSW 2009  
Australia

**Re: 2020 SUPORT FOR SPACE2b**

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

This letter is to acknowledge support by St Kilda Art Tours for Space2b application.

Space2B brings together a wide variety of local and culturally-diverse artists and makers from across Melbourne, in a supportive and collaborative environment. The work they do provides a cultural investment for the community that is second to none, creating an incredible sense of community connection and support for all involved.

St Kilda Art Tours is proud to be working with the team at Space2b and would be delighted to invest in this Project by way of in-kind support encompassing Social Media training and promotion through the St Kilda Art Tours Facebook, Instagram and website pages (see URL below).

The benefits of this support will enable the Project to reach a broader section of the community and provide much needed strategy in their promotional and marketing efforts, thereby enabling them to create more awareness and sales of their beautiful work, across a broader section of the Melbourne community.

Over the last 18 months of working with Space2b as a tour partner of my Art Tours around St Kilda, my experience has been extremely positive and mutually rewarding and I look forward to working with them into the future, for the success of the artists and our community as a whole.

We think they are an ideal candidate for this funding because of their absolute commitment to achieving their Vision of promoting social inclusion and independence through skills training and sharing for local, emerging and newly arrived migrant artists.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]  
**Managing Director**  
**St Kilda Art Tours**

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**Melbourne Artists For Asylum Seekers Inc (MAFA)**

ABN: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Melbourne

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2021

**Letter of support for Space2b Social Design**

RE: SPACE2B SOCIAL DESIGN

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write on behalf of Space2b in support of their creative training programs. We believe that the funding will be made into a good use through a professionally tailored program. Space2b has been managed really well as shown by the high quality venue and products. This social enterprise is quite distinctive in a way that they are consistently able to create an environment which is inclusive while at the same time is being highly marketable.

Melbourne Artists for Asylum Seekers Inc (MAFA) was founded in 2013 by volunteers including academics, visual artists, media professionals and art performers who visited Melbourne detention centres. We run free art workshops for asylum seekers and encourage them to create artworks.

We see this as a wonderful opportunity to showcase the very talented work of newly arrived artists and an opportunity to give voice to our participants.

MAFA has been partnering with Space2b for over five years now. These projects help asylum seekers who are newly arriving in the community with a place to train and sell their designs in their Artspace and to connect with the local community. Space2b had allowed generous contribution by providing a free space for our exhibitions and workshops. Past exhibitions have included 'New Beginnings' in 2015 and 'Journeys' in 2017 and a solo-exhibition of MAFA's refugee artist Leila Ashtiani "Hope" and 'Flourish' which was featured in the Age. Since then, Leila has been appointed as Space2b's gallery manager, which had opened up a significant opportunity for the talented artist.

We are looking forward to this opportunity to working with Space2b and we sincerely wish that they will obtain the funding.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

*Secretary*

*Melbourne Artists for Asylum Seekers Inc*

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

As a resident of St. Kilda and a frequent visitor to Space2b Social Design Shop and Café, I wish to add my support to their bid for some funding towards employing a manager.

The 2021 Draft Council plan lists social change and community wellbeing as a top priority for the New Council. Space 2b provides on its website that these are its goals.

- An opportunity for newly arrived migrants to build on their traditional skills and knowledge, gain confidence and take their first steps on the path to financial independence.
- A safe space where the local community, local designers and artists and newly arrived migrant can come together to acquire business and creative skills, build relationships and make connections.
- A training centre to build creative, business and English-language skills.
- A platform for independent designers to develop their business, their product, and to showcase, promote and sell their work.

I believe that this work deals with issues such as disadvantage, homelessness, health, social connectivity for the community as well as furthering the goal of Port Phillip as a vibrant Arts location. These are all important Council issues in the Council Plan.

I have gained so much for meeting wonderful and brave migrant women who are the essence of the enterprise. And of course I love shopping in my local area and supporting the beautiful work of these women.

For those who haven't visited, I invite you to have a coffee, say hello to the wonderful Janine and the staff and above all give this enterprise all the financial support you can at this time.

Yours Sincerely,

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St.Kilda 3182

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██████████ Alphington, Vic 3078

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E: ██████████

2021

I became involved in space2b because it is the only organisation or enterprise I know in inner Melbourne that actively encourages the development of personal relationships between Australian citizens and refugees or asylum seekers, through shared involvement in creative projects.

I have been involved for the last year, working on a project for space2b partnered with an Iranian asylum seeker, whom I'll call ██████████. The importance of this project is that ██████████ and I share the learning and applications the project demands. We share our expertise, exchange ideas, learn together, and, in the process, share very real human experiences.

The project is important to space2b, but ██████████ and I doing it together is even more important.

This is the way space2b operates. Whilst efficiency is important, developing relationships between refugees and other members of the Australian community, fostering companionship and shared understanding are truly seen as equally important goals. This is a touchstone for space2b, always working together.

Of course, the benefits to this approach are manifold: for me, and other Australian citizens, we touch on the very human face of what it means to flee your home country and to seek protection in Australia, we learn, intimately, about other cultures, we develop empathy, we have the chance to express our care and concern. For the refugee, it is an opportunity to connect outside their own community, it fosters language and communication skills and confidence, develops understanding and trust. It really is a win-win situation.

And, by the way, we get to laugh a lot together – something an asylum seeker does not get many opportunities to do. ██████████ and I have become friends and we both value that space2b fosters our friendship through very practical projects.

Please do not hesitate to contact me

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**ST. ALi**

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22/08/2017

[REDACTED]  
SPIRITUAL LEADER

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
South Melbourne, VIC 3205  
ABN [REDACTED]

To Whom it may concern

**RE: Partnership with Space2b Social design**

ST. ALi is a thriving food establishment and coffee roasting business, with our flagship cafe located in South Melbourne. ST. ALi currently has 8 outlets and employs over 250 staff with in excess of 300 wholesale customers.

ST. ALi has a strong relationship with the Space2b founders, and this association has been in place for 2 years now. We have been responsible for mentoring this social enterprise as they bring their concept of a laneway cafe to life, and are excited by their latest initiative to support refugees with training support into paid work.

ST. ALi will work in partnership with Space2b for this initiative to provide training, work experience and jobs for people interested in hospitality in their Trained2work project. We will work together to develop a 'Member's Program' whereby local businesses sign-up to provide further training and paid employment to 'job ready' participants, trained at Space2b and ST. ALi.

What Space2b does for the local community to improve inclusion for migrants and refugees is impressive and, with knowledge of those leading the organisation, we are confident this partnership will flourish to improve outcomes for this vulnerable group of people.

If you require any further information, please contact [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
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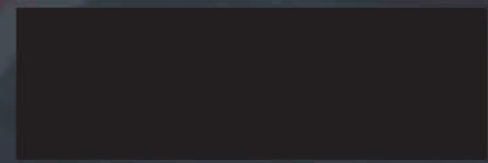
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*'Space2b is a bundle of opportunities and positive energy, and has given me lovely longtime friends. Being associated with them has made me feel independent and confident that I can do something. Space2b has helped me improve my capabilities, all the while pushing me to better myself.'*

*My children have learnt the importance of hard work as they have seen me running market stalls and working on my art projects late nights, in addition to the usual domestic chores.*

*Working together with 6 other artists on the laneway mural was a great experience for me. It made me feel special, valued and part of the community. It gave me the confidence to become Space2b volunteer coordinator and then to go for a job. I am now working full time.*

*Thank you to Space2b, for the support and always standing beside me like a second family'.*



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Retail trainee

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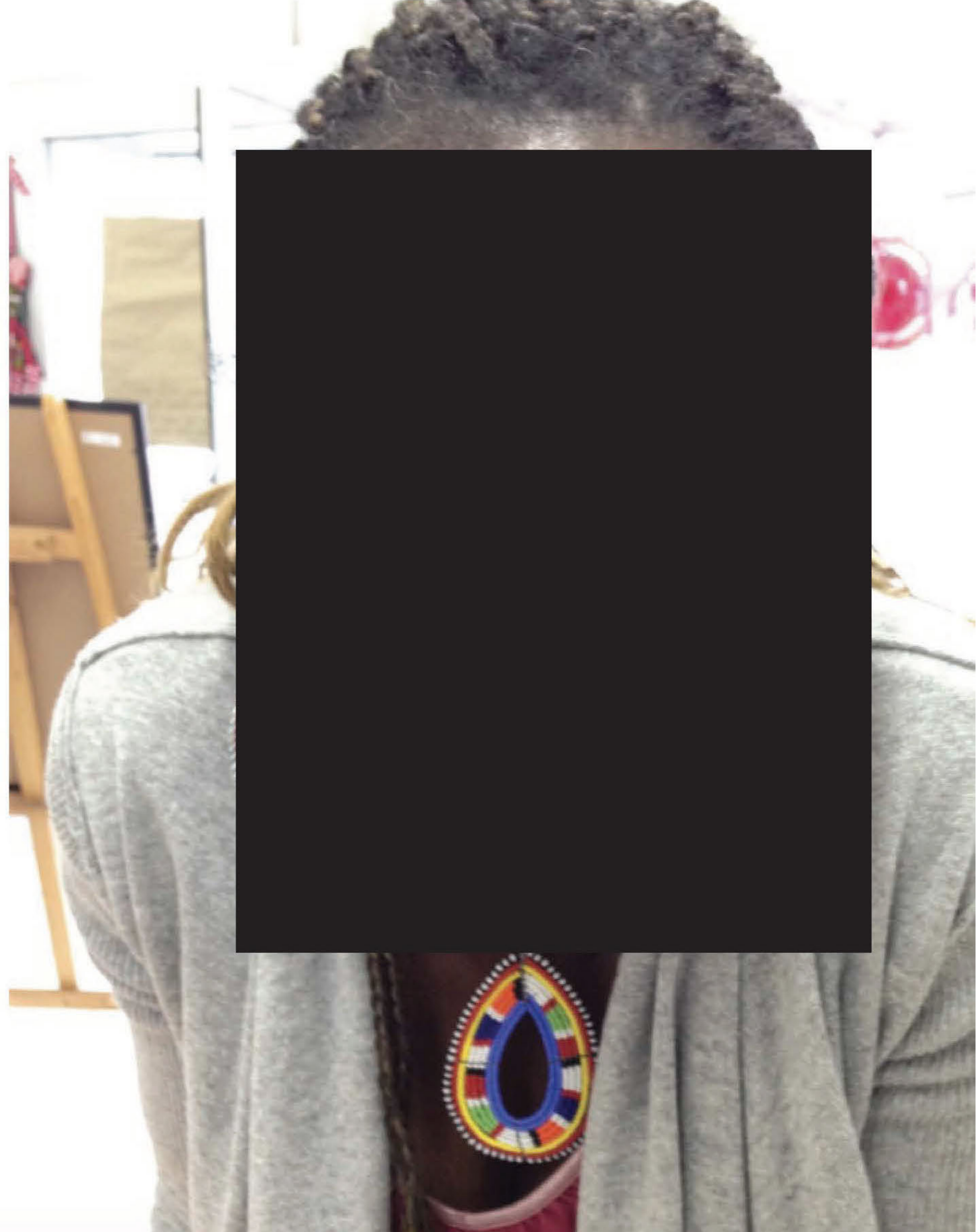
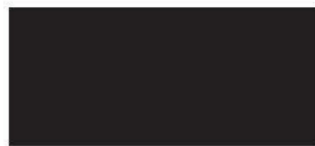
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everything you've  
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*I am truly grateful.*

  
Weaver & Artist

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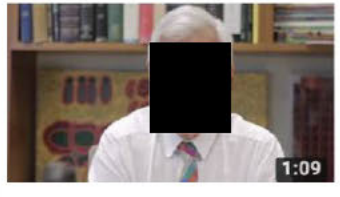
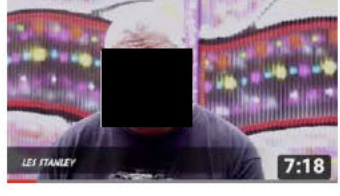


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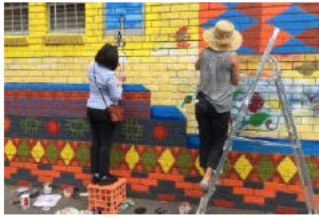

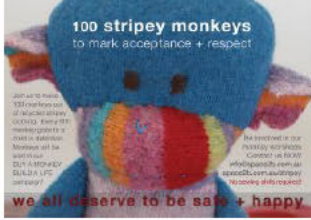
  
Dance Performer & Artist

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**Videos of support:**

	<p>Participant feedback - <a href="https://youtu.be/6x7BGGHuEqA">https://youtu.be/6x7BGGHuEqA</a></p>
	<p>Victor Holder of 4Diverse on Spacw2b Laneway festival <a href="https://youtu.be/X-KCWOz88m8">https://youtu.be/X-KCWOz88m8</a></p>
	<p>SBS small Business program - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dlx8wSmeMmw&amp;t=31s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dlx8wSmeMmw&amp;t=31s</a></p>
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**Art programs**

	<p><b>100 Paintings for Peace 2018</b>          An annual community exhibition to spread the message of Peace, Acceptance and Respect.</p> <p><a href="#">More Info</a></p>
	<p><b>The Art of Belonging</b>          An exploration of home, community &amp; settlement. Mural, art exhibition &amp; spoken word poetry</p> <p><a href="#">More Info</a></p>
	<p><b>Spoken</b>          A mural art project that tell visual stories of diversity, providing a voice for women who are connected with Space2b to share their stories on identity and resilience.</p> <p><a href="#">More Info</a></p>
	<p><b>Imagining Laneways</b>          An art installation in the laneway behind Space2b celebrating traditional design and pattern from around the world.</p> <p><a href="#">More Info</a></p>
	<p><b>Journeys – Homeland to Here</b>          A multimedia exhibition portraying 12 emerging artists and designers from cultural and linguistically diverse communities.</p> <p><a href="#">More Info</a></p>
	<p><b>Get Striped for Acceptance and Respect</b>          Community art programs making Stripey products where the stripes represent acceptance and respect and a multicultural Australia.</p> <p><a href="#">More Info</a></p>



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 26 February 2021 2:24 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting with Mayor Crawford

**[External Email] Please be cautious before clicking on any links or attachments.**

Hi [REDACTED],

I am sorry to hear that you are leaving it is a shock! Could we confirm that [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and I will meet with the Mayor on **Tuesday 9th March at 2pm?**

[REDACTED] is the author of the book we wish to discuss with the Mayor -Its title is St Kilda 1841-1900: ***Movers Shakers and Money Makers***. We think this is an exceptional piece of research work covering the key issues that lead to the convulsive changes to St Kilda over that period and which informs the shape of St Kilda [today.it](http://today.it) is proposed to be a high quality production which is still accessible in price to the local community.

[REDACTED] is a local resident who has been working on this for the past 2 years and has already been able to attract a commitment to publish from Australian Scholarly Publishing. Their agreement to publish leaves a shortfall of around \$15.000 which needs to be covered.

We will send through **more information on the book to [REDACTED] before the meeting.**

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Chairman St Kilda Historical Society

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## **St Kilda 1841–1900: Movers and Shakers and Money-makers supported by the St Kilda Historical Society**

Written by [REDACTED]

**Publisher to be Australian Scholarly Publishing**

### **Format**

Text 50, 00 words. A large-format book is envisaged, with around 185 photos and illustrations, many of which have not been previously published (in connection with St Kilda).

### **Rationale**

StKilda's twentieth century evolution into an artistic and entertainment hub has been extensively documented but there is no cohesive narrative that charts its extraordinary nineteenth century rise and fall. More than 85 percent of the content in my manuscript is new insofar as it does not appear in J.B. Cooper's 1931 *History of St Kilda* or Judith Buckrich's 2017 book *Acland Street*, nor in other St Kilda-specific works such as the numerous heritage studies commissioned by the City of Port Phillip. There is also much to interest readers whose primary interest is not St Kilda per se, with the content regarding servants and the indigenous an example of information not found elsewhere.

StKilda's twentieth century metamorphosis could not have occurred without the massive economic and social dislocation that upended the status quo in St Kilda in the 1890s, affecting its fabric far more markedly than other upscale suburbs of the time such as Toorak or Kew. This shakedown cleared the decks to repurpose its mansions as lodging houses or to redevelop sites for apartment construction, making St Kilda accessible to a new cohort.

A satellite settlement for Melbourne's elite by the mid-1840s, St Kilda blossomed into Melbourne's 'premier suburb' in the 1850s and 1860s, by which time it was the wealthiest suburb in Melbourne at a time when Melbourne was the richest city in the world on a per capita basis. Its politicians, merchants, barristers and squatters exercised their power both within and beyond its municipal boundaries and their actions often left their mark not just on St Kilda but on Victoria more broadly.

During the course of my research, I became intrigued by the manner in which its wealthy residents sought to frame and embed a dominant culture. This is evident in attitudes toward the indigenous, the Chinese, the poor and servants and in measures designed to foster or exclude participation in cultural and social forums. By the mid-1880s, the demographics in St Kilda bulged with distortions. One-third of its residents lived off investment income. Merchants and warehousemen reliant on the consumption of imported goods formed the largest single occupational category among those who worked. The labourers, gardeners and carpenters the wealthy employed comprised the second, third and fourth-largest occupational groups in St Kilda in 1885.

The adage 'be careful what you wish for' is apposite. The events of the 1890s appear an inevitable culmination of the conditions that its leading residents spent decades cultivating, as any significant deterioration affecting the upper strata threatened to collapse the proverbial house of cards.

The epigraph 'there is properly no history, only biography' (Ralph Waldo Emerson) reflects the way I assembled the narrative and its macro themes from the bottom-up, incorporating extensive individual anecdotes and recollections gleaned from primary sources. More than 220 individuals are mentioned. Given their achievements – and in some cases notoriety – several appear in publications such as the *Australian Dictionary of Biography*. In many cases I have located additional interesting information. More importantly, I situate the individuals within a broader context. An individual barrister or politician may be noteworthy in their own right, but a far greater insight emerges by examining why so many barristers, politicians and squatters lived in St Kilda. I think readers will find the answers surprising.

## Structure

I take chronological approach, which I believe provides more dramatic tension than the thematic structure often adopted by community historians:

Chapter 1: Clean, Green and Isolated 1841–1850

Chapter 2: Gold Rush Fear and Flux 1851–1855

Chapter 3: Transformation 1856–1864

Chapter 4: 'An Embarrassment of Riches' 1865–1884

Chapter 5: The Icarus Years 1885–1900

Chapters 2-5 commence with an overview of the period, noting some of the key events and characteristic hallmarks. This functions as a framework to guide the reader as they progress through the chapter. Each chapter is further divided into discrete sections, typically ranging from 700-1200 words. When laid out with pictures, readers should find the length and format of these sections enhances their comprehension and enjoyment. I have also included sections that I anticipate being used as standalone feature pages within chapters.

## Synopsis

Clean, Green and Isolated 1841–1850

Desperate to escape the rank conditions in town, those coveting the pristine, well-drained land in St Kilda temper their aspirations when a deep recession coincides with the first Crown land sale in St Kilda in December 1842. Financial distress forces almost all the buyers at this sale to sell by 1846. The second-round buyers include some of Melbourne's most eminent residents. The deplorable access road retards progress but protects its exclusivity. St Kilda's reputation as a seaside resort is launched when William Howard opens the Royal Hotel. Fine stone and brick houses are built, but the hamlet houses just 20 families in 1850.

### Gold Rush Fear and Flux 1851–1855

the government's reward to encourage a gold discovery in Victoria polarises the powerful, including those in St Kilda. It later emerges that the staunch critic, St Kilda resident William Campbell, found the first gold in Victoria but concealed it in a vain effort to protect squatters' interests. Diggers on the spree through the Royal Hotel. Bandits assault the wealthy in St Kilda and sporadic smuggler sightings on the foreshore intensify the unease. Gentlemen adventurers lured by the gold rush settle in St Kilda, dumbstruck by the rents charged for crude and cramped pre-fabricated cottages. Spiralling property prices drive a surge in land subdivision in St Kilda and its exploding population bemoans the scarcity of water. Indignant complaints about overcrowded omnibuses hint at the division between the 'old guard' and the arrivistes.

### Transformation 1856–1864

St Kilda's residents seek to define themselves as municipal, social and cultural entity and some frankly amusing cultural skirmishes ensue as the elite attempt to wrest the upper hand. A darker aspects part and parcel of this quest to establish a dominant culture and control the use of public space. The new council targets the banishment of the Chinese fishermen and foreshore shanty dwellers as a priority in its first year and quashes a proposed welfare fund lest it attract the impecunious to St Kilda. The Guardian for Aborigines, William Thomas, lives in St Kilda and laments the curtailment of the traditional lifestyle of the Yakut Eelam but yields to pressure and drives the indigenous out of Albert Park. The shortage of servants blights the lives of the wealthy, so they bring

the full force of the law to bear to discipline unruly servants rather than sack them. Some hire indentured minors from the orphanage and the industrial school. Ambition and optimism pervade the air. Ramshackle early houses are replaced by terraces and mansions, many built by men in their thirties building their careers and living their lives with precocious zeal.

**'An embarrassment of riches' 1865–1884**

'Aristocratic St Kilda' is as flamboyant and opulent as the crinolines sported by its chatelaines. A by-word for privilege, satirists find rich pickings in its trappings. St Kilda stockbrokers launch the Stock Exchange of Melbourne, fuelling a quartz-mining boom that enriches soonest Kilda investors and bankrupts others. Merchants assemble art collections, hire artisans to decorate ballroom walls with frescos and commission mansions with towers that [REDACTED] mocks as erections. It is the golden age of the squattocracy. Thirty-four parliamentarians call St Kilda home, ranging from the reactionary to reformers. Their daughters flock to the newly-opened art schools to fill the years prior to marriage and begin to seek self-actualisation outside of church bazaars and craft circles. St Kilda's crown begins to slip as Toorak rises in the late 1870s.

**The Icarus Years 1885–1900**

BHP founding director and Acland Street resident [REDACTED] turns a 2000 percent profit on his shares by 1888, inspiring prominent St Kilda identities to reposition themselves as mining company directors. After the mining mania flares and gutters, land boom stocks attain an irresistible allure. Five of the six St Kilda mayors in office between 1885 and 1890 emerge as directors of building societies in 1888. Extravagance soars to new heights. Racehorses and yachts satisfy the competitive male expression of wealth and several St Kilda matrons acquire diamond tiaras. When the land boom promises to democratize wealth and material status symbols begin to lose their exclusivity, other forms of one upmanship come to the fore. Women vie for invitations to debut at Buckingham Palace. Residents trawl their family trees for noble ancestors to legitimize their pedigree and qualify for inclusion in heraldic almanacs, hoping to break into British aristocratic circles and marry their children to titled scions. The inevitable crash and Depression hit Silda with cataclysmic force and a sanitation crisis severely tarnishes its reputation. The reality check accelerates women's desire for independence. Privileged, progressive women from St Kilda are at the vanguard in enrolling at university, driving the uptake of bicycles, forging careers and agitating for women's rights and social reform.

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**16.3.2021**

## **Request for one-off funding contribution to a social history of 19th century St Kilda: *St Kilda 1841-1900: Movers and Shakers and Money Makers***

### What we have

The general public and historians interested in the origins of the City of St Kilda have relied on J.B. Cooper's *History of St Kilda 1840-1930* which has shaped our view about the early years of the development of the City of St Kilda. We found we were wrong.

[REDACTED] has provided a detailed, authoritative and often delightful work, blowing away many of our conceptions of the way things worked in the early days of the City of St Kilda. [REDACTED] has held senior positions in funds management and an ongoing interest in the history of her area. With an inquiring mind she has used in the past 2 years to provide us with a new story about the city she loves. Using largely primary sources, [REDACTED] provides us with cohesive narrative that charts St Kilda's extraordinary 19th century rise and fall and fills a significant gap in its published history.

St Kilda had great natural advantages with its delightful and health giving position. St Kilda hill was first place where Crown Land was sold off to the highest bidder. Within decades the area expanded with some of the most wealthy and powerful men in Victoria living in the St Kilda area. Alongside this story of prosperity was one of collateral damage inflicted and the eventual and surprising almost total collapse of the St Kilda society by 1901.

[REDACTED] shines a beam on this collateral damage documenting the story of those who had to be removed: the systematic eviction of the Yalukut Weelam, the persecution of the Chinese fishermen, the attempts by women to assert equality and the often exploited servant underbelly.

### What we propose

The proposal is for a large-format book of 200-plus pages handsomely illustrated with around 190 images. A respected Melbourne-based publisher,

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Australian Scholarly Publishing has reviewed the draft manuscript and committed to printing and distributing this work. The publisher will contribute \$15,000 to cover design and print costs and proposes a final cost for the book of \$50-\$60 with a release date of 2021-2022.

Under normal circumstances we would have sought funding for this project but were advised that it is outside the scope of funding in this year's Cultural Development Funding because of its focus of Covid 19 responsive projects.

We are therefore seeking a one off grant of \$15,000 for the following:

- \$7,500 the purchase digitised scans of photos, maps and artwork held in public collections, many of which have not been previously published in connection to St Kilda.
- An estimated \$2000 is required for professional photography of historically relevant properties plus artwork held in private collections.
- The remaining \$5,500 will be used for additional research and professional editing and indexing

[REDACTED] is a member of the St Kilda Historical Society. She came to us with her draft of *Movers Shakers and Money Makers*. It is equivalent in scope and authority to Vol 111 of the History of St Kilda 1930-1983 by Anne Longmire. Our reading confirms that this work is a vital and cost-effective investment in the community's backstory and one that is likely to generate very considerable community interest.

In conjunction with the SKHS, [REDACTED] would welcome an opportunity to present to Councillors and City executives in person should more detail be desired.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Chairman St Kilda Historical Society

[REDACTED]

**CBR-008**

The Mayor & Councillors  
City of Port Phillip  
99a Carlisle St  
ST KILDA, 3182

Mr. [REDACTED]  
Secretary Middle Parks Bowls Club Board  
101 Canterbury Rd Middle Park

26/02/2021

**Att: Mr [REDACTED]**

### **Coordinator Sport and Recreation**

Middle Park Bowling Club's vision is to be a Premier Bowling Club with great participation from the local community. Accordingly, the club has developed a proposal to upgrade the existing facilities in line with community expectation and growing demand.

We are seeking:

- inclusion in the next Council plan as a high priority community building project; and
- a \$2m to \$2.5m commitment in the 2021/2022 budget period.

The project entails:

- A single storey refurbishment, alterations and heritage reinstatement of existing clubrooms.
- Upgrading the standard and functionality of the club rooms and ancillary facilities to meet current and future members expectations and continued increased community participation, particularly women.

The refurbishment plans have been developed over the last four years. The proposed development has fully endorsed plans with all City of Port Phillip planning approvals in place. It has strong community and stakeholder support and is ready for commencement.

The planning citation specifies: *Partial demolition, single storey alterations and additions to existing Middle Park Bowling Club clubhouse and associated pavilion buildings; landscaping works and altered car parking provision, generally in accordance with the endorsed plans.*

It is based on a long-term master plan supported by an option for a long term 21-year lease with Parks Victoria.

The City of Port Phillip nominated the project as one of three priority projects for consideration under the recent Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program. This support needs to be recognised by inclusion in the Council Plan.

The proposal aligns with the current Council Plan Strategic Directions, particularly

- Direction 1 We embrace difference and people belong

- Direction 3 We have smart solutions for a sustainable future
- Direction 4 We are growing and keeping our character

Features include strong environmental performance in regard to Water Sensitive Urban Design and improved Stormwater management and harvesting and reinstatement of local heritage and character.

The preferred position is to complete the total refurbishment of the facilities as one stage. The current costing of the total project is \$3 m. The budget request to City of Port Phillip is **\$2m to \$2.5m in the 2021/2022 financial year** supplemented by up to \$1m under the Community Sports Infrastructure Loans Scheme and the club's own funds.

The Community Sports Infrastructure Loans Scheme was available in 2020. It is unclear whether it will continue to be available. It is noteworthy that eligibility criteria include projects which:

- Encourage organisations such as local government to bring forward community sport and recreation infrastructure delivery.
- Increase opportunities for investment in the delivery of community sport and recreation infrastructure.

Funding the project with fully endorsed plans and planning approvals in place brings forward \$3 million worth of works that would otherwise be some time off in the future.

<b>Income source</b>	<b>\$</b>
City of Port Phillip	2m to 2.5m
Community Sports Infrastructure Loans Scheme, if available (N.B. Applications for the year 2020 have closed)	up to 1m
Middle Park Bowls Club contribution	Shortfall up to \$500k
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>

The City of Port Phillip has a policy of not supporting capital funding of facilities located within the Albert Park reserve. The policy is driven by a view that ratepayers should not subsidise facilities that are a State responsibility.

There is a case to be made that the sports and recreation facilities controlled by Parks Victoria are more properly the province of local government. As such, Council would have a clear responsibility to provide financial support. Currently, residents and ratepayers of the City of Port Phillip are strong beneficiaries without necessarily contributing financially. Middle Park Bowls Club is providing significant benefits to the community that would otherwise fall to the local Council.

Over recent years, the club has successfully engaged with the local community and is now recognised as the local club of choice for many locals and visitors. The club is an increasingly popular location for community events, celebrations and involvement beyond the bowling community. The services of the club are paid for by members and revenue generated under the



liquor license and facilities. Despite the difficulties posed by COVID, the club has weathered the storm and has funds to support the development.

Middle Park Bowls Club is currently fielding 4 pennant sides, 2 midweek pennant sides and two evening competition sides. In excess of 100 members are available to play if required. Our grass greens are recognised Australia wide as being of the highest standard. Ideally, we would wish to offer the club facilities for season finals. However, this clashes with the Grand Prix which occupies our club for ten days every year. Whilst we have a good relationship with the Grand Prix, we hope this clash changes over time as we are aware Bowls Victoria is eager to stage finals at our venue.

The improved facilities will continue to attract competitive and social bowlers and support our aspirations to significantly lift female and younger participation. Our Summer Night Lights Program has been successful in attracting families, women and children. We have an existing relationship with Albert Park Football Club which has seen many of the members joining the club as competitive bowlers and serve as Board members. The last three seasons we have offered bowls to U3A members under the guidance of experienced bowlers free of charge.

The new design seeks to overturn poor location of facilities on the site. The objective is to open the club up to the community and the park by relocating locker rooms, and toilets to the area adjacent to the car park and moving entertainment lounge facilities to the more valuable space facing the park. Our location on a tram line, and plentiful car parking together with the improvements allows us to market the facilities to corporates, local community and bowlers. The club will also be more visible and accessible to the famous Albert Park Community Adventure Playground immediately adjacent to the club.

The club's current facilities are dated and not fit for purpose. It must better cater for the increasing number of children and people with impaired mobility who use the venue.

The approved plans relocate the bar area to the centre of the building; relocate the kitchen to the services area adjacent to the toilets and change facilities and build new toilets and change facilities in the area vacated by the bar. The project would be fully delivered in two steps, allowing for the continued operation of the club in interim facilities whilst the works are completed. The interim facilities have recently been upgraded under a program jointly funded with a Federal Grant and club funds.

#### Construction & fit out East wing

- Refurbishment and construction of external entertainment deck adjacent to the Park and articulation of heritage assets
- Relocated function area, members lounge, bar facilities and club memorabilia

#### Construction & fit out West wing

- Construction and fit out of kitchen, cool stores, member change rooms, toilets, and ancillary delivery facilities
- Construction of new entry, board room and member display area

We look forward to your consideration and support.



Secretary, Board of Management

Middle Park Bowls Club Inc.



# Albert Park Bowls Club Inc

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**CBR-009**

2 February 2020

Mr [REDACTED]  
Coordinator Recreation & Open Space Planning  
Open Space and Recreation Services  
City of Port Phillip  
99a Carlisle Street  
St Kilda, VIC 3182

Dear [REDACTED],

## **Clubhouse Toilets & Changerooms Remediation Project**

Thank you for your continuing support of our toilets and changerooms remediation project. Further to our submission of 20 December 2019 and your subsequent request, please find attached a detailed builder's costings for the proposed works.

To summarise the focus of this work, the Albert Park Bowls Club has a strong and growing female membership, for which the clubhouse's current amenities are inadequate. Our current total membership is 156, of which 73 are female (47%), which is amongst the highest female participation rates of all bowls clubs, and we are constantly working to increase this further. In addition, we have a further 500-550 female visitors each year who use the club on a casual basis (e.g. school programs, barefoot bowls, corporate and private functions, community engagement events, etc.). While we do have female toilets, we aren't able to offer female-only changeroom facilities and those we do have are part of the broader clubhouse thoroughfare, offering little to no privacy. This constrains our ability to offer further female participation encouragement initiatives.

The Club has developed an overall program to redress this shortcoming and to add amenity and value to the building overall. The priority need is for a female-only changeroom and toilet facility. Given the size limitations of the existing building, creating this space will require the relocation of the current club office (in turn requiring a new extension on the southern end of the building) and adjustments to the existing men's changeroom and toilets, which themselves are in need of refurbishment for health, sanitation and capacity reasons. This work is Phase 1 of the overall program, as detailed in our most recent submission.

As you will see from the attached builder's cost estimates, the total remediation project is now estimated to cost ~\$[220,000]. We are seeking a contribution of \$[150,000] from Council, while the Club will provide the balance of funding from its

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own resources. Also, as described in the submission, this Phase 1 project is part of the broader clubhouse redevelopment program, which has an additional estimated cost of \$[350,000], funding for which is being arranged by a combination of government grants and Club funds.

