



## COUNCIL PLAN AND BUDGET 2020/21: HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS

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### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To receive and hear public submissions on the updated Council Plan 2017-27, including the draft Budget 2020/21.

### 2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 The updated Council Plan 2017-27 including the draft Budget 2020/21 was released on 17 June 2020 for public consultation and a 28-day review period followed from 19 June to 17 July 2020.
- 2.2 Council received 297 submissions. Each person who made a submission received acknowledgment and was invited to speak to their submission at this meeting.
- 2.3 The key themes coming out of the submissions relate to:
  - 2.3.1 Support of the EcoCentre redevelopment
  - 2.3.2 Support for the South Port Community Centre and its programs
  - 2.3.3 Concerns with the proposed 2 per cent rate increase, concerns with the proposed service level reductions or requesting further expenditure cuts.
  - 2.3.4 Support for the Economic and Social Recovery program, with requests for additional support.
- 2.4 There are also several submissions from community groups and individuals with funding requests.
- 2.5 A summary of each submission is presented in Attachment 1. Full submissions, with redactions to hide personal information, are presented in Attachment 2.
- 2.6 Council will at this meeting formally receive all written submissions and hear any presentations in support of the submissions. Under the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council is required to consider all submissions prior to adopting the updated Council Plan and Budget 2020/21. To support this, Council will receive a report to adopt the Council Plan and Budget 2020/21 at the 19 August 2020 meeting. Included in that report will be proposed responses to each submission for Councillor consideration.
- 2.7 Each individual or group who made a formal submission will receive a written response by the Mayor thanking them for their submission and advising them of Council's decision and the reasons for the decision following the adoption of the Council Plan 2017-27 and Budget 2020/21.



### 3. RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 3.1 Receives the report detailing the submissions received on the Council Plan 2017-27, including the draft Budget 2020/21.
- 3.2 Hears from those who have requested to speak in support of their submission at the meeting on 5 August 2020.
- 3.3 Notes that a further report on the final changes to the proposed Council Plan and Budget will be presented at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 19 August 2020.

### 4. KEY POINTS/ISSUES

- 4.1 The integrated Council Plan 2017-27, which includes the Strategic Resource Plan, the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, a financial strategy, 10-year financial plan and annual budget was adopted on 21 June 2017 and updated on 20 June 2018 and on 19 June 2019. It sets a 10-year direction for the City, with a four-year focus on the specific actions Council will undertake to work towards achieving this direction.
- 4.2 Council released the updated Council Plan 2017-27, including the draft Budget 2020/21 and called for public submissions at an Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 17 June 2020.
- 4.3 Release of the draft document was communicated through information on Council's website and Have Your Say website, via Council's social media channels and newsletters, a public notice in The Age and by making documents available at municipal libraries that were open.
- 4.4 The submission period closed at 5pm on Friday, 17 July 2020.

#### **Submissions to the updated Council Plan, including the draft budget 2020/21**

- 4.5 Council received 297 submissions. This includes funding requests by community members considered by Council in developing the draft Budget 2020/21 for public consultation.
- 4.6 The main themes to come out of the submissions were:
  - 4.6.1 Sustainability (116 submissions): most submitters were either thanking Council for, or requesting, continued support of the EcoCentre redevelopment and its programs. There was one submitter who did not support development of the EcoCentre at the St Kilda botanical gardens. Other submissions referred to the Climate Emergency, increase street tree canopy cover, support for Elsternwick Park North initiative.
  - 4.6.2 Community Programs and Initiatives (100 submissions): most submitters were thanking Council for, or requesting, continued support of the South Port



Community Centre. A small number of submitters also thanked Council for its continued support of the Port Phillip Community Group.

- 4.6.3 Finance and project management (31 submissions): most submitters were either not supportive of a rate increase and/or looking to Council to make further expenditure cuts. Some submitters raised concerns with the proposed service level reductions. There were a few submissions that were supportive of Council approach.
- 4.6.4 Economic development and tourism (26 submissions): All submissions related to the \$4.2 million Economic and Social Recovery, with most submitters supportive of Council's approach and seeking additional Council support.
- 4.6.5 Transport and parking management (18 submissions): Ten submitters sought increased budget for the bike network and infrastructure. Two submitters requested changes to parking times/ permit arrangements.
- 4.6.6 Public spaces (17 submissions): Topics were varied with some submissions on increased parks/trees and support for St Kilda Triangle.
- 4.6.7 Affordable Housing and Homelessness (12 submissions): Submitters were generally supportive of Council's approach and involvement. One submitter was seeking an increase to the existing Social Housing Fund to provide for the added initiatives aimed at homelessness.

#### **Submissions on proposed service level reductions**

- 4.7 Council received a small number of submissions on the proposed service level reductions:
  - 4.7.1 Maintain annual Community Grants program at \$280,000 and suspend 'quick response' Neighbourhood Grants program for one year: One submitter raised concerns with the temporary suspension of the Neighbourhood Grants program.
  - 4.7.2 Defer Youth Leadership and Engagement program for six months: Three submitters raised concerns with the proposal.
  - 4.7.3 Suspend Early Education Partnership for one year: Two submitters raised concerns with the proposal.
  - 4.7.4 Suspend Youth Service Development for One year: One submitter raised concerns with the proposal.
  - 4.7.5 Reduce operational subsidy to kindergartens from \$4,000 to \$2,000 per centre: One submitter sought support for kindergartens and one submitter raised concerns with the proposal.
  - 4.7.6 Reduce project funding for Friends of Suai/Covalima: Two submissions thanked Council for its support and one submission sought continued support.
  - 4.7.7 Cessation of pre-school dental check program funding agreement with Star Health: Three submitters raised concerns with the proposal.
  - 4.7.8 Discontinue Divercity as a print publication and move to an online version: One submitter questioned why this was being cut.



- 4.7.9 Reduce ASSIST Front Counter hours at Port Melbourne Town Hall: Four submitters were concerned with, including one submitter not supporting, the proposal. One submitter supports the review on the impact of reduced counter hours taking place before 1 July 2021, and as an external stakeholder, expects to be involved in this open and transparent review.
- 4.7.10 Reduce the Customer Satisfaction Survey to minimum legal requirements: One submitter noted that Council could continue to collect data and cost savings in real time by using platforms such as Survey Monkey.
- 4.7.11 One submitter didn't support any of the proposed service level reductions.

**Submissions on the proposed Economic and Social Recovery Program**

- 4.8 Council received 26 submissions on the proposed Economic and Social Recovery program. There is general support for the program. Several submitters requested an expansion or extension to the initiatives:
  - 4.8.1 Establishment of a Business Advisory Group to enact programs that will enhance and promote business within the whole municipality.
  - 4.8.2 Rates relief.
  - 4.8.3 Extended rent relief.
  - 4.8.4 Establishment of a vacancy "levy".
  - 4.8.5 Reinstate Council funding for Renew Australia with matched funding from the Fitzroy St Business Association.
  - 4.8.6 Establishing grants for businesses to set up in the area.
  - 4.8.7 Waiving footpath permit fees.
  - 4.8.8 Replacing Council's current skip permit fee structure with an annual fee.
  - 4.8.9 Removal of parking fees or increased free parking.
  - 4.8.10 Continuation of the prioritisation of the St Kilda Precinct Strategic Plan.
  - 4.8.11 Create a 12-month job creation program.
  - 4.8.12 Co-investment of pop-up activities.

**Funding requests**

- 4.9 Council also received several submissions from community groups and individuals with funding requests.
  - 4.9.1 The St Kilda Primary School principal and the reverend from Holy Trinity Balaclava and Elwood church approached Council with the idea to convert a section of Dickens Street, St Kilda into a community play space.
  - 4.9.2 The Middle Park Bowls Club requested Council contribution of \$2.5 million in 2020/2021 for the development of the site. However, Council has since submitted on behalf of the club an application to the Victoria Government Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program for funding.



- 4.9.3 The Albert Park Bowls Club requested Council support of \$150,000 in planning, permitting and approvals for Phase 1 of the redevelopment: creation of female-only change rooms and remediation of current toilet facilities.
- 4.9.4 Power House Rugby Union Club requested a Council contribution to construct a new sports pavilion. However, Council submitted on behalf of the club an application to the Victoria Government Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program for funding
- 4.9.5 Elwood College requested \$500,000 contribution from Port Phillip for outdoor courts extension, roof and lighting project at the Phoenix Centre (Elwood College Community Sport and Arts Centre).
- 4.9.6 JAAG requested Council to proceed with the St Kilda Junction Upgrade initiative by working with Department of Transport on a masterplan, DDA compliance of St Kilda Junction tram stop 131 and installing pedestrian crossings.
- 4.9.7 JAAG also requested funding within the relevant budget for increased security and safety flood lighting along Charnwood Road park.
- 4.9.8 The Chair WW2 Commemorative Committee and 8 other submitters have asked for \$22,000 Council funding for completion of the remembrance garden in the Railway Reserve, Port Melbourne.
- 4.9.9 Bring Back Brookes Jetty requested Council support for a replacement structure for the Brookes Jetty.
- 4.9.10 BCNA is requesting renewal of road surface between on Beach Street between Bay Street and Waterfront Place.
- 4.9.11 An individual has requested grants for businesses to set up in the local area, employing more people, setting up new tech hubs.
- 4.9.12 An individual has requested keeping the NEFF Kitchen Cooking School open.
- 4.9.13 Port Phillip Community Group has requested a 12.5% increase in Council funding.
- 4.9.14 Libertarian Productions is requesting parking permits for Williams St, Balaclava.
- 4.9.15 U3APP requests an Audio / Video upgrade of the Mary Kehoe Centre. They also recommend a new class of parking permit to respond to challenging parking situations due to short time limits.
- 4.9.16 SKWAT is seeking Council to undertake a serious assessment of a recycled water project for Catani Gardens in the 2020/21 budget at an estimated cost of \$25,000.
- 4.9.17 unChain requests funding in Budget 2020/21 towards a business case for St Kilda Triangle.
- 4.9.18 CAPP is requesting an increase in the Social Housing Fund to provide for the added initiatives aimed at homelessness.
- 4.9.19 An individual has requested to have lighting installed in Hester Reserve, Port Melbourne, as a matter of security.



4.9.20 Four submitters have requested that Council not charge them for services for the waste collection services they do not use.

4.10 A summary of each submission is presented in Attachment 1. Full submissions, with redactions to hide personal information, are presented in Attachment 2. Personal information has been redacted to ensure Council complies with its legislative obligations under the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014*.

## 5. CONSULTATION AND STAKEHOLDERS

- 5.1 On 17 June 2020, Council endorsed the release of the updated Council Plan 2017-27, including the draft Budget 2020/21, for public consultation.
- 5.2 Release of the draft document was communicated through information on Council's website and Have Your Say website, via Council's social media channels and newsletters, a public notice in The Age and by making documents available at municipal libraries that were open.
- 5.3 To support public consultation, seven neighbourhood-based online focus groups sessions consisting of up to 8-10 participants were established to gather feedback on the draft budget, and test options and alternatives. The aim was to have a representative sample of the community at each workshop.
- 5.4 The findings from the online focus groups will be incorporated into the 19 August 2020 Council report to adopt the Council Plan and Budget 2020/21.
- 5.5 The CEO also instigated tailored conversations on the draft Budget with business and community organisations such as BEST, Port Phillip Bike Users Group (BUG), The Community Alliance of Port Phillip (CAPP), Port Phillip Emergency Climate Network (PECAN), Port Melbourne Business Association, Port Phillip Community Group (PPCG), Ratepayers of Port Phillip (cancelled), St Kilda traders, and St Kilda Water and Trees (SKWAT).

## 6. LEGAL AND RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The *Local Government Act 1989* requires that Council calls for submissions from the public during a 28-day statutory review period, prior to adopting the Council Plan and Budget.
- 6.2 Pursuant to section 223 of the Act, Council has a legislative obligation to receive and hear public submissions following the 28-day statutory review period.
- 6.3 The Council is on track to adopt the Budget before 31 August 2020, which was the due date gazetted on 9 April 2020 by the Minister for Local Government.

## 7. FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 7.1 Officers will provide further advice to Council regarding the relevant financial implications of the matters raised by the submissions to assist Council's consideration prior to adopting the Council Plan and Budget.



**8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

8.1 Officers will provide further advice to Councillors regarding the relevant environmental implications of the matters raised by the submissions to assist Council's consideration prior to adopting the Council Plan and Budget.

**9. COMMUNITY IMPACT**

9.1 Officers will provide further advice to Councillors regarding the relevant community impacts of the matters raised by the submissions to assist Council's consideration prior to adopting the Council Plan and Budget.