We would welcome Council's financial support for the Phase 1 Remediation Project, as well as on approvals and permitting for the entire program, and are available to answer any questions that may arise.

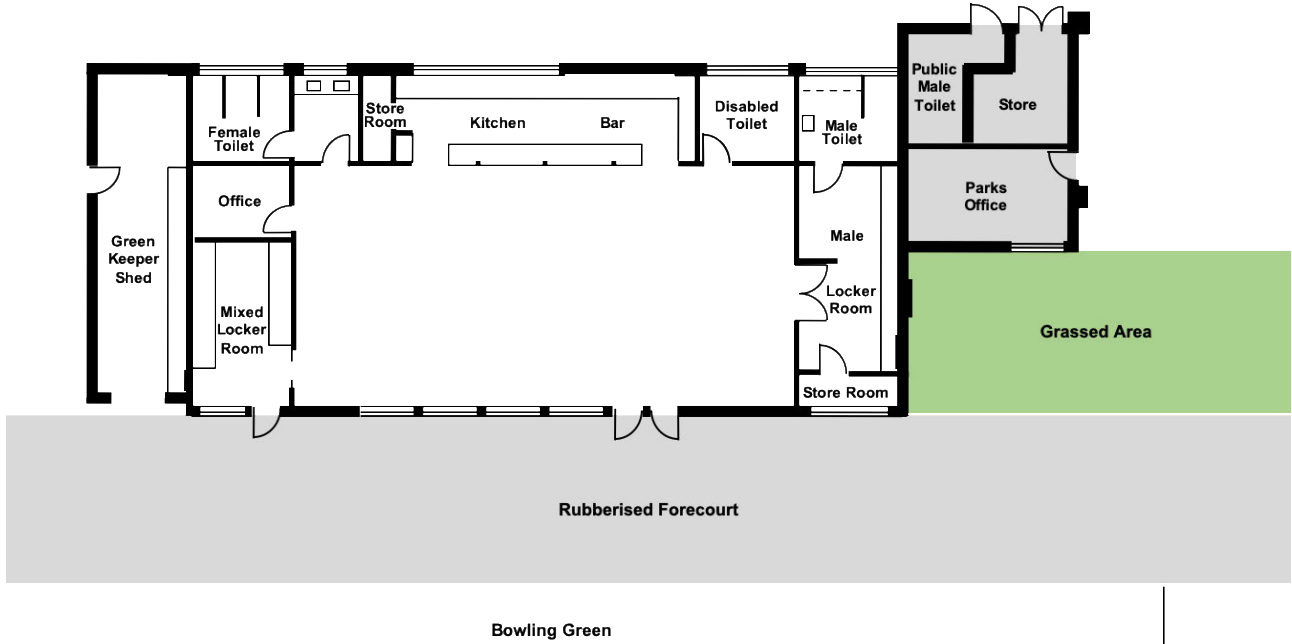
Yours faithfully,

██████████, OAM  
President

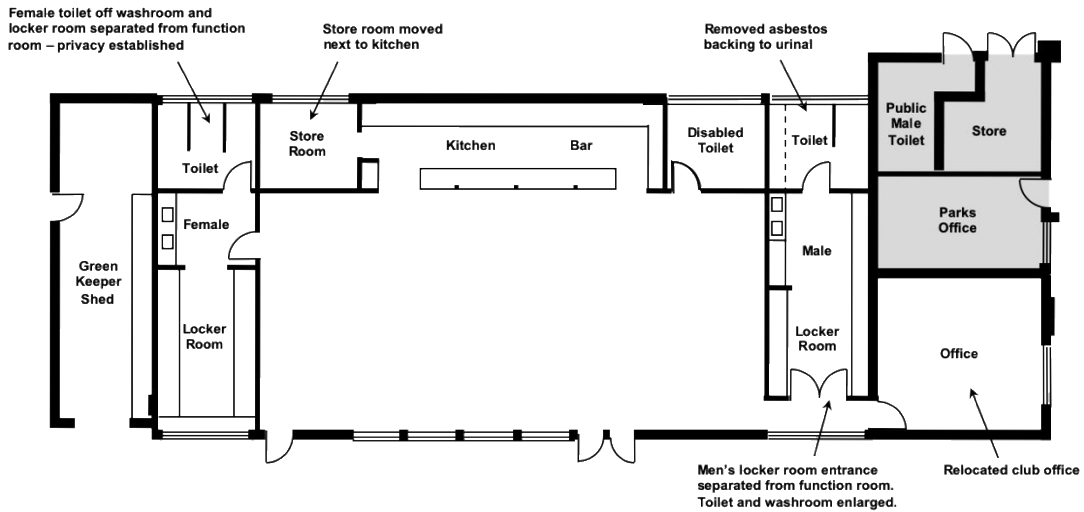
# ATTACHMENT CLUBHOUSE DRAWINGS

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## CURRENT CLUBHOUSE LAYOUT



## NEW CLUBHOUSE LAYOUT



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 3:33 pm

To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

Subject: Murphy's Reserve

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Mayor and Councillors

I am writing this email to alert the council of a dangerous situation at the reserve. The council has done a magnificent job in providing an excellent playground for the children.

However the activities are placed directly behind the goals. Having played football at Murphy's for many years and experienced a wet heavy ball kicked into my head, I can advise it virtually knocks you out. I am envisaging that many balls will be kicked hard close to goal that may injury the children on the play area. It a ball happens to hit a small child on the swing it could knock the child off the swing onto the ground then the swing comes back and hit the child in the head. It is frightening to image that damage it may cause.

I requested that a net be erected months ago and was advised that the trees will overcome the problem. Yes, maybe in 5 years when the trees are fully grow.

The council has a duty of care and believe urgent action is required to eliminate this potentially serious problem.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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## **Port Melbourne**

### **Interactive Migration Art Walk**

On 12 September 1854, Port Melbourne's Station Pier, formerly known as Railway Pier, opened. Australia's welcoming point for generations of new arrivals, Station Pier has been important in almost every phase of Australia's history. In war and peace, commemoration and celebration, servicemen returning home, migrants arriving from distant lands, and refugees arriving from war zones, Station Pier has a special place in not only the history of Port Phillip, but also the nation.

And whilst Station Pier's migration history is held dear in the hearts of the thousands of anxious and excited new arrivals who landed there, there is a unique and untapped opportunity to bring Port Melbourne's migration past to life.

The Port Melbourne Business Association (PMBA) proposes the development of an Interactive Migration Art Walk that illuminates the hopes, fears, joys and sorrows of all whose first memory of Melbourne was stepping onto the boards of Station Pier.

Exploring the hidden stories of migrants and refugees through a series of permanent art installations, the Migration Art Walk will follow in the footsteps of those who have shaped both the city of Port Phillip, and Australia, through their journeys of courage and hope. Discovering what it means to move across countries, to change nationalities and to settle in a new place, the Migration Art Walk will cover 1.4km between Station Pier, and Liardet Street, Port Melbourne.

Migrants are and will remain a very visible and indispensable part of life in Port Phillip. Their numbers, the critical work they perform, and the risks they have faced deserve a voice.

Commencing with acknowledgement of First Nations People, the Migration Art Walk will explore the region's earliest inhabitants, the Yalukit Wilum, one of the five clans of the Boon Wurrung, known as the coastal tribe, and members of the Kulin nation.

The walk will go on to explore the first wave of migration driven by the Gold Rush in 1851. Introducing an influx of eager immigrants from all over the world, Port Melbourne was the first stop in a journey that would go on to shape the fortunes of many.

Followed by an exploration of post-war migration, the walk will reveal the journeys of migrants from southern and eastern Europe. Often seeking refuge from persecution, war and economic hardship, an average of 61,000 European passengers arrived every year between 1949 and

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1966, reaching 110,802 at its peak in 1960. Exploring the cultural contribution of arrivals from the United Kingdom, Greece, Italy and Jewish communities throughout Europe, the Migration Art Walk will go on to celebrate later arrivals from Asian, African and many other countries who have added to the diverse multicultural community that enlivens the City of Port Phillip, and broader regions today.

Ending at Liardet Street, the Migration Art Walk will pay tribute to Port Melbourne's first permanent settler – Wilbraham Frederick Evelyn Liardet. Liardet, who arrived with his wife Caroline and nine children in 1839, erected a tent on the beach opposite what is now Bay Street. With the extraordinary energy typical of many new immigrants, within a year, Liardet had built a hut, a jetty, a watch tower and a rough road to the city for a daily mail run to Melbourne, dug a well, created a ferry service to Williamstown, and established the Pier Hotel.

Continuing to welcome thousands of passengers to Melbourne, Station Pier remains an important landmark in the journeys of international cruise travellers, and an important ongoing symbol for the immigrants who arrived there.

Drawing on consultation and contribution from the cultural groups who share in Station Pier's history, including Multicultural Arts Victoria and the Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria, the interactive Migration Art Walk will invite local and international visitors, including 350,000 cruise ship passengers, into Port Phillip to reflect on what it means to migrate through a series of 15 interactive art installations.

A language shared between individuals, nations, and cultures, art has the power to redeclare identities that have been lost or abandoned when people find new homes. But importantly, art gives migrant voices a means of being heard.

An opportunity to transcend national and cultural borders, the Migration Art Walk seeks to influence how we think about migration and belonging. An opportunity to step out of the car and into the past, the 1-hour walk will be designed for locals, families, international tourists and importantly, for visitors with ties to Station Pier's migration history.

Pulling walkers back through a fascinating history of Port Melbourne and its migration past, in the very locations that gave arrivals their first glimpses of a new life in Australia, the Migration Art Walk represents a unique economic opportunity for the region.

Delivering walkers into the heart of Port Melbourne's trading district (and conversely from the trading district to Station Pier), the project has the potential to become a significant tourist attraction, anchoring Port Melbourne's identity to its migration history, and drawing those interested in both history and the arts to the City of Port Phillip.



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### Migration Projection Festival - Proof of Concept

Using 360-degree immersive projection, the PMBA seeks to engage projection expertise to introduce the migration history and stories of arrivals to Station Pier in an eight-night Migration Projection Festival to be showcased in August 2021\*.

Commencing at 6:45pm, and designed for an intergenerational audience, the Migration Projection Festival aims to be a drawcard for both local and distant visitors, and an introduction/proof of concept for the community's interest in the permanent installation of the Interactive Migration Walk proposed for Port Melbourne.

With a reputation for edutainment, exploring ideas and bringing locals and visitors together after dark, projection art offers spectacular installations and events that are playful, thoughtful and inspiring.

Working closely with Multicultural Arts Victoria and the Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria, prominent artists from relevant cultural groups, including the Kulin nation, will be selected to showcase their artistic expressions of migration through Station Pier, Port Melbourne.

Selected artists will have the opportunity to work directly with the projection production company who has produced installations for Wyndham City Council, Yarra City Council, and the City of Melbourne, on projects including White Night and the Gertrude Street Projection Festival.

Workshops and mentorship in projection mapping, lighting effects, and audio-visual media is to be provided to the selected artists in the new Bay Street art campus of Albert Park Secondary College (APSC). In exchange for the use of the campus, interested APSC students will be invited to participate in the learning program which will focus on the opportunities for storytelling through projection art.

Experienced in working with local council and traffic control authorities, and observing noise considerations, the selected Projection company is well placed to deliver a spectacular projection installation that respects our community, stories and the migration history of Port Melbourne.

**The cost of the Migration Projection Project/proof of concept is:**

Projection company	\$70,000
Artists	\$20,000
Marketing/PR	\$30,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$120,000</u></b>

*Plus, countless hours of PMBA & volunteer time to coordinate/facilitate/manage*

\*Migration Projection Festival is proposed for 19, 20, 21 & 22 August 2021 and 26, 27, 28 & 29 August 2021.

CBR-012

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED].com>

Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 1:53:28 PM

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Greetings

**[External Email] Please be cautious before clicking on any links or attachments.**

Hi [REDACTED]

Congratulations on your success at the election. We were happy to see you win.

We live on Garton Street, top end of Bay Street. I'd like to see if the small sitting area at the corner of Ingles and Bay Streets can get some attention as it looks worn down with a broken drinking fountain. It often attracts trash because of its neglected situation. Perhaps you can help?

I've attached two photos for your reference and thank you in advance.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

M [REDACTED]

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CBR-013

Beacon Cove Neighbourhood Association Inc. (Registered Number A0012597Z)

PO Box 5042, Garden City, Vic 3207

President: [REDACTED]

Secretary: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
CEO,  
City of Port Phillip  
Private Bag 3  
ST KILDA VIC 3182

15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

**RE: BCNA SUBMISSION REGARDING PRIORITIES FOR COUNCIL'S 2021-22 BUDGET**

I am writing to attach our submission regarding priorities for Council's forthcoming budget.

If further information is required, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
President

**Beacon Cove Neighbourhood Association**

Email: [REDACTED]

Website: [www.beaconcove.org.au](http://www.beaconcove.org.au)



City of Port Phillip 2021-22 Planning and Budget cycle

Beacon Cove Neighbourhood Association (BCNA) submission

The BCNA raises the following issues, in priority order, for consideration by Council:

**1. Hoon driving and excessive motor vehicle speed**

This is a concern across the City of Port Phillip. BCNA thanks the Mayor, Councillors and Council staff for support and work with the community on the hooning problem around Station Pier. However, more work needs to be done to ensure enduring improvement across the City.

*BCNA recommends that Council investigates and invests in measures that complement VicPol presence.*

**2. Shade cloth for the Centenary Reserve playground in Port Melbourne**

Play equipment at Centenary Reserve (located opposite the Graham Street skate park) suffers from a near complete lack of shade. This makes the play equipment, much of which is stainless steel, too hot to use over the summer months. There is a noticeable difference with Edwards Park where shade sails keep the play area much cooler.

*BCNA recommends the installation of shade sails as this would increase the amenity of the park to Beacon Cove residents over the summer months.*

**3. Additional beach cleaning near Princes Street drain, Port Melbourne**

The beach areas near the Princes Street drain, Port Melbourne, collect a lot of rubbish, including dangerous materials, after major rain events in the catchment for this drain. This is dangerous for beach users and very unsightly. There also appears to be insufficient cleaning of beaches on weekends despite this being a period of peak usage.

*BCNA recommends additional beach cleaning is scheduled after major rain events in the catchment area for the Princes Street drain and that additional cleaning is performed on weekends.*

**4. Enforcement of dogs on leads in Port Phillip parks**

Residents have noticed that this law is not enforced in Edwards Park, Kirrip Park and Walter and Turner Reserves. This creates a dangerous situation for adults and children.

*BCNA recommends Council increases enforcement activities in areas where dogs are expected to be on leads.*

**5. Support for Port Melbourne Life Saving Club's proposal for a family reserve next to the clubhouse and for a full upgrade of change rooms and toilets.**

*BCNA supports the proposal prepared by [REDACTED], dated 23 September 2020, for a community BBQ and picnic site next to the clubhouse and the proposal of 23 February 2021 for the full upgrade of changerooms and toilets adjacent to the clubhouse.*

**6. Improved maintenance and cleaning of foreshore toilets and change rooms.**

Residents have noticed that many of the toilets and change rooms along the foreshore are poorly maintained and that cleaning is insufficient. The poor status of the toilets means that some people, particularly children, are deterred from using them.

*BCNA recommends that Council ensure toilet/change rooms have sufficient lighting, door locks that work for all cubicles and are cleaned more frequently.*

**7. Waterfront Place Precinct**

The entire area requires review and planning to improve functioning and amenity.

*BCNA recommends continuing co-operative action by the City of Port Phillip with VicPorts and the Victorian Government.*

**8. Graffiti removal and prevention**

Graffiti is a continuing problem in Beacon Cove and nearby areas.

*BCNA recommends that Council continue to devote resources to the prompt removal of graffiti and for prevention programs.*

BCNA  
5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

# PECAN – Budget and Council Plan Submission

## PECAN's Key Recommendations

### Climate Emergency Action Plan

Following Port Phillip Council's declaration of a climate emergency, the next step is to incorporate actions and targets to tackle climate change into CoPP's overarching mission and direction statements.

PECAN recommends that Council:

- **Complete a climate emergency action plan during 2021-2022.**

Budget Impact: Work undertaken by existing council staff.

### Council and Community Renewable Energy and Emissions

Reducing community and council emissions is a critical step to address the climate emergency. Council can support reductions in community emissions by facilitating Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) particularly for the commercial and industrial sector responsible for over 80% of the 2m tonnes of emissions in Port Phillip, bulk solar PV purchases, development of community micro-grids and virtual power plants, community batteries, and assisting apartment residents to access emissions reduction opportunities.

PECAN recommends that Council:

- **Engage with the community through working groups to reduce community emissions.**
- **Complete its first Power Purchase Agreement by 2022.**
- **Set a target of 100% increase in community solar PV installations by 2025.**
- **Set a target of 100% renewable energy for the community by 2030.**
- **Reduce energy use through efficiency upgrades to Council buildings and street lighting.**
- **Decommission all natural gas connections in Council buildings by 2030.**

Budget Impact: \$220,000-\$250,000: One additional FTE Council officer responsible for PPA development and associated energy and legal consultancy costs.

Most of this work would normally be undertaken by existing staff, but Sustainability appears to be down by three FTE staff, due to contract completions and movement to other Council areas. In addition a new staff member would be required to develop the Power Purchase agreement; this person would be responsible for high level liaison with commercial and industrial companies, together with energy and legal consultancies, electricity distributor and retailers. MREP2 cost the city of Melbourne less than half that of MREP1 and was completed in half the time of the first Agreement. Given Port Phillip's experience over several years in MREP1, it might be anticipated that a PPREP could be completed in 18 months and require between \$220,000 and \$250,000 in staffing and other costs, and reduce community emissions very substantially, by between 5 and 10%, depending on membership. These estimates need to be worked through with existing Council staff, which obviously we are not able to do in detail. And we draw attention again to the reduced staff numbers in Sustainability; with an increasing workload across Council's sustainability responsibilities, it seems essential that staffing capacity is closely assessed at the commencement of the new Council Plan.

### Community Education Initiatives

The Port Phillip EcoCentre plays a role in community education and supporting strong community networks.

PECAN recommends that Council:

- **Co-fund the EcoCentre redevelopment and maintain on-going funding for EcoCentre activities.**

Budget Impact: Redevelopment co-funding already allocated in Council budget.

# PECAN – Budget and Council Plan Submission

## Increase Water Recycling through Local Projects and Adjacent Council Collaboration

The use of recycled water is critical to council achieving its water use and pollution reduction commitments. These activities are also essential to mitigating flood risk in vulnerable areas of Elwood.

PECAN recommends that Council:

- **Engage with the community through working groups to develop overarching blue-green strategies.**
- **Contribute \$1m to water retention flood mitigation works in Elsternwick Park Nature Reserve (such as by moving money from the budget into an escrow trust until initiation of agreed works). Elsternwick provides the only readily accessible source of stormwater for harvesting in Port Phillip, and all necessary steps should be taken to ensure that this opportunity is taken up.**
- **Undertake a feasibility study of a water retention project in the Catani Gardens catchment.**

Budget Impact: \$1m for Elsternwick Park already included in the budget; \$25,000 for an initial Feasibility study for Catani Gardens water retention work to be undertaken by existing council staff, given the availability of reports previously completed and with relevance to the study..

## Ensure Equitable Access to Public Open Space Across Port Phillip

The various suburbs of Port Phillip have varying access to public open space, with some areas having 31% public open space, while the area east of Brighton Rd has only 5% of public open space.

PECAN recommends that Council:

- **Set targets for proximate access to public open space (based on Fishermans Bend precinct targets).**
- **Sets a target of 10% public open space in the area east of Brighton Rd by 2028.**
- **Identifies appropriate properties for acquisition funded by the Resort and Recreation Trust.**

Budget Impact: Funded from Resort and Recreation Trust, which has \$26m balance.

## Greening Port Phillip

The City of Port Phillip currently has 19% tree canopy cover, but this cover is unevenly distributed across the city, with Balaclava significantly lacking canopy cover. Increased tree canopy cover is important to mitigate increasing heat loads and improve public amenity. Also important is the requirement to integrate species selection for resilience, time to canopy maturity, and appropriate location.

PECAN recommends that Council:

- **Set targets of 22% tree canopy cover by 2025, 30% by 2030, and 40% by 2040.**

Budget Impact: \$730,000 this year, as projected in the 2020/21 Budget forward estimates.

There was agreement last year that funding for tree planting needed a substantial increase, but due to Budget exigencies the pre-existing funding level of \$440,000 was maintained.

However it seems likely that the Greening Port Phillip review, scheduled for this year, will be able to more accurately assess the required funding level for future years.

## Strengthen Planning and Building Regulations.

Council is currently involved in the CASBE review of current Planning and Building regulations.

PECAN recommends that Council advocates through the CASBE for new planning requirements that:

- **Require ESD and WSUD measures for planning and building approvals by 2023.**
- **Increase open space and tree planning requirements in new developments.**
- **Increase tree canopy cover protection in private properties.**
- **Require electric water and heating in new developments and planning permits by 2024.**

Budget Impact: Work to be undertaken by existing council staff.

# PECAN – Budget and Council Plan Submission

## Improve Access, Amenity, and Walkability Across St Kilda East, Balaclava, and Ripponlea

PECAN has developed a proposal for the Green Line, a linear park which follows the route of the railway corridor from Alma Park to the Elsternwick Park Nature Reserve. The Green Line will enhance walking and cycling accessibility, increase open space and tree canopy cover, and link habitat for biodiversity.

PECAN recommends that Council:

- **Implement the Green Line over three years.**
- **Commence work on the first stage of the Green Line in 2021-2022.**

Budget Impact: Initial funding to come from existing green space and transport budgets.

## Support Zero-Impact Transport Modes and Electrify Council Vehicles

The shift to zero-impact transport modes is a key part of the transition to a sustainable city. This includes separated bike lanes, widening footpaths and encouraging pedestrian mobility, public transport, and ensuring interconnected transport linkages.

PECAN recommends that Council:

- **Support zero-impact transport through bike lanes, walking paths and public transport.**
- **Require all new Council owned, leased or contracted vehicles to be 100% electric by 2022.**
- **Require all Council owned, leased, or contracted vehicles to be 100% electric by 2024.**

Budget Impact: Funded from existing fleet capital and maintenance budgets; this will need review in future years.

## Procurement and Investment

While Council is working towards sustainability, council procurements and investments may be working against council's goals and community expectations.

PECAN recommends that Council:

- **Require Green Accreditation service providers, prioritizing sustainability (recycling, locally sourced, divested, Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions) by 2021.**
- **Update Council Investment Policy require 100% ethical investment by excluding fossil fuels, tobacco, arms, and gambling by 2022.**

Budget Impact: Work to be undertaken by existing council staff.

## Budget and Council Plan Submission Background Material

The follow documents support these key recommendations:

- PECAN 2020-2021 Budget Submission
- PECAN Climate Emergency Action Plan
- PECAN Green Line proposal
- Summary of Council Plan 2021-2031 community consultation, Sat Feb 27
- Planning a Green-Blue City (DELWP)  
[https://www.water.vic.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0029/89606/Green-blue-Infrastructure-Guidelines-Feb17.pdf](https://www.water.vic.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0029/89606/Green-blue-Infrastructure-Guidelines-Feb17.pdf)



**CBR-015**

**From:** [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** Wednesday, 17 March 2021 1:33 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Reply to Library's Action Plan 2021-2-69

**[External Email] Please be cautious before clicking on any links or attachments.**

Dear Councillors,

In planning for the future, Council has identified the long-term challenges that will impact on liveability and the health and wellbeing of the community. Five of these challenges – population growth, rapid evolution of technology, urbanisation, changing economic conditions and climate change – are all areas where libraries can make a difference through services, access to information and community engagement. (Action Plan p.6)

1. Population with an projected increase of 68,000 to 176,000 inhabitants we (the inhabitants) can expect more: Schools, more indigent (the homeless) more diversification of the community particularly pertaining to libraries where more Languages Other than English resources needed, In reply I would like to put forward some ideas:

Do NOT make any Library branch 24hour/day open. If as you suggest this would be applied to Middle Park this would:  
cost a fortune (In overtime and after hours shifts),

make life impossible for inhabitants most indigent in COPP congregate around South Melbourne and St.Kilda we (the inhabitants of St.Kilda and South Melbourne are 'used to this' , the police know many of the indigents' names it is a difficult job well done, but in Middle park and Albert Park this would not be the same story and very quickly drain the financial and psychological resources of the Police and alienate the residents of Middle Park

What IS needed is more social services at St.Kilda Library an on site Housing Officer, A Social Worker, a Domestic Violence Referral system (with Refuge placement capabilities) for the following reasons:

Joining the 21st Century great Libraries such as NY City Library and San Francisco Library which both have Housing Officers and Social Workers which is the best way to have a Library system for all.

Often people in dire need come to the Library to ask for assistance in reply all that can be given to them at the moment is a telephone number, if catastrophe has come this is not enough solace.

If St.Kilda Library becomes a one stop assistance centre with essential high quality communication and co-operative links to helping agencies [e.g.Legal](#) Aid a 'better' life experience could be had by all inhabitants. More educational sessions could be offered to all inhabitants.

## CBR-015

Now that COPP has the opportunity to plan structures in Fishermen's Bend build a purpose-built Library complex with:

theatres for cinemas and public speaking,  
auditoriums for speaking, emergency gathering and school performances,  
a suite of small rooms for study, practice, teaching (whatever is required)

As has been highlighted in The Age yesterday (16/3/21) and today (17/3/21) poor planning has resulted in various groups being in each others' way. Remember being a teenager, teenagers do not want to be in primarily adult space they want and deserve their own space, It is also safer for students to have their own space, adults can be very predatory towards minors.

Changes like the Plan envisions requires money not only a budget every year (or three years or 5 years) but an income initiate late fines for belatedly returned library books.

I spend a lot of time going to and from Libraries, sitting in Libraries, availing myself of their shows/exhibitions/speakers, the knowledge of their Librarians, participating in gatherings such as Book Clubs, Music Recitals, poetry readings et al.

Yours sincerely,

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St.Kilda

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CBR-016

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 17 March 2021 3:46 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Cecil street decking

**[External Email] Please be cautious before clicking on any links or attachments.**

Hello Councillor [REDACTED]

I write to you and hope that you may help stop the removal of the dining precinct along Cecil Street at the south Melbourne market.

The precinct has proven to be much loved by patrons, restaurant and the market like.

It has been functional practical and has shown the public that we are willing and able to do what it takes to continue in these difficult times. We are seen to be doing something positive to combat this crisis.

I feel the removal of the decking is a little premature, there are still restrictions in place and in all honesty no one knows what's around the corner especially as we are approaching the cold and flu season in the next few months.

While COVID is still very real I feel the removal of the decking is a little premature.

The feedback we've had from customers has been very positive, It's added a new dimension to the market and all our customers really enjoy it and like what we've all done.

I urge you to help bring this to the attention of all the councillors and decision makers and allow us all a little more time so we can continue to service the public in a safe manner.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]  
Simply Spanish

[REDACTED]  
Sth Melbourne

**CBR-017**

**From** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 1, 2021 2:05:11 PM  
**To:** Councillors [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** I support Progressive Port Phillip's vision for our community

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Hi there,

My name is [REDACTED] and I live in Ripponlea. The COVID 19 pandemic taught us that a strong and connected community is what we need going forward. I support Progressive Port Phillip's vision for our community, in particular action on climate change.

I work with young people and have had so many heartbreaking conversations with them about the climate crisis. They need to see our community leaders taking action and be given opportunities to collaborate with our local council to create a better world. Afterall, action is the antidote to despair.

I hope as representatives of the people, you will listen and carefully consider what is best for the Council Plan and Budget.

All the best,

[REDACTED]

**CBR-018**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, April 2, 2021 11:30:24 AM

**To:** Councillors [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Please do not cut services in Port Phillip - we need to continue to build a strong and diverse community

**[External Email] Please be cautious before clicking on any links or attachments.**

Dear Councillors

I strongly support the vision of Progressive Port Phillip as you consider the city's next budget.

I am a long standing home and business owner and resident of St Kilda with many friends and colleagues in our neighbourhood. I strongly endorse the organisation's (PPP) focus on looking after and building our community, investing in places and spaces vital to the wellbeing of our neighbourhoods, leading the way on local climate action, working smarter, reviving the local economy, and planning better so as to ensure our urban heritage.

Now is not the time to be contemplating cuts to services in the city of Port Phillip, particularly as we all work to recover from the impact the COVID19 pandemic has had.

If the pandemic has taught us anything, it is the importance of community, supporting one another and looking after those who are most in need. In a city like ours this includes ensuring a vibrant arts and cultural community and supporting sectors that have been most hit and yet received the least financial support.

I urge you to resist calls to cut services in the interests of some people getting some more cash in their pockets that many of them do not need, and instead stand up for the broad community of Port Phillip with a progressive budget that reflects the sort of vision that Progressive Port Phillip has outlined.

[REDACTED] / Managing Director  
[REDACTED]

Mobile: [REDACTED]

email: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also a partner in G9 Education Consultancy Services <http://www.g9educationconsultants.com>

**CBR-019**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 1, 2021 5:54:42 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Providing affordable housing

**[External Email] Please be cautious before clicking on any links or attachments.**

Dear Councillors

I have lived in Port Phillip for 30 years and the homeless situation has never been worse.

I remain here because I always believed Port Phillip to be a progressive council but that has changed over the past 15 years.

Please, I urge you, support social housing initiatives. Bring further diversity back to our vibrant home. The LGBTQI centre is a great initiative but let's not forsake the most disadvantaged in our community.

- Climate Change
- Affordable Housing
- Community consultation and care

These are the platforms that my demographic (educated Gen X) vote for.

We voted out the commercial-centric, development-mad previous council and we voted in those we felt represented public interest before corporate greed.

Thank you for representing integrity and progressive council decisions that benefit our entire community and create a sustainable future for those to come.

Regards

[REDACTED]

CBR-020

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 1, 2021 3:35:48 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Do not cut services in Port Phillip

**[External Email] Please be cautious before clicking on any links or attachments.**

Dear Councillors

I write to support the vision of Progressive Port Phillip as you consider the city's next budget.

As a long standing home and business owner and resident of St Kilda I strongly endorse the organisation's focus on looking after and building our community, investing in places and spaces vital to the wellbeing of our neighbourhoods, leading the way on local climate action, working smarter, reviving the local economy, and planning better so as to ensure our urban heritage.

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Regards

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[REDACTED] is also a partner in G9 Education Consultancy Services <http://www.g9educationconsultants.com>

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**CBR-021**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 2, 2021 5:56:53 PM  
**To:** Councillors [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** A flourishing future for all

**[External Email] Please be cautious before clicking on any links or attachments.**

Dear councillors,

As you consider the Council Plan and budget framework for the next four years on April 21, please give priority to:

- strengthening community health, childcare and library services
- investing in social housing
- providing and improving public spaces and the urban tree canopy
- planning for an an environmentally sustainable future
- supporting local artists, businesses and retail strips.

It is vital Port Phillip remains and develops as an inclusive and public-minded community, fostering our collective health in all its forms.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



CBR-021 (Second submission)

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 13, 2021 5:27:16 PM  
**To:** Councillors <[Councillors@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Councillors@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Council's Draft Council Plan and Budget (2021-2031)

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Dear Port Phillip councillors,

Thank you for supporting the redevelopment of the EcoCentre and for maintaining its operational funding.

Thank you, as well, for increased funding for Greening Port Phillip.

I urge to to consider the following as top priorities in the final budget:

- Maintenance of \$50,000 for access to Ripponlea Estate for Port Phillip residents
- Long term commitment to equitable access to public open space for all Port Phillip residents, especially those in suburbs east of Brighton Rd, initiated through the Public Space Strategy to be completed this year.
- Long term commitment to allocation of council resources to tackle the climate emergency, especially community emissions produced by industrial and commercial sectors, and effective measures to assist renters and apartment dwellers to reduce their emissions.

With thanks for the work involved in preparing this plan and budget,

[REDACTED]

CBR-022

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, 16 April 2021 3:14 PM

To: [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Request to Council for Funding: Resurfacing of Car Park Basketball Court

**[External Email] Please be cautious before clicking on any links or attachments.**

Dear Councillors,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is [REDACTED] and I work in the marketing team at Colonial Brewing Co.

I understand that you are determining budget for the next year at present. Colonial Brewing Co. has not previously made a submission to council for funding but we are currently working through a project that will have a positive impact for the entire Fisherman's Bend community, both business and residential.

Recently we worked with other local Fisherman's Bend businesses to host a series of Basketball competitions in the carpark adjacent to our brewery. The event marketed the area as a destination for local tourism and brought in both a local crowd, and visitors from all over Melbourne. The event series was ran over 4 weeks, culminating in a finale event that had the championship teams play, additional round robin games from Under 19s teams, Women's Finals, and even a local artist doing a painting demonstration.

The success of the event shows the demand from the Fisherman's Bend community for more active and community inclusive events. With the Fisherman's Bend Urban Renewal Program currently underway, we believe Colonial Brewing Co., supported by the council, is key in providing these events and a pivotal role in the Renewal Program.

Our request to Council for funding is around the 'Resurfacing of Car Park Adjacent to the Brewery'.

Intended use: Resurface and install all weather Basketball Court. Basketball court to be publically available and free to use on weekends.

Benefit to local community:

- Additional outdoor recreation facilities (the basketball court will be publicly available outside of normal weekly business hours and all of the weekend)
- Additional investment in area of Port Melbourne to promote local tourism and businesses
- Healthy living initiative, promoting more outdoor activities
- Safety with new and levelled grounds

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- Maintained privately by CBCo & Globe
- Opportunity to be used for more additional events aside from just basketball – community markets, music events, ‘rollerskating (including in-line skating, rollerblading) events, outdoor cinemas, outdoor art galleries to showcase local talent (we actually had a local artist doing a live painting demonstration during our basketball competition which was well received!), + more opportunities.