**10. ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICY**

10.1 The Council Plan 2017-27 sets out Council's vision and strategy for the full term of this Council and beyond. The draft Budget 2020/21 details the resources required over the next year to implement the third year of the strategy and deliver the significant range of services Council provides to its community.

**11. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY**

**11.1 TIMELINE**

11.1.1 Council will formally consider the submissions, officer recommendations and responses and any proposed financial changes before adopting the updated Council Plan at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 19 August 2020.

**11.2 COMMUNICATION**

11.2.1 Each individual or group who made a formal submission will receive a written response by the Mayor thanking them for their submission and advising them of Council's decision and the reasons for the decision following the adoption of the Council Plan 2017-27 and Budget 2020/21. It is anticipated that these responses will be distributed in the first week in September 2020.

**12. OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST**

12.1 An officer involved in the preparation of this report has an indirect interest by close association. The close association is employed by the Australian Government who is a funder of Council's aged care services, which are included as part of this Council budget. The officer involved in the preparation of this report has no direct line management responsibility for aged care. The indirect association, while responsible for the Southern Metropolitan region, has had responsibility for matters associated with the City of Port Phillip assigned to another officer in the Australian Government.

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**ATTACHMENTS**  
1. Summary of submissions  
2. Full submissions (redacted)

<b>Services covered</b>	<b># submissions</b>	<b>Submission #</b>
Affordable Housing and Homelessness	12	011, 036, 065, 068, 081, 103, 252, 258, 274, 288, 290, 296
Ageing and accessibility	3	011, 036, 063
Amenity	6	006, 014, 017, 020, 025, 264
Arts, Culture and Heritage	11	007, 036, 094, 096, 102, 104, 111, 183, 209, 271, 288
Asset and Property Management	5	014, 023, 185, 264, 296
Children	4	065, 081, 158, 189
City Planning and Urban Design	1	270
Communications and Engagement	4	013, 159, 178, 264
		010, 011, 019, 036, 038, 080, 082, 083, 087, 091, 097-101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 110, 112, 113, 116-119, 122, 123, 131, 133, 143, 147-151, 160-163, 178, 179, 181, 185-204, 210-213, 215-219, 223, 225, 230, 233, 238, 241-245, 247, 255, 261-263, 267-269, 273, 274, 276-
Community Programs and Facilities	100	280, 285, 291
Customer Experience	6	043, 189, 207, 223, 264, 274
		015, 016, 021-023, 026-028, 106, 121, 185, 189, 205, 206, 221, 248, 252, 259, 260, 264, 265, 274, 282, 289, 292, 296
Economic Development and Tourism	26	065, 081, 189, 223, 288
Families and Young People	5	103, 159, 296
Festivals	3	018, 023, 028, 029, 031-033, 035, 065, 068, 072, 081, 085, 103, 108, 114, 139, 152, 158, 159, 189, 221, 234, 257, 264, 272, 274, 275, 288, 295, 296
Finance and project Management	31	014, 125, 189, 264, 272, 296
Governance Risk and Policy	6	065, 081, 189, 288
Libraries	4	264
People, Culture and Capability	1	001, 006, 008, 009, 011-013, 023, 036, 065, 068, 081, 146, 246, 252, 297
Public Spaces	17	002-005
Recreation	4	062
South Melbourne Market	1	011, 024, 036, 037, 039-042, 045-061, 065-067, 069-071, 073-079, 081, 084, 086, 088, 089, 092, 093, 095, 103, 115, 124, 126, 127, 129, 130, 132, 134-136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 145, 155-158, 164-178, 180, 214, 220, 222, 224, 226-229, 231, 232, 235-237, 239, 240, 249, 250, 251, 253, 254, 256, 258, 264, 266, 283, 284, 286-288, 294, 294, 296
Sustainability	116	006, 014, 034, 036, 064, 065, 068, 081, 137, 141, 153, 185, 272, 275, 281, 283, 296
Transport and Parking Management	18	030, 065, 081, 120, 128, 182, 296
Waste Management	7	



Organisation	Submission No.
1st Elwood Scout Group	CBR-270
Acland St Village Business Association	CBR-015, CBR-205
Albert Park Bowls Club	CBR-003
Albert Park Lawn Tennis Club	CBR-209
Albert Park Primary School	CBR-157
Australian Landcare International	CBR-056
Australian Landcare International; CoPP Biolinks Group; Westgate	CBR-061
Biodiversity: Bili Nursery & Landcare	
BCNA	CBR-014
BEST	CBR-283
Bingo Industries	CBR-027
Bodhi and Ride	CBR-028
Bring Back Brookes Jetty	CBR-012
CAPP	CBR-288
CAPP, PECAN, Extinction Rebellion.	CBR-166
City of voices	CBR-163
Clarendon Children's Centre	CBR-075
COV	CBR-230
Elwood College	CBR-005
Fitzroy St Business Association	CBR-282
Fitzroy St Traders Association	CBR-015, CBR-022, CBR-206, CBR-260
Foresight Education & Design	CBR-155
Gasworks Arts Inc	CBR-271
Greensong/EcoCentre	CBR-170
Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre Inc	CBR-142
Humiform	CBR-268
JAAG	CBR-006
Karen Hopkins Art	CBR-044
Kids In Nature Network and Port Phillip EcoCentre	CBR-129
Libertarian Productions Pty Ltd	CBR-153
LIVE - Locals Into Victoria's Environment	CBR-164
Mammal Survey Group of Victoria	CBR-076
Marine Education Science and Community inc (MESAC)	CBR-042
Meydan Group	CBR-248
Middle Park Bowls Club	CBR-002
NPCC	CBR-186
OPCC	CBR-011
Over 2U Environmental Education	CBR-079
PECAN	CBR-284
Poets Grove Children's Centre	CBR-172
Port Melbourne Business Association	CBR-015
Port Melbourne Historical & Preservation Society	CBR-207
Port Phillip EcoCentre	CBR-040
Port Phillip Bicycle Users Group	CBR-064
Port Phillip Community Group	CBR-147, CBR-149, CBR-150, CBR-274
Port Phillip EcoCentre	CBR-222, CBR-286, CBR-287
Port Phillip Multicultural Advisory Committee	CBR-189
Port Phillip Multifaith Network	CBR-221
Port Phillip Progressive	CBR-296
Power House Rugby Union Club	CBR-004
Probus Port Melbourne	CBR-096
Ratepayers of Port Phillip	CBR-032
Reptile Encounters	CBR-176
SKWAT	CBR-266
South Pacific Community Centre	CBR-273

Organisation	Submission No.
South Port Community Housing Group	CBR-290
SouthPort Community Centre	CBR-010, CBR-038, CBR-131, CBR-133, CBR-151, CBR-187 CBR-238
St Kilda Beach Traders - Luna Park, Beachcomber, Stokehouse, Sea Baths, Donovans	CBR-021
St Kilda Legal Service	CBR-019
St Kilda Medical Group	CBR-224
St Kilda Primary School principal and the reverend from Holy Trinity Balaclava and Elwood church	CBR-001
Star Health	CBR-223
Stop Adani Macnamara	CBR-254
Submitted on behalf of the Elsterwick Park Association	CBR-220
The left handed chef	CBR-026
The Prince Hotel	CBR-259
U3APP	CBR-185
unChain	CBR-246, CBR-264
View Hotel	CBR-121
Voices of the South Side	CBR-210
Volunteer at the EcoCentre	CBR-046
Waterfront Welomers	CBR-193-CBR-200
Werribee River Association	CBR-168
West St Kilda Residents Association	CBR-020
World War One Centenary Community Commemorative Committee	CBR-111
WW2 Commemorative Committee	CBR-007

Attachment 1: Summary of submissions

Submission No.	Submitter name	Suburb	Topics raised	Summary of submission
CBR-001	St Kilda Primary School principal and the reverend from Holy Trinity Balaclava and Elwood church	Not Provided	Public Spaces	Requests converting a section of Dickens Street, St Kilda into a community play space. This would potentially enable the school to utilise this space during school times to expand their playground, while providing an additional open space asset for the community. This pilot would test the feasibility to close a section of Dickens Street to create a permanent new pocket park.
CBR-002	Middle Park Bowls Club	Not Provided	Recreation	Requests Council contribution of \$2.5m in 2020/2021 for the development as a whole, offset by components that may attract separate funding such as Female friendly facilities, Environmental Sustainability Design etc.
CBR-003	Albert Park Bowls Club	Not Provided	Recreation	Requests Council support in planning, permitting and approvals for Phase 1 of the project: creation of female-only change rooms and remediation of current toilet facilities (\$150,000 in 2020/21)
CBR-004	Power House Rugby Union Club	Not Provided	Recreation	Requests financial support from Council to construct a new sports pavilion at Albert Park plans to women's team having their own change facilities. Also requests whether Port Phillip will require payment from the Club for the planning permit application?
CBR-005	Elwood College	Not Provided	Recreation	Elwood College is seeking a \$500,000 contribution from Port Phillip (with the aim of applying for matching funding from Sport and Recreation Victoria) for outdoor courts extension, roof and lighting project at the Phoenix Centre (Elwood College Community Sport and Arts Centre)
CBR-006	JAAG	Not Provided	Transport and Parking Management	Dandenong Rd/Wellington St upgrade - would like this to proceed
CBR-006	JAAG	Not Provided	Public Spaces	Requests levelling/repair of the Lilydale topping walking paths in Alma Park West (see line marking below) as the surface has been badly broken up by trucks driving over it, weight it clearly was not designed to handle
CBR-006	JAAG	Not Provided	Transport and Parking Management	<p>Work on a Masterplan for St Kilda Junction with Department of Transport and all relevant State Government Agencies who have a stake holding in St Kilda Junction.</p> <p>Work with Department of Transport on DDA compliance of St Kilda Junction tram stop 131 (at Fitzroy St/St Kilda Rd intersection) and either removal of St Kilda Junction pedestrian underpass tram stop 30 and closure of tunnels to pedestrians or bring tram stop 30 up to DDA compliance.</p> <p>Work with Department of Transport to install a pedestrian crossing at grade from east to west on the north side of St Kilda Junction mirroring that of the south side pedestrian crossing from Wellington Street to Fitzroy Street.</p>
CBR-006	JAAG	Not Provided	Transport and Parking Management	<p>Requests a review and update as a result of the changing landscape in this narrow one-way street due to the number of developments that have occurred and increase in the number of cars, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o illegal use by motorists through the private 69 Wellington St.</li> <li>o parking is not controlled frequently enough and is no at its limit.</li> <li>o the speed limit is not adhered to and requests road calming measures.</li> </ul>
CBR-006	JAAG	Not Provided	Amenity	Requests security lighting and safety flood lighting along the Charnwood Rd park to make this section safer at night.

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CBR-006	JAAG	Not Provided	Public Spaces	Requests funding from Council to upgrade the triangle reserve on the corner of Chapel & Wellington Street, St Kilda adjacent to the Astor Theatre. This request is supported by the owner of the Astor (Ralamar Nominees P/L) and has the in-principle support of Palace Cinemas and St. Michael's School.
CBR-007	WW2 Commemorative Committee	Albert Park	Arts, Culture and Heritage	Seeks Council funding for the completion of the remembrance garden in the railway reserve along Station Street, Port Melbourne. \$22,000 is sought for design, production and installation of five interpretive panels / plaques on social history, military and cultural heritage themes.
CBR-008	Individual	Not Provided	Public Spaces	Requests that Buckingham Reserve is given highest priority. If rationalisation of project is required that priority is toward basketball hoop, play equipment and irrigation system.
CBR-009	Individual	Not Provided	Public Spaces	Requests that Buckingham Reserve is given highest priority. If rationalisation of project is required that priority is toward basketball hoop, play equipment and irrigation system.
CBR-010	SouthPort Community Centre	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Seeks continued support from CoPP for the SouthPort Community Centre.
CBR-011	OPCC	Not Provided	Public Spaces	Seeks improved street safety and amenities- streetlights, footpaths, outdoor seating
CBR-011	OPCC	Not Provided	Affordable Housing & Homelessness	Requests housing and homelessness initiatives, particularly the impact on older women.
CBR-011	OPCC	Not Provided	Ageing and Accessibility	Asks if Council will continue to provide Aged Care services and subsidies to the same level as previous years or higher.
CBR-011	OPCC	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Requests provision of health and wellbeing opportunities for older people- eg funding exercise programs, funding social inclusion projects such as the unique Linking Neighbours program, Seniors festival, library services.
CBR-011	OPCC	Not Provided	Sustainability	Seeks Council continuing to mitigate the impact of Climate Change on older people
CBR-011	OPCC	Not Provided	Ageing and Accessibility	Provide accessible information for Older People on services and amenities
CBR-012	BBBJ	Not Provided	Public Spaces	Requests Council support for a replacement structure for the Brookes Jetty
CBR-013	Individual	Not Provided	Public Spaces	Supports free entry to Ripponlea Gardens
CBR-013	Individual	Not Provided	Communications and Engagement	Asks why Diversity funding is being cut
CBR-014	BCNA	Port Melbourne	Transport and Parking Management	Recommends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a traffic survey with the Victorian Ports Corporation (Melbourne) to better understand traffic flows with a view to identifying steps to improve flow and functioning of the entire area.</li> <li>• Council actively review alternative routes to take cyclists away from Stop 129, Beacon Cove, on the 109 service.</li> </ul>
CBR-014	BCNA	Port Melbourne	Governance, Policy and Risk	• continuing co-operative action by the City of Port Phillip with VicPorts and the Victorian Government, as the entire area requires review and planning to improve functioning.
CBR-014	BCNA	Port Melbourne	Asset and Property Management	• renewal of this road surface between Bay Street and Waterfront Place as this is uneven and appears to be worsening.
CBR-014	BCNA	Not Provided	Amenity	• commends Council for devoting increased resources to the problem and recommends that Council continue to devote increased resources to graffiti removal and prevention.

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CBR-015	Acland St Village Business Association	St Kilda	Economic Development and Tourism	Requests the establishment of a Business Advisory Group including representatives from the traders of the wider municipality and Council to enact programs that will enhance and promote business within the whole municipality. Destination marketing and business support and development is vital to their ongoing success. A Business Advisory Group would follow on and enhance any Place Making efforts to date but provide a more cohesive and municipality wide outlook.
CBR-015	Port Melbourne Business Association	Port Melbourne	Economic Development and Tourism	See above
CBR-015	Fitzroy St Traders Association	St Kilda	Economic Development and Tourism	See above
CBR-016	Individual	Not Provided	Economic Development and Tourism	Noted a budget line item for \$150,000 in the Economic and Social Recovery program for mechanisms that support and promote businesses within the City of Port Phillip and encourage visitation particularly Sept-Dec 2020. Has provided a concept for Council consideration for a Christmas event activation designed at both promoting local business and also encouraging visitors during this time.
CBR-017	Individual	Not Provided	Amenity	Would like Council or its agents to stop using leaf blowers. Their use is detrimental to the environment in many ways. They use fossil fuels. They create serious noise pollution. Their operators wear masks, but people in the street are not protected from the dust they send into the air. They are clearly not good for the health of their operators. If the same people were using rakes they would improve their fitness.
CBR-018	Individual	Not Provided	Finance and Project Management	Suggested the following for addressing the \$32 million financial gap due to COVID-19 pandemic: 1. Lay off half the staff, put them on the Job Keeper scheme. 2. Reduce services to the basic minimum, that his keep the streets clean and the parks in order. 3. Divest yourselves of Council owned property NOT essential to basic services. 4. Refuse to pay the landfill levy or any other government levy until good times return. 5. Terminate all contracts/ associations with external consultants and demand more from your in house specialists and department heads 6. Gradually move out of the welfare sector, this is not for local councils, leave it to the State and Commonwealth governments and the charities. 7. Cut the councillors expenses by 50%. 8. Requests a progress report in 6 months with evidence of significant achievement in savings. 9. Requests Council to consider rate reductions in these difficult times. When are the next property valuations to be undertaken and what rate increase might we expect. Keep in mind these valuations should accurately reflect the current real estate values. 10. Please sack, or if this is not possible, re deploy the 4 hi vis employees walking about our streets spraying telegraph posts and rubbing them with rags. 11. Is opposed to councillors transferring sole decision making power to the mayor. Hopefully this is no longer contemplated.
CBR-018	Individual	Not Provided	Finance and Project Management	0

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CBR-019	St Kilda Legal Service	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is concerned to learn of the proposal to discontinue funding for Southport Community Legal Service (Southport) and the impact potential closure may have on the service's current clients and their catchment community.</li> <li>• Confirms that without additional funding, St Kilda Legal Service (SKLS) would not have the capacity to expand their current catchment from as early as July 2020 to provide legal services to residents in Southport's current catchment of Port Melbourne, South Melbourne, Middle Park, Albert Park, Southbank and Fisherman's Bend. Believes</li> <li>• Believes this is an important opportunity for council to consider how it allocates funding towards community legal service delivery. We believe City of Port Phillip funding and support for community legal service delivery should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• benefit all residents of the City of Port Phillip and not just residents within the Southport catchment suburbs of Port Melbourne, South Melbourne, Middle Park, Albert Park, Southbank and Fisherman's Bend</li> <li>• be allocated through an equitable and transparent process that ensures council funding for legal services delivers maximum value for the community as a whole and targets those with high legal need.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Notes the City of Port Phillip does not currently provide SKLS with funding for legal service delivery or other resourcing support. .</li> </ul>
CBR-020	West St Kilda Residents Association	Not Provided	Amenity	<p>Been made aware of resident concerns about toilets in the Fitzroy Street/ West St Kilda area. In particular:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) proposed new toilet in Fitzroy Street;</li> <li>2) the look and condition of the toilet block at the end of Cowderoy Street in the nature strip on Beaconsfield Parade; and</li> <li>3) the 'public' toilet which was part of the Metropool development.</li> </ol>
CBR-021	St Kilda Beach Traders - Luna Park, Beachcomber, Stokehouse, Sea Baths, Donovans	Not Provided	Economic Development and Tourism	<p>Writes in petition of the urgent removal of all rates and lease costs for the St Kilda Beach Traders for 2020 with review for 2021.</p> <p>Requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All foreshore businesses Council Rates be waived from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020; and reviewed on 1 December 2020 to determine if a waiver for 2021 should be extended.</li> </ul>
CBR-021	St Kilda Beach Traders - Luna Park, Beachcomber, Stokehouse, Sea Baths, Donovans	Not Provided	Economic Development and Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All foreshore businesses Council lease rentals be waived from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020; and reviewed on 1 December 2020 to determine if a waiver for 2021 should be extended. This is in line with the Victorian rent relief for similar business on crown leases managed by DELWP</li> </ul>
CBR-022	Fitzroy St Traders Association	St Kilda	Economic Development and Tourism	<p>Wishes for the City of Port Phillip to retain funding for Renew Australia. The FSBA would be willing to contribute the outstanding \$75,000 to bring Renew to fruition. Strongly believes that Renew is the most promising initiative to come from Placemaking and shall offer a long lasting benefit for the area.</p>
CBR-023	Individual	Not Provided	Finance and Project Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disclosure - requests a summary breakdown of services and spending for A) wards and B) regions within the wards so it is transparent to residents of the budgeted services allocated geographically.</li> </ul>

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CBR-023	Individual	Not Provided	Public Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St Kilda Triangle - does not support Council continuing to invest in this project like this that are heavily tourism focused unless its fully funded by State/Commonwealth funded, as it can become too reliant on tourist dollars and post card image.</li> </ul>
CBR-023	Individual	Not Provided	Asset and Property Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seeks higher levels of services, expenditure and budget allocation (LAKE WARD) - Albert Park, Middle Park, for footpaths, landscaping, trees and Port Phillip bay boulevard, and also St Kilda Triangle (Luna Park, Acland St).</li> <li>• Comments on lower levels of expenditure and services (CANAL WARD) - Balaclava and East St Kilda. Asks when Council will reallocate much deserved services and expenditure to Balaclava and East St Kilda areas within the CANAL WARD, particularly like streets such as Argyle Street, Inkerman and Alma.</li> <li>• Concerned with the poor state of condition of landscaping and footpaths around CANAL ward and asks what Council is doing about this.</li> </ul>
CBR-023	Individual	Not Provided	Public Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asks whether Council is open to making a submission for State Government through the Pocket Park initiative funding for Jim Duggan Reserve and Alma Park - Perimeter fence.</li> </ul>
CBR-023	Individual	Not Provided	Economic Development and Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments that Council's support for business enablement, innovation, attracting industry and commercial businesses, and providing ongoing support to businesses beyond just hospitality/tourism/creative, is relatively poor compared to other councils across Melbourne (City of Melbourne, City of Stonnington, City of Yarra, Bayside etc). It relies too heavily on the tourism/hospitality dollar, there is an opportunity to attract and create a thriving business services hub.</li> <li>• Economic Stimulus and survival business initiative - seems to be heavily focused on arts, hospitality and retail sector, and has very little effort or support for other services businesses which are significant employers and contributors to the local economy. Grants for businesses to set up in the local area, employing more people, setting up new tech hubs or HQ could be great focus and opportunity particularly around South Melbourne and Fishermans Bend precincts.</li> <li>• Small Business Victoria - Small business Victoria has been offering excellent support for industry and business, in collaboration with many Councils (City of Melbourne, and few others) across Metro Melbourne. Would like the City of Port Phillip to collaborate more with Small Business Victoria.</li> </ul>
CBR-024	Individual	Keysborough	Sustainability	Thanks Council for supporting the Port Phillip EcoCentre.
CBR-025	Individual	Balaclava	Amenity	Requests Council to quickly fix the public toilets in St Kilda from a public health perspective.
CBR-026	The left handed chef	South Melbourne	Economic Development and Tourism	Requests that businesses should not pay for footpath trade. During summer next year, it will be an opportunity for businesses to recoup some money lost through this whole time.
CBR-027	Bingo Industries	City of Port Phillip	Economic Development and Tourism	Requests Council give bin providers the opportunity to pay for on ANNUAL skip permit fee to cover unlimited placements within City of Port Phillip. Other councils already do so and this makes applications much easier, as we do not need to continually request cover. - BRIMBANK, CASEY, DAREBIN, DANDENONG, MANNINGHAM, MORELAND, MORNINGTON PENINSULA, WHITTLESEA
CBR-028	Bodhi and Ride	Port Melbourne	Finance and Project Management	Is a small business owner and does not support 2% increase in rates. Has been hit hard with pandemic, does not earn 2% more or get paid 23% more. In fact, revenues have dropped by 75% compared to last year, and this is likely to continue. Asks why Council does not consider rate decrease while many businesses have been forcibly shut down? Deferral of payment of rates is hardly going to help struggling businesses.
CBR-028	Bodhi and Ride	Port Melbourne	Economic Development and Tourism	Requests Council doing more to help struggling businesses and stop taking money for services not utilized in the 3 months of lockdown.

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CBR-029	Individual	Albert Park	Finance and Project Management	<p>Asks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• with a declining revenue base, the whole community taking pay cuts or losing jobs, business struggling, can the council agree with staff pay rises across the board.</li> <li>• asks how this can proceed whilst increasing rates to a struggling community.</li> <li>• How the council office of the CEO can justify keeping all staff when their staff levels across the rest of the council have fallen.</li> </ul> <p>The pay across every area on average has increased:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th colspan="2">2019/20</th> <th colspan="2">2020/21</th> <th></th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th>FTE</th> <th>AVE</th> <th>FTE</th> <th>AVE</th> <th>INCREASE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Office of Chief Executive</td> <td>68</td> <td>\$125,074</td> <td>68</td> <td>\$130,632</td> <td>4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community &amp; Economic Development</td> <td>284</td> <td>\$83,658</td> <td>259</td> <td>\$94,764</td> <td>13%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Infrastructure &amp; Amenity</td> <td>232</td> <td>\$94,082</td> <td>221</td> <td>\$100,765</td> <td>7%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Customer &amp; Corporate Services</td> <td>150</td> <td>\$120,807</td> <td>149</td> <td>\$123,886</td> <td>3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>City Strategy &amp; Sustainable Development</td> <td>117</td> <td>\$104,718</td> <td>108</td> <td>\$119,556</td> <td>14%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>and cannot see that there is an increased benefit to the community to remotely justify this increase.</p>		2019/20		2020/21				FTE	AVE	FTE	AVE	INCREASE	Office of Chief Executive	68	\$125,074	68	\$130,632	4%	Community & Economic Development	284	\$83,658	259	\$94,764	13%	Infrastructure & Amenity	232	\$94,082	221	\$100,765	7%	Customer & Corporate Services	150	\$120,807	149	\$123,886	3%	City Strategy & Sustainable Development	117	\$104,718	108	\$119,556	14%
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CBR-030	Individual	Port Melbourne	Waste Management	<p>Lives in the Ingle street, Port Melbourne development and all owners pay a body corporate to collect the weekly waste and fortnightly recycling, manage our roads and street lamps, and PI insurance etc. Also does not have access to hard rubbish collection and pays to dispose of hard rubbish. Pays over \$2,000 per year to the body corporate. This was a decision by Council. Also pays the full council rates. This is over \$4,000 per year which is a strain on household bills factoring all other living expenses. Was informed over 2 years ago that Council was working to find a solution to remove the waste collection costs from their rates given this is not a service that is provided to us at all. This has not occurred. Asks that Council considers this as part of 2020/21 budget. Does not think it is fair or reasonable for us to be paying for a service that is not provided to by Council when this is not our choice.</p>																																										
CBR-031	Individual	St Kilda West	Finance and Project Management	<p>Sees little funding in regards to older generation and not enough fees to Johnny come lately. Not enough increase fees to outside visitors, new developments and festivals. Fees should charged or be increased substantially for all festivals and events such as music concerts, triathlons as most of these are not for locals and local trades do not get business from these events as they are usually in house catering or they come, block our streets, create noise and then leave. No benefits to the area whatsoever.</p> <p>Increase rates on generations of people who have lived in the area for decades - long before it became a trendy suburb. Subsidies should be granted to people who have especially occupied the property for well over 50 years. Concerned Council's rates are pushing them out of somewhere where they have lived all their lives.</p> <p>Would like Council should to have something in their policies etc for rebates for long standing residents who have paid rates to your Council for a long time.</p>																																										
CBR-032	Ratepayers of Port Phillip	St Kilda East	Finance and Project Management	<p>Considers the budget is irresponsible, as very little effort has been made to make substantial savings to return the budget to surplus. Raiding the general reserve funds to cover up the enormous deficit is fiscally irresponsible. Strongly opposes the budget in its current form and would suggest that competent management is required to make wholesale changes to the council in order to provide value for ratepayers.</p>																																										