Initial quotes range \$55K-\$110K. As we would see the commercial benefit as well as the community benefit we are open to a partial fund/grant with the remainder to be covered by CBCo and Globe.

Outside of the 4 week series, Colonial Brewing Co. has a history of working with Fisherman’s Bend and Port Melbourne businesses to better support the local community. Some other examples of these initiatives include;

- Creating Fisherman’s Bend as a destination by creating a Dual Tasting Experience with Starward Whisky
- Karma Kegs – Pay what you like at the bar with 100% of the proceeds going back to local charities
- Sponsoring of Port Melbourne Football Club and Cricket Club – we have recently launched a new beer named after the home ground of PMFC ‘From the Borough’. This is a demonstration of our continued support of local community groups and organisations, watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ryOBfgiTGsw&t=2s>
- Working with local hospitality venues – a collaborative photoshoot was recently done at Cricketers Arm’s Port Melbourne
- Acoustic Sessions with local upcoming artists – we’re currently in the talks with an event planning organisation about running an open mic night on Sunday’s during the winter.
- Venue for charity Partners – we’re hosting the EADC charity wrap up event on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Throughout COVID, CBCo was committed to supporting hospitality workers both locally and in all Victoria with delivering free meals to those affected.
- Draught Punk Beer Fest – On May 15<sup>th</sup>, we’re hosting an event at the brewery that has something for everything. From Golfing simulators, charity partners, live music (including a Daft Punk Tribute Band), and best of all it’s free!

Attached you will find the following:

- G3 Basketball League and Brewery Exterior events – Images attached in PowerPoint
- Permanent Basketball Court installation in adjacent carpark – Quote attached
- Permission for use of adjacent Car Park – Permission from landlord attached

Overall, CBCo has always been and will always be a local brewery. By locals for locals.

Cheers,

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Marketing Executive

**COLONIAL  
BREWING CO**

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# Quote

10/10/19

## DREAMCOURTS

ABN: [REDACTED]

PO BOX [REDACTED]

Mount Evelyn, Victoria 3796

Australia

[REDACTED]

## QUOTE #

008805

BILLED TO [REDACTED]

PRODUCT	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
<b>Custom Court</b> <i>Supply of 262m2 Premium ElitePro court tile. *Inclusive of; line markings, 2 standard colours, anchors and curved edge pieces. If you would like to upgrade to our EliteX range (Rated to 3.5T load) then this will be an additional \$3,400 Recommended !!</i>	1	\$22,538.00	\$22,538.00
<b>Court Shipping</b> <i>Vic</i>	1	\$350.00	\$350.00
<b>Court Inclusions &amp; Upgrades</b> <i>2 colours, design, back surface cushioning, noise reduction, anchors, curved edges.</i>	1	\$0.00	\$0.00

**CBR-022** (Premium) ElitePro  
10 year warranty &  
EliteX 15 year  
warranty. \*line  
markings included  
on all DreamCourts  
standard & premium  
ranges\*

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**MS72** 1 \$3,699.00 \$3,699.00

Supply of  
MegaSlam MS72  
Adjustable height  
in-ground  
basketball system.  
Please note this  
includes Pro Rim  
upgrade. If you  
would like to  
downgrade to FX72  
this would be \$400  
cheaper.

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**Ring Shipping** 1 \$200.00 \$200.00

Vic

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**Ring assembly -  
Large** 1 \$899.00 \$899.00

Installation of  
Megaslam 72 in-  
ground ring. Please  
note this does not  
include anchor  
install. Normally  
done by concrete  
contractor

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**Court Install - Large** 1 \$2,997.00 \$2,997.00

Installation of  
262m2 of flooring.

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**Concrete** 1 \$24,890.00 \$24,890.00

Supply and install  
262m2 100mm

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*reinforced concrete pad. Includes excavation, Bin hire, expansion cuts, Rio, base prep, ring anchor and boxing. Please note if a retainer wall is required this will be an additional \$3890.*

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**Notes**

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\$0.00

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*Please note we have not included in any containment netting or any adjacent asphalt works or building of bleacher stands. Services need to be checked prior to starting as we take no responsibility when digging the ring anchor footing.*

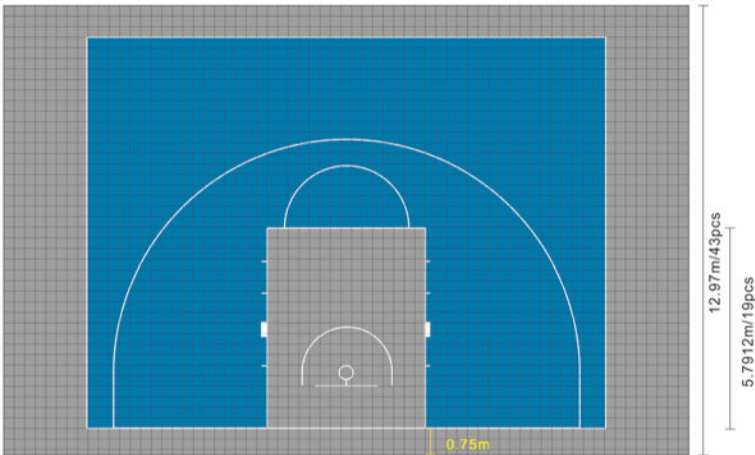
**TOTAL**

**\$55,573.00**

The total price includes GST

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4.572m/15pcs  
19.972m/65pcs (edges 8cm)



Size:30.48\*30.48cm, New Elite X



Designer: Amy

Oct. 10th, 2019

Client name: Colonial Brewery



COLONIAL BREWERY - NEW BASKETBALL COURT WORKS

DESCRIPTION	COST (EXCL GST)
<b>Basketball Court</b>	
Supply and installation of Premium EliteX range (Rated to 3.5T load) 3 on 3 basketball court Includes delivery of tiles, line markings, anchors and curved edge pieces to three sides 15 year warranty	\$ 28,975.91 incl incl
Supply and installation of MegaSlam MS72, adjustable height in-ground basketball system with Pro Rim upgrade	\$ 4,716.27
Supply and installation of new reinforced concrete pad Includes excavation, bin hire, expansion cuts, rio, base preparation, ring anchor and boxing	\$ 22,627.27 incl
Retaining wall to footpath boundary for finished level of court	\$ 3,536.36
<b>SUBTOTAL - BASKETBALL COURT</b>	<b>\$ 59,855.82</b>
<b>Window</b>	
Supply and installation of new operable windows. Steel frame, awning style installed into opening within brickwork wall 1 qty 3800 x 900mm 2 qty 3400 x 900mm	\$ 10,000.00 incl incl
Engineering	\$ 3,000.00
Structural Steel	\$ 7,000.00
<b>SUBTOTAL - WINDOW</b>	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>
Provisional Sum - Electrical services incl. new lighting	\$ 8,000.00
Provisional Sum - Builders works in conjunction	\$ 5,000.00
Site / Project Management Fee - 10%	\$ 9,285.58
Contingency - 10%	\$ 9,285.58
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 111,426.98</b>

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Over four weeks in March and April, we teamed up with Prahran Summer Jam to bring you G3 League.

Hosted at our Port Melbourne Brewery, this 3x3 competition had Melbourne's best street-ball teams battling it out to claim the coveted title of the inaugural G3 Champions and a \$3,000 cash prize.

Each week we featuring MCs, DJs, prizes and of course a few beers 🍺

Leveraging the clout and excitement of the event, we were able to educate both Port Melbourne locals and visitors about what the Borough has to offer.


The event became was the destination to be, promoted local tourism for Port Melbourne and helped us to reach an audience that otherwise would not have come to Port Melbourne or our brewery.

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DJS ALL DAY **G3** FREE EVENT



# LEAGUE



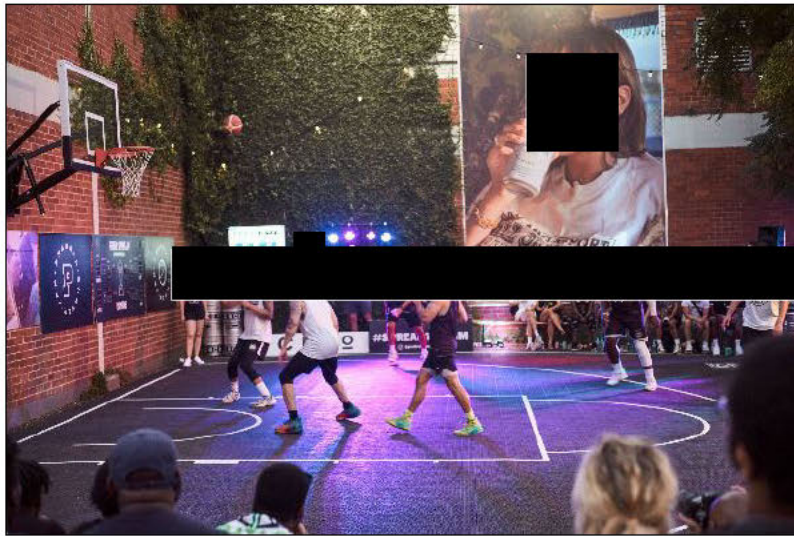
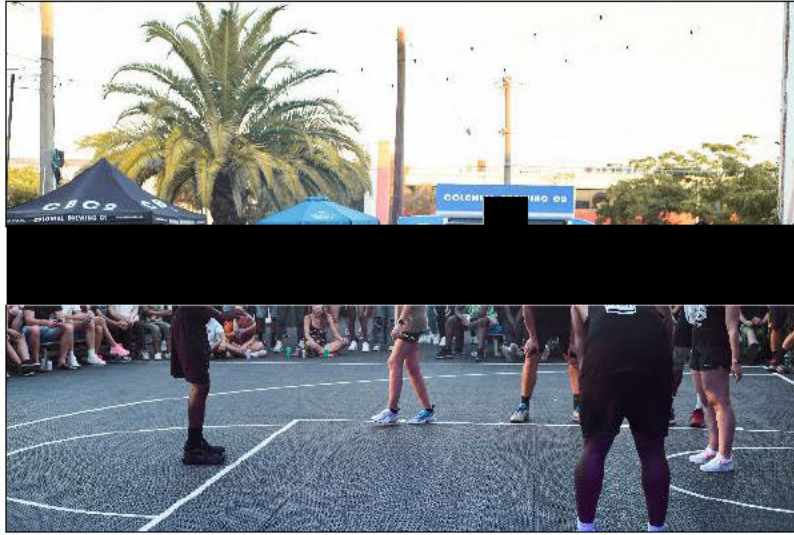
PLAYOFFS  
2-7PM SUNDAYS  
14, 21 & 28 MARCH

FINALS  
2PM TIL LATE  
SATURDAY 3 APRIL

AT  
89 BERTIE STREET  
PORT MELBOURNE



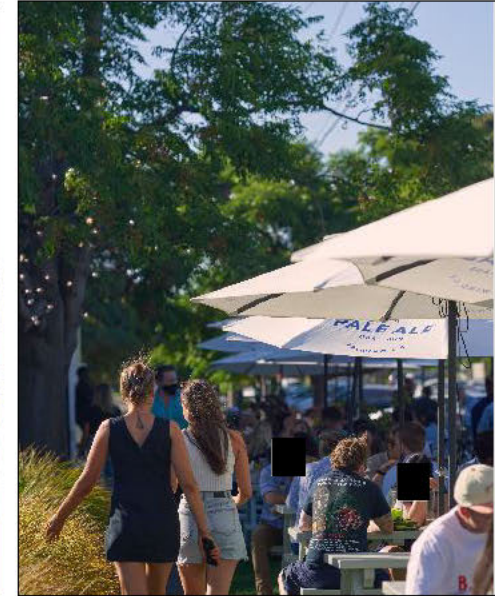




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The Venue has benefited greatly from the addition of the grass area to our footpath trading and it has been very well received by our customers who really enjoyed it over the summer months.

Djs playing Friday and Saturday nights have been well received with our demographic changing with the addition of outdoor dining and a more relaxed vibe.



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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 2:05 pm

**To:** Councillors; Helpdesk - Council Meetings

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** CoPP Council Meeting additional information for Councillors [REDACTED] question re Visitor Economy & Tourism

**[External Email] Please be cautious before clicking on any links or attachments.**

Dear CoPP Councillors

I have lodged a question online to be read out at tonight's Council meeting on my behalf (also attached to this email) and I wanted to provide you with some additional background information.

In addition to the CoPP Business Advisory Group, I sit on the Accommodation Association State Advisory Board (VIC) and have attached the Accommodation Association's submission to the Victorian Government's inquiry into the impact of COVID-19 on tourism and events for your further reference. The CoPP submission to the Victorian Government used data and research from both the Accommodation Association and Victoria Tourism Industry Council (VTIC) to support our CoPP submission.

I have also attached the CoPP Business Advisory Group budget survey results, which show the disconnect between the funding in the 2021/2022 budget and what your Business Advisory Group members are recommending will help drive business recovery.

The tourism and accommodation industry in CoPP has faced great hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic and I request you reconsider the CoPP 2021/2022 budget to provide further support and investment to promote the visitor economy in CoPP. Tourism businesses are working hard to survive and reinvent themselves and we ask for you to support them and assist them to partner with Council to collectively drive recovery in our municipality and create jobs.

Please feel free to contact me with any queries.

Cheers

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Franchisee

Mob: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Melbourne, VIC 3004

[REDACTED], Southbank, VIC 3006

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16 April 2021

██████████  
Economy and Infrastructure Committee  
Parliament House, Spring Street  
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

Via email: ██████████

Dear ██████████,

The Accommodation Association makes this submission to the Standing Committee on Economy and Infrastructure's Inquiry into the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the tourism and events.

The Accommodation Association is the peak body founded in 1967 representing close to 3,500 accommodation operators and over 150,000 rooms across Australia. Members of the Accommodation Association include major hotels, resorts, motels, motor inns, serviced and holiday apartments, bed and breakfasts and guesthouses. Prior to COVID, members directly contributed \$7 billion in GVA to the Australian economy. Our members include AccorHotels (incorporating Mantra Group); Intercontinental Hotels Group (IHG); Lancemore Group; Hilton; Toga Far East Hotels (TFE); Wyndham Hotel Group; Choice Hotels; Meriton Suites; Best Western; Big 4 Holiday Parks and Quest Apartment Hotels

The impact of COVID-19 on the Victorian Tourism Accommodation Sector saw losses in room revenue alone, top \$1.7 billion as of year ending February 2021 according to modelling conducted by AHS Advisory. COVID-19 is now the single largest peacetime economic contraction for our Sector which has resulted in significant job losses across the accommodation sector. While many other sectors have rebounded quickly, the modelling undertaken by AHS Advisory demonstrates that the path to recovery for the tourism accommodation sector will take at least four years.

The impacts of COVID-19 and the impacts of subsequent health measures have also not been linear in nature. Melbourne hotels saw the greatest impact of a \$1.4 billion loss of Rooms Revenue alone, while Regional Victoria saw a net loss of over \$285 million in Rooms Revenue. These losses experienced by hotels in Victoria will not be quickly recouped, with negative trading conditions to continue of more than \$1.16 billion through to end calendar year 2022. While the direct impacts during 2020 were clear, what is more concerning are the unknown impacts on how investors and hotel owners change their investment patterns based on property valuations. In the most recent survey of investors, valuations by financial institutions of Melbourne hotels have recorded decreases as high as than 30%.

Many regional areas which are primarily leisure destinations in Victoria have experienced a robust recovery however, even this recovery has been stymied by staffing shortages. On average, 78% of hotels across Australia are experiencing a skilled labour shortage posing a significant barrier to recovery. Prior to COVID-19 and the international border closures, Melbourne and regional hotels were able to flex to meet seasonal demand challenges. The current labour shortages often mean that current workers are required to put in excessive hours to fill the gap or hotels have kept portions of their hotels closed. It is clear that the industry is facing an employment crisis and both a state and commonwealth government approach must be implemented to solve these issues.

While no single action will be able to solve these issues, the recommendations put forward in this submission will assist businesses to navigate the continuing impacts of COVID-19.

On behalf of Association and our members I would welcome the opportunity to present these findings to the Committee as part of a formal hearing at any date convenient to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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**Chief Executive Officer**

## **SUBMISSION TO**

# Inquiry into the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the tourism and events sectors





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### ABOUT THE ACCOMMODATION ASSOCIATION

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The Association is committed to the future development and growth of a sustainable accommodation industry within Australia's dynamic tourism and hospitality sector.



### ABOUT AHS ADVISORY



AHS Advisory is a specialist hospitality real estate and consulting company providing a range of services related to hotels, resorts and mixed-use developments. We specialise in hotel market research, supply and demand analysis and strategic advice, and have a detailed understanding of the dynamics of the accommodation industry.

We work with hospitality asset owners, operators, developers, investors and financiers, providing comprehensive market analysis and forecasts which form the bases for concept development, performance analysis and projections, feasibility studies, due diligence and value assessments. Our credentials are based on a history of successfully completed assignments throughout Asia Pacific, Europe and the Middle East.

Our business acumen is based on personal experience with global hospitality consulting, professional services and real estate firms, including Horwath HTL, Arthur Andersen, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Deloitte, Knight Frank and Cushman & Wakefield.

We have developed our professional experience from a broad range of assignments, including valuation reports, market studies, acquisition due diligence, integrated tourist resort studies, revenue management reviews, sales and marketing strategic planning, property operations consulting, technology requirement reviews, shared ownership assessments, conference & exhibition market studies, golf studies, spa studies, operator search & selection processes.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Accommodation Association, [REDACTED] Melbourne Victoria T [REDACTED] [www.aaoa.com.au](http://www.aaoa.com.au)

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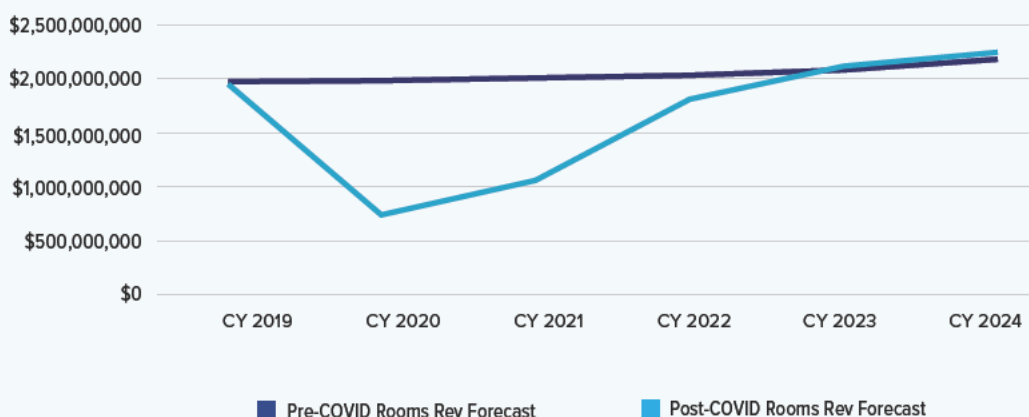
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#### AHS ADVISORY MELBOURNE TR FORECAST COMPARISON (ROOMS REVENUE)



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### SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The Accommodation Association, Victorian Tourism Industry Council (VITC), Committee for Melbourne and other leading stakeholders met over a period of four weeks to establish a comprehensive framework for restarting the industry that presents a unified plan for recovery. This plan provides a holistic approach with these five recommendations for these industry wide actions.

#### INDUSTRY WIDE MEASURES

##### 1. Visitor Economy Destination Masterplan

- » Work must commence immediately on a state-wide **Visitor Economy Destination Masterplan** for tourism in Victoria to 2030.
- » This masterplan should provide a roadmap that guides Government and industry, detailing future investments requirements and demand building activity for the next 10 years.

##### 2. Expand and promote the Metro Melbourne Travel Voucher Scheme

- » An allocation of \$8 million to a second tranche of travel vouchers for Melbourne, supported with a \$1 million marketing campaign to drive visitation from regional areas.
- » Driving visitation from Victoria's regional areas to metropolitan Melbourne is an important component of reactivating the capital.
- » Call to action must be to book directly with hotels and focused on building demand through Sunday – Thursday nights during the winter months from June to the end of August 2021.

##### 3. Support a National approach to hotspot definition for domestic and international health control measures

- » Restore confidence in interstate travel through a consistent national health strategy that recognises and contains virus outbreaks, without the closure of state borders.
- » Advocate and support the opening of international borders in agreed stages to encourage the return of international visitors, including students.

##### 4. Supporting Victoria's demand driving agencies (Visit Victoria, MCB and Business Events Victoria)

- » Provide long term secure funding to drive demand across the state – but with a primary focus on revitalising the demand for our capital city.
- » Invest \$40 million per annum over four years discretionary funding for Visit Victoria and \$17 million for MCB.
- » Victoria requires consistent funding of \$57 million per annum for four years to support the long-term strategic planning and execution needed to rebuild the sector.

##### 5. Plan for Aviation Recovery

- » International air travel to Melbourne has fallen to 2% of its pre-COVID-19 numbers, with domestic air travel to Melbourne hovering around 20% of the usual figures.
- » The tourism industry is calling for the development of an aviation recovery strategy to attract direct airline services back to Melbourne and Avalon airports, including \$20 million per annum over four years to incentivise international airlines to resume direct services back to our destination.

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### ACCOMMODATION SECTOR SPECIFIC MEASURES

With over \$1.7 billion of losses recorded in the 12 months to Feb 2021, Victorian and specifically Melbourne hotels only have limited resilience to survive additional lock down measures, if they are implemented. Currently, the Victorian border permit system does act as a strong health measure but creates an additional barrier to corporate and leisure travel which will power the recovery of Melbourne. While health measures continue to be in place, we believe the Victorian Government can assist the regulated accommodation sector by implementing these four recommendations:

#### 1. Implementation of state-wide regulation on Short-Term Letting (unregulated letting)

- » A planning control system which includes a register and mandatory code of conduct to ensure those operating short-term leases for tourism purposes meet the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2019.

#### 2. Incentivise smaller-scale corporate events

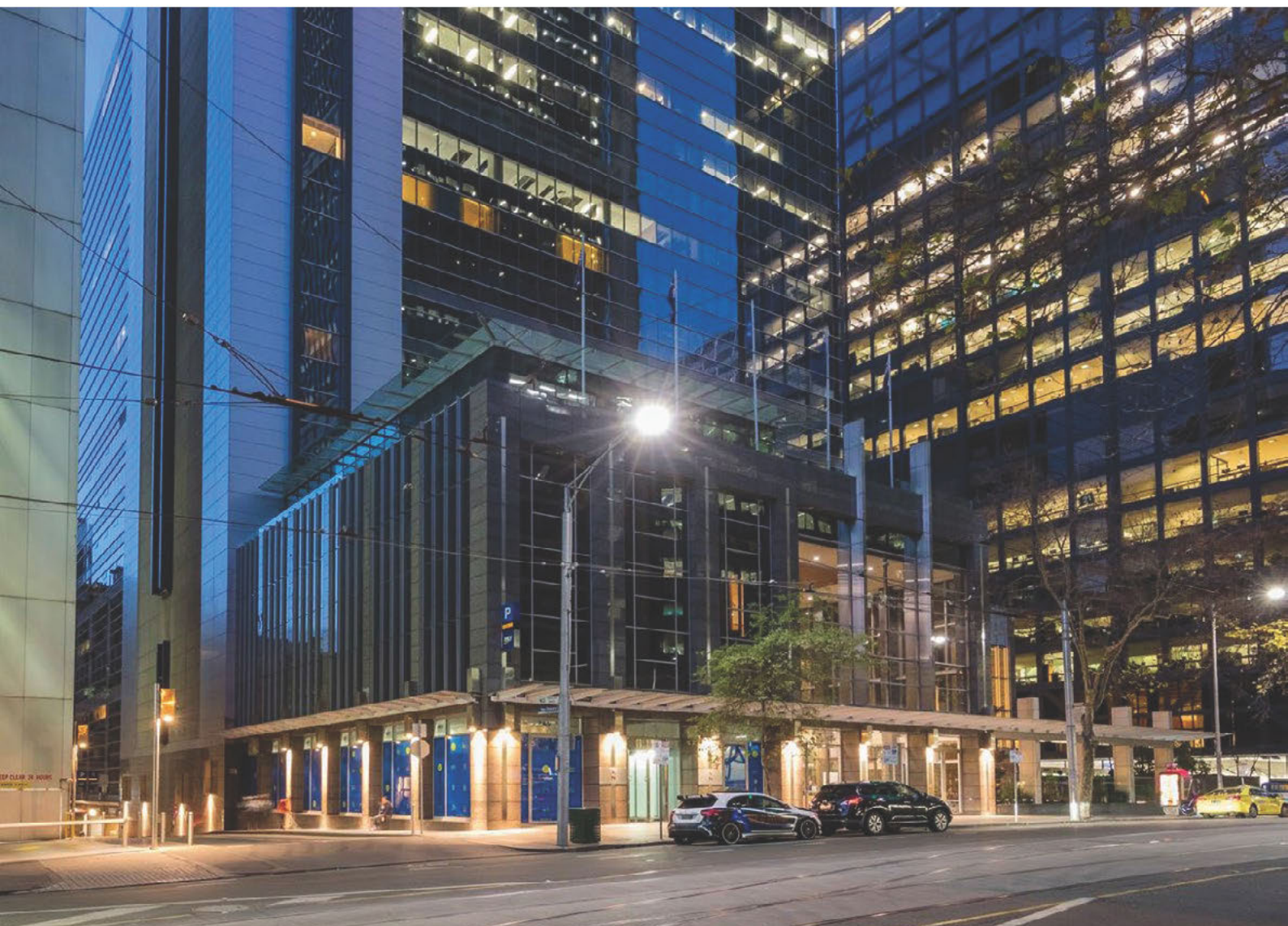
- » Provide grants of up to \$20k for MICE events to occur in Melbourne in 2021-2022 with government to match dollar for dollar funding.

#### 3. Invest in the creation of investment improved data to rebuild confidence in the Victorian Hotel industry

- » Government to provide \$5 million to support the creation of Victorian specific investment data to provide confidence in investment in the Victoria tourism product.

#### 4. Rebate of state government charges for tourism accommodation in Melbourne

- » Establish a \$50 million fund to be accessed by hotel owners experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 health measures.



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### VICTORIAN MARKET PERFORMANCE DURING COVID-19

AHS Advisory was engaged by the Accommodation Association to analyse the impacts of COVID-19 on the Victorian Accommodation Sector. The analysis found that the Melbourne Tourism Region continues to experience the effects of COVID-19 and will continue to through to 2023. The total losses in room revenue for the Melbourne Tourism Region as a result of COVID-19 is \$1.6 billion.

### MELBOURNE TOURISM REGION MARKET ACCOMMODATION PERFORMANCE

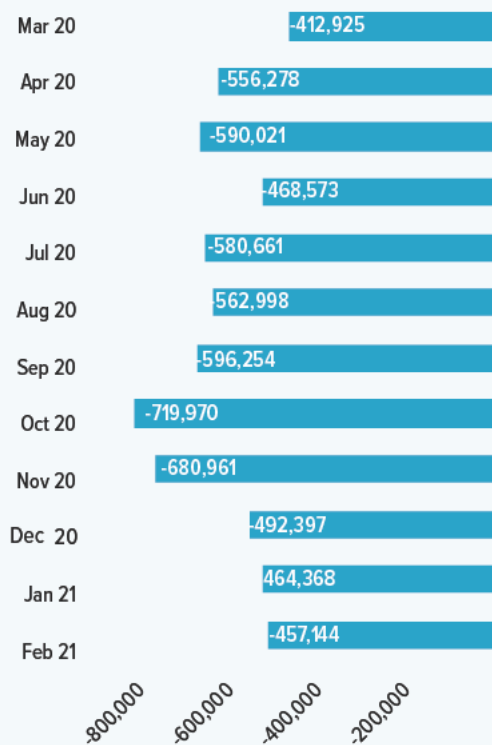
AHS Advisory found that for the 12 months ended February 2021, a total of 6.6 million room nights occupied (RNO) is estimated to have been lost to the market compared to the 12 months ended February 2020 for the Melbourne Tourism Region (TR) hotel market.

Lost RNO for the 12 months ended February 2021 represents a decline of 62.1% over the corresponding 12-month period. While the volume of lost RNO has declined since December 2020, the variance over pre-COVID-19 levels remains significant for the Melbourne TR hotel market.

Using the same STR data for the 12 months ended February 2021, an estimated \$1.44 billion of Rooms Department revenues has been lost for the Melbourne TR hotel market. Lost Rooms Department revenue for the 12 months ended February 2021 represents a decline of 72.9% over the corresponding 12-month period.

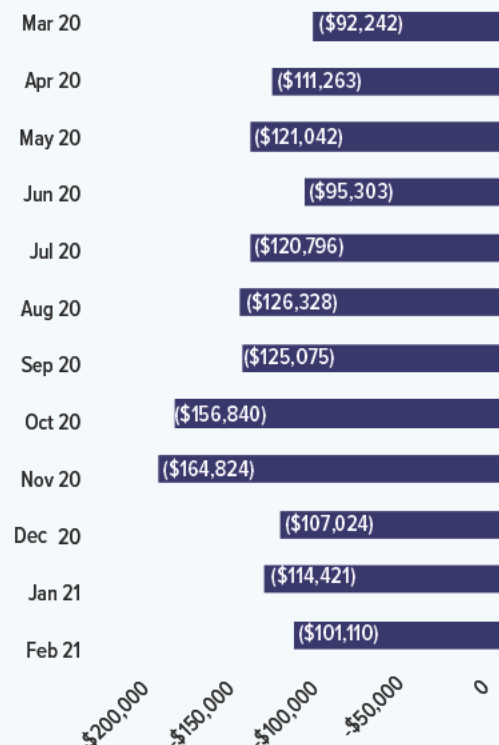
As with lost RNO, losses in Rooms Department revenues have eased since December 2020 but still remain significant for the Melbourne TR hotel market.

#### LOST ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED



Source: STR

#### LOST REVENUE (\$000)



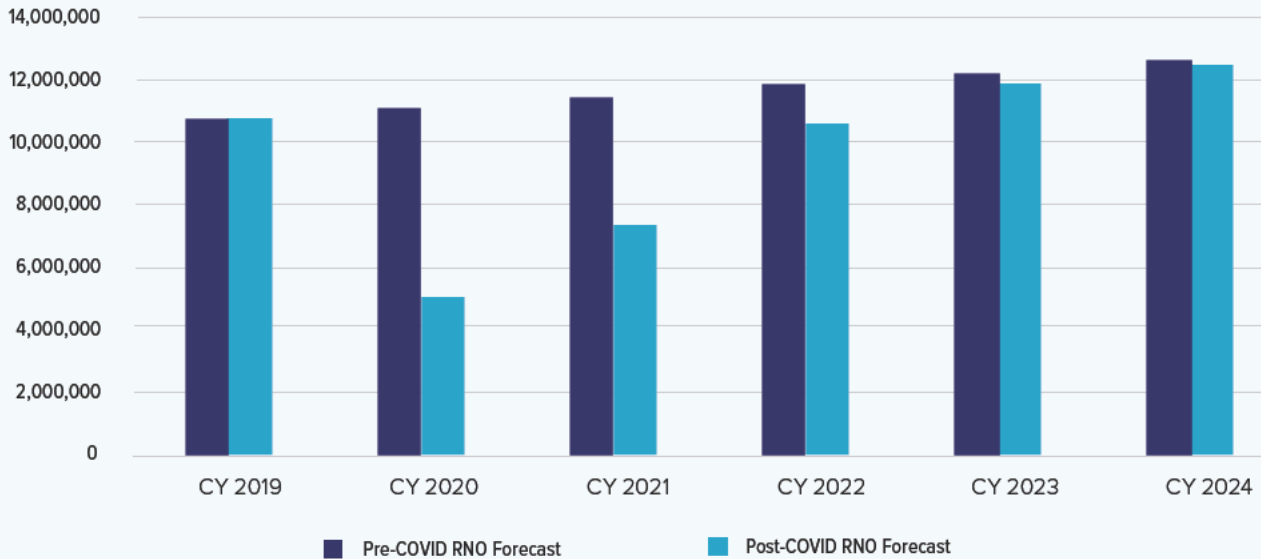
Source: STR

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### RECOVERY OF THE MELBOURNE ACCOMMODATION SECTOR

Compared to pre-COVID-19 forecasts prepared by AHS Advisory, the latest Melbourne TR market forecast by AHS Advisory shows that the impact on RNO from the pandemic will extend beyond calendar year (CY) 2024 with, **significant impacts expected for CY 2021 (estimated 4.11 million lost RNO) and CY 2022 (estimated 1.24 million lost RNO).**

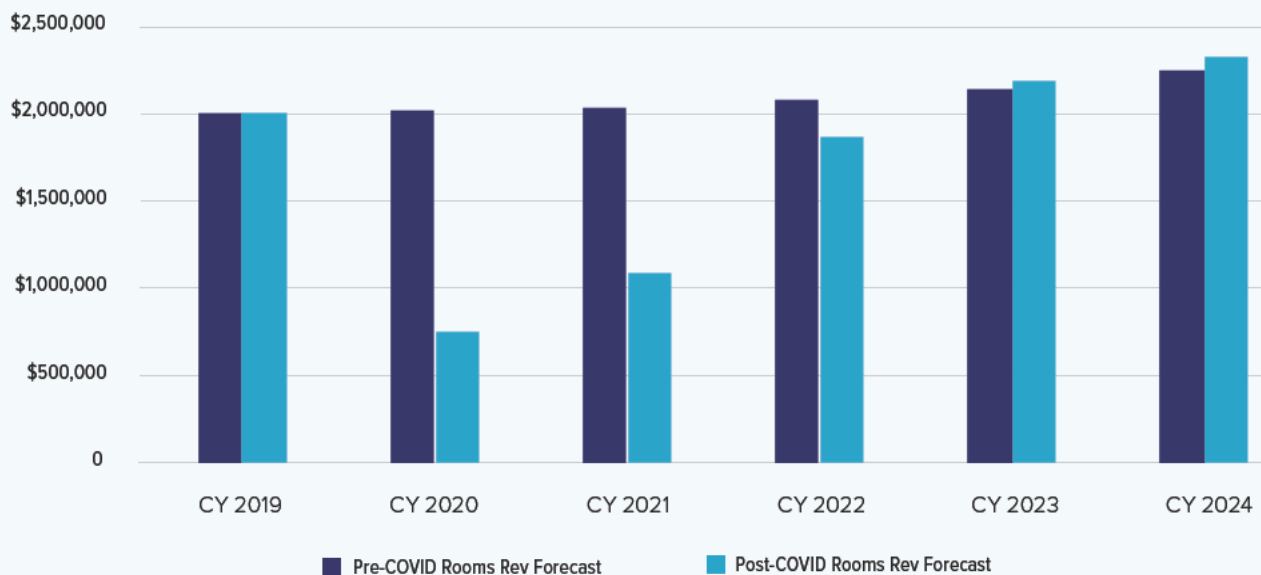
#### AHS ADVISORY MELBOURNE TR FORECAST COMPARISON (RNO)



Source: AHS Advisory

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#### AHS ADVISORY MELBOURNE TR FORECAST COMPARISON (ROOMS REVENUE) (\$'000)



Source: AHS Advisory

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### IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON REGIONAL VICTORIA

AHS Advisory found for the 12 months ended February 2021, a total of **1.8 million RNO** is estimated to have been lost to the market compared to the 12 months ended February 2020 for the Regional Victorian hotel market.