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CBR-033	Individual	St Kilda	Finance and Project Management	Is surprised and strongly opposed to Council raising rates in the current environment. Many older residents, who have lived in the area for decades, are struggling to make ends meet.
CBR-034	Individual	St Kilda East	Transport and Parking Management	The proposed budget includes near zero funding for improved bicycle facilities within the City of Port Phillip. Asks how Council expects people to move around post COVID-19 without improved cycling facilities. Also asks why Council allows so many death zone (door zone) bicycle lanes in the municipality.
CBR-035	Individual	St Kilda	Finance and Project Management	Requests all efforts should be made to avoid any raise in rates. Council need to focus on delivery of core responsibilities to rate payers and reduce frivolous spending such as access to Ripponlea house, landscaping in front of Palais Theatre, etc.
CBR-036	Individual	Port Melbourne	Affordable Housing & Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Port Phillip has had a proud history of supporting public housing through the Housing Association, Housing First. It is vital that this kind of initiative is continued and developed. Does not wish to live in some kind of gated suburb, accessible only to the affluent, ignoring people sleeping rough, or just having them moved elsewhere. Wants Council to work with other levels of government, housing providers, and developers to provide high quality social housing.</li> </ul>
CBR-036	Individual	Port Melbourne	Community Programs and Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public services, such as child care and legal aid. It is vital that these things are available to all, not just those who can pay.</li> </ul>
CBR-036	Individual	Port Melbourne	Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Studies suggest the significant effects of greenery on the sense of well-being of residents.</li> <li>Some value tackling Climate Change, addressing the heat island effect of dense urban areas.</li> <li>Most importantly, open public spaces are available to all. Our park is very well used by people of all ages – the local school, families, retirees – and all economic strata. This is fair and equitable. Most significantly it creates a great sense of community. All kinds of different people get to know one another, look out for one another, and this is enormously valuable.</li> </ul> <p>States that all levels of responsible government must commit to tackling climate change to reduce pollution, increase sustainability, care for the environment, investment in renewables .</p>
CBR-036	Individual	Port Melbourne	Transport and Parking Management	Traffic and parking is a problem in Port Phillip, and rather than seeking more parking areas, a better solution could be to reduce the number of cars on the roads, giving better access to bikes and pedestrians. There has been an increase of bike use during the pandemic and would like if bike paths were developed further. .
CBR-036	Individual	Port Melbourne	Arts, Culture and Heritage	Port Phillip has been rich in arts, music and theatre. It's part of what gives our community colour and character, and attracts tourism and revenue to the area. In this time, when the arts, music, theatre industries are being devastated and left without support, Council should consider how best to support our local artists, musicians and theatres.
CBR-036	Individual	Port Melbourne	Ageing and Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pleased that CoPP has supported the marriage equality in the referendum, and supports the rights of LGBTIQI citizens.</li> </ul>
CBR-036	Individual	Port Melbourne	Public Spaces	<p>Argues for an increase in tree planting and development of public green spaces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Studies suggest the significant effects of greenery on the sense of well-being of residents.</li> <li>Some value in tackling Climate Change, addressing the heat island effect of dense urban areas.</li> <li>Most importantly, open public spaces are available to all. Our park is very well used by people of all ages – the local school, families, retirees – and people from all economic strata. This is fair and equitable. Most significantly it creates a great sense of community. All kinds of different people get to know one another, look out for one another, and this is enormously valuable.</li> </ul>

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CBR-037	Individual	Not Provided	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-038	SouthPort Community Centre	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for its support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to City of Voices initiative) and requests that this support be continued into the future.
CBR-039	Individual	Not Provided	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-040	Port Phillip EcoCentre	Not Provided	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-041	Individual	Not Provided	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-042	Marine Education Science and Community inc (MESAC)	Not Provided	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre in this and future budgets.
CBR-043	Individual	Port Melbourne	Customer Experience	Advises that the Assist Desk staff at the Port Melbourne Town are an invaluable source of information and help to residents. In particular the elderly and infirm. Many members of the community are unable to use the internet and/or internet banking. The service provided by these friendly and helpful Council staff is one of the only face to face interactions that ratepayers have with our Council. This is a very important aspect of Local Government.
CBR-044	Karen Hopkins Art	Melbourne	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-045	Individual	Elwood	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-046	Volunteer at the EcoCentre	St Kilda	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-047	Individual	St Kilda	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-048	Individual	St Kilda	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-049	Individual	St Kilda	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-050	Individual	Elwood	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-051	Individual	St Kilda	Sustainability	Requests that Council does not fund the expansion of the EcoCentre, located within the grounds of the St Kilda Botanic Gardens, as outlined in the draft Budget. Asks that current and future funding is directed to the quality and professional services open to all Victorians offered by the education and sustainability programs operated by state government departments. Any money from state and local government would be better spent trying to keep the trees and gardens in the botanic gardens alive rather than in the perilous state of decline many are in
CBR-052	Individual	St Kilda East	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-053	Individual	Elwood	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-054	Individual	South Melbourne	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-055	Individual	St Kilda	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-056	Australian Landcare International	St Kilda East	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-057	Individual	Brighton North	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.

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CBR-058	Individual	St Kilda	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-059	Individual	Blairgowrie	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-060	Individual	Elwood	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-061	Australian Landcare International; CoPP Biolinks Group; Westgate Biodiversity; Bili Nursery & Landcare	South Melbourne	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-062	Individual	South Melbourne	South Melbourne Market	Requests Council to keep the South Melbourne Market Neff Market Kitchen Open. The Market would be not the same without cooking class.
CBR-063	Individual	Elwood	Ageing and Accessibility	Has been a volunteer for 2 years at Port Phillip Community Group and assisted Intake, special events such as Homelessness Week and Christmas community lunches, fresh food relief, reception, technology education, and social housing community lunches. I am now assisting with the new Share the Food Program. Please, put the needs of our most vulnerable first in this crisis. This is a Council obligation that has been committed to in Social Justice statements of policy.
CBR-064	Port Phillip Bicycle Users Group	St Kilda	Transport and Parking Management	<p>Recommends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council applies for post COVID grants to accelerate the protected bike lane strategy in the Integrated Transport Strategy</li> <li>• Council maintains the cycling infrastructure budget</li> <li>• Council builds 'pop-up bike lanes' with temporary infrastructure along Kerford Rd., St Kilda Rd, Brighton Rd, Beaconsfield Rd and Marine Pde and remove parking from Chapel St.</li> </ul> <p>This submission adds the following supporting information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bikespot Top 10 Unsafe Bike spots</li> <li>2. Statement from 100 leading doctors and transport experts</li> <li>3. Transport Accident Commission-funded study on bicycle safety</li> <li>4. The relevance of Bike Riding in Council's Policies.</li> </ol>
CBR-065	Individual	Not Provided	Finance and Project Management	States it is important to continue to invest in vital public services. The services provided by Council are important, probably more during this time of COVID-19 than in any other time. Wants some of the vital services provided by Council to continue including childcare; Maternal & Child Health services; cycling infrastructure; libraries; parks and public spaces; housing; waste and rubbish management; and responding to the challenges of the Climate emergency.
CBR-065	Individual	Not Provided	Children	States childcare services should be provided by Council for people living in the city. Publicly owned and affordable child care is a vital service. Council should increase the amount of child care services provided; the council run child care services must be of high quality, and affordable.
CBR-065	Individual	Not Provided	Families and Young People	3. The Maternal & Child Health services are a vital service to families in the community, and must be continued.

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CBR-065	Individual	Not Provided	Transport and Parking Management	More people will cycle if they feel it is safe to do so, and they will feel it is safe. Since the restrictions resulting from COVID-19 there has been a significant increase in people cycling. Requests best facilities for cyclists: separate bike paths, where there are no risks from cars, and no risks to pedestrians. Would also like to see separate bike paths all along the sea shore, including along St. Kilda beach, along South bank of the Yarra and other parts of the city. Also need more bike parking racks.
CBR-065	Individual	Not Provided	Libraries	Libraries are a great community resource and Council must continue to fund these great resources.
CBR-065	Individual	Not Provided	Public Spaces	Requests Council to consider where it is possible to close roads and convert them to bike paths, parks and open spaces. Supports continued tree planting and care for trees and parks in the city. These are vital public places. Parks and public spaces are good for both mental and physical health of residents and visitors to the city.
CBR-065	Individual	Not Provided	Affordable Housing & Homelessness	Covid 19 has hit homeless people hard. Wants Council to work with other levels of government, housing providers and developers to provide high-quality social housing to help people who need it most.
CBR-065	Individual	Not Provided	Waste Management	Supports continuation of rubbish and waste management funded and managed by Council. As waste management becomes more problematic, Council must investigate further opportunities for recycling, and be innovative in relation to waste management. Residents must be strongly encouraged to dispose of rubbish and waste responsibly.
CBR-065	Individual	Not Provided	Sustainability	We are living in a Climate emergency. Summers are getting hotter, bushfires are getting worse, and that extreme weather events are going to become more frequent. Council must continue to reduce carbon emissions, promote renewable energy, and educate residents about responses to the Climate emergency. Putting solar panels on the roof of the South Melbourne market was an excellent Council initiative. Council should investigate putting solar panels on the roofs of all Council owned properties, and providing solar power for all it's facilities.  We need to ensure that we continue these essential services in our city, to meet the demands and needs of all residents.
CBR-066	Individual	Not Provided	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-067	Individual	Not Provided	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-068	Individual	Not Provided	Transport and Parking Management	Bike path development is very important for these COVID-19 times. Would like to see more money put into improving the dangerous intersections that make cycling difficult.
CBR-068	Individual	Not Provided	Public Spaces	Requests more trees planted in streets and parks. These are our insurance against climate change, helping to cool our city.
CBR-068	Individual	Not Provided	Affordable Housing & Homelessness	Low cost housing is essential for our low income residents. There is some, but not enough.
CBR-068	Individual	Not Provided	Finance and Project Management	Thinks that Council does not need to freeze rates. That money is needed to keep our essential services and help develop more services.  Requests Council continuing these essential services in our city as we meet the demands of all residents and come back stronger following this global pandemic.
CBR-069	Individual	Burwood	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-070	Individual	St Kilda	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-071	Individual	Ripponlea	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.