Lost RNO for the 12 months ended February 2021 represents a **decline of 41.1%** over the corresponding 12-month period. While the volume of lost RNO has declined since December 2020, outside of the peak holiday demand period, the Regional Victorian hotel market is still recording declines over pre-COVID-19 levels.

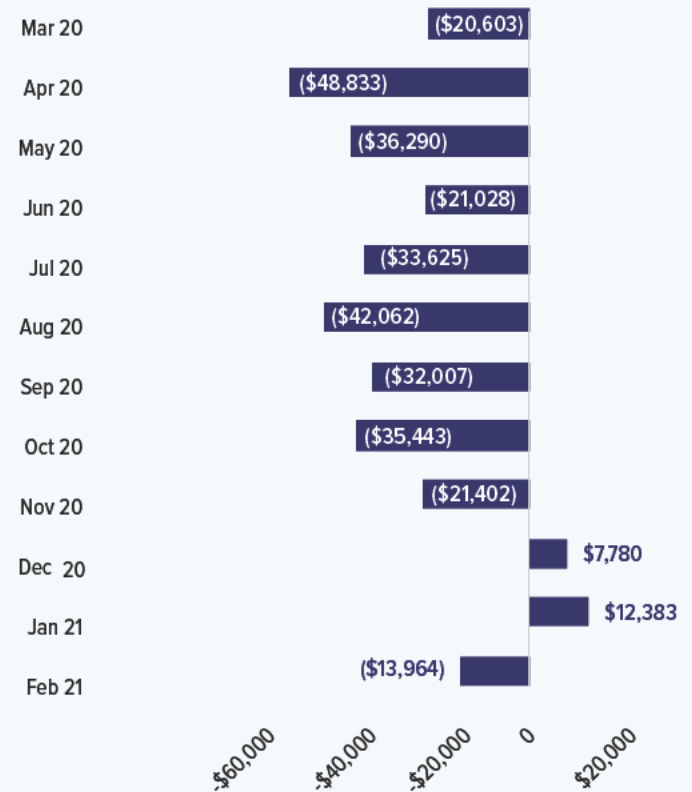
#### LOST ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED

Source: STR



#### LOST REVENUE (\$000)

Source: STR



Using the same STR data for the 12 months ended February 2021, an **estimated \$285 million dollars of Rooms Department revenues** has been lost for the Regional Victorian hotel market. Lost Rooms Department revenue for the 12 months ended February 2021 represents a **decline of 39.6%** over the corresponding 12-month period.

With strong holiday period demand from the domestic travel market (predominantly intrastate domestic travellers), Rooms Department revenues recorded year-on-year growth in December 2020 and January 2021, however, recorded a decline again in February 2021.

With corporate and meeting demand segments yet to recover, many Regional Victorian markets will continue to struggle outside of peak leisure demand periods.



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### ECONOMIC VALUE AND PERFORMANCE OF THE ACCOMMODATION SECTOR PRIOR TO COVID-19

Prior to COVID-19, tourism contributed \$33.1 billion (Tourism Consumption) to the Victorian economy with the industry directly and indirectly employing 233,000 people.

The accommodation sector has been a dominant player in the Victorian tourism industry<sup>1</sup> with 2017-18 figures showing that:

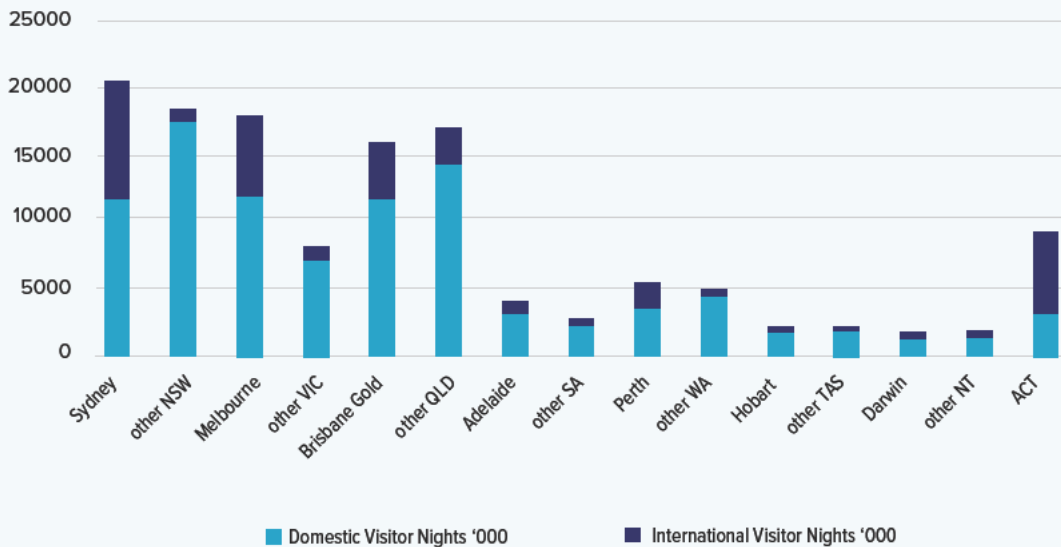
- \$1.25 billion directly contributed in GVA. The fourth highest contributor to Victorian tourism GVA.
- \$3.1 billion in tourism consumption.
- 20,100 people directly employed in the sector. The third highest tourism employer.

#### INTERNATIONAL VS DOMESTIC VISITATION IN HSMA PRIOR TO COVID-19

Overall, there is more reliance in capital city hotels, motels and serviced apartments (HSMA) on international business. This will impact rates of recovery.

Domestic overnight visitors accounted for the greatest share of tourism consumption in Victoria (52%). International tourism is a significant component of the visitor economy for Victoria – accounting for 34% of GVA.

#### VISITOR NIGHTS IN HSMA



Source: IVS and NVS YE December 2019, Tourism Research Australia

ACT has 64.4% international visitor nights; Sydney 42%; Melbourne 34%; Perth 30.5% and Brisbane - Gold Coast 25.6%.

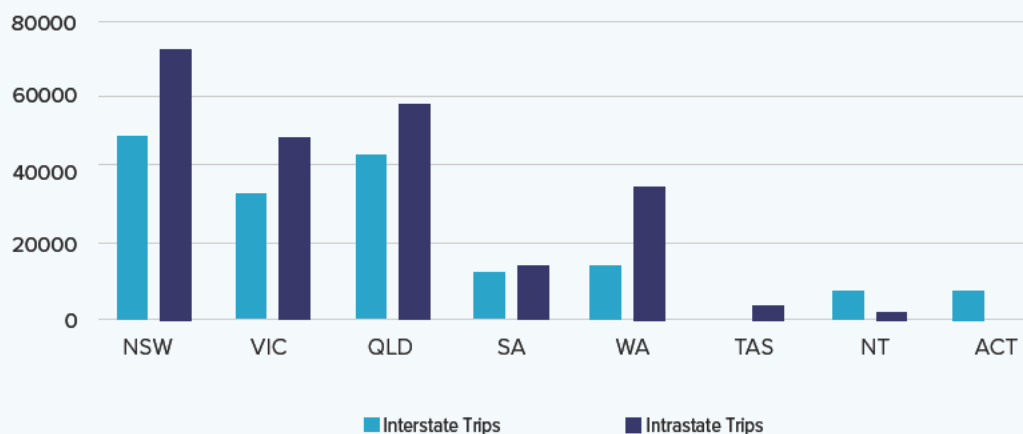
<sup>1</sup> Tourism Satellite Account, 2017-18, ABS

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### INTERSTATE VS INTRASTATE CONTRIBUTION TO DOMESTIC TOURISM<sup>2</sup>

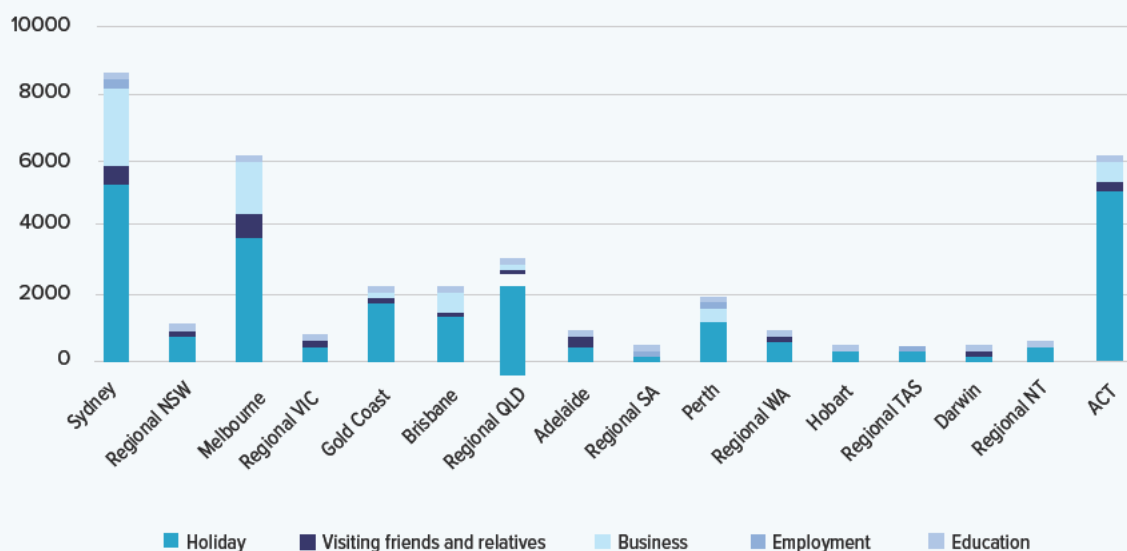
Intrastate provides 59% of all domestic visitor nights in Victoria.

#### DOMESTIC VISITOR NIGHTS BY STATE



### INTERNATIONAL VISITOR NIGHTS IN HOTELS, MOTELS AND SERVICED APARTMENTS (HMSA)<sup>3</sup>

#### INTERNATIONAL VISITOR NIGHTS BY PURPOSE IN HMSA ('000)



The above figures show that the return of the international holiday market into capital cities will be very important for the industry to return to pre-COVID 19 performance, particularly in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and ACT, where **international represents between 30% and 42% of total visitor nights.**

<sup>2</sup> NVS YE December 2019, Tourism Research Australia

<sup>3</sup> IVS, year ending December 2019, TRA

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### TOP 10 INTERNATIONAL VISITOR NIGHTS TO AUSTRALIA BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

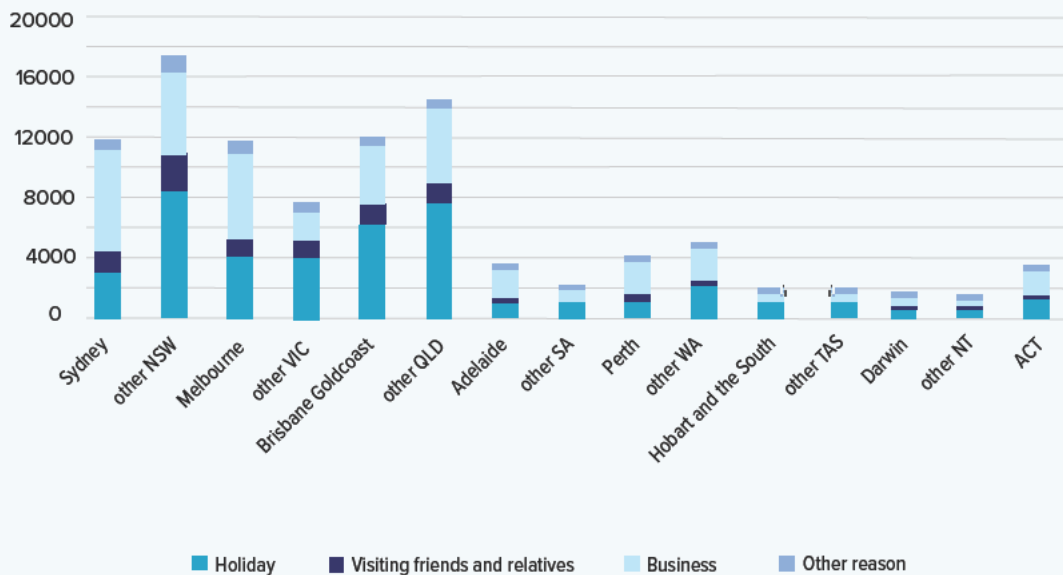
Market	Visitors ('000)	Annual Growth %	Visitor Nights ('000)
China	1331	1.2	58395
New Zealand	1276	1.5	12977
USA	771	4.7	13168
United Kingdom	670	-4.3	20788
Japan	455	8.8	10892
Singapore	417	9.4	5663
India	364	12.2	22253
Malaysia	344	-3.7	7292
Korea	250	-10.0	10230
Hong Kong	284	2.8	5983

Source: IVS Year ending December 2019, TRA

While New Zealand was our second largest visitor market it only represents 4.7% of all international visitor nights into Australia. Capital city markets such as Melbourne will be dependent on international visitor nights for a full recovery, therefore it will be important to review the opening of borders on a regular basis.

### DOMESTIC VISITOR NIGHTS BY PURPOSE IN HOTELS, MOTELS AND SERVICED APARTMENTS\*

#### DOMESTIC VISITOR NIGHTS BY PURPOSE IN HMSA ('000)



In the domestic HMSA market, the return of corporate travel to the cities will be critical with corporate representing 57% of domestic visitor nights in Sydney; 48% in Melbourne; 45% in Brisbane; 51% in Adelaide and 56% of the Perth market.

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### IMPACT ON STAFFING AND THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER CLOSURE

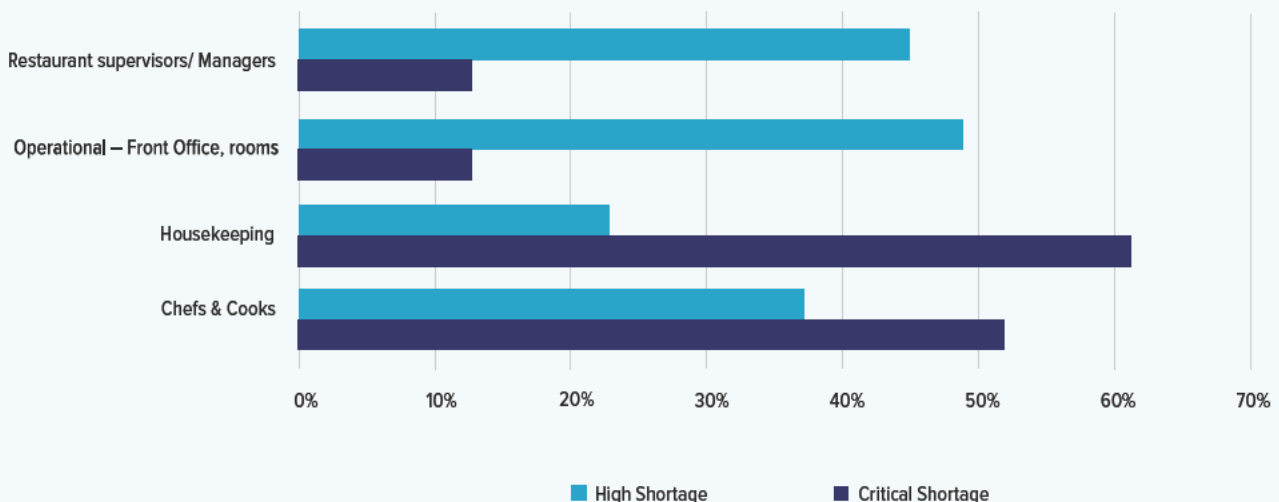
Many accommodation businesses have started to slowly recover as restrictions ease across Victoria. However, as the year ending (YE) December 2020 National Visitor Survey figures show, we are witnessing a two-speed recovery, led by Regional Victoria with Melbourne lagging significantly without international tourists and a return of domestic corporate guests. Most concerning in this latest data, is the fact that visitor spend in regional Victoria is now worth more than the contribution made by our capital city, with regional Victoria contributing more than half of the visitor spend to end the end of 2020.

However, the common theme through Victoria is the limit of qualified staff and unqualified staff to undertake roles typically undertaken by international workers. While the responsibility for visa settings is a Commonwealth matter, the Committee should note that the existing visa system does not allow the Accommodation Sector to access the workforce it requires to recover.

As demand has returned, regional and city operators have struggled to access labour. This is a direct result of the impacts of the pandemic and COVID-19 health restrictions through the last 12 months. In our recent submission to the Commonwealth's Joint Standing Committee on Migration and Skills, the three main reasons are:

1. With the health measures implemented, the sector experienced a reduction of almost 50% in the first quarter of 2020:
  - a. *A rapid fall in demand over February and March* as a result of the closure of a number of international borders, public health orders requiring all licensed venues to close, restrictions on gatherings, essential travel only policies, stoppage of cruise ships and the announcement of a 'National human biosecurity emergency'.
  - b. *Ineligible employees and continuing drop in demand.* When JobKeeper was introduced, further job losses occurred in April as several categories of employees were ineligible for JobKeeper – casuals not employed for 12 months prior to 1 March and a range of international visa employees.
2. As JobKeeper 2.0 commenced with a tapering off of the wage subsidy, seven months of restrictions and poor demand particularly in the cities, meant that a further 15% of staff were made redundant. Restructuring at that time resulted in a loss of middle management and group head office roles across hotel chains. Regional accommodation commenced a strong recovery but has been negatively impacted by the lack of front office staff, chefs, housekeeping, and restaurant staff.
3. At the end of March 2021, Melbourne hotels continue to be affected by border closures however, weekends showed improved performance. Our February member research (134 respondents) showed that the restaurant supervisors, operation staff, housekeeping, chefs and cook positions were nominated as being at critical or high shortages.

### CURRENT SHORTAGES IN THE TOURISM SECTOR



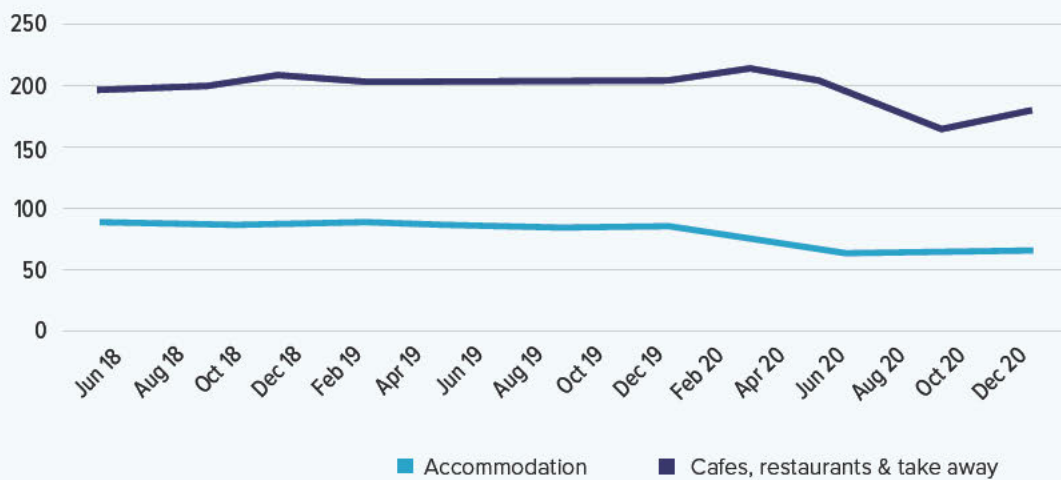
Source: ABS Tourism Satellite Account, release 19 March 2021

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The ABS Tourism Satellite Account: quarterly tourism labour statistics for December 2020 show that there has been a 23% decline in the number of full-time equivalent jobs (FTE) in the accommodation sector versus the 10-year average. This is a 23% decline for the year to December 2020 and an 8.3% increase in the December quarter 2020. Accommodation had the second-highest number of FTE job losses during the pandemic after cafes, pubs, taverns and bars and the highest percentage of job losses.

*However, Accommodation is the sector lagging other sectors in employment recovery.*

### EMPLOYMENT IN ACCOMMODATION SECTOR



Source: ABS Tourism Satellite Account, release 19 March 2021

On average, 78% of hotels who responded to the survey said that skilled labour shortages were a significant barrier to recovery.

The reasons provided were as follows in order of priority across all respondents:

1. Australians do not see the sector as providing long term careers.
2. Competition from other sectors.
3. Loss of senior skilled staff due to the prolonged period of the pandemic.
4. Difficulty in attracting Australians because of perception of risk.
5. Seasonality of demand in regional areas.



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### VISA SETTINGS THAT WILL BE VITAL TO RECOVERY

The biggest recent change in the skilled visa category was the replacement of the 457 visa with two new temporary skills visas:

- a two-year visa (STSOL); and
- a more specialised one for four years targeted at higher skills (MLTSSL).

Only the latter has a pathway to permanent residency. Both of these visa categories and the Skilled Regional Visa (489) are reliant on the underpinning skills list.

The Accommodation Association's February member research pointed to the following as barriers to employing skilled migrants.

	Major Barrier	Barrier
<b>Costs of Sponsorship – Skilling Australians Fund major cost</b>	49%	29%
<b>Processing Times – Labour Market Testing an unnecessary level of compliance</b>	40%	25%
<b>Timeliness and transparency of approval process</b>	18%	22%

87% of respondents advised that the Skilled Migration program was too complex for most properties for the following reasons:

- 67.8% saying 'Too much red tape and paperwork'.
- 60% advising that 'pathways confusing to understand'.
- 48% 'too many visa classes'.

The removal of pathways to permanent migration for certain cohorts, the reliance on a list that only changes incrementally, the high cost and more onerous visa settings, were barriers to meeting skills needs prior to the pandemic and will only be exacerbated as we move to recovery.

*The main issue is that these settings do not recognise the importance of both skilled and semi-skilled migrants to the labour-intensive accommodation sector and put the emphasis on 'temporary migration'. These settings continue to exacerbate the cycle of shortages in key positions.*

The importance of both the short and medium term visa streams has escalated as we emerge from COVID-19 with the loss of many migrant cohorts and Australians perceiving the industry as high risk for their careers.



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### SHORT TERM MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE CRITICAL SKILLS SHORTAGES

The accommodation sector is seeking the adjustment of specific migration policy settings in the short term to address the significant skills needs that are rapidly emerging.

**Accommodation and Food Services** employment is projected to recover from the major impact of COVID-19 and associated restrictions. Employment in the industry declined by 105,400 (or 11.2 %) from February to November 2020, but is projected to rebound strongly, increasing by 139,900 (or 16.8 %) over the five years to November 2025.

This rebound is exacerbating the need for skilled and semi-skilled workers. Needs that the domestic population cannot feasibly fill in the timeframes. The NCC Vacancy Report for February 2021 shows that across the job boards contributing to the IVI, 6,500 job advertisements for hospitality workers were recorded.

The Occupations Skills Shortage report produced by the NCC shows that the shortages will be exacerbated for **Chefs**, who were significantly impacted by the closure of the industry during the pandemic and are now in high demand as the industry recovers. It is important to note that chefs were in shortage prior to the pandemic, with Deloitte in their 2019 Australian Tourism Labour Force Report pointing to a predicted shortage of almost 60,000 chefs in Australia by 2023.

As we emerge from the pandemic, chefs are questioning the insecure employment provided by the industry and the competition from restaurants, clubs, pubs and aged care is fierce as business returns.

The other area of critical shortage is **Housekeepers**. These positions are traditionally filled by migrants, in particular International Students and Working Holiday Makers, because Australians finding these positions too labour intensive and menial for the pay. Housekeepers are not included on the lists underpinning the TSS visas. Current efforts to attract Australians to this area are proving unsuccessful with housekeeping providers redoubling recruitment efforts. One firm advised that 27% of all applicants were Australian and 70% of those either declined the offer, withdrew, or did not show up for the first interview. *“The high rate of drop outs are mainly permanent residents returning to the workforce from unemployment, who we feel are simply ticking a box to receive benefits.”*



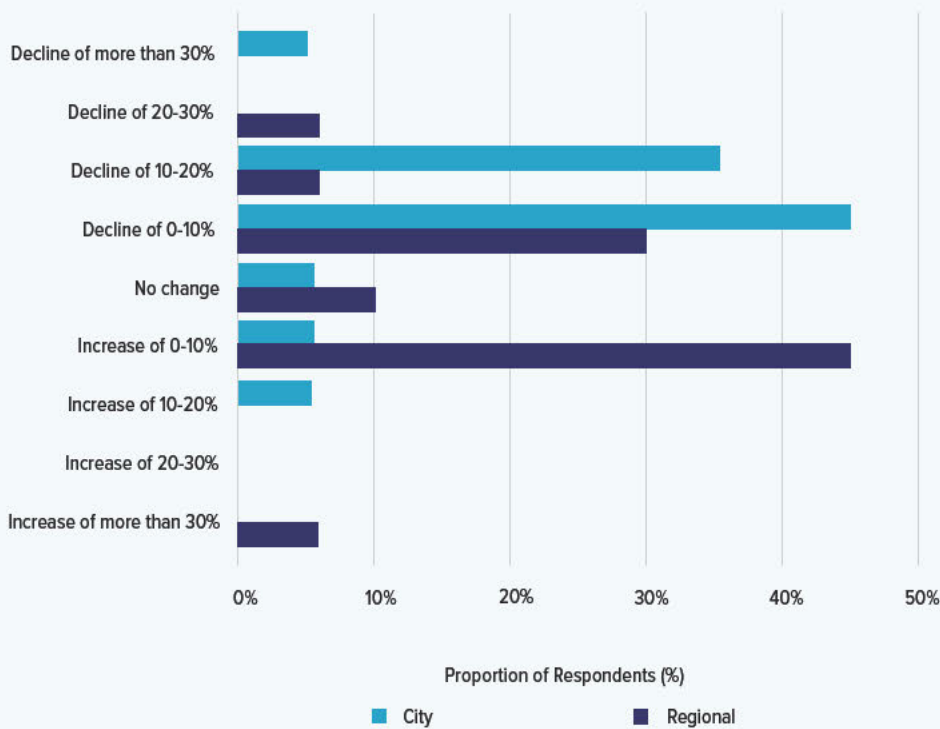


## IMPACT ON INVESTMENT

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Australia's hotel development cycle has been through a period of rapid growth over the past couple of years with supply increases in Melbourne expected to peak in 2021. While many hotels were slated to open in 2020, most openings have been postponed due to COVID-19 with 10 new openings in Melbourne and Metropolitan Melbourne in the first quarter of 2021. Many will view this as positive. The decisions to invest and open these hotels were made in the preceding 5 to 10 years and the performance of these invested funds will impact Victoria's brand in the coming decade.

### INVESTOR EXPECTATIONS – CHANGE IN AUSTRALIAN HOTEL CAPITAL VALUES BY THE END OF 2021



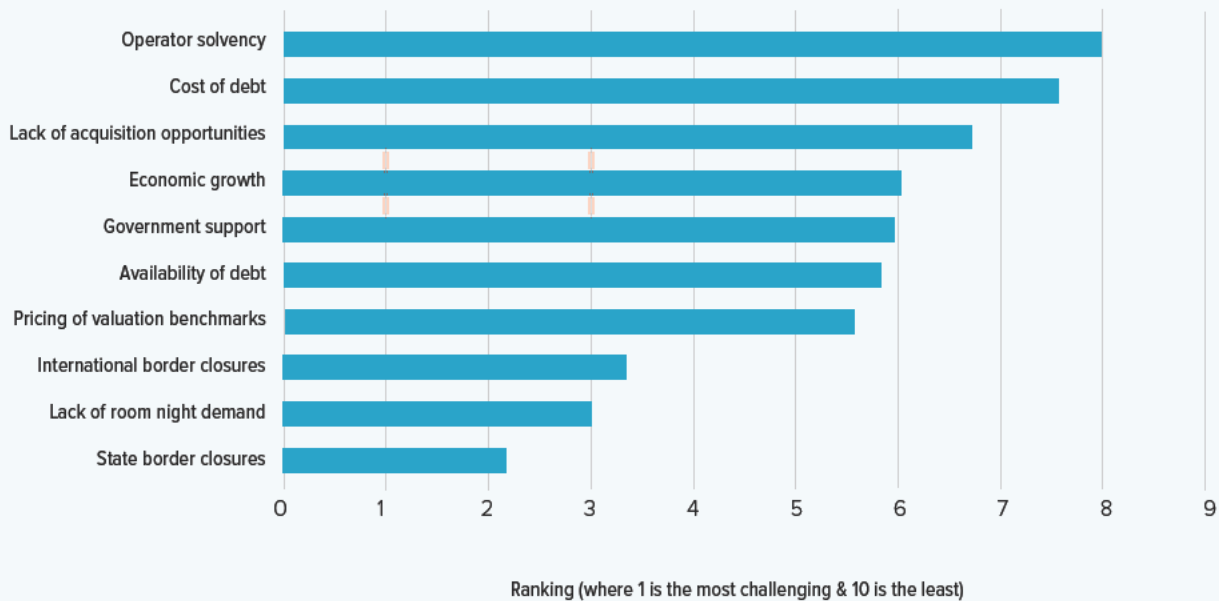
Source: Colliers Australian Hotel Investor Sentiment Survey

The March 2021 Australian Hotel Investment Sentiment Survey by Colliers found that many city hotel values would fall between 10% and 30%. Regional areas, conversely, are expected to see value increases up to 10%. The most significant finding in this survey was that the majority of investors did not believe a recovery of their asset value would occur until 2024.



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### CHALLENGES TO THE AUSTRALIAN HOTEL INVESTMENT MARKET AS AT FEBRUARY 2021



Source: Colliers Australian Hotel Investor Sentiment Survey

This change is occurring at a time where investment in hotels must occur to further enhance our COVID safe credentials. The recent rollout of contactless check-in and check-out measures to minimise human contact saw significant investment by owners at the expense of other planned renovations. Additional investment into long term measures will also need to be addressed and prioritised, including:

- Space planning to offer gathering choices that incorporate semi-private zones and social distancing measures.
- Implementation of touchless and voice-activated systems, ways to wirelessly connect directly to in-room and guest services; and implementing next-generation antibacterial and germ-resistant wall coverings and surfaces.
- Evolution of the hotel HVAC systems to ensure recirculating air is sanitised within buildings, especially in public areas.

The second key finding of the March 2021 Australian Hotel Investment Sentiment Survey by Colliers was that for existing hotels across Victoria, operator solvency and cost of debt are now the two most significant issues investors are facing in 2021. The Accommodation Association believes a targeted and temporary measure focused on tax relief will provide the necessary support through to 2022.

State taxes, charges and levies can range between \$1,670 a room to more than \$2,800 per room for CBD hotels. On average, a CBD hotel pays more than \$300,000 each year to the Victorian Government. Most hotels during 2020 continued to pay these charges as they utilise the now finished Commonwealth support measures of Jobkeeper and Cashflow Boost 1 and 2 to manage cash flows.

The establishment of a fund to provide support for hotel investors will demonstrate to international and domestic owners that Victoria will provide support for those sectors hardest hit by COVID-19. A targeted and temporary \$50 million package to provide relief from State Government charges for Melbourne CBD hotels, would also allow Melbourne hotels to reinvest these funds into the measures detailed above and give a significant boost to investor confidence.

**CBR-024**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, 22 April 2021 11:00 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Melbourne Baseball Club

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Hi [REDACTED]

Firstly, let me introduce myself.

My name is [REDACTED], Head Coach of Port Melbourne Baseball Club, and also General Committee member, and Junior Co-ordinator.

We at PMBC have a proud history of 92 years within the local community, and really look forward to what the future holds for us.

In the last 18-20 months, we have worked tirelessly through COVID-19 to evolve the club into a wonderful position to provide a family orientated and inclusive environment for all of the local community to come and be a part of.

We have seen the expansion of our Senior summer program move from 30 players of 3 teams, to a list that will accommodate for 5-6 Senior teams next Summer season. We also have in progress the introduction of a Womens team, as well as a Masters team that will play on a Monday night. So within 18 months, we have seen our club expand from 3 Senior teams, to a potentially 8 Senior teams for the upcoming Summer season.

Our most important project at PMBC, is our Junior Program. Over the same timeframe, we have seen our junior numbers double, our U/14 and U/16 teams making finals for the first time in a long time, and a great involvement from our parents, and we would also like to add a Girls program as well. I would just like to touch on a few other things that we are doing for in regards for our Junior program.

We have had four players recently represent our club at State Championships, two of those have now just qualified through their teams to go and represent the PMBC at National Championships. Something that the club is very proud of. [REDACTED] was also our first girl to make a Rep. Squad which we are super encouraged about getting more girls to play baseball.

We have also just undertaken in Term 1 at South Melbourne Primary School, a seven week block, four sessions a week, tee-ball program. This has included members of PMBC volunteering their time, and the club purchasing equipment, to successfully run these sessions, which has been a wonderful experience for all involved.

We have also forged a wonderful partnership with Albert Park College. Over the last 24 months we have run baseball sessions for their Year 9 classes, and also coached APC teams at inter-school competition. We have the next round of competition coming up over the next month, where we will coach the Yr8, 9 and 10s on their respective days.

This is also on a volunteer basis, and another factor that the club is super proud of.

We are also in the process of communication to gain access to other Primary schools within the area to run similar programs and also host a schools Tee-ball Gala.

In relation to aspects the club has undertaken in general for the local community, I would like to refer to our Pink Ladies Day Luncheon.

The PLD Luncheon was the second we have held for the club, and it was a great success. We had the honour of hosting Mayor Louise Crawford and Cr Heather Cunsolo. In a day that also paid tribute to the wonderful women of our club, we managed to raise \$5,300 for Breast Cancer Network Australia at a luncheon that saw 100+ attend.

We have also recently welcomed into our club, 12 Taiwanese players and a number of Venezuelan players from their local communities which is of great benefit to all. They have joined our Winter program, and will hopefully become a permanent fixture of the club through the Summer season as well.

So as great as our club is evolving, the space and facilities we now have is very much being outgrown, and we do not want to neglect any aspect of our program because of this.

We are the only sport on the JL Murphys Reserve that play 12 months a year. We are also the oldest club on the reserve, and the only field that does not have any lights making it very hard to accommodate our growth. In fact, this lack of facilities, more so hitting tunnels, is the only thing holding us back from becoming what we want to be.

Over the last few years, other baseball clubs have progressed their facilities to include multi lane hitting tunnels, which has been a big recruiting tool. So much so, that we have had members of our club leave to play at other clubs because of this.

We also have [REDACTED] playing at our club who will be involved with Team Australia in hopefully qualifying for the Olympics. At present, [REDACTED] has to train at other clubs due to the lack of facilities.

At present we have two Senior teams, and two Junior teams in our Winter Program, and we have nowhere to train. Without these facilities, player retention becomes very hard. It also becomes near on impossible to recruit outside talent when we are in this situation.

We have proposed to [REDACTED] from Council, a three lane hitting tunnel that would provide a space that would accommodate our growth. These hitting tunnels would provide a space to train throughout the winter, and would also provide sufficient space to accommodate our growth and large numbers through the summer.

[REDACTED] has made us aware that there is an upgrade of the soccer fields being undertaken, and that this maybe an opportunity to include the building of the hitting tunnels within these works. It is of the utmost importance to the PMBC that we need such a facility, or it will come to the case that we will have to turn people away from a local sporting club or we will start to see members leave to other clubs.

This space can also be multi-purpose, and more importantly provide a space for the new school being built to utilise in inclement weather. We have submitted plans and costings to [REDACTED] of similar builds by other councils for other baseball clubs.

I ask dearly and wholeheartedly [REDACTED], that you please consider what we have put forward, and PLEASE help our club move forward and be the best that we can be for OUR local community.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact

myself on [REDACTED]. Once again [REDACTED], I thank you very much for your time, and I look forward to your response.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

**CBR-024**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Saturday, 23 January 2021 12:23 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Port Melbourne Baseball Club Batting Cage

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Hi [REDACTED],

It was great to meet you the other day over at the baseball field, and I hope you are settling into the role. I just wanted to follow up on our conversation with yourself, and [REDACTED] surrounding our proposed batting cage. Once again, I thank yourself and [REDACTED] both for your time and efforts.

The addition of a batting cage would be of great benefit to our club and the local community who wish to take up the game of baseball. We are currently the only club on JL Murphy Reserve who run the sport 12 months a year, and also the only club without any lighting on our field.

With our number of players increasing by near on 100% at Senior level and close to the same at Junior level over the last 18 months, it has become a great challenge with our current training setup to facilitate these numbers. The addition of this proposed batting cage would be a wonderful solution to this issue, especially so, as we are looking to gain a Womens team in the next summer season, as well as a Masters team, and hopefully an additional Senior team.

Through communication with Essendon Baseball Club, and Gordan Lyttle from the City of Moonee Valley, we have managed to gain access to the planning and costings of EBC's recently build batting cage which we would like to replicate. I have included three attachments with all the information, and I hope that this aids as a starting point.

Once again [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] thank you for your time and efforts, and I look forward in working together to take the Port Melbourne Baseball Club from Good to Great. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself on [REDACTED].

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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### Essendon Baseball Club Training Shed

Trade	Price ex GST	Notes	
Preliminary design by Leon Berry	\$8,350	Work done prior to handover to Major Projects	paid
Soil report	\$4,000	Contaminated soil investigation & report	paid
Steel Shed training structure	\$132,639	Portal framed structure 38.4Mx13.0Mx4.5M includes supply & installation, design, footings and concrete slab floor, Building permit etc	paid
Demolition of existing	\$5,600	Express Demolition assumes services disconnected and containers moved	paid
Site preparation	\$11,158	Express Demolition - compacted C/R base (\$4,858 var)	paid
Chain mesh fencing infill	\$12,900	Moreland Wire Fencing	paid
Stormwater drainage	\$5,610	New Plumbing Solutions	paid
Electrical - Switchboard and power	\$8,620	John Said Electrical (includes temp relocation)	paid
Irrigation repairs /relocation	\$7,500	ABNS plumbing	paid
Electrical - Lighting	\$16,510	Jarrold Liersch	paid
Batting area floor surface finish	\$14,625	BJP Synthetics	paid
<b>TOTAL PAID</b>	<b>\$227,512</b>	as at 30/06/2020	




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DATE: 15 October 2019

VALID UNTIL: 12 November 2019

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2	Partition Wall with COLORBOND® K-Panel Wall Cladding or similar.	
5	Aluminium Framed Sliding Window 790H x 1731W with No Flyscreen	
2	COLORBOND® Bomoc SC820IN PA Door 2040H x 820W Clad one side, inward swing.	
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1	Safety Mesh	
8	Opal Fibreglass 1200gsm Corrugated Skylight Sheeting.	76,609.00
1	Building Permit including preparation of all required documentation.	3,500.00
1	Installation of building.	21,451.00
500	Concrete Slab - 100mm RC >36m2	35,000.00
3	Bobcat / Dingo Hire	1,980.00
1	Crane - Lift Portals	660.00

1	Access & Safety Equipment - A	1,500.00
1	Partition wall between machinery and store rooms. (Not shown on plan) 3.1m x 5.0m	871.00
1	900mm infill to open sided walls - Supply & install	1,912.00
1	Concrete boom pump	2,420.00
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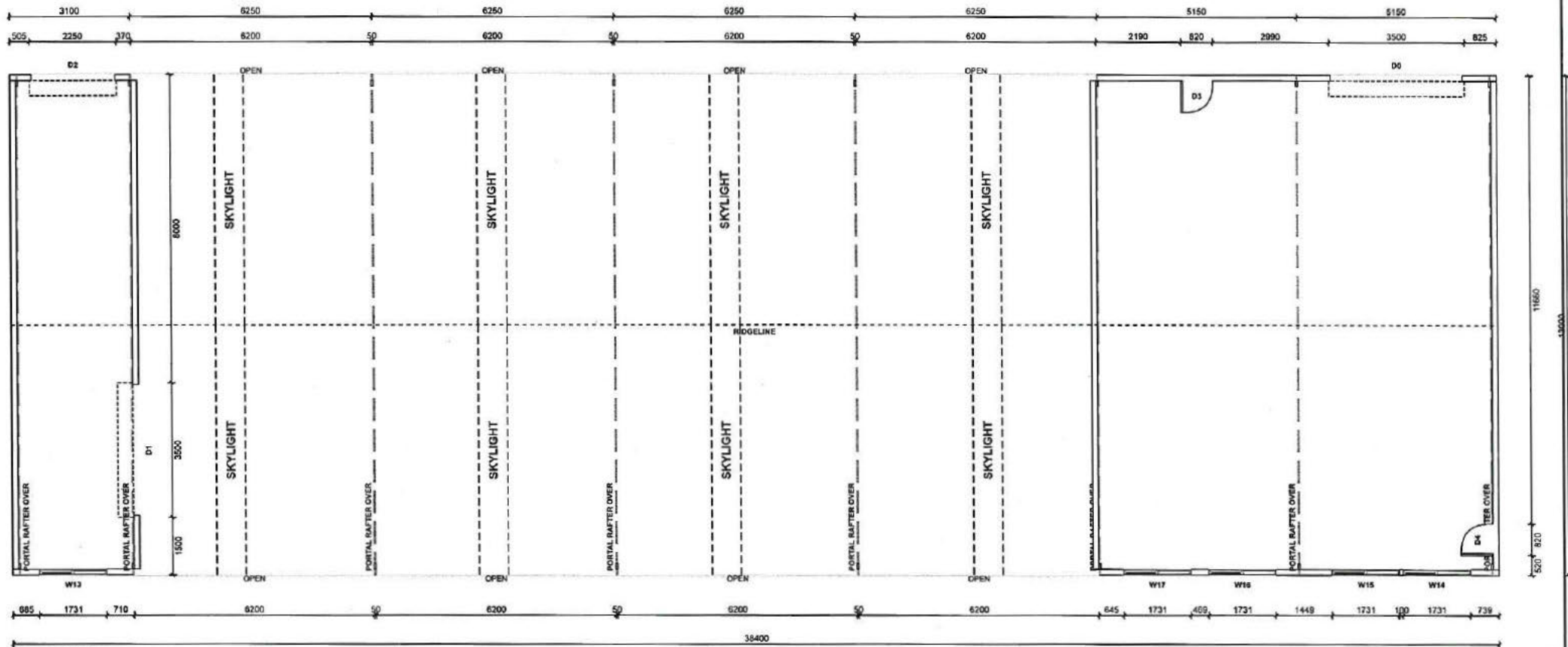


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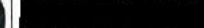


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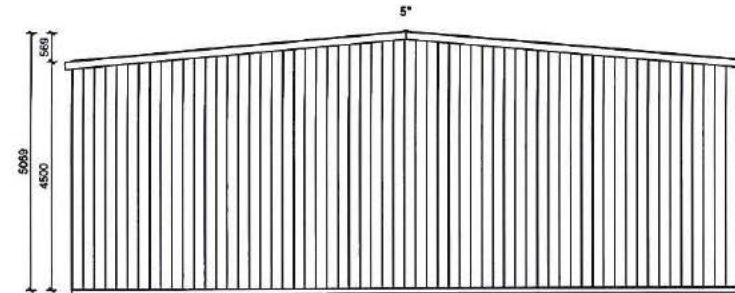
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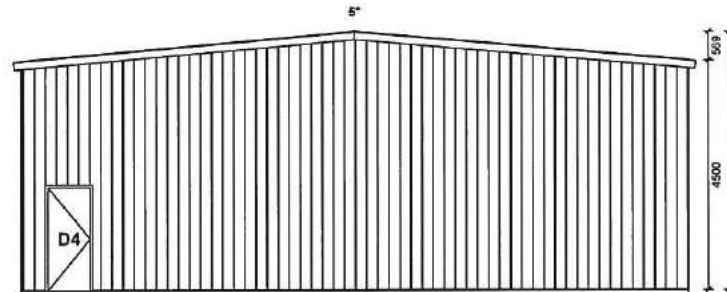
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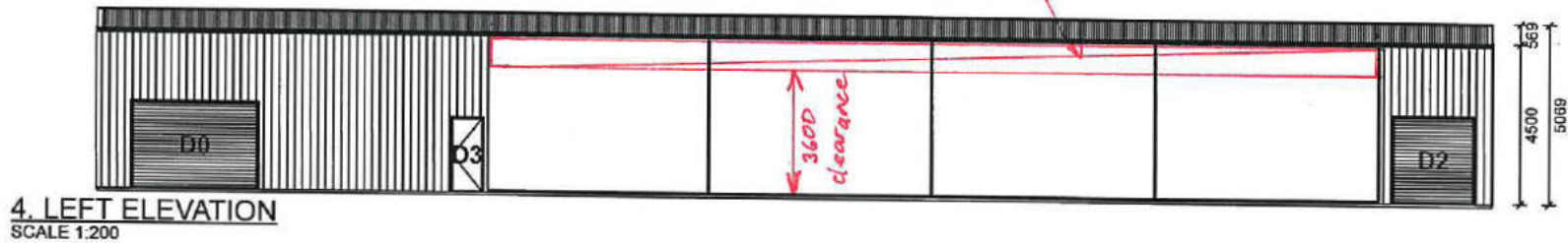
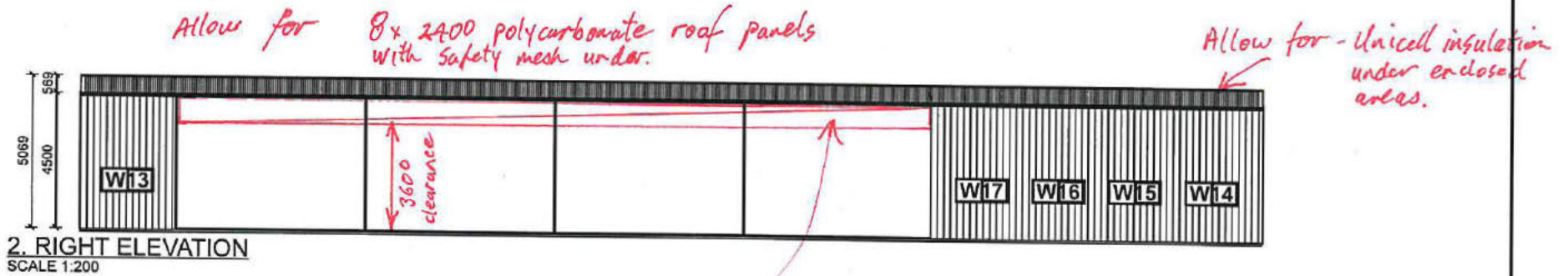


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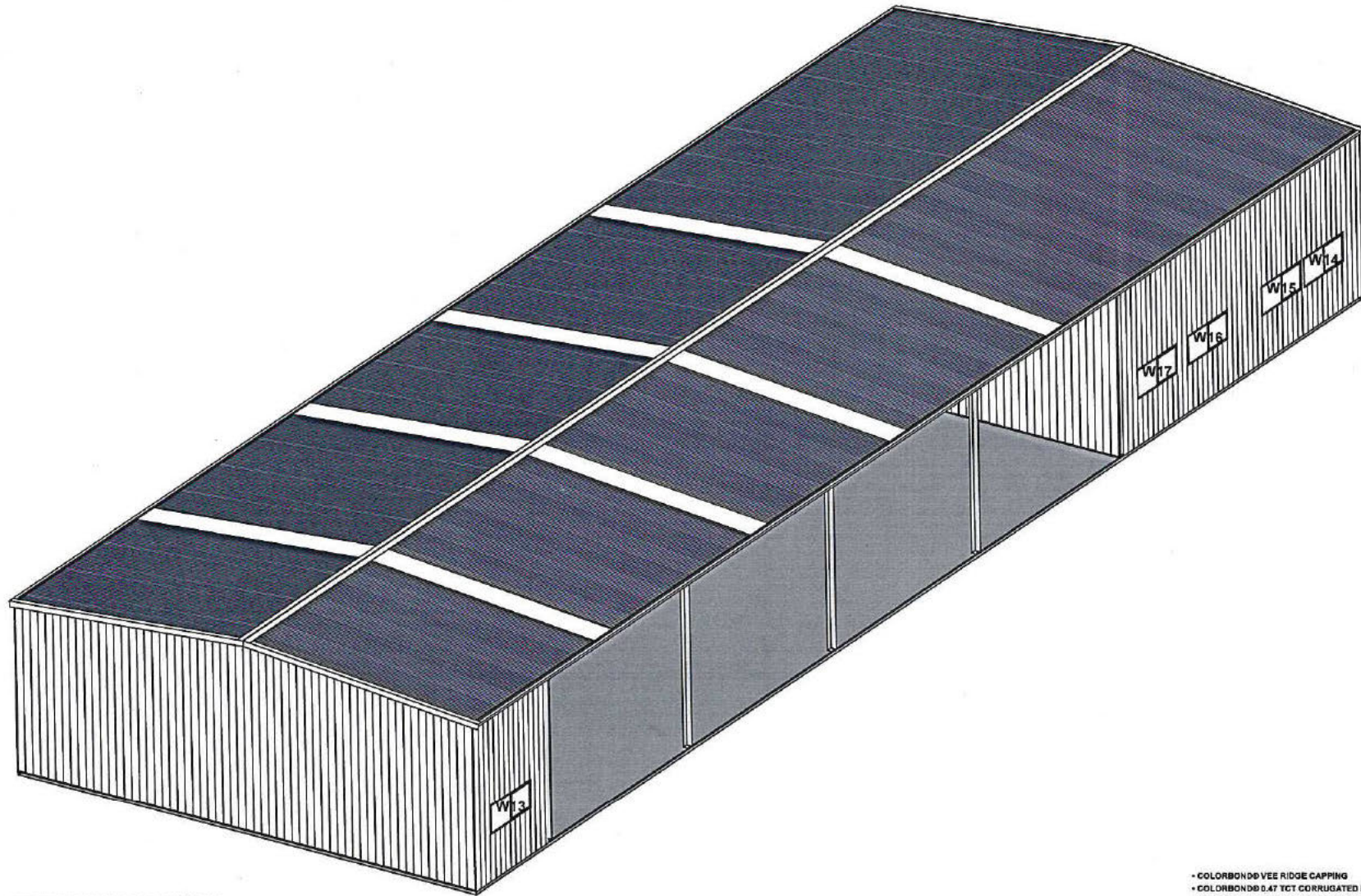
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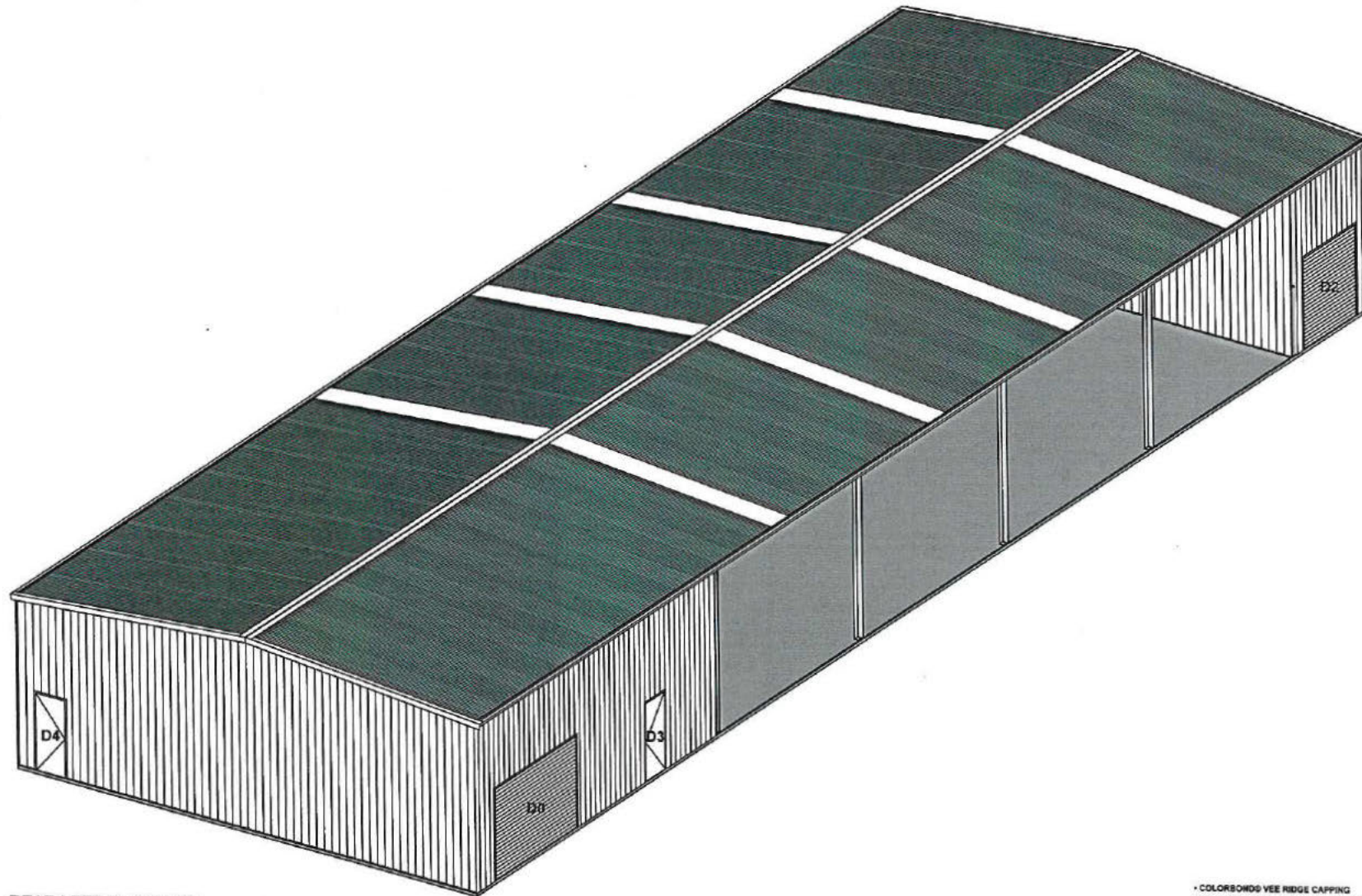
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**CBR-025**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 23 April 2021 19:40

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Submission - Port Phillip City Council Budget / Plan - Cease Councils Friends of East Timor Funding.

I agree that the ratepayers' funds paid to the local Friends of East Timor group should cease after a decade of council support, as aid to East Timor should be a Commonwealth Government responsibility as discussed at the council meeting on 21 Apr 21 as well as NGO aid. A former Port Phillip Council even tried to levee every ratepayer on the rates notice to but that idea was squashed as it was not on. However, I was first a public critic of Indonesia's oppression in the East Timorese, 30 years ago, when I wrote a letter to The Age on 14 Nov 1991. In the letter I use strong language critical the Indonesian Government, proposed a UN armed force should be deployed to East Timor (which happened about 9 years later) and I criticised successive Australian Government for their "whimpish inaction". I was a Regular Army Officer in 1991 but the "Colonel Blimps" in Defence in Canberra thought I should be sacked as they said I was an Army officer criticising the government in the letter. An Army Legal Corps Major in my unit in Puckapunyal helped me and said I was criticising "successive" government. so, I was in the clear technically and nothing happened to me. In 1995 the authors of a new school text book called "Asia Alive" contacted me saying the wanted to publish my letter. which I agreed too. The book was published in 1995 (ISBN 0 340 54367 7). However, since East Timor has become independent the "liberator " John Howard, who was even praised by the left, later got nasty and bugged the East Timor Government Cabinet Room as he wanted to help his corporate mates to exploited East Timor's offshore resourced rather than the East Timor Government getting all the revenue.

[REDACTED] (Infantry Officer 1972-1996). [REDACTED] Middle Park, Vic 3206. Tele:  
[REDACTED]

CBR-025

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, 22 April 2021 5:06 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Submission - Council Budget/Plan - Discussed at the Council Meeting on 21 Apr 21 - Ratepayer Funds to Ripponlea Mansion Grounds,  
**[External Email] Please be cautious before clicking on any links or attachments.**

Comrade Councillor,

I do not support ratepayers' funds being used to subsidise access to Ripponlea Mansion Ground by resident of Port Phillip noting that Ripponlea is in another municipality. I suspect the original proposal was just vote collecting by some former councillors. I have been to Ripponlea a few times decades ago when there use to have Peacock patrolling the ground but they disappeared when the grounds were opened to the Port Phillip general public for free. I attended a relative's wedding reception in Ripponlea Ball Room about 40 years ago and they are still married. When I say general public, it is really residents who live nearby, isn't it? In life we all make choices where we live and if we like shops, parks and public transport it's wise to buy or rent near these facilities. In addition to our council parks (8 % of the municipality) we have the huge state park in Albert Park Reserve which increase local park to 25% of the land. Port Phillip is awash with parks and open space, plus 9 km of foreshore as a bonus. If residents want to go to local parks, they have to drive and pay for a car parking ticket or a public transport ticket fare so why are some Canal Ward residents privileged because the live were they do? Brighton dog walkers use Middle Park beach and they drive to Port Phillip in their SUV/4WD's. I have seen them with their Bayside Council parking sticker on the wind screen so Canal Ward resident can do the same I would have thought.

[REDACTED], Middle Park. Vic 3206. Tele: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**CBR-025**

**From:** [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** Wednesday, 12 May 2021 3:25 PM

**Subject:** Budget Taxpayer Funds Are Not To Be Paid As Executive Salaries and Shareholders Dividends.

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The Commonwealth Government taxpayers' funds to help aged care and other worthy organisations are not to be syphered off as Increases to executive salaries or for increased company dividends for shareholders either. Our money should 100% be for aged care and for other deserving customer clients, lower paid staff wages and training and employing more staff as needed for the care of Australians. While private companies can run their own businesses with their funds, it will not be at the expense of taxpayer's funds being misused.

[REDACTED], Middle Park, Vic 3206. Tele: [REDACTED].



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I write to you as the CEO of the Victoria Tourism Industry Council (VTIC), the peak industry body representing our state's tourism and events industry.

Last week, the City of Port Phillip made a compelling submission to the Legislative Council Standing Committee on Economy and Infrastructure's Inquiry into the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the tourism and events sectors. VTIC commends the Council's proactive approach in contributing to this critical process. This Inquiry is timely and vital to the revival and recovery of Victoria's visitor economy.

I found it encouraging to see the word 'tourism' appear in the narrative of the draft budget for the City of Port Phillip, given it has failed to feature prominently in the Council's language for a number of years. It is most concerning, however, that despite the references to the importance of tourism, there appears to be no committed funding allocation made to tourism or the wider visitor economy in the 2021/2022 financial year's planned appropriation.

The Division of 'Economic Development and Tourism' looks to be more than halved in the proposed operational figures, an industry and area that is the lifeblood of the City of Port Phillip and one that desperately needs your support now more than ever.

In a destination that relies so heavily on hospitality, entertainment, retail, events and accommodation to sustain its economic viability, all of which are key elements of the tourism industry that contribute to the wider visitor economy, the proposed allocation does not seem to be reflective of the critical role that this industry plays in the recovery and future prospects of the City of Port Phillip. At a time when other council destinations in the Greater Melbourne area are investing heavily in growing their local visitor economies, places like Melbourne's Western and Northern councils, Stonnington and Frankston – just to name a few – this seems incongruous for such a key visitor destination like the City of Port Phillip to be reducing their investment.

Current figures show that 2,363 local visitor economy businesses have been impacted by the loss of visitors coming to the City of Port Phillip. Visitor numbers to St Kilda alone have dropped by 78% from 2019 to 2020, with the latest National Visitor Survey data showing that 1.06 million visited the area in 2019, and only 229,000 visited in the whole of 2020. Furthermore, 8,000 local jobs in the City of Port Phillip were lost in the first three months of the pandemic striking, presenting real challenges for kick-starting the recovery process in this next phase.

With all of this in mind, VTIC would respectfully request that the City of Port Phillip Council urgently reconsider its proposed budget allocation and provide a level of financial investment to your visitor economy sector that is commensurate with the contribution these businesses make to the economic viability of the jurisdiction.

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[REDACTED]  
St Kilda Town Hall  
99a Carlisle Street  
St Kilda 3180  
Australia

Via email: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

26<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear [REDACTED],

We would like to formally request COVID-19 support from the City of Port Phillip, by way of Rates Relief for 2020 and 2021 pertaining to Luna Park.

While I understand we have paid our 2020/2021 council rates it would be beneficial for the business to receive a credit for 2020/21.

I am happy to provide you with requisite information that showcases the dire situation, and the best outcome for Council support, is for direct relief from rates, for Luna Park Melbourne.

The pandemic has caused significant loss, and this has been compounded by:

- 1) the population was tentative to head to an amusement park late last year and crowds were down on same periods in previous years.
- 2) Associated intimidating environment also had an impact to visitation to the Park especially during warmer weather.
- 3) Ongoing continued restrictions for Park capacity, our Functions Business and our Food and Beverage Business.
- 4) Broad all business lockdowns
- 5) Very poor weather over the summer period and the inability to have anywhere near close to normal trade, and the uncertainty of planning events (Like Luna Love our Valentine's event- that had to be cancelled due to 5-day lockdown

I would be happy to provide additional information or address the Council directly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Executive Director  
Luna Park Melbourne

**CBR-028**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Sunday, 25 April 2021 1:31 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Heather Cunsolo - Councillor

[<Heather.Cunsolo@portphillip.vic.gov.au>](mailto:Heather.Cunsolo@portphillip.vic.gov.au)

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** City of Port Phillip Friends of Suai/Covalima

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Dear Councillors,

I write to you re the present discussions taking place regarding the funding of the City of Port Phillip Friendship with Suai/Covalima in East Timor. I write as one who was invited by the City of Port Phillip to chair the community support group established by the Council to give support to this formal agreement. I was chair from 2003 to 2016, a position that gave me much pride and a position in which I always felt well supported by the Council.

I was extremely disappointed to learn that the Council had decided to leave the funding for Friends of Suai/Covalima out of this years draft budget and so listened in to the Council discussion which agreed to re-instate the funding on a proviso that a plan is developed to withdraw from this program.

Of course, you as the sitting Councillors have every right to make changes to this agreement either through changing the funding arrangements, or the terms of the agreement or even dissolving the friendship, as it is a Council agreement.

During the discussions there were two issues that concerned me greatly.

Firstly, the history and nature of this program. As mentioned above, this is a formal agreement signed between the City of Port Phillip and the people of Suai/Covalima East Timor. The original 10 year agreement was signed in 2000 by the then Mayor, Julian Hill and Xanana Gusmao as a representative of East Timor. He was later elected President of East Timor. This agreement was renewed in 2010 and again last year.

In order to provide community support for the Council's agreement a community group was established by the Council and a Council staff member appointed to manage the program. This group was later formalised as a community advisory group and is now Chaired by [REDACTED]

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Secondly, in establishing this friendship the intention always went beyond the usual concept of financial aid. It was to support the Timorese people in their efforts to re-develop their newly independent country and to build community to community and people to people links through local government. The City of Port Phillip was the first Australian Local Government to sign such an agreement, an initiative that inspired some 50 other local governments to follow suit. It is true that many residents of our city have connections with this newly independent nation, some going back to WW11 where Timorese and Australian troops fought together to defend our countries.

With all due respect, I ask you as Councillors of the City of Port Phillip to be sure that any decisions you make regarding this program are made in the full awareness of the history of this relationship and the objectives of the friendship. I would expect that in considering your decision you would request input from the community advisory group, but understand this is a Council program and not a community program to which you give financial support.

Kind regards

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Garden City 3207

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## CBR-028 – Statement as submitter is unable to attend 8 June briefing

### Statement to City of Port Phillip Council Re Funding of Friends of Suai/Covalima June 8th 2021

I would like to pay my respects to the traditional custodians of the land on which we are meeting and also to thank you for the opportunity to address this meeting on the subject of the Councils draft budget and to say a few words about the City of Port Phillip's friendship with Suai/Covalima in Timor Leste.

The history of this friendship is well know to you and the success of the friendship has been recognised very widely in both our country and in East Timor. So let me not spend time on those aspects but confront what I believe are the concerns some of you have about this program.

**Firstly** why would a local Council and its' community enter into such a relationship and what is in it for us?

It is my firm belief that in developing our own community there are immense advantages in looking beyond our own situation and learning from others.

When we do this two things happen;

- Firstly we come to a much better understanding of the world we live in and the context in which our community is living and working. We also learn how others see community building and how they go about it.
- Secondly when we look beyond ourselves and our needs and concerns, the experience of looking at the needs, concerns and situation of others beyond ourselves, assists to build much better partnership and solidarity and strengthens our own community. I am reminded of the saying; *I was concerned that I had no shoes till I met someone who had no feet.*

**Secondly**— is this not the responsibility of our Federal Government to give assistance to other countries?

While Foreign affairs and overseas aid are the formal responsibilities of our Federal Government it is extremely important that the people of Australia have the opportunity to know our neighbours as people and therefore appreciate and understand their culture and their needs.