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CBR-072	Individual	St Kilda	Finance and Project Management	Requests Council going back to basics.
CBR-073	Individual	St Kilda	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-074	Individual	St Kilda East	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-075	Clarendon Children's Centre	South Melbourne	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-076	Mammal Survey Group of Victoria	Melbourne	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-077	Individual	Fish Creek	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-078	Individual	Brighton	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-079	Over 2U Environmental Education	Woodend	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-080	Individual	Hoppers Crossing	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to ARCS - Applied Reception/Customer Service Training program initiative) and requests that this support be continued into the future.
CBR-081	Individual	Port Melbourne	Finance and Project Management	States it is important to continue to invest in vital public services. The services provided by Council are important, probably more during this time of COVID-19 than in any other time. Wants some of the vital services provided by Council to continue including childcare; Maternal & Child Health services; cycling infrastructure; libraries; parks and public spaces; housing; waste and rubbish management; and responding to the challenges of the Climate emergency.
CBR-081	Individual	Port Melbourne	Children	States childcare services should be provided by Council for people living in the city. Publicly owned and affordable child care is a vital service. Council should increase the amount of child care services provided; the council run child care services must be of high quality, and affordable.
CBR-081	Individual	Port Melbourne	Families and Young People	States Maternal & Child Health (MCH) services are a vital service to families in the community, and must be continued.
CBR-081	Individual	Port Melbourne	Transport and Parking Management	More people will cycle if they feel it is safe to do so, and they will feel it is safe. Since the restrictions resulting from COVID-19 there has been a significant increase in people cycling. Requests best facilities for cyclists: separate bike paths, where there are no risks from cars, and no risks to pedestrians. Would also like to see separate bike paths all along the sea shore, including along St. Kilda beach, along South bank of the Yarra and other parts of the city. Also need more bike parking racks.
CBR-081	Individual	Port Melbourne	Libraries	Libraries are a great community resource and Council must continue to fund these great resources.

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CBR-081	Individual	Port Melbourne	Public Spaces	Requests Council to consider where it is possible to close roads and convert them to bike paths, parks and open spaces. Supports continued tree planting and care for trees and parks in the city. These are vital public places. Parks and public spaces are good for both mental and physical health of residents and visitors to the city.
CBR-081	Individual	Port Melbourne	Affordable Housing & Homelessness	Covid 19 has hit homeless people hard. Wants Council to work with other levels of government, housing providers and developers to provide high-quality social housing to help people who need it most.
CBR-081	Individual	Port Melbourne	Waste Management	Supports continuation of rubbish and waste management funded and managed by Council. As waste management becomes more problematic, Council must investigate further opportunities for recycling, and be innovative in relation to waste management. Residents must be strongly encouraged to dispose of rubbish and waste responsibly.
CBR-081	Individual	Port Melbourne	Sustainability	<p>We are living in a Climate emergency. Summers are getting hotter, bushfires are getting worse, and that extreme weather events are going to become more frequent. Council must continue to reduce carbon emissions, promote renewable energy, and educate residents about responses to the Climate emergency. Putting solar panels on the roof of the South Melbourne market was an excellent Council initiative. Council should investigate putting solar panels on the roofs of all Council owned properties, and providing solar power for all it's facilities.</p> <p>We need to ensure that we continue these essential services in our city, to meet the demands and needs of all residents.</p>
CBR-082	Individual	Albert Park	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to ARCS - Applied Reception/Customer Service Training program initiative) and requests that this support be continued into the future.
CBR-083	Individual	Albert Park	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to ARCS - Applied Reception/Customer Service Training program initiative) and requests that this support be continued into the future.
CBR-084	Individual	Elwood	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-085	Individual	Not Provided	Finance and Project Management	Is most dissatisfied that Council is going ahead with enforcing the 2% rate cap for 2020/21, due to the effects of COVID-19 and the pressure on the elderly residents & community groups in the area.
CBR-086	Individual	St Kilda	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-087	Individual	St Kilda	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to ARCS - Applied Reception/Customer Service Training program initiative) and requests that this support be continued into the future.
CBR-088	Individual	Melbourne	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-089	Individual	Albert Park	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-090	Individual	St Kilda	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for its continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to City of Voices initiative) and requests that this support be continued into the future.
CBR-091	Individual	Ferntree Gully	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for its continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to City of Voices initiative)
CBR-092	Individual	St Kilda West	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.

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CBR-093	Individual	Elwood	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-094	Individual	Not Provided	Arts, Culture and Heritage	<p>I am led to understand that funding of \$22,000 needed to complete the work on the Remembrance Garden installed by Council in 2018 in the Port Melbourne Railway Reserve was not provided in that year. Requests for inclusion in successive budgets have been unsuccessful and it seems another year will be allowed by council to pass, as funding has again not been included in the draft budget for 2021.</p> <p>The funding to complete the Garden involves installation of panels or plaques describing social history, military and cultural heritage themes. The importance of the gardens will then be significant to all.</p> <p>In particular, 2020 represents the 75th anniversary of the completion of the second world war. Port Melbourne was the departure point for many of our young men and women who left Australia to help preserve world peace in both of those terrible wars, so this year has particular significance. Many residents of our city did not return or were severely traumatised by their experience. Significance of the military importance of the gardens, along with the other themes form a major part of Port Melbourne and they all deserve recognition. It is believed that soldiers returning from world war 1 around a hundred years ago, may have introduced Spanish Flu to Australia. The Remembrance garden is an appropriate place to acknowledge the impact that the Wars overall had on our community then and now. This is a genuine and sincere request for the Council to review the 2021 budget to include funding necessary to complete this important part of our heritage.</p>
CBR-095	Individual	Not Provided	Sustainability	<p>Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p> <p>Asks Council to consider the possibility of online inclusions at this time and going into the future. It will give access to children who can't physically access the centre, and kinders and childcare centres would be willing to pay for the services.</p>
CBR-096	Probus Port Melbourne	Not Provided	Arts, Culture and Heritage	<p>I write as an interested rate payer and someone who is active in a number of associations in Port Phillip. It is of concern to many residents that the Council has not allocated the funding needed to complete the Remembrance Garden at Railway Reserve in Port Melbourne. I attended the Remembrance Day Service at the Reserve last November, along with many other residents, and was impressed at this initiative to commemorate our fallen. Many of my relatives went past this very place on their way to serve in both wars. Some did not return. This was something I reflected on as I stood there.</p> <p>Why embark on a project and not finish it. While it stands uncompleted it is in danger of being abandoned because its full significance has not been established. The money already put into the Memorial will then be wasted. I believe it will cost \$22,000 to finish the project. Can we not just get on with it and finish the job? We will then have a fitting site to gather and reflect on the sacrifices made by our service people.</p>
CBR-097	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for its continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to City of Voices initiative)
CBR-098	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for its continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to City of Voices initiative)

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CBR-099	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for its continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to City of Voices initiative)
CBR-100	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Dig In Community Gardens initiative).
CBR-101	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Get Out Of Town initiative).
CBR-102	Individual	Not Provided	Arts, Culture and Heritage	I am writing to support a submission for an allocation of \$22,000 to finalise the remaining work on the Remembrance Garden situated in the Port Melbourne railway reserve.  The design of the work has long been finalised; the only piece missing is the capital.
CBR-103	Individual	Not Provided	Affordable Housing & Homelessness	Supports Council's endeavours to maximise diversity within the City particularly through programs designed to maintain and increase social housing, and, to the extent of its powers, I support Council's encouragement and facilitation of the expansion of public housing stock in the municipality.
CBR-103	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Supports Council's contribution to the provision of adequate support services through the promotion and funding of material and other assistance as required.
CBR-103	Individual	Not Provided	Sustainability	Supports Council's endeavours in reducing waste. Encourages Council to encourage residents, businesses and visitors to consume less, to place emphasis on quality rather than quantity and also to emphasise benefits of recycling and re-purposing in preference to the prevailing disposable ethic. Supports Council funding organisations committed to these ideals with 'inkind' support in addition to direct funding.  Endorses Council's support for the Port Philip Eco Centre for the valuable role it plays in these spaces.
CBR-103	Individual	Not Provided	Festivals	Favours Council's support for the arts, but suggests monies allocated to these programs are better allocated to small scale events directed at artists resident in the City of Port Philip rather on events such as the St Kilda Festival.
CBR-103	Individual	Not Provided	Finance and Project Management	Is concerned that the Council's staff profile, and consequent expenditure, is skewed towards upper middle and senior management.  Understands some residents in the City are agitated about the level of their rates and what they perceive as a bias to their detriment. Believes the City makes sufficient provision to aid ratepayers in their payment and a review process exists if they are aggrieved by the rating.  Having listened and considered what staff and Councillors have said on a number of forums regarding the impact of COVID 19, encourages Council to resist a slash and burn approach to the post-pandemic budget period. Many of our more vulnerable residents face challenging futures, it is important Council whenever possible maintain or increases expenditure on crucial social expenditure.
CBR-104	Individual	Not Provided	Arts, Culture and Heritage	My wife and I ask that you include completion of the Garden of Remembrance in the 2021 budget.



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CBR-105	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to ARCS - Applied Reception/Customer Service Training program and Get Out Of Town initiatives) .
CBR-106	Individual	Not Provided	Economic Development and Tourism	<p>Please Please councillors I beg you to open your heart and be kind</p> <p>Please give prorata rate relief to all the small business that are struggling to pay their bill because of the lockdown, by no fault of their own</p> <p>When Spring comes, do we only want to see the big chains open: Woollies, Coles, BWS, etc.. A few businesses are going fine but many are struggling beyond comprehension.</p> <p>Just think of the enormous economic collateral damage the lockdown is creating. How many mental stress and related illness, mental illness and suicides are you prepared to see to the owners and their families</p> <p>Please think of our beautiful community Please save lives and Please save Port Phillip</p>
CBR-107	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Women's Activity Group program initiative).
CBR-108	Individual	Not Provided	Finance and Project Management	Does not support an increase in rates without: a detailed analysis of recurrent costs and the opportunity for savings plus a review of the capital plan against risks of deferral delay and/ or deletion.
CBR-109	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Dig In Community Gardens initiative).
CBR-110	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Get Out Of Town initiative).
CBR-111	World War One Centenary Community Commemorative Committee	Not Provided	Arts, Culture and Heritage	<p>I support the need for funding of \$22,000 to complete the Remembrance Garden installed by Council in 2018 in the Port Melbourne Railway Reserve as this significant project deserves completion.</p> <p>The funding is necessary to complete the installation of up to five panels/plaques on social history, military and cultural heritage themes to commemorate the recognition of our involvement in World War One.</p> <p>By completing the Gardens, it will pay homage to almost a thousand residents of our City who lost their lives in WWI, to those who returned traumatised and wounded and died shortly thereafter and to those who contributed to the war effort from the home front.</p> <p>An event as significant as this warrants recognition so that present and future generations can realize and better understand the kind of sacrifices that were made in order to protect the way of life we appreciate so much today. The completion of the Garden, as proposed in 2018, will become another City of Port Phillip landmark.</p>

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CBR-112	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Accessible Yoga program initiative).
CBR-113	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Accessible Yoga program initiative).
CBR-114	Individual	Not Provided	Finance and Project Management	<p>Received a pamphlet in the post from the Rates Payers of Port Phillip Association today in regards to where's they believe council is spending the rates and she is not happy.</p> <p>It states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2% pay rise for staff when we already spend 92million a year on wages</li> <li>- CEO's salary, bonuses and increase</li> <li>- Senior Management wages increases when they shouldn't</li> <li>- Rates are having a 2% increase for all revenue raised and she believes it should be frozen for the year 20/21</li> </ul> <p>Is a pensioner and quite upset.</p>
CBR-115	Individual	Not Provided	Sustainability	Supports the Eco House in St Kilda Botanic Gardens.
CBR-116	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Accessible Yoga program initiative).
CBR-117	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Get Out Of Town and Make Your Mark initiatives).
CBR-118	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to ARCS - Applied Reception/Customer Service Training program initiative) and requests that this support be continued into the future.
CBR-119	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to ARCS - Applied Reception/Customer Service Training program initiative) and requests that this support be continued into the future.
CBR-120	Individual	Not Provided	Waste Management	Lives in Ingle Street, Port Melbourne. All the residences in this development pay a body corporate to collect weekly waste, manage our roads and street lamps. Pays about \$2000 to the body corporate and pays the full council rates. Was informed over 2 years ago that Council was working to find a solution to remove the waste collection costs from their rates given this is not a service that is provided to us at all. This has not occurred. Asks if the solution will come soon!