Friendship programs build a base on which much more effective aid can thrive and engages the local community who at the end of the day are the ones who must take responsibility for their own development. This is not something that can be easily achieved by national governments nor are national governments able to effectively provide and share the experiences and opportunities for local government, as a basis for a genuine democratic society.

I realise this is not necessarily the thinking that is widely held throughout our country however over the 20 plus years of living in this area I have been extremely impressed by both the attitude and commitment of this Council and the residents of this city to building a healthy and viable community, concerned for our neighbours and able to look beyond ourselves. In many ways the City of Port Phillip has been and is, in a position to provide progressive leadership in the area of community development.

I urge you to continue this program and to grasp the opportunities that now exist after some 20 plus years of commitment to assist the local administration in Suai/Covalima to build a genuine democratic, community based local government.

Thank you.

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[REDACTED]

Garden City 3207

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# City of Port Phillip Sustainability Concepts

# Strategy Overview

## KEY OBJECTIVE

To work with council to reduce waste output in the City of Port Phillip:

- Food packaging waste
- Fast furniture
- Ocean litter

## INSPIRATION

- Simple Origins podcast, sustainable consumerism booklet & short films
- Fibre artist exhibition & film festival theming

## KEY TARGETS

- CoPP residents - particularly apartment dwellers
- Local small business operators - retailers, restaurateurs and chefs

## CONSULTATION

- Sending Zero Hero's to talk to retail and hospitality businesses about improving their sustainability practices

## EDUCATION

- Host retailers and chefs at relevant sustainability workshops



## INSPIRATION

Sponsorship of the Simple Origins podcast Sustainability Series to interview leaders in the sustainability world to talk about various waste reduction examples and ideas.

### SIMPLE ORIGINS PODCAST

Guests could include:

- Eco hospitality leader [REDACTED] to talk about his sustainable restaurant projects.
- Zero Waste advocate [REDACTED] to talk about how she lives a Zero Waste lifestyle.
- Anti-new-furniture actress [REDACTED] to talk about why new couches are not so fantastic. Failing her availability, we could interview a master furniture maker about the difference between how quality furniture is made vs fast furniture.





## EDUCATION

Sponsorship of the Simple Origins sustainable consumerism booklet that will work to succinctly inspire and educate residents about how they can easily reduce their waste output and environmental impact.

### SIMPLE ORIGINS SUSTAINABLE CONSUMERISM BOOKLET

Proposed content:

- Introduce Zero Waste principals
- Tips to reducing your environmental footprint
- Recycling insights
- Case studies
- Local farmers market schedules
- Cooking from scratch
- Composting
- Minimalism principals around living with less to get more out of life
- Buy Once, Buy Well principals

As part of the sponsorship the booklet will include a page that specifies Zero Waste resources relevant to the council specifics (ie food safety guidelines, Redcycle and composting locations) etc.

The booklet can then be given out as part of the business consultation work, as well as at key council supported events such as the South Melbourne Markets.



## INSPIRATION

Sponsorship of a series of short films that work to educate CoPP residents about how to live more sustainably in order to inspire behaviour change.

### SIMPLE ORIGINS SHORT FILMS

- Buy Once, Buy Well - celebrating stories of old furniture within the CoPP such as the old leather lounge chair at The Avenue Bookstore in Albert Park.
- A short film about how to re-cover a couch to update the look.
- Simplifying your meal planning - Zero Waste style.
- Zero Waste at home (recycle only as a last resort).
- How to trench compost (interviewing The Hungry Gardener Fabian Capomolla).

These films could be promoted through CoPP's owned media channels, as well as through digital and physical advertising platforms in order to inspire behaviour change amongst local residents.



# CONSULTATION

In order to reduce the City of Port Phillip's waste, we need to first start by sending Zero Heroes out to local hospitality and retail businesses, pounding the pavement to raise awareness of the Zero Waste movement in order to ensure they are inspired and set up to offer Zero Waste hospitality and shopping.

## COUNCIL CONSULTATION

Liaise with departments such as waste disposal, OH&S and environmental health officers to determine zero waste guidelines that also adhere to food safety guidelines.

## HOSPITALITY BUSINESS VISITS

Explain the council's sustainability targets and offer suggestions as to how the business can reduce their environmental impact and make their kitchens more sustainable through

- Oil collection (with remodelling grants)
- Compost collection services
- Buying in bulk and talking to suppliers to reduce their packaging

Further, we will discuss the monetary savings of avoiding single-use plastics, together with the marketing opportunities of committing to sustainable business practices. We will leave behind a booklet that features case studies (such as Meat Smith) and quick infographics to show the how-to's, and also invite the chefs to attend the Joost Bakker event, collecting their details in order to build a database for future communication.

## RETAIL BUSINESS VISITS

Explain the Zero Waste initiative and highlight how the business can get involved by offering Zero Waste friendly shopping where customers are encouraged to bring their own bags and containers to avoid unnecessary packaging use. For example many food businesses fear the OH&S ramifications of filling up a Zero Waste shoppers containers, however we can communicate the guidelines around such refills so that there is a structure in place to encourage zero waste shopping. We will also invite retailers to the Staple Store event and build a database of retailers in the area for future communications. We also recommend a campaign with the South Melbourne markets for the whole market to become Zero Waste friendly as a leading in the CoPP region.

## ZERO WASTE STICKERS + COUNTER CARDS

Identifying Zero Waste friendly businesses where residents can shop with their own containers - i.e. zero waste friendly butcher shops that use tongs and spoons to scoop meat into reusable containers - rather than plastic bags, polystyrene trays and cling film.



# EDUCATION

Invite local chefs to attend an event hosted by hospitality eco champion [REDACTED] where they will learn how to make their kitchens more sustainable.

## SUSTAINABLE CHEFS EVENT

[REDACTED] can take them through how he created his sustainable restaurants, the suppliers he used, the way he marketed the eco credentials and also how being sustainably-minded and avoiding single-use plastics helped to save money in the long-term.

This will work to educate and inspire chefs within the CoPP to run more sustainable kitchens and businesses overall, in turn reducing the amount of waste outputted at their restaurants.



# EDUCATION

Invite local retailers to attend an event hosted by The Staple Store's [REDACTED] [REDACTED] about how to make their shops more sustainable.

## SUSTAINABLE RETAILERS EVENT

[REDACTED] can take the retailers through how she worked with suppliers to reduce the amount of packaging she had to deal with, how she runs a zero waste retail outlet and educates customers about reducing packaging (which saves her business money in the long-term).

This will work to inspire local retailers to do the same, and reduce their waste output overall.



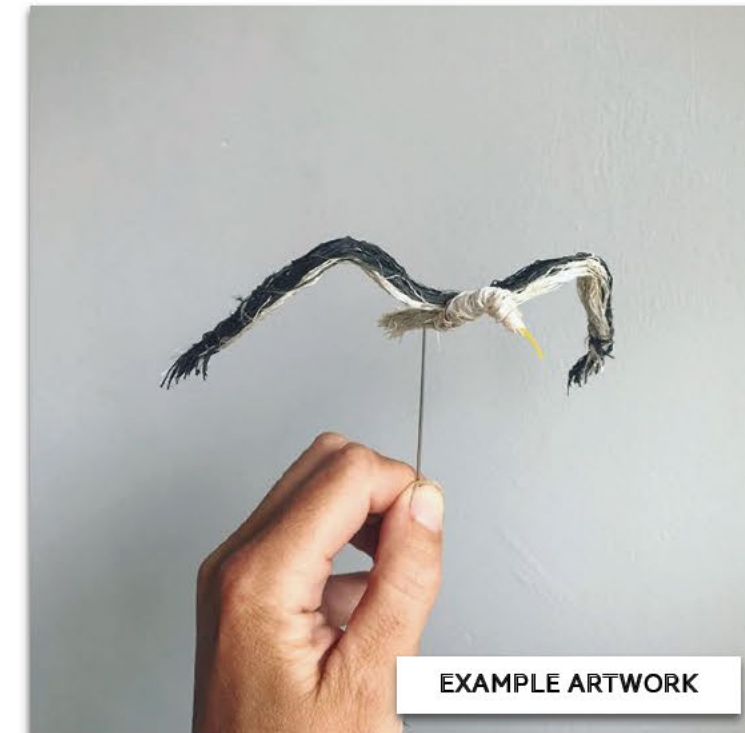
# INSPIRATION

Commission fibre artist [REDACTED], to exhibit artwork repurposed from marine debris found in the Port Phillip bay to bring to light the devastating effect street litter has on the ocean on our doorstep.

## ART EXHIBITION

The exhibition can be shown at the Linden Gallery and promoted through Council's owned media channels together with traditional PR.

By artistically demonstrating the debris that the bay has to deal with, this will work to make residents more mindful of their waste, bringing home the message that litter in the street = litter in the ocean.



# INSPIRATION

Theme the St Kilda Film Festival short films to be about sustainability in all of its forms.

## ST KILDA FILM FESTIVAL

Play free showings of inspirational sustainability films such as An Inconvenient Truth, Trashed, Tapped, No Impact Man, Albatross etc.



# Campaign Calendar

Simple  
Origins

	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3
<b>MAJOR FOCUS</b>	<p>Campaign set up Council consultation</p> <p>Prepare campaign collateral - Zero Waste window stickers, counter cards and hospitality booklet</p> <p>Sponsor the creation of the Simple Origins Sustainable Consumerism booklet + distribute within the CoPP</p> <p>Sponsor the Simple Origins podcast and promote through council owned channels</p> <p>Zero Hero business consultation - retail &amp; hospitality</p>	<p>Host education classes - retail &amp; hospitality</p> <p>Film sustainability short films and promote through council owned channels</p>	<p>Host fibre artist exhibition</p> <p>Prepare end of campaign report</p>



# Contact

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[REDACTED], Grapevine PR

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MAIL

[REDACTED]

South Melbourne VIC 3205

## CBR-036

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 4:54 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Childrens Playground - Church Square, St Kilda

Hi [REDACTED],

it was lovely to catch up with you last week at the Theatreworks cafe, we are lucky to have such a nice group of neighbours, who we were able to get to know better during the COVID lockdowns.

This is the information that we have about reinstating the children's playground behind Christ Church, St Kilda on the corner of Church Square and Eildon Road and our dealings with CoPP. [REDACTED] (one of our group of neighbours advocating to reinstate the playground) had been over 2019-20 in dialogue with [REDACTED] (Manager Open Space & Recreation Services, CoPP) to ask them to commence a new lease with the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne to reinstate the playground.

[REDACTED] had tasked one of his planners, [REDACTED] to investigate. They say they never received a "straight forward" answer, there may have been some confusion over who to contact, the Vicar at the church or the Diocese.

The contact should be made to the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne CEO [REDACTED] (it was at the time) and not [REDACTED]. However, as of March 2021, there is a new CEO of the Diocese - Mr [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (who replaced an interim CEO, [REDACTED]). This is the person that should be approached by CoPP, as the owner of the property.

The response of the Diocese may be along the lines of "the land is under lease" (to Elan, the private developer that has leased some of the church land) so they cannot oblige. If this is the case, we can still ask CoPP to approach Elan ([REDACTED], head of Elan). [REDACTED] told us recently that a family with 4 children will be moving into the Bishop's house/Old Vicarage soon and will be there for three years. So if Elan has the lease perhaps they could lease the land to CoPP or some arrangement could be made.

[REDACTED] seemed to be quite in favour of the playground being reinstated when i spoke to him a couple of weeks ago, especially with a family with 4 children moving in shortly.

[REDACTED] hasn't been able to follow up with CoPP for a while due to work commitments. Thanks for offering to have a look at this Louise as we have many local children who will be pleased to have the playground back as it has been greatly missed.

Feel free to contact either of us about the playground, [REDACTED] is more much knowledgeable than me though!

[REDACTED] or [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

**CBR-037**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, 4 May 2021 2:26 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: FW: Middle Park follow-up

Fyi

*Sent submission...*

To whom it may concern

My name is [REDACTED]. I am the owner and operator of Middle Park Fitness (Armstrong Street, Middle Park)

I would like to apply for the available grant to help establish The Middle Park Traders Association - I understand there is a grant of \$20K that will help with this.

I have been operating in Middle Park since late last century (Est 1998) and residing adjacent (Esrvine Street since 1994) and in that time I have seen a bustling active Village atmosphere slowly dissolve and more recently rapidly deteriorate into what can best be described as a sad, dreary 'lane way'.

With the help of the available Council Grant we can gather some momentum and fellow traders to invigorate the 'Village' and bring it back to its former glory.

With thanks

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

CBR-40

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 May 2021 2:30 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Ripponlea Estate access

**[External Email] Please be cautious before clicking on any links or attachments.**

Dear Councillors

I would like the council to continue to assist residents access the Ripponlea Estate gardens for free. It is a beautiful space, and particularly during restricted movement due to COVID, provides a lovely environment to relax in.

The St Kilda East end of the City of Port Phillip isn't blessed with much green open space, and Alma park is often overrun by dogs off leashes. During lockdown it was safer to roam the streets and cemetery for exercise than walk through Alma Park.

Having more residents visiting Ripponlea Estate is also good for the National Trust and local businesses.

I have become more aware of events at the estate due to dropping in whenever I want to, and have returned for events and brought friends along.

I can't afford to attend Ripponlea Estate frequently without the Council's support, and sincerely hope you can continue that support for many years.

Regards

[REDACTED]

7. 5. 21

Dear Councillors.

I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce the revised **SouthPort Community Centre (SPCC) Strategic Plan** ([link](#)), which we have adapted to more effectively meet changing community needs, in light of COVID-19, and revised City of Port Phillip (COPP) goals.

We feel that our aspirations align strongly with the newly released City of Port Phillip Council Plan 2021-2031 and demonstrate our ability to partner with COPP to tackle some of the many challenges our community face, and particularly across the following areas:

**Council initiative - Inclusive Port Phillip:** a place for all members of our community, where people feel supported and comfortable being themselves and expressing their identities.

**SPCC response** - SPCC plays a key role in facilitating Inclusive & connected communities, improving wellbeing outcomes, and providing pathways out of disadvantage. We provide 48 program hours to 161 participants each week to the most vulnerable and isolated community members. Programs include VOSS, GOOT, ARCS, Monday Drop in, Literacy, and social groups.

**Council initiative - Liveable Port Phillip:** a great place to live, where community has access to high quality public spaces, growth is managed, and its safer and easy to connect and travel.

**SPCC response** - SPCC is a key community hub accessible for a growing community including Fishermans Bend and South Melbourne/South Bank. We facilitate 43 program hours to over 175 participants each week, involving community gardening and accessible exercise programs that facilitate access to outdoor space and wellbeing for local residents in high density urban environments.

**Council initiative - Vibrant Port Phillip:** Vibrant communities support innovation, enable access to employment, education, creative and learning opportunities that strengthen wellbeing of individuals and community.

**SPCC response** - SPCC will continue to provide opportunities to participate in a range of accessible & creative programs that foster 44 program hours of innovation, health and wellbeing to over 112 participants each week, including: Port Welcomers, City Of Voices, VossaNova Choir, Made In Port Phillip, Art Connect, and Make Your Mark.

As one of the cornerstone organisations in Port and South Melbourne since 1986, SPCC excels in engaging and supporting isolated and vulnerable communities, enhancing life-skills, training, wellbeing and connections, and facilitating pathways out of isolation and disadvantage.

This was evidenced by our response to Covid-19. In the past 12 months SPCC has successfully adapted all of our programs as outlined above to continue to provide a total of 136 program hours to 431 participants each week. With the on-going support of the City of Port Phillip we were able to respond quickly and effectively by:



- Pivoting and redesigning programs like our Waterfront Welcomers, into a program which engaged with older, isolated local residents and,
- Developing a small food pantry for families and disadvantaged residents in need,
- developing online programs for disadvantaged families at home during the lockdown
- adapting many programs for vulnerable participants to include intensive support during the lockdown
- All the while adapting our other core programs and services to online delivery.

We couldn't have done this without your support. Thank you. For more detail on the impact you helped us to achieve, please view the *SPCC 2019-20 Annual Report* ([link](#)) and the SPCC short film *Opening virtual doors during COVID* ([link](#)).

Looking forward we aim to continue to deliver where and when we are needed most.

One of our first steps will be to commission our in-house *Voices of the South Side* Community Engagement and Research Team, to connect with the community and survey their new and emerging needs, mindful of the impact of Covid-19 and the road to community recovery.

With this information we will further analyse service gaps in the area, which in turn will help us develop new programs, and improve and adapt our current offerings.

We have had a long and collaborative partnership with Port Phillip Council over the past 3 decades. We look forward to meeting with our local councillors soon to discuss our new plan and initiatives, learn more about the Council Plan 2021-2031, and get your feedback on how we can continue to work together to support our communities in this challenging time.

Sincerely

Manager

Chair



SouthPort  
Community  
Centre Inc.

# 2019-2022 STRATEGIC PLAN

2021 refresh.

at the heart  
of an active,  
vibrant, and  
engaged  
community.



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# ABOUT.

## introduction.

### *Welcome to the SouthPort Community Centre Strategic Plan for 2019 - 2022.*

Our Plan seeks to identify our priorities and strategic goals, aligned to our purpose and vision.

It will enable us to identify and align resources and funding to achieve identified initiatives and used as the primary instrument for directing activities and reviewing progress against critical success factors.

The development of the Plan has considered the following factors:

- Who we are, what we do, and what we have achieved since our last plan in 2015
- The external environment, our changing community and who it includes, which has the potential to impact on our programs and services
- Government, community and other stakeholders that influence what we do, and how we align to their priorities
- The availability of resources including finances, human resources, facilities, time and relationships.

In 2020/21 we undertook a small refresh of our Plan.

We did this in light of a recent rejuvenation of our Board, which has seen the addition of five new members since the Plan was first developed.

We have reviewed our priorities in line with ongoing efforts to respond to the coronavirus global pandemic.

Our aim has been to consolidate and strengthen existing operations and identify core areas for further development in the second half of this planning cycle.

This will set the organisation up for a renewed focus beyond 2022.

# WHO?

## our organisation.

### Operations

Since 1986 Port Melbourne Neighbourhood Centre Inc. has been regarded as a highly valued resource for the local community.

In 2019 we changed our name to SouthPort Community Centre, to better reflect our area of operation and acknowledge the communities we serve.

Over the last three years, SPCC has experienced success in positioning itself with credibility as an advocate for disadvantaged residents with local government, health and community stakeholders.

We have developed a good reputation with community and stakeholders, managed by a dedicated leadership team and supported by engaged staff and volunteers.

We operate with strong values and a culture of strategic thinking and entrepreneurship, particularly in relation to future opportunities and relationships.

### Programs

SPCC programs have a strong creative and diversity balance, reflective of the local community.

Over the past few years we have been responsible for a range of innovative programs such as:

- Port Melbourne Community Carnival
- City of Voices Community Theatre
- Get Out of Town program (a holiday excursion program for disadvantaged families)
- Recreational groups for socially isolated people with disabilities
- Dig In Community Garden
- Exercise and health promotion activities
- Adult education classes funded by ACFE



# WHERE?

# our community.

## Location

The communities of Port Melbourne, Garden City and South Melbourne have experienced much urban development and gentrification over the past 15 years.

Port Melbourne and South Melbourne in particular has experienced large scale medium and high-density housing construction in Beacon Cove and Southbank.

This has meant a huge influx of people into Port Melbourne and surrounding areas and a population explosion.

We have developed a range of activities and programs targeted to meet the needs of this changing and diverse community.

We aim to provide programs for the most disadvantaged residents of the Port Melbourne and South Melbourne communities.

However, our programs also attract participation from residents of other locations in the City of Port Phillip, such as St Kilda.

## Facility

In somewhat unique circumstances for a Neighbourhood or Community Centre, SPCC does not solely own or operate a single facility - we utilise a range of venues with the support of Port Phillip City Council.

Over the past few years, we have been located primarily across two buildings in the heart of Port Melbourne – 147 Liardet Street and Liardet Community Centre (corner of Liardet Street and Nott Street).

At Council's request, we have recently consolidated all of our administrative functions to operate solely out of the Liardet Community Centre.

A senior citizens centre in the 1970s, a community centre and children's library in the 1980s, and today a busy centre full of life and activity, we share the Liardet Community Centre with a number of other community organisations such as South Port Day Links and South Port Legal Service.



# WHAT?

# our purpose.

## Purpose

SPCC provides a welcoming and inclusive environment for the community, in particular those experiencing disadvantage, by:

- Encouraging the participation of all residents in the social and cultural life of the community
- Supporting people's aspirations and interests
- Developing and providing affordable and inclusive learning, social and recreational opportunities
- Facilitating opportunities for social change.

## Guiding Principles

- Connect with our community, particularly those experiencing disadvantage, by providing a welcoming and inclusive environment
- Develop and provide learning, social and recreational opportunities that are affordable and inclusive
- Advocate for community needs and change as SPCC becomes aware of them

## Vision

We are at the heart of an active, vibrant, engaged community.

# WHY?

## our values.

The values that underpin SPCC's operations include **respect, honesty, trust, communication** and **transparency**.

SPCC's social values are outlined in the table below.

Social Value	Encompassing:
<b>Social justice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working with and supporting communities that lack resources to engage with civil society</li> <li>Treating <b>all</b> people equally</li> <li>Advocating for disadvantaged community members</li> </ul>
<b>Community participation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seeking to actively engage community members irrespective of backgrounds</li> </ul>
<b>Lifelong learning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing opportunities for pathways skills</li> <li>Encouraging personal development</li> <li>Overcoming disadvantage through learning</li> <li>Flexible and diverse learning</li> <li>Adapting learning to current life stages</li> </ul>
<b>Inclusiveness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcoming all</li> <li>Tolerance of all</li> <li>We consult with the community, members, volunteers and staff</li> </ul>
<b>Creativity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open to new ideas</li> <li>Finding new and innovative solutions</li> </ul>

# HOW AND WHEN?

## our priorities.

SPCC has developed an innovative plan for the 2019-22 period that strengthens its leadership role in community programs.

The aim is empowering disadvantaged, socially isolated and diverse communities; encouraging creativity and innovation and supporting the overall wellbeing of our community and the people in it.

In accordance with SPCC's purpose, vision and guiding principles, it has identified key strategic priorities and goals.

Underlying strategies guide its focus to achieve success over the period of the Strategic Plan and beyond.

This does not ignore the success of SPCC's work undertaken throughout the previous strategic plan period, and programs currently operating in support of our purpose.

Much of this work will continue as is and will not change.

However, for the period 2019-2022, SPCC will focus on the following priorities:

- Priority 1: PARTICIPANTS + PROGRAMS

Developing relevant and effective social, educational and development programs

- Priority 2: PARTNERSHIPS + PROMOTION

Strengthening engagement, leadership, and advocacy in the community

- Priority 3: PEOPLE + PERFORMANCE

Developing organisational sustainability and long-term viability

The following table outlines SPCC's goals, key strategies and critical success factors in support of its priorities.

## Priority 1: PARTICIPANTS + PROGRAMS

Developing relevant and effective social, educational and development programs

Goals	Key strategies	Critical success factors
<b>Leadership</b> --- Continue to build on the success of SPCC's community development, arts and education programs to establish SPCC as a leader in the sector	SPCC is identified as the leader/voice for specific community development & innovative education opportunities in the CoPP	Program evaluation indicates community benefits through engagement, social, wellbeing, education and employment outcomes
	Source funding to maintain and build successful community programs and projects	Financial security of existing programs and projects
<b>Addressing need</b> – increase relevant program development for disadvantaged groups and young people	Use community research and consultation to understand community needs	Submissions for funding and support clearly identify community needs
	Identify and develop new programs based on evidence to meet identified gaps	Development of new and expansion of existing programs, projects and activities
<b>Pathways</b> – improve pathways between programs as well as entry into programs	Focus on strengthening each stage of learning/ engagement, and improving opportunities for pathways between programs	A pathways matrix and action plan is developed and delivered  Evaluation indicates increased knowledge and participation in program pathways
	Focus on increasing higher level programs that further reinforce skills, confidence and abilities of participants	Increase in delivery and participation in higher level leadership programs



## Priority 2: PARTNERSHIPS + PROMOTION

Strengthening engagement, leadership, and advocacy in the community

Goals	Key strategies	Critical success factors
<b>Stakeholder relationships</b> – develop strong relationships and partnerships with stakeholders, working collaboratively to meet needs	Strengthen engagement with existing stakeholders	MOU with CoPP recognising SPCC role and programs
	Collaborate to identify opportunities to partner on programs and projects	SPCC is a key partner in the development of new programs with stakeholders
	Obtain ongoing security of adequate premises with City of Port Phillip	Tenure of premises for at least five years
<b>Advocating for our community</b> – use SPCC’s understanding and expertise to advocate for resources to address local needs	Take a leadership role in advocating for resources to address gaps in community needs	Membership of and submissions to key advisory bodies
	Develop leadership & resilience capacity for SPCC participants to develop skills to advocate in and for the community	SPCC graduates become members of key advocacy groups
<b>Community engagement</b> – improve engagement strategies and community awareness	Develop an effective external communication strategy	Continued support from SPCC, stakeholders and community for programs and projects
	Evaluate the effectiveness of engagement initiatives	Increased recognition and understanding of SPCC and what it does
	Focus on monitoring and evaluation and sharing community outcomes	Conduct evaluation on key programs and outcomes

## Priority 3: PEOPLE + PERFORMANCE

Developing organisational sustainability and long-term viability

Goals	Key strategies	Critical success factors
<b>Financial viability</b> – develop revenue streams that enable financial security for the long-term	Ensure a diversity of revenue streams to cover the life-time of the plan	Certainty of funding to cover commitments
	Proactively review funding opportunities from existing stakeholders/ funding bodies and seek new opportunities	Introduction of additional funded programs and new funding sources
<b>Good governance</b> – ensure SPCC is well governed and works to ensure all operational and legal obligations are achieved	Ensure appropriate Board competence, diversity and skills	Recruitment and appointment of new members  All members understand their duties and obligations  Access to training and skill development
	Strong financial management and controls	Regular and accurate financial reporting and comparison to budget
<b>Our people</b> – ensure SPCC's people are, and feel, valued, committed and engaged and that the culture of SPCC is positive and inclusive	Focus on the development of organisational strategies, policies, procedures, consultation and training to ensure positive workplace culture and staff who are fully engaged in the goals and values of the organisation	High staff, volunteer and Board member retention rate  Low absenteeism among staff and volunteers  Positive feedback by staff in surveys
	Build SPCC's volunteer training programs and extend volunteer base out into the community	Continue to develop volunteer programs and opportunities  Increase recognition of volunteers and the contributions they make



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**CBR-060**

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**Subject:** Submission by University of the Third Age - Port Phillip re City of Port Phillip draft Council Plan and Budget 2021/22

**[External Email] Please be cautious before clicking on any links or attachments.**

Dear Mayor and Councillors for the City of Port Phillip.

Please find attached for your consideration and support a submission by The University of the Third Age - Port Phillip regarding proposals in the Council budget 2021/22 that is out for community consultation and feedback. The specific issue raised in this submission is the proposal in the budget that organisations such as The University of the Third Age - Port Phillip be exempt from the payment of fees for the regular hire of Community Centres within the City of Port Phillip. The submission will also be lodged online through the Council website. The adoption of this budget proposal will greatly assist the elderly members of the Port Phillip community.

Regards

[REDACTED]  
President U3APP



# U3A Port Phillip Inc.

University of the Third Age

Registered Incorporated Association No: [REDACTED]  
ABN: [REDACTED]

12 May 2021

[REDACTED]  
Mayor City of Port Phillip  
St Kilda Town Hall  
99a Carlisle Street,  
St Kilda, Victoria 3182  
[REDACTED]

**Re: University of the Third Age Port Phillip (U3APP) Submission.  
Port Phillip Council draft Plan 2021-31 and draft budget 2021/22.**

The focus of this submission will be limited to those aspects of the draft 2021/22 budget that directly impacts the operation and viability of U3APP.

The local U3A Port Phillip is the leading voluntary learning provider for seniors delivering a diverse range of high-quality affordable programs. These vital socially orientated programs provide mental and physical stimulation for retired and semi-retired members of the community.

U3APP welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the development of Port Phillip Council's (PPC) budget for 2021/22. We particularly refer to pages 24 and 115 of the draft plans under the headings "**Non-rate revenue strategy**" and "**Fees and Charges**".

The non-rate revenue strategy states that *"Our non-rate revenue strategy is supported by the following principles:*

- -----
- *In accordance with our Property Policy, rent will be charged at market value for commercial properties. Peppercorn (minimum) rent may be charged to community groups that use Council properties to deliver a) community services aligned with Council's goals and priorities; b) significant community benefit to the City; c) have no capacity to generate income".*

The section on Fees and Charges then states that the Council is seeking to ensure that *"we recover costs through fair and appropriate user charges. -----". Some fees were kept to 2020/21 levels and or reduced to incentivise greater community usage.*

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**These include:**

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- ***A full fee waiver on Community Centre hire will be considered for not-for-profit groups run by their own committee who primarily meet to provide social connections and can demonstrate that over 65% of their members are aged over 65 and reside within the City of Port Phillip.***

U3APP is delighted that Port Phillip Council is considering a full fee waiver for Community Centre hire by not-for-profit organisations that provide vital social connections for older people such as U3APP.

U3APP endorses the proposal to waive the hire fees as detailed in the draft plan so that it, and other voluntary organisations in the area, can continue to assist older people with stimulating activities that enhance physical and mental wellbeing so as to add to their contribution to a vibrant, liveable City that is Port Phillip. The proposed continuing fee waiver will give U3APP a sense of certainty predicated upon a sustainable platform of common ground with council in continuing to acknowledge and support older people now and into the future.

To assist the Council in its deliberations on the question of fee waivers, please find attached supporting background materials (Attachment 1) on U3APP. The background materials demonstrate, in essence, a socially constructed learning environment provided by U3A to its members. Materials further demonstrate how such programs enhance the social, emotional, physical and mental wellbeing of older members of Port Phillip community.

In summation, what this submission clearly demonstrates is that the fee waiver proposal, is a measured step to be adopted by Port Phillip Council where volunteer organisations in Port Phillip, and U3APP in particular, continue to have access to Community Centres on the same basis as previously accepted in the past.

**Regards**

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted name]

**President U3A Port Phillip**

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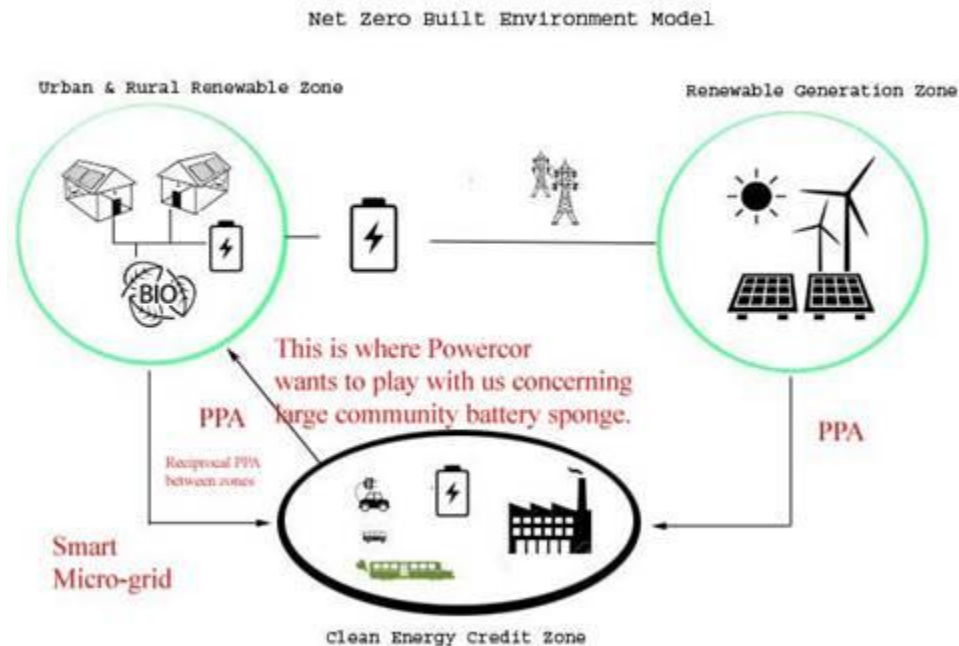






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Figure 2



As you can see from the model above, the Council's current fixed supply and pricing arrangement is shown on the right-hand side of the model. In this model, you will see that you are included in the Clean Energy Credit Zone below. However, both the state government, Powercor, DWELP, and the Department of Premier and Cabinet agree that the Council can't participate if it does not understand that the energy demand management savings going forward are found with the 'Reciprocal PPA' zone located between the Clean Energy Credit Zone on the bottom of the diagram and the Urban / Residential Renewable Zone located in the top left of the diagram.

That's why the PPEC is offering Council the opportunity to participate in the rollout of the large community battery sponge housed on Council leaseholds, Council managed state property and other public and private sites in the Port Phillip Council area.

What are the other benefits the PPEC offers Council?

You can see from the PPEC corporate model below, that the PPEC offers a fully integrated suite of technical, financial, and community services to facilitate the rollout of cheaper energy and building energy efficiency solutions that are fully integrated into the Port Phillip smart grid.

The current Council 10 year plan does not offer an integrated energy management plan. In fact, I can't clarify how any of the industrial and commercial zones will be integrated at a technical grid level, let alone managed at the grid distribution level.

The PPEC Board is aware of Council procurement policies, limited energy market, and grid technical expertise. The PPEC is also aware of its historic contracts that restrain its decision-making capacity with regard to its participation in the Victorian Energy Roadmap 2030 project.

For this reason, the PPEC is prepared to offer the Council the following options:

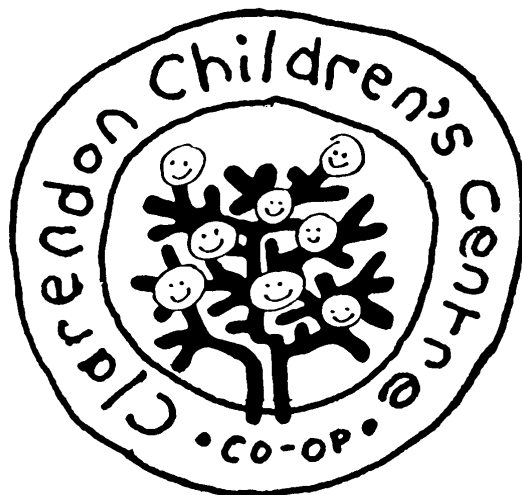
- 1.) The PPEC Board invites Council to become a corporate shareholder. The PPEC offers an attractive dividend to all shareholders. ( 5-7%) over 10 years. ( Please see the preliminary XL Spreadsheet sent to the Council Sustainability group several months ago).

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2.) Participate in the upcoming State and Powercor discussion concerning the rollout of a large battery sponge for the Port Phillip area or lock yourself into an expensive retailer subsidy scheme.

3.) The PPEC invites Council to participate in the PPEC social impact mission to distribute its profits to Council welfare, aged care, childcare, healthcare, meals on wheels, and related community services or pay for them through grants and rates.





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May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

[REDACTED]  
Manager Family, Youth & Children,  
City of Port Phillip

Dear Pam,

**Re: Proposed Reduction of the Quality Subsidy Rates**

We were concerned to receive your email notifying us of the proposal to reduce the amount of Quality Subsidy paid to community-managed childcare centres from 5% to 4% of total educators' salaries, effective from quarter one of the 2021/22 financial year.

Evidence shows that the quality of early education and care is directly linked, among other things, to:

- Educator:Child ratios
- Qualifications of educators
- Resources provided to educators
- Ongoing professional development opportunities for educators

Furthermore, while all children benefit from high quality early education and care, evidence also shows that children from families who are experiencing hardship and/or vulnerability benefit the most – and those benefits have profound and long lasting impacts on children's future learning and development.

The City of Port Phillip Quality Subsidy therefore directly supports families and young children in our municipality, especially those most vulnerable, by enabling community-managed childcare centres to continue to provide high quality education and care while maintaining affordable fees for all families.

Clarendon Children's Centre (CCC) has a long-standing reputation for excellence in our local community and has consistently achieved the highest possible quality rating under the National Quality Standards. We appreciate the support (including financial support) provided by the City of Port Phillip over many years. However, it is important to note that quality provision is not something that you can 'set and forget' but, instead, is an ongoing challenge. Council should understand and expect that reducing the Quality Subsidy funding to services is likely to impact negatively on the quality of early education and care provided by those services.

The proposed reduction in Quality Subsidy will have a significant impact on our operations. We anticipate that the amount of Quality Subsidy received in 2021/2022, if the proposed reduction is approved, will be reduced by ~\$13,600 and would, on its own, result in a fee increase to families of ~\$1.40 p/day (1.1%).

It is perhaps worth noting, also, that the amount paid by CCC to Council in the form of Infrastructure and Maintenance levies far exceeds the Quality Subsidy received. For example, in 2021/2022, we anticipate combined Levies to total ~\$101,500 while the Quality Subsidy (if calculated @ 5% of salaries) would total ~\$68,078

While we appreciate that Council has limited resources, and many demands on those resources, we believe that priority should be given in this budget to investing in the education and care of our youngest citizens and to supporting families to access the best possible childcare services for their children as we, collectively, recover from the impacts of COVID-19. Throughout 2020, community-managed childcare centres in Port Phillip stayed open for eligible children and actively supported families who were in lockdown at home. Now is not the time to reduce the support provided to these centres (and, through them, to local families and children).

**We respectfully urge Council to reconsider the proposed reduction to the Quality Subsidy in the 2021/2022 draft budget and, instead, resolve to retain the current rate of 5% of total educators' salaries.**



Co-ordinator – Clarendon Children's Centre  
(on behalf of the children, families and educators at Clarendon Children's Centre)



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From: [REDACTED] >

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Subject: Draft Budget and Friendship

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Dear [REDACTED],

I am writing to you in regard to the Draft Budget 2021/22 and the ten year Council Plan. I am a ratepayer in Elwood and I have responded to the on-line consultation. I am alarmed that most of the cuts to the budget are relatively small budgets for community engagement which make a big positive contribution to the people of the City of Port Phillip. I have lived in the City of Port Phillip for 20 years now and have felt that the Council has provided some important support for the arts and entertainment industry and for sections of the population who are less fortunate than most of us COPP ratepayers. I am sad to see that generous heart diminish.

As a ratepayer and a regular user of Elwood Beach I am dismayed that an unnecessary multi-million dollar refurbishment of Elwood beach is being planned while funds for community activities are being slashed. Keep the beach in its natural state with its historic buildings.

That brings me to the project close to my heart – Friends of Suai/Covalima, which was inaccurately described by the Councillors in the Budget debate as a community organisation. The program is a Council program and has been for 20 years. I have been on the Community Reference Committee (CRC) since 2004, and we provide advisory support to the Council.

If you wish to understand the background to the FOSC program I encourage you to read my book *'Friendship for Development: Stories of a partnership between Suai, Timor-Leste and the City of Port Phillip, Australia'*. I wrote this book because I believe what has been achieved is remarkable, not as an aid program but as a **Friendship** between two very different localities. However the benefits it has brought to the City of Port Phillip residents who have engaged with the program are significant. Many residents tell their story of their engagement in the Friends of Suai/Covalima as an opportunity which has brought them much joy, cross-cultural understanding, mutual respect in a shared journey in to which COPP residents have contributed their skills in a way that has enriched their lives. At the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary event, [REDACTED] speaks of healing by righting historical wrongs going back to World War 2, and our former Timorese CRC members said 'with joy you have helped the people of Suai/Covalima the past two decades, and that joy is your reward.... and has contributed to my joy of living here in Melbourne'. These are words of Friendship.

It would be tragic to cut the Friendship so suddenly that the work and good will that has been created is destroyed. That would be the greatest waste of tax-payers money. However a gradual

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transition out of Council management and with a reducing budget allocation could be done in the spirit of friendship.

I would like to meet with you to explain more deeply the importance of continuing this Friendship, even with reduced Council input. I will happily gift you the book, which I wrote in order to document how important the Friendship has been to many people, and how COPP has been a leader of best practice amongst the many Council which established a Friendship with Timor-Leste. If you are not able to meet with me then please buy a copy, at the same time supporting our local bookseller The Grumpy Swimmer. Please do read the story before trashing what is clearly not well understood by some Council members.

I look forward to your response,

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

Elwood.

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, May 14, 2021 3:58:06 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Friends of Suai program

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Dear [REDACTED]

As a long-time resident of the City of Port Phillip, I would like to voice my support for the continued support by Port Phillip Council for the Friends of Suai program. I was very disappointed to learn that the funding could be terminated in next year's budget, despite the 21-year old Friendship Agreement that has existed between our local government municipality and theirs.

I have been enormously proud of the support given by Port Phillip over the years. I think it's important that we look beyond our shores to help those who are so much worse off than we are here. It seems a particularly bad time to be cutting funding for this program given the recent horrific floods experienced in Timor Leste.

I hope you will give your support to this valuable program which has enabled the people of Suai to become to more independent and self-sufficient. The program doesn't just give handouts – it is educational, practical, and highly regarded by the people it has benefited. It would be a real shame to cut it off after so many years of investment and effort made by many people.

I hope you will support ongoing funding for the Friends of Suai program.

Kind regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 12, 2021 7:18:43 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Draft Budget Plan

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PECAN has drawn my attention to these omissions from the draft budget & I can only agree that these are important & need to be included:

- Maintenance of \$50,000 for access to Ripponlea Estate for Port Phillip residents, and possible extension to other National Trust properties
- Maintenance of the community engagement and in-person events programs including the Enviro Leaders program, community gardening program at the EcoCentre, rooftop solar and Sustainable Business Networks.
- Allocation of \$50,000 for scoping and budgeting of the [Green Line public open space initiative](#).
- Long term commitment to equitable access to public open space for all Port Phillip residents, especially those in suburbs east of Brighton Rd, initiated through the Public Space Strategy to be completed this year.
- Long term commitment to allocation of council resources to tackle the climate emergency, especially community emissions produced by industrial and commercial sectors, and effective measures to assist renters and apartment dwellers to reduce their emissions.

Port Phillip is a much loved part of Melbourne and rightly so. However I strongly believe in the focus being on amenities for residents. The access to Ripponlea Gardens is a much needed addition to green space for residents and should be retained. Much of our green space regularly gets sequestered for sports events & commercial events, especially in summer. Quiet green space is limited. Recently walking through Windsor I was impressed with the small infill areas of green space often in ways that connect streets, greatly adding to the amenity of the neighbourhood, providing quiet corners within residential areas, often with seating. This is a great model which Port Phillip could follow.

Community engagement is essential & has always been at the heart of the Port Phillip community. It should be supported as much as possible.

Regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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From [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 5:54:43 PM

To: [REDACTED]

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Cc: [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Distressing CoPP threat to end funding for a much-valued community volunteer service in Canal Ward.

**[External Email] Please be cautious before clicking on any links or attachments.**

Dear [REDACTED],

Last week, I was advised by [REDACTED], the volunteer Garden Program co-ordinator at the St Kilda Botanical Gardens EcoCentre, that the Exec Officer of the EcoCentre, [REDACTED], had received an email from [REDACTED], the CoPP 'Co-ordinator of Community Impact and Housing' (on April 16th) that the funding for her program would not continue past this financial year.

I was told that this was related to the recent circulation of your draft budget, as well as your 10 year planning intentions. However, when I searched the draft budget and plan documentation, accessible on the Council website and on 'Have your say'; despite searching through the details, I was unable to find any mention of such an impending cut.

Nonetheless, at a public meeting attended by both the [REDACTED], in Canal Ward last Sunday, it was personally confirmed by them, in reply to my question (concerning the defunding 'intel' I'd received) that the program in question was indeed marked for cessation of funding as one of many such so-called 'savings'.

I was, and still am, seriously upset and sadly disappointed at what appear to me to be counter-productive, and arguably 'petty', intentions by CoPP with regard to a program, which must, if assessed by any competent and valid cost-benefit methodology, be found to return an overwhelmingly greater benefit to CoPP, than the meagre cost of funding its volunteer co-ordinator.

One very personal example of this great benefit concerns [REDACTED], who was diagnosed in 2019 as living with Alzheimer's disease.

[REDACTED] was inducted into the Garden program earlier this year when pandemic lockdown restrictions were finally lifted in Victoria, and when the former volunteers could re-unite under [REDACTED] supervision.

[REDACTED] has since been registering for and attending regularly on Friday mornings the 10am-12 noon session each week. She has most enjoyably, and very noticeably, benefited from the social and environmental stimulation of contributing to the health of the gardens through the performance of

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various highly useful tasks, in socially beneficial cooperation with the other volunteers who attend at that time.

She has since come to know them quite well, and there is a caring warmth and affinity to their association.

The medical specialists with whom [REDACTED] consults have told us both how pleased they are with her engagement with the program, and how valuable it is for her physical and mental well-being. They understand and endorse the cognitive and social stimulation it provides, the sense of contributing something of value to the community and the value which accrues to [REDACTED] from knowing her contribution and person are warmly appreciated

I drive her to these sessions each week, and pick her up at their conclusion, and I also benefit, because as her carer, I experience a couple of hours respite from directly caring for her, while I'm confident that she is safe and enjoyably engaged in meaningful activity.

So, it was distressing to me to learn that you don't intend to keep this much-treasured program in operation past June 30 this year. I still have no understanding of what possible rationale might cause you, or your CEO or officers, to decide that this program no longer met your 10 year Plan's stated objectives of, Improving Mental Well-being, Increasing Active Living, Tackling Climate Change, and Sustaining a Vibrant and Liveable community.

As was compellingly stated by another local resident, who attends that same program, and whose name is [REDACTED], and who has herself just written to you expressing her own bewilderment and distress at the imminently threatening cessation of its funding, *"I can think of no other program that ticks all these boxes"* (of your own Plan's ostensible priorities and purposes).

Furthermore, and again in [REDACTED] own words, she wrote,

*"The Friday program provides friendship, meaningful activities, learning about plants and food, social activity as a group, collective ownership of the program, tidying of the EcoCentre grounds, compost processing tons of community waste each year, thus reducing landfill.....The coordinator provides a very valuable and essential role in supporting the program and its participants introducing new members, ensuring they have a job they are able to perform, organising rosters for watering, propagation and planting timetables, ensuring everyone is buddied up, ensuring that we have the right equipment, etc."*

Like [REDACTED], I would also request that you find out more about this project, possibly visiting on a Friday to talk with the participants, and discover how much it is valued by them.

Also, like her, I emphatically recommend and appeal to you to continue to fund this small budget program, which as [REDACTED] put it, 'punches above its weight'.

Well above its weight indeed, in my estimation and observation.

Perhaps I should remind you, should it matter at all, that I have been a resident of this City now for a combined period of well over 40 years, more than 30 of them lived in Canal Ward.

I also served as a [REDACTED], [REDACTED] when [REDACTED] had the foresight to promote the future development of the magnificent Botanical Gardens which now accommodates the EcoCentre.

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A long time on from then, the gardening volunteer program which is the focus of this letter is so important, particularly in the context of the current climate emergency and the pandemic, as a fine example of the creativity CoPP has contributed to further our vulnerable residents' engagement with both the gardens and the EcoCentre and each other.

I should conclude this passionate letter by reassuring you as to my competency to exercise good judgement and make useful recommendations, aside from my longevity as a resident in our City.

Although now retired, I hold a Masters Degree in Public Health, from Monash University, as well as a post-Graduate Diploma in Public Policy, from Melbourne University, amongst several other formal tertiary qualifications of relevance to my views.

I repeat finally, that I strongly urge you to reconsider the inestimable damage this intended program cut will do to one the City's best and vitally relevant small-budget activities.

I'm happy to speak with any Councillors or Officers, privately and/or publicly about this matter, and hope that you will give my words some careful attention and deliberation

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mobile: [REDACTED]

**CBR-067**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 10:20:04 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Support for the Friends of Suai/Covalima

**[External Email] Please be cautious before clicking on any links or attachments.**

Dear [REDACTED]

I am a resident of Ripponlea and rate-payer of 42 years to the City of Port Phillip and previous City of St Kilda council.

I understand that there is a review underway in regards to CoPP's funding for Friends of Suai/Covalima. I am writing in support of this wonderful friendship group.

In 1999, like many, I watched in horror at the violent aftermath of the independence vote in East Timor, and pondered what I could do to support the Timorese. So I was very pleased when in 2000, my Council formed an agreement to partner with the Suai community, and extend the hand of friendship to our neighbours at a time of crisis. This friendship group, along with the Councils of Darebin and Moreland who also initiated the formation of Timor friendship groups that year, is now one of 32 Timor-Leste Friendship Groups across Australia.

At the time I was working for Intrepid Travel, and I embarked on speaking to Timorese about the possibilities of tourism, expressed as friends in Australia wanting to come and make friends with Timorese, and learn about their lives and culture. Early coordinators and members of the Friends of Suai were a huge help to this project. Long story short, I established a 15 day Intrepid Travel trip to Timor-Leste, and between 2002 and 2011 we had many tour groups travel to Timor-Leste. I planned the itinerary to include two nights staying in Suai, with local culture-sharing, tour guiding and sightseeing coordinated by the staff of the Suai/Covalima community centre, bringing friendship, increased understanding and economic benefits to the local community and a very rich and rewarding experience for the travellers. If it wasn't for the support of the Friends of Suai/Covalima, and their Coordinators funded by CoPP, both in Australia and Timor-Leste, the itinerary is unlikely to have ventured to the less accessible south coast of Timor-Leste. The experience of hundreds of travellers to the region was overwhelmingly positive and influenced those travellers to become active in supporting Timor-Leste from their home communities, including several CoPP residents.

For myself personally, I have made many wonderful local friends through the Friends of Suai/Covalima who I see often at CoPP community and Timorese-community events in Melbourne, and socially. Involvement with the Friends of Suai/Covalima has enriched my life immensely and has given me a sound way to support one of our nearest neighbours, and be very active in my own local

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community. I have been proud of the CoPP long support of this Friendship group. The model of this group and it's successful structure and projects has been a great source of inspiration and a model to other Councils across Australia. And right now, with COVID19's impacts and closed borders causing immense suffering in Timor-Leste, I believe it's vital that we continue supporting our neighbours who are at great socio-economic and historically impacted disadvantage.

I urge you to please support the continued CoPP funding support for the Friends of Suai/Covalima. I would be happy to provide further information or answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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M [REDACTED]

**CBR-068**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Sunday, 16 May 2021 2:54 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Budget 2021 input

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16 May 2021

Dear Councillors

I am a ratepayer and have lived in Elwood for 29 years. I love the place and the people and have been proud of our Council and its many initiatives over the years. I am a community minded person and participate in various local activities. I have also followed and participated in the Council plans, budgets and debates over the years as a ratepayer. I respect good management and good governance. I do accept that the 1.5% rate cap is necessary to deliver the Council work.

I have supported the Friends of Suai program for many years. I was employed as the former Coordinator for 13 years and continue my involvement as a volunteer. I was shocked at the news that Council intended to cut the Friendship without notice, but pleased the funding has been reinstated in the budget. It is very poor governance to cut off a program without warning; it would be unfair and unconscionable to cease all funding. There are ongoing commitments that have been made. Any change must be phased in gradually over a number of years, especially during a time of a global pandemic and the worst floods in 40 years affecting our neighbours.

Good governance principles have been modelled and practiced in the Friendship as democracy restores in this part of our regional neighbourhood. The East Timor national government is decentralising, the building and strengthening of local government is crucial for rural people. Port Phillip has much more to offer this coastal district to assist in strengthening its embryonic local government. This should not be under-estimated, especially given East Timor is the poorest country in SE Asia.

This council initiative aimed to build an ongoing Friendship, with productive relationships between our two communities. It is not an 'Aid' program, it delivers a real friendship between community and local government. Amazing outcomes have been achieved, for the people in Port Phillip as well as East Timor. The highest honour the "Order of Timor-Leste" in recognition of significant contributions to national peace and stability, has been awarded to three City of Port Phillip citizens. I really value the involvement in our community with many people sharing similar values bannng together to fundraise, giving their time or expertise to increase the effort of support. There is a lot to be said for an engaged community, within and beyond its own council remit.

It costs ratepayers less than \$2 per annum per residential household to support this friendship.



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Whilst we need to look to our own backyard it is important to look beyond and continue this friendship and goodwill to our less privileged neighbours.

Yours Sincerely

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[REDACTED]

Mobile: [REDACTED]

email: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, 15 May 2021 3:53 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Suai Covalima

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[REDACTED] I was quite concerned about the suggestion our relationship with Suai/Covalima should cease, and later greatly relieved that that decision was set aside, pending further consideration.

I just want you to know that over the decades since its inception I and my friends have followed with pride that worthy relationship. I'm especially proud that the City of Port Phillip and its so many resident volunteers have accomplished so much in Timor Leste, and impressed that we have often hosted the country's leaders.

I know that these pandemic years have cost us dearly and am aware we need to make up for that loss, but it would be an embarrassment for Port Phillip to coldly withdraw from this liaison, plus a great cultural loss. I hope a lessening of its expenditure can be achieved without damaging the relationship and what it has achieved so far, and without losing this vital aspect of Port Phillip's rich cultural life and international outreach.

My other greatest concern is that :Port Phillip regains its presence in Port Melbourne with a proper Assist service. I found the other details of the strategic planning really excellent, exciting and well thought out in terms of the growing challenges to come in future.

Thanks again for your commitment as a Councillor, especially during these weird times, [REDACTED]

Regards,

Pat

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, 15 May 2021 8:56 AM

To: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: SUAI

[External Email] Please be cautious before clicking on any links or attachments.

Hi [REDACTED]

I am writing about the Council's draft budget proposal to cease funding support for Suai.

This has been an important source of support for Timor Leste and a recognition of the deep debt Australians owe the nation for its aid to Australian troops during WWII; and, our attempts to gain unfair advantages in oil revenue negotiations.

If the Council is committed to ending the support – which I think is wrong – it should at least phase the support out over several years to alleviate any sudden shocks.

It is understandable if the Council wants to seek budget savings following the pandemic impacts but the Suai funding needs to be put in context of other Council expenditures – including top heavy and expensive management structures and any number of initiatives which ought to be re-evaluated. In comparison with the ongoing waste involved in the Council's bureaucratic structure the Suai support is a rounding error.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## Thank you for supporting SouthPort Community Centre and City of Voices

I live, work and volunteer in the City of Port Phillip, and I just want to thank this Council for all that they do to support inclusion in our local community.

In particular, I greatly appreciate Council's support of SouthPort Community Centre and the invaluable work that it does to connect people, assist isolated people, and foster wellbeing.

I have been taking my sister-in-law [REDACTED] (who has Down's Syndrome and other physical and mental health issues) to inclusive theatre group City of Voices, a program of SPCC, for the last 5 years, and she has been part of the program for more than 10 years. It is the most positive thing in her life - the friendships she has made, the inclusive way the group is run ensuring everyone contributes, the chance for creativity, music and fun...the list goes on. For someone who is unable to work and finds it difficult to meet people and make friends, City of Voices for [REDACTED] is worth its weight in gold.

Every week I see the way City of Voices brings out the best in people, not just in [REDACTED] but in everyone, myself included. The connections made lead on to other positive things - friendships for those who are isolated, increased confidence leading to opportunities and

jobs, offers of help and assistance. These are always valuable things, but during the COVID-19 lockdowns of 2020, our weekly Zoom sessions took on a whole new value and meaning.

Creating original theatre based on the lived experiences of Port Phillip locals, together with a group of other people, brings such meaning and happiness to all who attend. The fact that City of Voices has been around for almost 30 years (since 1992) is testament to its value.

Both [REDACTED] and I thank Port Phillip Council for the support it provides to SouthPort Community Centre and the City of Voices, and we look forward to that support continuing in the years to come. And to inviting all Councillors to our next production...a 30<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration in 2022!

[REDACTED], Port Phillip Resident



*Me and my sister-in-law [REDACTED] both enthusiastic members of the City of Voices*

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Dear Councillors,

I'd like to personally thank you all for your ongoing support of the Port Phillip EcoCentre. As a volunteer member of the board and a mum bringing up my young son in Port Phillip, this organisation plays such an important role in the things I hold dear.



Thank you so much for co-funding the EcoCentre building redevelopment and programs. We're so excited that State Government is providing co-funding, and that, finally, after years of hard work, this new community hub will become a reality.

We ask that you please also continue funding the community garden and compost team. This program brings people together, builds friendships, combats isolation and provides a vital green waste service for the surrounding area.

Also, the fact that the current Sustainability team at Council is just 1% of staff is unacceptably low. If we care about reducing emissions and waste, increasing tree cover, cleaning our beaches, preparing for extreme weather events and increasing biodiversity in Port Phillip, the staff make-up should reflect this. Please ensure the Sustainability team is properly supported.

As a mum concerned about the future of the planet, and our little patch of it in Port Phillip, the EcoCentre is important to me because it gives me hope. Hope that we can transition to renewables, live in cleaner, greener and friendlier neighbourhoods, hope that people are more powerful than profit. It really is a beacon in sometimes dark times, and we're so lucky to have it in our backyard - literally. Bringing up my son in a flat, St Kilda Botanic Gardens and the EcoCentre have become our backyard, where we connect with friends and make new ones through the variety of programs on offer.

So, thank you Port Phillip Council for your ongoing support of the Port Phillip EcoCentre, and long may it continue.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

General Committee Member, Port Phillip EcoCentre

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## SUBMISSION TO PORT PHILLIP CITY COUNCIL RE DRAFT COUNCIL BUDGET 2021/22 AND UPDATED COUNCIL PLAN 2021-31

May 2021

### Introduction

This submission is made on behalf of the **Albert Park Community Sporting Tenants Association** (APCSTA or 'the Association'). The Association represents some 24 community sporting clubs (listed at the end of this submission) who are based in Albert Park Reserve ('the Park'). These clubs have a combined estimated membership of almost 6,000, the great majority of whom are CoPP ratepayers and their families. In other words, **approximately a third of all registered community sports club members in the CoPP are members of clubs based in Albert Park Reserve.**

### Summary of Submission

This submission:-

1. notes that unlike previous Council Plans and budgets, the 21/22 budget and 10- Year Plan **do not mention Albert Park Reserve**, despite the major contribution this open space makes to the achievement of a range of Council's stated strategic objectives to enhance the health and welfare of the Port Phillip community, and to the recreation priorities of the Council Plan;
2. notes that the Plan and Budget **do not even commit to advocating to state and federal government and relevant authorities on behalf of ratepayers** who use Albert Park Reserve for sporting and recreation activities;
3. notes the **absence of any Council financial support** in the 2021/22 budget for ratepayers who use Albert Park Reserve for sporting and recreation activities, thus effectively discriminating against this large body of ratepayers in this budget by failing to support their activities in any way; and
4. **requests Council to**
  - a. recognise the strategic importance of Albert Park Reserve to its own goals and policies in the Council Plan;
  - b. **include in the Council Plan a commitment to advocate** on behalf of community clubs and organisations to state and federal governments and Parks Victoria for greater investment in sporting and recreational infrastructure which would benefit Port Phillip ratepayers.

Possible wording for this commitment might be as follows:- *"Council recognises that a high proportion of users and participants in the recreation and sporting facilities within Albert Park Reserve are Port Phillip residents and ratepayers. Council will advocate for funding to state and federal governments and Parks Victoria for upgraded facilities and government investment in community sport infrastructure in Albert Park Reserve, particularly for those projects which have robust development plans in place."*
  - c. **commit to working with community sports clubs based in Albert Park Reserve** to find ways to begin to directly financially support community activities in the 2021/2031 Council Plan period.
5. Specifically recognise in the 2021/31 Council Plan the following actions from Council's Sport and Recreation Strategy 2015-2024:-

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- a. (Action 1.3.1) Develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that clearly defines the expectations of each party between Council and the following organisations: - State Sports Centres Trust (SSCT), Life Saving Victoria (LSV), and Parks Victoria (PV).
- b. (Action 3.2.1) Develop a range of policies to provide clear and transparent guidelines for decision making regarding sport and recreation in Port Phillip ... (including) Albert Park (Parks Victoria) infrastructure contributions policy.

### How is Albert Park reserve addressed in the Council Plan and Budget?

Albert Park Reserve represents more than 60% of the open space within the boundaries of the City of Port Phillip. Despite this, **Albert Park Reserve is not acknowledged or even mentioned in the Council Plan or budget in any way.** Further, the Plan completely fails to acknowledge the strategic importance of Albert Park Reserve in the achievement of the Council Plan's objectives.

The proposed budget allocates \$13.7million to parks, open space and streetscapes. **No funding at all is directed towards Albert Park Reserve.**

Albert Park community sports clubs are eligible to apply to several small-scale grant programs run by the Council. It is estimated that the annual value of this funding across the two dozen clubs may be up to \$30,000 p.a.

While the Plan commits to advocating for Victorian Government support for a range of other activities, it does not mention encouraging government investment in sport and recreation, in Albert Park Reserve or elsewhere.

These figures and others demonstrate that Council is continuing to turn its back on Albert Park Reserve, and thus discriminating against a large group of its own ratepayers.

### Why should the Council contribute to ratepayer sport and recreation activities in Albert Park Reserve?

1. Albert Park provides more than 60 per cent of the open space within the boundaries of the municipality. While it is managed by Parks Victoria, a state government entity, the strategic importance of this Park to the health and welfare of the Port Phillip community – and the delivery of significant parts of the Council Plan – means it is not reasonable, equitable or sensible for the Council to simply ignore it, as this Plan and Budget currently do.
2. The Council's overall commitment to sport and recreation is evident. As well as being areas of significant expenditure, sport and recreation are integral to the delivery of the Council Plan's first two Strategic directions – Inclusivity and Liveability. **Council is absolutely dependent on Albert Park Reserve and its community sporting facilities and clubs to meet these commitments and deliver these goals.** The absence of Albert Park from this large category of activity and expenditure is glaring, but without recognition or explanation.
3. The inequity of the significant overall expenditure on Sport and Recreation in the Plan and Budget for ratepayers who play sport at Council facilities, and those who play sport in Albert Park Reserve is both dramatic and obvious. **The failure to invest in the Park - or even to**

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**acknowledge its existence in the Council Plan - is effectively serious discrimination against a large number of ratepayers.**

- 4. Community sporting clubs located in CoPP facilities pay nominal rents for use of grounds and buildings and for the preparation of sporting facilities. By contrast, community sporting clubs located in Albert Park Reserve are paying much higher licence fees to Parks Victoria, for both buildings and grounds. So not only are CoPP ratepayers getting little to no return from their rates in terms of support for sport and recreation activities, but they are also currently paying more to pursue their desired recreational activities, simply because they happen to do them in Albert Park Reserve rather than at a Council-owned facility.
- 5. Parks Victoria’s capital spending in Albert Park Reserve is relatively much less than Council spends on other community sport and recreation facilities within the CoPP.
- 6. Council’s Sport and Recreation Strategy 2015-2024 lists the following among its actions:-
  - a. Action 1.3.1 Develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that clearly defines the expectations of each party between Council and the following organisations: - State Sports Centres Trust (SSCT), - Life Saving Victoria (LSV) - Parks Victoria (PV)
  - b. Action 3.2.1 Develop a range of policies to provide clear and transparent guidelines for decision making regarding sport and recreation in Port Phillip ... (including) Albert Park (Parks Victoria) infrastructure contributions policy.

We are not aware of any progress towards delivering any of these actions since the Strategy was adopted, and there is no reflection of them in the 2021/22 Budget or Council Plan. **Why not??**

- 7. While it is sometimes stated that the Council will not commit capital to community facilities that it does not own, such as those in Albert Park Reserve, the truth is that the Council has on several occasions made capital grants towards suitable projects within the Park. We applaud the Council for identifying the value to the Port Phillip community that these projects bring. We ask that the Council apply this policy approach consistently and equitably across all community sporting activities within Albert Park Reserve, in the same way as it does outside the Reserve.
- 8. The population of the City of Port Phillip has grown steadily over the past 25 years, and is projected to further increase. Sport and recreation facilities within Albert Park Reserve are currently quite stretched. Demand by Port Phillip residents and others to participate in community sport and recreation is continuing to grow. Many facilities within the Park were constructed in the 90s and are beyond their projected lifespans.

**We are not expecting or asking CoPP to fully fund the necessary works. We are simply asking Council to provide a degree of recognition, advocacy, and financial support for sport and recreation within Albert Park Reserve, to support the achievement of its own goals.**

**We request the opportunity to meet and address Council and/or its representatives in relation to this submission.**

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**CBR-087****THIS SUBMISSION IS MADE ON BEHALF OF THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS, WHO ARE INVOLVED WITH THE ALBERT PARK COMMUNITY SPORTING TENANTS ASSOCIATION**

- Ajax Football Club
- Albert Park Football and Netball Club
- Albert Park Hockey and Tennis Centre
- Albert Park Soccer Club
- Albert Park South Melb Rowing Club
- Albert Park Yacht Club
- Albert Sailing Club
- Carmelite Tennis Club
- Collegians Football Club
- Harry Trott Association
- Lord Somers Camp & Power House
- Maccabi Ajax Cricket Club
- Middle Park Bowling Club
- Middle Park Cricket Club
- Middle Park Football Club
- Power House & St Kilda Hockey Club
- Power House Amateur Football Club
- Power House Rugby Union Football Club
- South Melbourne District Sports Club
- South Melbourne Football Club
- South Melbourne Womens Football Club
- St Kilda Baseball Club
- St Kilda Cricket Club
- St Kilda Sports Club
- St Kilda Bowls Club
- Emerald Hill Cricket Club
- Touch Football Victoria
- Ultimate Victoria (frisbee)
- Melbourne Argonauts

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**PORT PHILLIP BUDGET SUBMISSION**

2021/2022

- **Support the 1.5% rate rise** – even 1.5% is insufficient to maintain Council assets and services
- **Restore a full service to Port Melbourne Assist.** The Council needs to be present and visible in the northern part of the municipality, especially with the growth of Fishermans Bend. This is no longer about the future. It's now. Several major developments are reaching completion. This is the time for Council to be proactive with that new community. A part time service is entirely unsatisfactory. Like a restaurant that is only open on certain days, you soon lose confidence in it being open at all.
- **Add walking and cycling** to precede electric vehicles as part of the Climate Emergency response.
- The capital budget is **over focused on sport and recreation** at the expense of everyday activity.
- The role of **natural/green infrastructure** is insufficiently carried through into the budget documents. More attention should be given to establishing connecting biodiversity corridors across the municipality such as Danks St in Albert and Middle Park.
- All citizens across Port Phillip should have **equitable access to high quality open space**. Therefore I support continued free access to Ripponlea Gardens
- Services supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged citizens should be a priority – including the community bus.
- Support ongoing funding to Friends of Suai Covalima



[REDACTED]

May 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

**Friends of Suai Covalima**

The City of Port Phillip signed the friendship agreement with Suai in East Timor in May 2000 in the wake of the devastation that followed when the East Timorese asserted their wish to be independent from Indonesia in the 1999 referendum.