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CBR-121	View Hotel	Melbourne	Economic Development and Tourism	<p>Is an independent 206 room Hotel with 80 staff located at 562 St Kilda Road in the Gateway Ward. Requests that Council consider a 50% waiver of rates and charges over the pandemic period with the remainder to be deferred and repayable by equal monthly installments over a 24 month period following the end of that period.</p> <p>Raises the absence of support for the many businesses along St Kilda Rd. The council marketing online appears to be focused on the three main precincts of Port Melbourne, South Melbourne Markets and St Kilda foreshore.</p> <p>Has been very impressed with the support that has been provided by the City of Melbourne whilst the City of Port Philip has been woeful in engaging with businesses in need.</p>
CBR-122	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to exercise programs)
CBR-123	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Choir of Voices initiative and Writing and Communication groups).
CBR-124	Individual	Middle Park	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-125	Individual	St Kilda East	Governance, Policy and Risk	Requests Council look at greatly increased levels of both internal economy, and also look at making all departments compliant with both their empowering legislation but also with the broader Legal Requirements. As the Council's operating environment has much high value land which results in high rate levels and also low levels of new infra-structure spending
CBR-126	Individual	South Melbourne	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-127	Individual	Albert Park	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-128	Individual	Port Melbourne	Waste Management	Is a resident of the Ingles St development and as a resident, pays both rates and body-corporate fees and both include fees for the collection & removal weekly waste and fortnightly recycling. Council has divested itself of responsibility but it still charges for, and collects money, for a service it does not provide. Asks for a review into the calculation of rates that the Council levies on residents of this development.
CBR-129	Kids In Nature Network and Port Phillip EcoCentre	Elwood	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-130	Individual	Elwood	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-131	South Port Community Centre	Caulfield North	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to ARCS - Applied Reception/Customer Service Training program initiative) and requests that this support be continued into the future.

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CBR-132	Individual	Elwood	Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks Council reinstating at least partial funding in the new financial year for the redevelopment of the EcoCentre.</li> <li>• Endorses the priorities for social housing and caring for the vulnerable, as well as supporting the creatives who continue to struggle in COVID-19 times.</li> <li>• Hopes that Council can make strong moves towards Zero emissions in 2020/21. The Climate Emergency is upon us and cannot be left unaddressed.</li> <li>• Support funds spent on educating the community on household and business waste streams will save Council money on the landfill levy. Better education of the public in regards to public littering and more effective infrastructure, such as dedicated butt bins for cigarettes, will also greatly improve public amenity. There is so much to do in this regard.</li> <li>• Is disappointed that funds for partnering with Bayside regarding Elsternwick Nature Reserve and Greening projects seem to have been postponed. Greening initiatives would give high value for small investments and urges Council to revisit these aspects of the new budget.</li> </ul>
CBR-133	South Port Community Centre	Port Melbourne	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to ARCS - Applied Reception/Customer Service Training program initiative) and requests that this support be continued into the future.
CBR-134	Individual	Elwood	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-135	Individual	Balaclava	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-136	Individual	Balaclava	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-137	Individual	St Kilda West	Transport and Parking Management	Urges Council to prioritise the implementation of a network of protected, separated bike paths throughout the Port Phillip area. Urges Council to install temporary protected bike lanes as soon as possible, to take advantage of the decrease in motor vehicle traffic and the increase in bicycle traffic arising from the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. Such temporary bike lanes should, in due course, be replaced by permanent protected bicycle lanes.
CBR-138	Individual	Elwood	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-139	Individual	St Kilda West	Finance and Project Management	<p>Is totally inappropriate and tone deaf for Council to be increasing rates in a year where most ratepayers have taken a major financial hit due to COVID-19. Asks are we in this together, or does the Council see itself as not needing to care. Key metrics, compared to neighbouring councils, suggest highlight extravagant spending and inefficient/bloated management. Suggests that either the council needs to take a good hard look at itself, or resign and let some fresh blood do it.</p> <p>At a minimum:            Compared to Bayside, Stonnington, and Hobson's Bay your spending is extravagant, your staffing levels indicate gross inefficiency, and spending 33% of income on mgt is further indication of a council out of control. Further, you clearly treating single residences as cash cows, for they are being the brunt of the increases each year.</p> <p>What needs to happen:            1. Cut staffing by 20% to bring Port Phillip in line with the councils listed above, with management and administration to take the highest hit.            2. Cut spending by 30%, to progressively bring PP in line with those council.            3. Collect market-rated rental from council-owned businesses and properties.            4. Cut this year's rates by 5%, compared to last year.            5. Introduce term limits in councillors, ie bring in fresh thinking, which is focussed on the needs of ratepayers, not the councillors.</p>

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CBR-139	Individual	St Kilda West	Finance and Project Management	
CBR-140	Individual	Elwood	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-141	Individual	St Kilda East	Transport and Parking Management	Asks what Council is doing to support cycling in the City of Port Phillip and lead a post COVID-19 change in transport patterns. Requests Council build infrastructure to support people who want to make this mode shift, as there is no budget for sustainable transport improvements within the budget.
CBR-142	Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre Inc	Hobson Bay	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-143	Individual	St Kilda East	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for its continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to City of Voices initiative)
CBR-144	Individual	St Kilda West	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-145	Individual	St Kilda East	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-146	Individual	St Kilda	Public Spaces	<p>Is amazed at the lack of security upgrades occurring across the municipality, namely St Kilda, where there seems to be large scale issues with the security of our owners, patrons, lessors, and tenants. Is surprised that Council seems to have discounted the need for general security upgrades to allow for the redevelopment.</p> <p>States that the redevelopment will serve no purposes if the community does not feel safe to leave their homes to visit.</p> <p>Also states that the significant decline in occupancy rates will only continue to drive council budgets "through the floor" and by not providing for future upgrades, this take longer to get St Kilda back to what the community wants.</p>
CBR-147	Port Phillip Community Group	Caulfield South	Community Programs and Facilities	Requests Council to continue to prioritise funds and support to the Port Phillip Community Group in this and future budgets.
CBR-148	Individual	St Kilda East	Community Programs and Facilities	Requests Council to continue to prioritise funds and support to the Port Phillip Community Group. Also requests a funding increase of at least 12.5% in response to demand for its services.
CBR-149	Port Phillip Community Group	Kew	Community Programs and Facilities	Requests Council to continue to prioritise funds and support to the Port Phillip Community Group in this and future budgets.
CBR-150	Port Phillip Community Group	St Kilda	Community Programs and Facilities	Requests Council to continue to prioritise funds and support to the Port Phillip Community Group in this and future budgets.
CBR-151	South Port Community Centre	Port Melbourne	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Get Out Of Town initiative).
CBR-151	South Port Community Centre	Port Melbourne	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Monday Drop In initiative).

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CBR-152	Individual	Melbourne	Finance and Project Management	Believes that the Council should set an example and work within the restraints that now face the whole community.  Most people will find it difficult enough to meet their existing commitments let alone find money for a rates increase. Asks how is the rest of the community has to manage with less and Council believes that it is entitled to more. Requests Council to manage within the framework of our annual revenue and do not draw on money set aside to meet expected future commitments.
CBR-153	Libertarian Productions Pty Ltd	Balaclava	Transport and Parking Management	Requests parking permits for William Street, Balaclava, to allow residents to park outside or near their homes at all times. There are no back entrances, so unpacking shopping and getting children out of cars safely is very difficult. On the park side of the street have all day or 2 hour parking available for people using the playground/park or catching the train from Balaclava Station.
CBR-154	Individual	Caulfield South	Sustainability	Thanks Council for its support for the EcoCentre. Notes that it's also vital that the EcoCentre can to continue to engage with the broader community through its outreach activities, educational programs, research collaborations.
CBR-155	Foresight Education & Design	Bega	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-156	Individual	Footscray	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-157	Albert Park Primary School	South Melbourne	Sustainability	Thanks Council for supporting the Port Phillip EcoCentre.
CBR-158	Individual	St Kilda West	Finance and Project Management	Writes on behalf of family: 5 voters and different ratepayers. Wishes to record support for all the good work of Council and in particular, our support for: • well resourced local government: Red tape is safety tape and we need strong well resourced public services, particularly in the COVID-19 time. Now seeing and suffering the fallout of deregulation of public institutions: with loss of expertise, corporate knowledge and governance in the long term public interest. Council needs to increase or at least maintain rates to support proper governance.
CBR-158	Individual	St Kilda West	Children	Request Council support for our kindergartens and childcare: these centres are vital for building community and supporting families, women in particular. Relationships between children and their families, across the municipality, are the building blocks for engagement and belonging. Many of the worlds most prosperous and successful governments (german, scandinavian) give greater support, recognising access to childcare and education for families to be essential for fair and happy society.
CBR-158	Individual	St Kilda West	Sustainability	Requests more support for environment and climate change initiatives.
CBR-159	Individual	Middle Park	Finance and Project Management	With COVID-19 gradually getting a foothold in Port Phillip, some reduction in expenditure is required. All funding for the arts/events and "could have" type services should cease for 2020/21. If the gallery cant open or the event is cancelled then it does not require ratepayers funding. However core function like rubbish collection, street cleaning, maintenance of infrastructure like paths, roads, drains and parks should continue.

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CBR-159	Individual	Middle Park	Festivals	Addendum: Further council should not be funding and planning event in 2021 that won't happen, like sadly, the St Kilda Festival. Recently the St Kilda Film Festival had to go online when St Kilda theatres and the town hall could not be used.
CBR-159	Individual	Middle Park	Communications and Engagement	Note: surely a submission require the submitter address and not just a suburb? This submission link does not have provision for an address. Proof of residence in Port Phillip or if you are a Port Phillip ratepayer is essential when talking about spending of our high rates. Only funding for the benefit of residents and ratepayers should be proposed. Please add address to this survey form.
CBR-160	Individual	Port Melbourne	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for its continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to City of Voices initiative)
CBR-161	Individual	Port Melbourne	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for its continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to City of Voices initiative)
CBR-162	Individual	Port Melbourne	Community Programs and Facilities	Requests continued Council support for the Friends of Suai.
CBR-163	City of voices	Port Melbourne	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for its continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to City of Voices initiative)
CBR-164	LIVE - Locals Into Victoria's Environment	Middle Park	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-165	Individual	Windsor	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-166	CAPP, PECAN, Extinction Rebellion.	Elwood	Sustainability	Supports reconstruction of the EcoCentre building in the Blessington St Gardens and Council needs to find the funds within its own capacity, without making its own contribution contingent on the State Government committing funds beforehand. Commencing the rebuilding now would add greatly to the effectiveness of the EcoCentre as a hugely welcome leader in promoting and supporting community-based action to remediate the inadequacies of knowledge, resilience, and targetted programs and projects for improving the sustainability of our ecologically challenged urban environment .
CBR-167	Individual	St Kilda	Sustainability	Requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council's contribution for the necessary redevelopment works which will mean that the Ecocentre's programs can be be expanded by a factor of three.</li> <li>• For Council to vigorously advocate for Ecocentre funding to the Victorian Government.</li> </ul>
CBR-168	Werribee River Association	Wyndham	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-169	Individual	St Kilda	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-170	Greensong/EcoCentre	Melbourne	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre. The EcoCentre fosters engagement that offers so much more than educational programs and research, it connects people to each other and our local natural world in meaningful ways. We need the sense of community and resilience of individuals, community and environment to survive the challenges ahead.

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CBR-171	Individual	Richmond	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-172	Poets Grove Children's Centre	Elwood	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-173	Individual	Caulfield	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-174	Individual	Elwood	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-175	Individual	Footscray	Sustainability	Thanks Council for continuous support of the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change.
CBR-176	Reptile Encounters	Northcote	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-177	Individual	St Kilda	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-178	Individual	Not Provided	Communications and Engagement	I am a long term resident of Elwood. I would like to endorse the Council budget and participated in Q&A and hub focus meetings. The process has been good.
CBR-178	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support for Friends of Suai.
CBR-178	Individual	Not Provided	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-179	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for its continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to using Zoom to access their services)
CBR-180	Individual	Not Provided	Sustainability	Requests that Council lend its full budgetary support to the EcoCentre.
CBR-181	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for its continued support of the South Port Community Centre and its many Council-funded programs.
CBR-182	Individual	Not Provided	Waste Management	Lives in a development, which uses private contractors for waste services, yet still charged for waste services by Council. Would appreciate the budget amending to remove the charging of ratepayers for services that are not used. Either that, or Council start collecting their waste so that the Owners Corporation can cancel the private waste service.
CBR-183	Individual	Not Provided	Arts, Culture and Heritage	The necessary funding of \$22,000 to complete the work on the Remembrance Garden installed by Council in 2018 in the Port Melbourne Railway Reserve was not provided in that year and requests for inclusion in successive budgets have been unsuccessful. Neither has funding been included in the draft budget for 2021.