The desire to do something to help the ravaged country was underpinned by the sense of perpetual debt owed by Australians to the East Timorese for their support during World War 2 in which 60,000 Timorese died.

Port Phillip was **the first of** many Victorian local governments to establish friendship agreements with communities in East Timor. Through goodwill, community support and steady funding from the City of Port Phillip, a strong relationship based on sound community development principles has developed.

Ours is a friendship, **not an aid program**. It is based on relationships of mutual trust and respect.

Many members of the Port Phillip community have strong ties with Timor L'Este and strongly support our friendship with Suai Covalima. Throughout the friendship, the Council's Community Reference Committee (CRC) has supplemented the Council's core grant with significant fundraising in the Port Phillip community.

Much has been achieved over the years, first and foremost the growing capacity of the Covalima Community Centre (CCC) to conduct programmes, attract funding and be a proactive leader in the community. Since 2012, 162 scholarships have been funded in senior secondary, tertiary, and vocational training, mostly from donors in Port Phillip. FoSC is supporting **With One Seed**, a project that will generate income for farmers through tree planting and stewardship for globally certified carbon credits.

In 2021, the people of Suai Covalima face grave challenges – the worst floods in 40 years and a surge in COVID 19 cases. We also know that small island nations are the most vulnerable of all to sea level rise and climate change impacts.

The Friendship with Suai Covalima has been proudly supported by every elected Council over 20 years. In the spirit of that Friendship, we respectfully request

We ask

- That FoSC funding, re-instated in the draft budget on 21<sup>st</sup> April, be confirmed in the final budget.
- For a fair and orderly transition over a period of time to be worked through with the Community Reference Committee.
- For a transition that is respectful and considerate of our long standing friends and partners at the Covalima Community Centre

Sincerely

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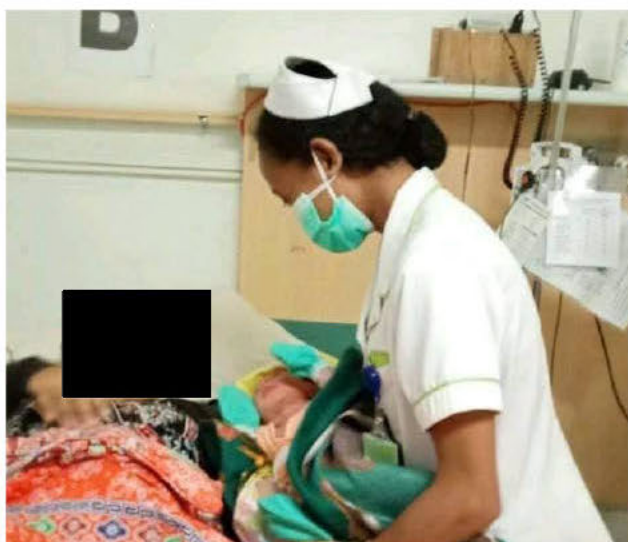


The Community Centre is like The Hali, or Banyan tree, as a place of shade and safety for the community, where people can gather together and share their experiences about education and development in all sectors.

Taking health messages into the sub districts



coming together in Acland Plaza



Even when times are tough for us as they are right now, this Friendship is something the City of Port Phillip community should be so very proud of, making a real difference with practical projects and people to people links.

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for agreeing to reinstate funding for Friends of Suai Covalima in the 2021-22 Draft Budget. I am appealing to you not to phase it out, but to make it ongoing.

I have lived in the City of Port Phillip for 36 years and have found much to admire in the council. But the thing that makes me proudest is the the City of Port Phillip's decision in 2000 to become the first local government in Australia to set up a special friendship with a coastal town in East Timor, then almost totally destroyed by Indonesian-backed militia following the independence vote.

From the outset, the friendship broke new ground because it was not about 'aid' or a traditional Sister City relationship but rather a community-to-community relationship which has involved a large number of residents and community institutions and organisations such as schools, Rotary, Veg Out, the local army unit, and numerous businesses. The response from the community has been massive.

Citizens of Port Phillip have volunteered their own time and money to go to Suai to teach English, install solar panels and assist in the creation of the high school library. We, in turn, have benefitted from visits of Suai community leaders, the exhibitions of *tais*, and various other initiatives.

The connections between Port Phillip and East Timor are long and deep, dating back at least to World War II. At the launch of Friends of Suai, I remember listening to [REDACTED], who was born in St Kilda in the 1920s and was a member of the army company sent into East Timor in 1942 to pre-empt a Japanese invasion. The soldiers were collectively known as Sparrow Force. [REDACTED], a radio signalman, said that he and his mates only survived because of the self-sacrifice of the East Timorese, who risked their lives despite the huge price the Japanese put on their heads.

Two of the 'Balibo Five' journalists shot by the Indonesians forces prior to their occupation in 1975 came from Port Phillip – [REDACTED], has led a campaign ever since for the perpetrators to be brought to justice.

[REDACTED], has also campaigned for the East Timorese and notably set up the Dili Allstars. The Dili Allstars performed at the Friends of Suai launch and (amongst many other performances) represented Australia at the Timor Leste independence celebrations in 2002.

Their song "Liberdade" was later included on a Mushroom Records (based in Albert Park) compilation (also titled *Liberdade*) which the band helped to compile. This compilation also featured Midnight Oil, Crowded House, and Yothu Yindi, and went on to raise \$100,000 for East Timor. Two further compilation albums were made by the band – *Love From a Short Distance* and *All in the Family*, both of which also raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for East Timor. See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dili\\_Allstars](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dili_Allstars)

Twenty-one years later, it's not time to stop supporting this special relationship with Suai. Timor Leste has just experienced more devastation from massive floods and is facing the deadly spread of Covid. Port Phillip is a wealthy municipality and the amount of money involved in continuing the special relationship with Suai is miniscule.

In these terrible times, our hands should be going out, not withdrawing. I want to be part of a community that has a big heart, not one that is fixated on lowest bottom line.

I want a council I can continue to be proud of.



**REPÚBLICA DEMOCRÁTICA DE TIMOR-LESTE**  
**Embaixadora de Boa Vontade**  
**para os Assuntos da Educação**

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15 May, 2021

To: [REDACTED]

**Re: Support for the Friends of Suai Covalima Friendship Committee**

[REDACTED] I have had the pleasure of working in close collaboration with the Friends of Suai Covalima committee since its inception 21 years ago.

Over this period, the FOSC has undertaken vital work to improve the lives of the people of Suai through education and improved health facilities and livelihood programs, amongst other activities. Just as important an outcome from these two decades of engagement has been the building of bonds of friendship and mutual trust between our two communities.

[REDACTED], is a young woman from Suai and a victim of gross human rights violations. I am delighted that the Covalima Community Centre, through the support provided by the FOSC, has become an important space to celebrate and nurture women's empowerment and leadership, both vital cornerstones of sustainable development and a vibrant democracy.

As you will be aware, Timor-Leste recently experienced catastrophic flooding which has caused loss of life and damage to property and crops, adding significantly to the hardships of a people suffering already a great deal due to the Covid-19 pandemic and associated economic contraction. In recent weeks the country has also recorded its first Covid-related deaths and the spike in numbers of positive cases is of great concern. In light of these developments, it is all the more important that Timor-Leste's friends and development partners continue to walk alongside the country on its journey to recovery, dignity and development. As well as being our duty as neighbours, I believe it is also an important way of honouring the sacrifices of the

Email: [REDACTED]

between 40-60,000 Timorese who lost their lives helping Australian diggers in their campaign to ward off a Japanese invasion of Australia during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War.

I know that you, the Councillors of the City of Port Phillip, have approved a further year's budget for the work of the FOSC Committee. I do hope that you will find the support required from amongst your fellow Councillors to ensure that the wonderful work of the Friends of Suai Covalima continues to be a true collaboration between local government and your vibrant bayside community.

I would be happy to provide any additional information or testimonies that might be required. [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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To City of Port Phillip - Re: Draft Budget for FY21/21

On behalf of over 4,000 GoGet carshare members in your LGA, we thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Budget for FY21/22.

We would like to congratulate and thank City of Port Phillip for matching the cost of annual carshare fees with annual resident parking permits, and therefore does not disadvantage carshare users compared to private car owners.

In City of Port Phillip's *GoGet Annual Member Survey*, the percent of members who did not own a car grew from 40% (prior to joining the service) to 68% (after joining the service). As well as this, 51% of members actively avoided purchasing a new or second car in the last year because they can access carshare. Had they been purchased, 16% of these cars would have been parked on Council streets, taking up parking unnecessarily.

Unlike private vehicle ownership, carshare, and its resident members, support various Council strategies, including the *Council Plan 2021-31, Act and Adapt Sustainable Environment Strategy 2018-28* and *Move, Connect, Live Integrated Transport Strategy 2018-28*. Carshare supports these strategies as it:

- reduces overall demand for parking, particularly from poorly used 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> cars<sup>1</sup>
- reduces vehicle kilometres driven annually by up to 50%<sup>2</sup>
- reduces congestion and Co2 emissions<sup>3</sup>
- has a benefit to cost ratio for Council of 19:4<sup>4</sup>
- improves overall road safety<sup>5</sup>

By continuing to match the annual cost of a carshare fee with a resident parking permit, City of Port Phillip treats resident carshare users equal to those who choose to own a private vehicle. On behalf of over 4,000 GoGet members in the LGA, we thank you for this.

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Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: Proposed Reduction of the Quality Subsidy Rates**

We were concerned to receive your email notifying us of the proposal to reduce the amount of Quality Subsidy paid to community-managed childcare centres from 5% to 4% of total educators' salaries, effective from quarter one of the 2021/22 financial year.

Evidence shows that the quality of early education and care is directly linked, among other things, to:

- Educator:Child ratios
- Qualifications of educators
- Resources provided to educators
- Ongoing professional development opportunities for educators

Furthermore, while all children benefit from high quality early education and care, evidence also shows that children from families who are experiencing hardship and/or vulnerability benefit the most – and those benefits have profound and long lasting impacts on children's future learning and development.

The City of Port Phillip Quality Subsidy therefore directly supports families and young children in our municipality, especially those most vulnerable, by enabling community-managed childcare centres to continue to provide high quality education and care while maintaining affordable fees for all families.

Poets Grove Family and Children's Centre has an established connection to our local community, especially as we have a long history and connection to the Elwood Education Hub. We pride ourselves on recruiting a higher caliber of Early Childhood Teachers who are experienced and knowledgeable to support the children's learning and development. We achieve this by paying our Early Childhood Teachers on the VECTEA award to attract and retain high quality Early Childhood Educators, of which one of the benefits is increased allocation of planning time which facilitates higher program quality.

We appreciate the support (including financial support) provided by the City of Port Phillip over the many years. However, it is important to note that quality provision is not something that you can 'set and forget' but, instead, is an ongoing challenge, especially during a time when women's participation in the workforce is on the agenda for the Government, when wages are set to increase to support the hard working and very deserving early childhood teachers and educators, and when there is a shortage of early childhood educators and teachers. Council should understand and expect that reducing the Quality Subsidy funding to services is likely to impact negatively on the quality of early education and care provided by those services.

[REDACTED]

We would like to point out in particular that whilst Council suggests "The Quality Subsidy is a payment received by community managed children's services that operate from Council owned centres. The payment is an amount equal to 5% of the total Educator Salary and Wages expenditure and training costs. It is designed to enhance the quality of the childcare and education the centre provides. The proposed change to reduce this payment from 5% to 4% is not expected to impact service quality, as this subsidy has achieved its original purpose for all Council and community managed centres to be provided a quality service that is meeting quality as rated by ACECQA (Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority)."

The proposed reduction in Quality Subsidy will in fact have a significant impact on our operations, as we still rely on the subsidy to continue offering a quality education and care program. The VECTEA award will have a significant financial impact on our service over the next 4 years with the removal of the validation process and already significant increase in wages over the next 4 years. We anticipate that the amount of Quality Subsidy received in 2021/2022, if the proposed reduction is approved, will be reduced by \$20,000 and would, on its own, result in a fee increase to families of at least \$1.70 p/day (just under 2%) with further increases over the next 4 years in line with the significant wage costs.

It is perhaps worth noting, also, that the amount paid by Poets Grove Family and Children's Centre to Council in the form of Infrastructure and Maintenance levies far exceeds the Quality Subsidy received. For example, in 2021/2022, we anticipate combined Levies to total \$184,000 while the Quality Subsidy (if calculated @ 5% of salaries) would total \$98,000.

Whilst we appreciate Council has limited resources, and many demands on those resources, we believe that priority should be given in this budget to investing in the education and care of our youngest citizens and to supporting families to access the best possible education and care services for their children as we, collectively, recover from the impacts of COVID-19. Throughout 2020, community-managed childcare centres in Port Phillip stayed open for eligible children and actively supported families who were in lockdown at home. Now is not the time to reduce the support provided to these centres (and, through them, to local families and children).

**We respectfully urge Council to reconsider the proposed reduction to the Quality Subsidy in the 2021/2022 draft budget and, instead, resolve to retain the current rate of 5% of total educators' salaries.**

Submission to the City of Port Phillip 2021/2022 Budget

13/05/2021

**Resurfacing of Dorcas Street between Ferrars and Pickles Streets**

I have already discussed this matter with your Council Officer and he has advised that this will be in the 2021/2022 Budget but I make this submission to make sure that my request is successful.

The road surface of Dorcas Street is very poor and its rough texture causes high tyre sound which is a big nuisance to the amenity of residents.

In addition, at the intersections, the deep grooves in the road caused by heavy vehicles is dangerous to pedestrians, and also to scooters and to bicycles. This situation has been aggravated by the increasing use of very heavy vehicles, such as concrete trucks which use Dorcas Street to travel east and south east and return. These heavy concrete trucks are increasing.

I assume this part of Dorcas Street has not been resurfaced since it was built (50 years plus?). The surface of the asphalt is very rough and the road noise significantly impacts on the amenity of the neighbourhood, particularly the noise made by vehicle tyres.

The continuation of Dorcas Street into Ingles Street, which most of the heavy traffic uses to access Dorcas Street, was completely resurfaced a few years ago. I assume the reason this was done is directly related to the condition of Dorcas Street. So why not resurface Dorcas Street?

Before Dorcas Street is resurfaced, I also request that the angle of parking be changed from 30 degrees to 45 degrees as is the case in Dorcas Street between Cecil and Ferrars Streets. 30 degree parking is not necessary to provide protection from users of the bicycle lane and this angle reduces parking capacity significantly. When this parking angle was introduced, it was said that it complies with an Australian Standard but I believe this Standard is somewhat arbitrary. No residents were consulted when this type of parking was introduced.

Introducing this angle of parking would be best done during the road re-surfacing process, we believe.

Thanks for considering my submission



# Neighborhood House!

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18 May 2021

[REDACTED]

**Re: Proposed Reduction of the Quality Subsidy Rates**

We acknowledge receipt of your email notifying us of the proposal to reduce the amount of Quality Subsidy paid to community-managed childcare centres from 5% of educators' salaries to 4%, effective from quarter one of the 2021/22 financial year.

While we appreciate that Council has limited resources and was impacted by Covid-19 we believe that priority should be made available for investing in the education and care of our young children. The City of Port Phillip Quality Subsidy directly supports the families and young children in our municipality by enabling community-managed children centres like South Melbourne Child Care Co-operative (SMCCC) to provide high quality education and care while maintaining affordable fees to all families.

South Melbourne Child Care Co-operative (SMCCC), like other community-managed childcare centres within the City of Port Phillip, remained open throughout 2020 providing care for eligible families' and vulnerable children to attend while providing online support for families who were in lockdown at home.

We do not believe that the proposed reduction in the Quality Subsidy provided be approved as this will likely have a negative impact on the quality of early education and care being provided and impact adversely on Educator : Child ratios, qualifications of Educators, resources provided to Educators and the ongoing professional development opportunities for Educators.



South Melbourne Child Care Co-operative (SMCCC) has again achieved an Exceeding rating from our recent assessment and rating under the National Quality Standards. While we appreciate the support we receive from the City of Port Phillip through the Quality Subsidy any reduction in this is likely to result in an increase in fees to our families in these difficult times in order for us to maintain and improve on our high standard of quality early education and care being provided.

We again request that this proposed reduction to the amount of the Quality Subsidy paid to community managed child care centres be reconsidered and rather retained at the current rate of 5%.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, 21 May 2021 9:33 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Mental Health First Aid course for Port Phillip creatives

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Hi [REDACTED]

Hope this email finds you well.

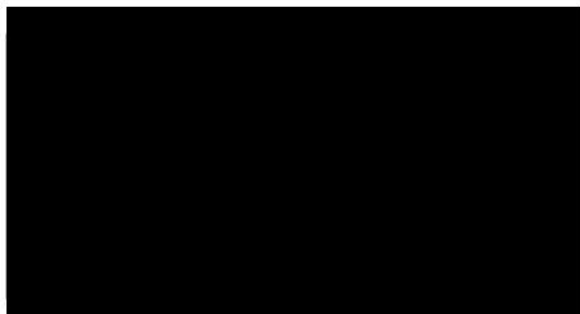
Wanted to give you a little update with what's been going on for me, on my continued mission to help improve wellbeing outcomes in the arts & entertainment sector. I'm now an accredited instructor in Mental Health First Aid (MHFA), which means I can teach adults over 18yo how to approach and assist someone that they are concerned might be developing a mental health issues, experiencing a worsening mental health condition, or experiencing a mental health crisis (attached is a flyer with more info).

As you would be fully aware, most creatives work project to project, so we don't traditionally have infrastructure, time, and budgets to up-skill within the normal day to day business operations. Often someone who might be struggling with a mental health challenge goes unnoticed, or they are patched up to get them through the current gig where they become the next project's problem. A massive way we can help turn around this culture shift is to provide FREE MHFA training to creative workers, so that they feeling comfortable supporting their colleagues by intervening and having mental health conversations, while also providing appropriate information to direct them to professional support services.

I love to find a way to continue our wellbeing work with the creative community of Port Phillip and bring MHFA to them, so that they feel more equipped to have mental health conversations, which in turn will help creatives find the support they need and receive appropriate interventions sooner.

How do you reckon we'd get something like this up?

Keen to hear your thoughts,



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**Subject:** Brief response to Draft Council Plan and Budget

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I am resident of [REDACTED]

I have spent some time over the weekend reading the various material associated with the proposed Council Plan and budget. It is a lot to take in especially in a short time and I am sure with greater familiarisation more issues will arise which I may wish to offer feedback on later. However, I wish to offer some immediate feedback

I am pleased that Council will not reduce rates. In my experience most, if not all of us, desire the services Council provide, but many grumble about contributing to the provision of these services.

Two issues leapt out at me that I wish you to re-consider. The first is particularly local to me, and the second geographically remote, but no less important because of the absence of proximity.

The first is the proposal to not re-open **the reception facility at the SM Town Hall**. When I moved into the area 38 years ago the focus of the then City of South Melbourne was the SM Town Hall. Attendance at meetings and interaction with Council staff was close at hand. Local government was more dynamic because of the proximity of access. I appreciate The City of Port Philip is unlikely to be dis-aggregated. The (temporary?) closure of the SM Town Hall is regrettable for various reasons. Most importantly it denies local residents in our part of the municipality the opportunity of connection with COPP. For those who reside comfortably in the modern technological age physical proximity may be inconsequential. That is not me – and I suspect I am not alone – particularly amongst the majority of longer term residents. I go to the bank, I speak to the Teller, I do not use an ATM, I go the SM market in preference to ordering food online, I do not drive, I walk. When the rates are due I go to the town hall to pay– or did – if I had a query about a local matter I could go to the counter and ask. In my opinion, not to have that capacity will diminish my interaction with COPP, will diminish my association with my local government area. We need a local presence. And, it would be unfair and unreasonable to shift that to, for example, a branch of the library, they already face a heavy and varied workload.

The second is the withdrawal of the funds for **The Friends of Suai**. I am not directly involved in this group but support its work. As those who attended its recent 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary

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celebration would know this project is an exemplar, it justifiably has a sound reputation. Given the current catastrophe in Timor Leste any diminution of support would rightly be seen as unfortunate, regrettable. Having created expectations to withdraw support in the moment of greatest need could undermine the preceding years of good work.

As I have noted in response to previous Plans and policies = as recently as my response to the survey on SM future in fact, I appreciate Council support for **social housing**. Why because it allows for greater diversity, a better mix of residents and I desire to live in a community which reflects that value. For 9 years I regularly volunteered at "Open House". Aside from helping provided support for local residents who required practical assistance, I also gained a real sense of being part of a community, a community that cared. I encourage Council to search for means to ensure the historical support for social housing continues.

Finally, by comparison to many other areas the COPP is affluent in so many respects. The City and many residents can well afford to support those within the municipality who are not so fortunate and need community and Council support.

Yours

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## Submission to COPP Draft Plan 21/31 and Budget 21/22

We are long term residents of South Melbourne.

We congratulate Council on much of what is contained in the Draft Plan 21/31 and the Budget 21/22.

### Rates

We are very pleased that Council will not reduce rates. In our experience most, if not all, of us desire the services Council provide, but grumble about contributing financially to the provision of these services.

Last year we paid \$5400 rates. The 1.5% rate increase proposed in the draft budget for 21/22 equates to \$75 per year, less than \$1.50 per week. We can afford to pay that and we suspect many, many other ratepayers could too. What is more we believe there are many in our community who would willingly pay more if the cap did not exist. Some areas within the municipality are plainly affluent. The City of Port Phillip's economic profile illustrates that point.

“Analysis of the distribution of the resident workers by income quartile in City of Port Phillip compared to Victoria shows that there was greater proportion of persons in the highest income quartile, and a lesser proportion in the lowest income quartile.” <https://economy.id.com.au/port-phillip/income-quartiles>

For some any increase in a fee or charge is problematic. For those experiencing difficulties paying their rates the City provides a number of avenues of assistance including permanent deferral with interest accruing yearly at half the rate applicable under legislation for penalties.

For many ratepayers a 1.5 % rate increase is simply a non-issue.

By comparison, some increases in charges, like private health insurance, are unaffordable even for those who fall squarely in the upper middle-income bracket. That is particularly the case when at the same time benefits are significantly reduced. Other examples often involve increases in excess of cpi and other measures when receiving less or the same service/product. In our submission that is not the case in Port Phillip in relation to rates. Indeed, we receive many services in exchange for our contributions as ratepayers.

More importantly, we are pleased to live in an area which historically has cared for those in our community who require assistance. Correspondingly, we are disturbed that some, for what must be ideological reasons, are seeking to undermine that historical practice. It seems to us some are willing to sacrifice essential community services that offer desperately needed support as part of a competition to achieve a perceived (party) political advantage. We acknowledge Councillors have, and will continue to receive complaints from ratepayers about the amount of COPP's rates and whether they receive appropriate value. Is it not probable

that even if rates were reduced, say by 10%, you would still receive complaints/entreaties, perhaps even from some of the same people?

By and large our community can afford a 1.5% rate increase in their rates. We encourage you to support the proposed 1.5% increase.

### **South Melbourne Town Hall**

We are aggrieved by the proposal to not re-open **the reception facility at the South Melbourne Town Hall**. When we moved into the area 38 years ago the focus of the then City of South Melbourne was the Town Hall. Attendance at meetings and interaction with Council staff was close at hand. Local government was more dynamic because of that proximity of access. We appreciate The City of Port Philip is unlikely to be dis-aggregated.

The (temporary?) closure of the South Melbourne Town Hall is regrettable for various reasons. Most importantly it denies local residents in our part of the municipality the opportunity of connection with COPP. For those who reside comfortably in the modern technological age physical proximity may be inconsequential. That is not us – and we suspect we are not alone – particularly amongst the majority of longer-term residents.

One of us (█) goes to the bank, I speak to the teller, I do not use an ATM, I go the South Melbourne market in preference to ordering food online, I do not drive, I walk. When the rates are due I go to the South Melbourne Town Hall to pay; if I had a query about a local matter I could go to the counter and ask. In our opinion, not to have that capacity will diminish our interaction with COPP, will diminish our association with our local government area, will diminish our amenity.

We need a local presence. We need places to meet.

### **The Friends of Suai.**

We are very pleased Council has determined to continue funding this program for this year.

We are not involved in the group but we are supportive of its work. As those who attended its recent 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration would know this project is an exemplar, it justifiably has a sound reputation.

It is possible that persons unfamiliar with such programs may form the view that support falls outside Council's core-business. In fact many local government areas have active relationships with cities or areas outside Australia. In our view it is a particularly healthy marker of our community that it is capable of looking beyond its own 'hood' and it is in our collective interests to sustain the relationship with Suai and Covilana. All parties involved have devoted significant time and energy in sustaining the current relationship. Furthermore, as we noted in an earlier submission (April 2021) given the then current catastrophe in Timor Leste any diminution of support would be regrettable. Having created expectations to

withdraw support in the moment of genuine need could undermine the preceding years of good work. Also, we believe that withdrawing funding would have dire consequences for projects already committed to in the expectation of on-going funding.

As stated above some areas in the municipality are plainly affluent. We understand the cost of continuing this program would amount to about \$2 per week per household.

### **Social Housing**

As we have noted in response to previous Plans and policies, we appreciate Council's support for social housing. Why? Because that support allows for greater diversity, a better mix of residents and we desire to live in a community which reflects that value.

For 9 years I (Iain) regularly volunteered at "Open House". Aside from helping provided support for local residents who required practical assistance, I also gained a real sense of being part of a community, a community that cared.

We encourage Council to search for means to ensure the historical support for social housing continues.

### **Environment related issues**

We recognise that Council has made important commitments to address a range of environmental/climate change issues and we applaud that contribution to an area that vexes many people living and working in the municipality. In that respect we are particularly pleased to see the Port Philip Eco Centre's importance being recognized. The Eco Centre is a positive beacon within COPP.

However, it appears a number of programs will not be funded despite rating highly in a consultative program initiated and run by Council. Some of those identified by a collective of environment groups includes:

1. Maintenance of \$50,000 for access to Ripponlea Estate for Port Phillip residents, and possible extension to other National Trust properties
2. Maintenance of the community engagement and in-person events programs including the Enviro Leaders program, community gardening program at the EcoCentre, rooftop solar and Sustainable Business Networks.
3. Allocation of \$50,000 for scoping and budgeting of the Green Line public open space initiative.
4. Long term commitment to equitable access to public open space for all Port Phillip residents, especially those in suburbs east of Brighton Rd, initiated through the Public Space Strategy to be completed this year.
5. Long term commitment to allocation of council resources to tackle the climate emergency, especially community emissions produced by industrial and commercial sectors, and effective measures to assist renters and apartment dwellers to reduce their emissions.

We encourage Councillors to support the above programs/activities. Additionally, we look to Council to continue to educate residents/business owners/recreational users within the municipality on the need to reduce waste, consume less, re-cycle and re-purpose.

### **The Arts**

The decision to withdraw funding for the major arts organisations in the municipality, including the truly iconic Australian Tapestry Workshop, seems at odds with the formal arts policy of Council and the prominence the arts play in much of the formal and ad hoc advertising undertaken by COPP. Councillors in discussion at Council meetings frequently reference the value to businesses of a thriving cultural 'scene'. COPP needs to maintain funding for these organisations.

### **Conclusion**

The reason we continue to reside in the municipality partially lies in the fact Council provides good quality services that we benefit from directly and a range of others which have at their heart "the common good". From our perspective, we believe a lot of our local friends and points of contact share a desire and willingness to share.

In that spirit we urge Councillors to vote for the 1.5% rate increase. The cost of the savings from some of the programs in danger can easily be drawn from a number of sources. For example, a reduction in the use of external consultants and a different use of funds previously allocated to the St Kilda Festival – a point raised in prior responses to the Live music and other Plans leading to grants to a spread of local musicians/artists.

We thank you for your time.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Stewart and Mary Anne Noone

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**Subject:** Council Plan 2021-31 WAGES

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### Council Plan 2021 – 2031

#### Wages

Financial overview page 1-144

#### Notes to attached modified Council 'Full Time Equivalents (Staff)' graphic:

1(a). Numbers of employees in 20/21 **falls** 7% (increases 2# in Office of Chief Executive), but cost/employee **rises** 3.7% resulting in a fall of just 3.5% in overall wages **for that year only**.

(b) Council wages bill next year **greater** than pre-covid last year.

2. Office of Chief Executive employees **do not reduce** but wages in that department grow over one million \$ (13%) in 20/21, and then more than **doubles** the RBA expected inflation rate **from that elevated level** after that.

3. The visual drop in employee numbers in the future as presented in Financial Overview page 1.144 graphic is misleading on several levels.

4. The real wages picture in Financial overview **does not present** "a permanent reduction in labour costs" Message From The CEO page 8.

In fact, it is the opposite, with a wages bill rising over \$20 million hitting \$100 million in just three years.

# Full-time equivalents (staff) shows an increase of 17 not 25, in 21/22. Addition error in Chief Executive Office.

## Specific number forecasts out beyond five years are meaningless and are therefore disregarded here.

This requires your attention. Labour costs appear out of control.

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**Subject:** Draft Budget Plan

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I am writing as a long term resident and ratepayer of Balaclava, and wish to express some concerns about the following in the current Draft Budget Plan:

The lack of continued underinvestment in developing green spaces in Balaclava is not only troubling but shameful. Balaclava has about 5% of green space in this precinct/neighbourhood/suburb/ compared to between 15-25% in others areas in the municipality. This is your opportunity to argue for an increase in funding for Balaclava so that we can share in the obvious benefits of green space. Perhaps a mathematical approach could reveal the actual investment in dollar terms to residents so that per capita comparisons could be made across the municipality. I urge you to reconsider this funding so that Balaclava is not consigned to years and years of disadvantage.

Maintaining a commitment to reducing climate emissions across the area by continuing, active involvement in a policy which promotes education about the real and many effects of a warming and changing climate. The Climate Action Emergency Plan which was adopted by Council needs to become imbedded in all council policies so that the focus changes from a "business as usual " approach. There are significant opportunities to promote solar for rental properties and apartment dwellers. Additionally community engagement programs run by say the EcoCentre with council support can promote home gardens for food and biodiversity of insects, can interest people in the real effects for them and their families of a hotter and less predictable climate. There seems to be a growing enthusiasm from people who want to develop climate adaptive measures for themselves and their property but who may not have the necessary knowledge and skills to do this.

Reinstate the Carlisle Street Precinct Plan which is many years old and has not been upgraded to reflect some much needed changes in the development of Balaclava, For those of you who walk along Carlisle St, you would notice the substantial vacant properties, partially attributed to the Covid crisis of last year. But the traders face exorbitantly high rentals and I would be most concerned if Carlisle followed in the footsteps of Acland and Fitzroy streets. If we residents learned one thing last year during a pandemic, it was to "shop local" and for council to support strip shopping centres would be a much needed boost for the area. All banks have deserted the strip after many years of successful and vibrant trading. A revised precinct plan might give traders, residents, the community a sense that we are an important part of this city.

Finally, access to the Ripponlea Gardens has been life changing especially with the lack of real open, green space in Balaclava- that is East of Brighton Rd to Hotham Street, and from Glen Eira Road to Carlisle St. Please do reconsider funding this initiative so that more residents can participate in accessing this beautiful space and have an outlet for the stressors which are present as all of us struggle with living in a "covid environment".

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**CBR-098**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 22 May 2021 4:50 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Draft Budget Plan and the Eco Centre

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Dear Councillors,

Thank you for your continuing support for the Eco Centre. It is a key community organization with growing importance to residents because of their education programs, compost service, volunteers with considerable knowledge and skills and much more. It is a welcoming place to attend and to meet like-minded people with concerns about how we can adapt to deal with the challenges of a rapidly changing climate, and to learn better ways of looking after our eco systems, so that insects and animals will survive.

It was heartening to learn that the Victorian Government has entered a joint funding agreement with CoPP for the development of a new Eco Centre and for scientists, community leaders and volunteers to come together to develop plans and foster knowledge about adaptive measures for our climate.

It would seem to be an opportune time for the draft budget to include sufficient staffing positions for a long term commitment to work on all the challenges that a Climate Emergency Declaration presents, as well as the substantial work needed on the Greening of Port Phillip, and storm water harvesting.

Thanking you,

Chris

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Balaclava

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**Subject:** Re: Changes to City of Port Phillip residential parking permit areas

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Dear Transport

But this new proposed approach disadvantages many residents [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] From what i can see it simply BROADENS the number of "of out my area" people who can park in front of my home where I need to park. The new parking areas that will mean most people will be able to park closer to their homes LESS often.

Who decided on this illogical approach from the residents feedback as a great solution ? What we have already is actually BETTER!

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**Subject:** New parking permit scheme

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We recently found out that Port Phillip is introducing a new parking scheme that moves from street-specific parking permits to much larger zone permits. We don't recall any public consultation on the matter.

We are concerned that our small cul de sac [REDACTED] which is at the Chapel St end of the new zone, will become targeted by residents living further out in the zone. Our street is already targetted during the day by parents dropping off kids or attending meetings at St Michael's school and by Astor cinema customers at night.

With the new zone permits, we are worried that residents further out in the zone will drive to and park on Cintra Avenue, Charlotte St and Redan St so they can get more quickly to Chapel St trams and shops, Windsor station and Astor cinema. This is currently illegal, except in the one-hour parking spaces.

We are happy for the new scheme to be trialled for, say 6 months, to see how it goes. If it does make parking in our own street more difficult, we would want council to modify the scheme.

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