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CBR-185	U3APP	Not Provided	Transport and Parking Management	<p>Parking limitations Each of the council facilities used by U3APP is located in residential areas, which have time restricted and permit zones.</p> <p>Proposes that Council introduce a new class of parking permit. This parking permit would be limited to members of organisations who have formal leasing arrangements with the Council to utilize community centres on a regular basis and effects on members because they cannot attend face to face classes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permits to be limited to geographic boundaries i.e. the streets immediately surrounding the community centre.</li> <li>• Time limits to be a maximum of 4 hours during the hours of 9.00 am to 5.00pm.</li> <li>• Eligibility to be limited to;               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Residents in Port Phillip post codes, and</li> <li>b. Members of a community organisation with a leasing agreement with Port Phillip Council for ongoing use of a community centre, and</li> <li>c. The applicant is the holder of a state issued Seniors Card.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Permit to be issued annually on an application basis in line with other parking permits.</li> </ul>
CBR-185	U3APP	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	<p>Hopes Council's community facilities will be able to reopen soon. Is concerned that as there will be additional costs in how the facilities are managed and cleaned, especially as these facilities are multi-use with different groups occupying the premises at the same time.</p> <p>Would like Council to include a realistic budget amount to cover the costs associated with reopening and managing and maintaining community facilities.</p>
CBR-185	U3APP	Not Provided	Asset and Property Management	<p>Access to technology Requests an upgrade of the audio/visual technology in the hall at the Mary Kehoe Centre. The use of this hall will become of greater importance going forward as it is the only area at the Centre that will accommodate people under the new rules around social distancing. If this hall cannot be used effectively then in effect the whole of the Mary Kehoe Centre is unusable. The upgrade of the technology in this area will assist the whole of the U3A membership as well as other users of this facility.</p>
CBR-185	U3APP	Not Provided	Economic Development and Tourism	<p>Support for specific initiatives in the draft budget. U3APP plays a specific role in the community. Its members interests cover the broad spectrum of issues identified in the draft budget however U3APP is limiting its submission to those matters that affect residents as members of U3APP. In that vein U3APP acknowledges and supports the following specific initiatives detailed in the draft budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corporate volunteer program.</li> <li>• Targeted grants to rebuild social connections post COVID-19.</li> <li>• Proceed with Community Grants.</li> <li>• Bridging the digital divide - provide training, equipment and other support to community..</li> <li>• Work with the community sector to understand emerging impacts.</li> <li>• Continue delivery of programs and events that celebrate our diverse communities, including seniors' events.</li> </ul>
CBR-186	NPCC	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	<p>Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre</p>
CBR-187	SouthPort Community Centre	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	<p>Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Women's Activity Group program initiative).</p>

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CBR-188	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre
CBR-189	Port Phillip Multicultural Advisory Committee	Elwood	Finance and Project Management	<p>States that there is very little funding allocated to support specific multicultural programs. Current financial support includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diversity and Ageing Support Grants (\$22475).</li> <li>• Cultural Diversity Week and Refugee Week funding.</li> <li>• Administrative support for the MAC, Multifaith network and Multicultural Forum.</li> <li>• Administrative assistance to multicultural senior groups towards preparation and acquittal of grant applications.</li> <li>• Translating and interpreting budget.</li> <li>• Multicultural library collection funding.</li> </ul> <p>Multicultural communities also access small amounts of mainstream funding including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Grants Program of which a very small percentage is allocated to multicultural groups;</li> <li>• Meals Subsidy Grants of which approximately 40 percent of the \$200K, goes towards culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) senior groups.</li> <li>• Seniors Festival funding of which a small percentage assists CALD senior groups to participate.</li> <li>• Rent subsidisation to support 10-15 multicultural senior groups to meet at Council facilities.</li> </ul> <p>Requests an on-going commitment to funding multicultural activities and programmes through a clearly delineated budget line.</p> <p>Economic and social recovery for multicultural communities Seeks assurances that staff who currently support the work of the MAC and support members of ethnic communities, including for purposes of applying for various grants, will continue to provide this support. We understand that cuts need to be made, however the overall investment by Port Phillip on programmes that cater specifically for cultural minorities is not overwhelming. Maintaining a vibrant community that celebrates diversity requires us to constantly monitor the needs and contributions made by minority communities.</p>
CBR-189	Port Phillip Multicultural Advisory Committee	Elwood	Community Programs and Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seeks confirmation that the rearrangement of the grant schemes being put forward will not have a deleterious impact on the capacity for ethnic minority community groups to apply for and receive funding for their community activities.</li> </ul>
CBR-189	Port Phillip Multicultural Advisory Committee	Elwood	Customer Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pleased that a review will be conducted regarding the decision to cut ASSIST Counter Services in Port Melbourne and South Melbourne. Both these areas have large percentages of minority residents, many of whom are older, have limited English language skills and access to technology. Travelling to St Kilda may add a layer of difficulty and therefore provide a disincentive to those wishing to lodge an issue with ASSIST. This may be exacerbated if the Community Bus does not travel between the St Kilda Town Hall and these areas.</li> </ul>
CBR-189	Port Phillip Multicultural Advisory Committee	Elwood	Libraries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes the considerable reduction in spending for libraries and seeks assurance that this reduction will not cut into resources available in languages other than English. Books and other materials written in community languages are important for minority communities, especially members who cannot access such material readily because of financial and other reasons.</li> </ul>

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CBR-189	Port Phillip Multicultural Advisory Committee	Elwood	Families and Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With regard to the Youth Leadership and Engagement programme, concerned about any disproportionate impact these decisions may have on groups within our community with limited access to support and opportunity.</li> <li>• Supports some of the most vulnerable groups in our city. The cessation of pre-school dental checks will affect groups facing financial hardship as already noted by the Council. It is highly likely that migrant children will be some of those most affected by this decision. Whilst the responsibility sits with other agencies, we ask that the Council monitor the outcomes of this decision for further consideration into the future.</li> </ul>
CBR-189	Port Phillip Multicultural Advisory Committee	Elwood	Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seeks further information regarding which groups of children are most likely to be disengaged from early education and whether the decision to suspend the Early Education Partnership will have a disproportionate impact on migrant children. We seek clarification regarding how this change sits with the City of Port Phillip's Children's Policy which emphasises reaching the most vulnerable children.</li> </ul>
CBR-189	Port Phillip Multicultural Advisory Committee	Elwood	Economic Development and Tourism	<p>Economic and social recovery for multicultural communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emphasis needs to be given to employment and retraining opportunities for those who have lost jobs, many of whom are migrants and international students.</li> <li>• Supporting migrant businesses needs to be a priority, particularly given many of these provide employment opportunities for otherwise vulnerable people within our community.</li> <li>• A coherent communication strategy needs to be developed for migrant communities.</li> <li>• Strategies need to be developed that provide CALD community members affected by homelessness to become visible and have a direct voice in decision-making. Housing and homelessness is a critical issue for members of CALD communities who can often remain invisible in related discussions.</li> <li>• Welcomes emphasis placed on digital literacies. We would like to highlight that members of CALD communities have additional needs. Seek assurances that strategies in this area will take account of those with specific cultural and linguistic needs.</li> <li>• The current health crisis is exacerbating a number of existing problems including social isolation. Understands that those already vulnerable may be further disadvantaged. Strategies designed to overcome social isolation must cater for the needs of particular communities through inclusive approaches.</li> <li>• Needs to be a 'watch and see' brief on any possible threats to social cohesion within Port Phillip.</li> </ul>
CBR-189	Port Phillip Multicultural Advisory Committee	Elwood	Governance, Policy and Risk	<p>Economic and social recovery for multicultural communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the MAC should be one of the groups with which the Council needs to consult regarding priorities for the next 4 years. In the current document no reference is made to the MAC.</li> </ul>
CBR-190	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to Voices of the Southside program as well as Communication and Creative Writing courses).
CBR-191	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre
CBR-192	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Get Out Of Town initiative), which supports the Voices of South Side.

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CBR-193	Waterfront Welomers	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Waterfront / Port Phillip Welcomers initiative).
CBR-194	Waterfront Welomers	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Request continued Council support of the Waterfront Welcomers programme.
CBR-195	Waterfront Welomers	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Waterfront / Port Phillip Welcomers initiative).
CBR-196	Waterfront Welomers	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Waterfront / Port Phillip Welcomers initiative).
CBR-197	Waterfront Welomers	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Waterfront / Port Phillip Welcomers initiative).
CBR-198	Waterfront Welomers	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Waterfront / Port Phillip Welcomers initiative).
CBR-199	Waterfront Welomers	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Waterfront / Port Phillip Welcomers initiative).
CBR-200	Waterfront Welomers	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Waterfront / Port Phillip Welcomers initiative).
CBR-201	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre
CBR-202	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Dig In Community Gardens initiative).  Has included links to two videos we have filmed over the years at the gardens: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOzVKdfiyJ8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOzVKdfiyJ8</a> <a href="https://youtu.be/vsENDD0QHMM">https://youtu.be/vsENDD0QHMM</a>
CBR-203	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Dig In Community Gardens initiative).
CBR-204	Individual	Port Melbourne	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to exercise programs)

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CBR-205	Acland St Village Business Association	Not Provided	Economic Development and Tourism	We are seeking economic assistance to help local businesses survive the current fallout from the continuing economic and health crisis we are in. 1 - Rate relief. At a minimum 25% reduction of rates payable by businesses in the winter quarter, to acknowledge their financial hardship. It could be set up as a grant and therefore targeted to the businesses that can show financial hardship through qualifying for Jobkeeper or similar test.
CBR-205	Acland St Village Business Association	Not Provided	Economic Development and Tourism	2 - The removal of parking fees for at least 6 months to allow easy access to our streets
CBR-205	Acland St Village Business Association	Not Provided	Economic Development and Tourism	3 - A freeze on footpath trading permits until next year and an expansion of the areas used for outside dining to allow social distancing restrictions at no extra charge.
CBR-206	Fitzroy St Traders Association	St Kilda	Economic Development and Tourism	To help local business to survive an unprecedented economic and health crisis, we seek economic relief from the City of Port Phillip. The second lock down and possible stage four restrictions has left business in an even more perilous position than the initial lock down. A dramatic loss in trade combined with a tsunami of deferred cost shall if not managed well, will lead to devastation on our high streets. The FSBA request the following actions from the CoPP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rate relief equal 25% to all rates payable by businesses to be provided as rate relief in the winter quarter. Targeted by businesses that qualify for Jobkeeper and a similar test.</li> </ul>
CBR-206	Fitzroy St Traders Association	St Kilda	Economic Development and Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The continuation of freeze on Co PP charges such as outside dining into next year.</li> </ul>
CBR-206	Fitzroy St Traders Association	St Kilda	Economic Development and Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The heavy discounting or removal of parking fees for a least six months.</li> </ul>
CBR-207	Port Melbourne Historical & Preservation Society	Port Melbourne	Customer Experience	Is concerned about the proposal to reduce the Counter Services provided by ASSIST at the Port Melbourne Town Hall. The ASSIST officers have continually provided us with excellent service by keeping the key for our rooms and answering public enquiries about our Society as well as displaying and selling our publications. A reduction in their hours will certainly have implications for us.  There are a number of citizens who do not have easy access to on-line information and who will be disadvantaged if the Counter Service is reduced. Even in our digital age, many people prefer to see and speak to others over a counter.  Hopes that the ASSIST Counter Service will continue to operate within its current hours as we believe that the personal contact is still of great value to our citizens.

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CBR-209	Albert Park Lawn Tennis Club	Not Provided	Arts, Culture and Heritage	I wish to support the written request of Mr Graham Lockwood AO to complete the Garden of Remembrance project at the Railway Reserve in Port Melbourne. I see the area each day as a local who resides nearby and attended the initial service there looking forward from 2018 for the completion. I have a lot of interest in the area of Port Phillip with my various roles and would think it very remiss not to compete the project having seen many others as important completed.
CBR-210	Voices of the South Side	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to Voices of the Southside program).
CBR-211	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to Gentle Exercise group and exercise classes).
CBR-212	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to Make Your Mark initiative).
CBR-213	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to exercise classes).
CBR-214	Individual	Not Provided	Sustainability	Requests Council for its continued support of the EcoCentre. Climate change will change everything. The EcoCentre model makes a valuable contribution to our community and to young people in our region who will be among the future leaders we need.
CBR-215	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Dig In Community Gardens initiative at Fishermans Bend Community Centre).
CBR-216	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to Exercise classes for Seniors including Strength Training and Barre program)
CBR-217	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to exercise classes).
CBR-218	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to exercise classes which are conducted via Zoom).
CBR-219	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to 50+ exercise program).

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CBR-220	Submitted on behalf of the Elsternwick Park Association	Elwood	Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks Council for keeping the budget allocation for Elsternwick Park North in the draft Budget to partner with Bayside Council to co-fund an urban forest and wetland subject to evidence which will deliver reduced downstream flooding, improved water quality, capacity for water harvesting, public amenity and enhanced biodiversity.</li> <li>• Seeks confirmation by Council of the 2018 resolution of Elsternwick Park North MOU to ensure the City of Port Phillip (CoPP) and Bayside City Council (BCC) partnership continues to jointly enact and co-fund the Masterplan for Elsternwick Park Nature Reserve - March 2020 (Masterplan report, BCC)</li> <li>• Requests that the Masterplan is not delayed if in the context of climate change we are to prevent the future escalation of the damaging environmental threats of frequent flooding in Elster Creek.</li> <li>• Commends Council to provide emergency and targeted support to residents, business and groups impacted by COVID-19 and to prioritize plans for 2 years ahead to maintain a safe, well, cohesive and engaged community.</li> </ul> <p>Proposes to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Endorse the EPNR Masterplan Report 2020 in accordance with 21 March 2018 resolution.</li> <li>2. Co fund a truly remarkable Urban Forest and Wetland to achieve the aligned priorities of C0PP detailed in the EPNR Masterplan.</li> <li>3. Continue the dialogue with BCC for an MOU to be signed for implementation of the project.</li> </ol>
CBR-221	Port Phillip Multifaith Network	Balaclava	Economic Development and Tourism	<p>Values very much meeting and working with Council. Noted Council has supported and helped realise pathways at their meetings and in our diverse and often segregated communities to talk, listen and exchange. Commentary In terms of the Economic and Social Recovery Program, in uncertain times, there is always a need for calm, moderate and collective thinking. All 16 initiatives Council is considering meet this criteria and is happy to endorse.</p> <p>PPMN will continue feeding back whole-of-community needs to continue with Reconciliation, Acceptance of Diversity and Reduction or Eradication of Ignorance-fuelled Racism as COVID-19 constraints and tightening budget concerns compete with priorities and needs.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Multifaith groups especially support extending hardship provisions in the current COVID-19 crisis</li> <li>2. Council support for volunteering networks</li> <li>3. Council support for bridging the digital divide as at the moment all religious gatherings can only be online.</li> <li>4. Support the funding for emerging social impacts</li> <li>5. Support work around affordable housing and temporary accommodation for rough sleepers</li> <li>6. Support community assistance to food programs</li> <li>7. Support for work with the community sector.</li> </ol>
CBR-221	Port Phillip Multifaith Network	Balaclava	Finance and Project Management	<p>Commented on three of the proposed service level reductions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customer Satisfaction Survey: if this was electronically captured by way of online form (ie, Survey Monkey), would this deliver the desired data points AND cost savings IN real time?</li> <li>• Youth Leadership and Engagement program deferred for 6 months: there has never been a more important time to connect with, inspire, engage and listen to what youth are experiencing. Rather than deferring, would switching this to webinar, online small group discussions or 1-1 mentoring work?</li> <li>• Pre-School Dental Check Program: not sure of the program fail here, teeth decay and hygiene are unrelated to COVID-19. However, there is enough evidence to know that good dental hygiene from a young age improves general health and educational outcomes over lifetime of individuals and societies.</li> </ul>

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CBR-222	Port Phillip EcoCentre	St Kilda East	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-223	Star Health	Port Melbourne	Finance and Project Management	<p>Social Health and Inclusion Port project - City of Port Phillip Budget Submission</p> <p>COVID-19 has presented unprecedented challenges to local community organisations and residents.</p> <p>Social Health and Inclusion Port (SHIP) members have experienced first-hand, the loss of face-to-face activities that would normally bring them together socially. There's a growing body of evidence suggests that the quality and quantity of social relationships affect health behaviours, physical and mental health.</p> <p>Council plays a large part in the continued service delivery to residents that improve and maintain health and wellbeing across the municipality. The Social Health and Inclusion Port project committee members endorse the Council's reprioritisation principles.</p>
CBR-223	Star Health	Port Melbourne	Community Programs and Facilities	<p>In terms of the City of Port Phillip's Strategic Directions:</p> <p>Strategic Direction 1: We embrace difference, and people belong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain annual Community Grants program at \$280,000 and suspending 'quick response' Neighbourhood Grants program for one year (\$56,000) – consulted with the community prior to the release of the draft Budget 2020/21.</li> </ul> <p>SHIP endorses council's commitment to maintaining the community grants program; however, in this climate of uncertainty and constant change the Neighbourhood Grants program 'quick response' program is just the mechanism that community can draw upon in times of need. The Neighbourhood grants have been used for several community-led social inclusion and social connection projects in Port Melbourne in the past (1947 Centre Avenue celebration, Garden City Picnic in the park, Little Free Libraries, &amp; Port Paw parade). The ability for the community to come together and innovate, with quick response funding support from council (such as is being offered at the City of Melbourne3), will be essential to build resilience in the community in a changing environment.</p>
CBR-223	Star Health	Port Melbourne	Families and Young People	<p>Regarding the youth leadership and youth services development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defer Youth Leadership and Engagement program for 6 months (\$12,000).</li> <li>• Suspend Youth Service Development for 1 year (\$18,000).</li> </ul> <p>Received consistent community feedback that there are limited opportunities, particularly in Port Melbourne for young people to engage in accessible social connection programs. There has been a decline in youth activities in the area and, despite ongoing consultation, no youth hub from which to coordinate said activities. COVID-19 has been a major disrupter of all the usual ways in which people (particularly young people) have connected to each other.</p>



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CBR-223	Star Health	Port Melbourne	Families and Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspend Early Education Partnership for 1 year (\$40,000).</li> <li>• Reduce operational subsidy to kindergartens from \$4,000 to \$2,000 per centre (\$19,000).</li> <li>• Cessation of pre-school dental check program funding agreement with Star Health (\$36,000)</li> </ul> <p>Cessation of the pre-school dental check program funding agreement with Star Health means that families will no longer have easy access to preventable healthcare and tooth decay may develop for longer before being picked up by a healthcare professional. Tooth decay is the most common health problem in Victoria with half of all children and adolescents affected, and it is five times more common than asthma in children. Between 2014-16, 14% of children (0-5yrs) in the city of Port Phillip that attended a public dental service presented with at least one decayed, missing or filled tooth. Poor oral health can affect a child's ability to eat and speak and is also linked to poor diet, which means that pre-school dental check-ups are opportune times to detect and discuss nutrition concerns in children.</p> <p>Because tooth decay is largely preventable, regular dental check-ups are recommended to prevent problems from occurring. The cost associated with a dental check-up at a private clinic is often a barrier for many families, meaning that families in Port Phillip may no longer receive the necessary check-ups to prevent and detect oral health issues in their children.</p> <p>While private dental clinics may also conduct dental screenings, these generally come at a cost for families and may use a child's Child Dental Benefits Schedule, meaning vulnerable families will have less subsidy available for treatment costs.</p>
CBR-223	Star Health	Port Melbourne	Customer Experience	<p>Strategic Direction 6: Our commitment to you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce ASSIST Counter Services at Port Melbourne and South Melbourne Town Halls for 12 months (\$91,000), with officers to complete a review before 1 July 2021 to assess the impact of the change on community members who do not have online access to our services – consulted with the community prior to the release of the draft Budget 2020/21.</li> </ul> <p>Do not endorse the withdrawal of counter services at Port Melbourne and South Melbourne Town Halls. Port Melbourne residents, particularly older people with limited access to online information, routinely rely on the Assist desk for information and referrals to other services. Anecdotally we have information from the Port Phillip Welcomers volunteers that a number of elderly people using the service rely on phone contact as they do not have the ability to go online and this makes them very isolated as community members. We also know that some of the younger people that use South Port Community Centre services don't have the ability to get online, as they cannot purchase due to the costs.</p>
CBR-224	St Kilda Medical Group	St Kilda	Sustainability	Thanks Council for supporting the Port Phillip EcoCentre.
CBR-225	Individual	St Kilda	Community Programs and Facilities	Requests Council to continue to prioritise funds and support to the Port Phillip Community Group in this and future budgets.
CBR-226	Individual	South Melbourne	Sustainability	Thanks Council for supporting the Port Phillip EcoCentre.
CBR-227	Individual	Elwood	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-228	Individual	St Kilda	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-229	Individual	St Kilda	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.

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CBR-230	COV	Armadale	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for its continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to City of Voices initiative) and requests that this support be continued into the future.
CBR-231	Individual	St Kilda	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-232	Individual	Mont Albert	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-233	Individual	Preston	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for its continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to City of Voices initiative)
CBR-234	Individual	St Kilda	Finance and Project Management	Is a ratepayer as is the submitter's mother, who is 84 and lives on the aged pension. She has very little savings after years spent raising three children on her own. Any increase in rates would profoundly affect her. Is strongly opposed to any increase in Council rates.
CBR-235	Individual	Albert Park	Sustainability	Thanks Council for supporting the Port Phillip EcoCentre.
CBR-236	Individual	St Kilda	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-237	Individual	Middle Park	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-238	SouthPort Community Centre	St Kilda	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for its continued support of the South Port Community Centre and its many Council-funded programs.
CBR-239	Individual	Albert Park	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-240	Individual	Not Provided	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-241	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Waterfront / Port Phillip Welcomers initiative).
CBR-242	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to exercise classes).
CBR-243	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to exercise classes).
CBR-244	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of the Waterfront Welcomers programme.
CBR-245	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to Strength and Exercise program)

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CBR-246	unChain	Not Provided	Public Spaces	<p>Requests that Council allocate significant funding towards a Business Case for the St Kilda Triangle in this budget. The Triangle is an asset of state-wide importance. It should have a development with the pizzazz and drawing power of its neighbouring icons, the Palais and Luna Park. Such a development would also be a huge step in the much-needed urban renewal of Acland Street and Fitzroy Street.</p> <p>Port Phillip has spent a massive amount of money and time on the Triangle (perhaps too much). While Council currently receives a non-trivial return from parking fees, the medium term development of the Triangle as an entertainment and cultural precinct would provide a massive financial boost to Council's coffers. With significant government support for construction projects in the COVID-recovery process, now it the time to advance this project.</p> <p>If Council feels that it is unwilling or lacks the skills to be the lead agency for the Triangle project, then it should ask the State government to take over that role.</p>
CBR-247	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to Exercise program)
CBR-248	Meydan Group	Not Provided	Economic Development and Tourism	<p>The Meydan Group, the owner and operator of the Cosmopolitan Hotel on Carlisle Street, St Kilda, and member of Acland Street Traders Association, continues to advocate for the prioritisation of funding for the St Kilda Precinct Strategic Plan.</p> <p>The Council needs to prioritise the St Kilda precinct to support its local traders and community. The area is in dire need of revitalisation and economic stimulation – otherwise it will continue to decline. Failing to make an adequate investment in a strategic plan for St Kilda will result in Council falling short of its Council Plan.</p> <p>In finalising the Budget and Council plan, we request that Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prioritise preparation and implementation of the St Kilda Precinct Strategic Plan (the Plan);</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Allocate additional funds towards the Plan for the Financial Year 2020/2021;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ensure ongoing funding for the Plan for the life of the project (3 – 5 years); and</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Support site specific amendments that will support the revitalisation of St Kilda in a more timely manner.</li> </ul>
CBR-249	Individual	Balaclava	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-250	Individual	St Kilda West	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-251	Individual	Albert Park	Sustainability	Thanks Council for supporting the Port Phillip EcoCentre.
CBR-252	Individual	St Kilda	Affordable Housing & Homelessness	<p>Thrilled about and congratulate Council on in the plan including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the mandatory affordable housing contributions as part of new private developments,</li> <li>• partnering with DHHS to deliver permanent supported housing to transition from 'pop-up' options to reduce rough sleeping,</li> <li>• leasing former backpacker accommodation in St Kilda to keep rough sleepers in supported housing.</li> </ul> <p>Requests implementing three actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24/7 security enforcing safe and drug/alcohol-free supported housing options</li> <li>• enforced medical treatment for substance affected rough sleepers</li> </ul>

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CBR-252	Individual	St Kilda	Economic Development and Tourism	• a shop vacancy tax pilot starting in Fitzroy Street, St Kilda will make a world of difference. It will revive St Kilda in preparation for the opening of the architectural masterpiece: Australia's first Pride Centre whose opening will be tainted by being surrounded by a slew of empty shopfronts/restaurants and people in desperate need of medical help who are not in sound mind to seek it.
CBR-252	Individual	St Kilda	Public Spaces	Also requests prioritising the planting of trees.
CBR-253	Individual	Balaclava	Sustainability	Thanks Council for supporting the Port Phillip EcoCentre.
CBR-254	Stop Adani Macnamara	Elwood	Sustainability	Thanks Council for supporting the Port Phillip EcoCentre.
CBR-255	Individual	St Kilda	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support for Friends of Suai/Covalima, Timor Leste.
CBR-256	Individual	Balaclava	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-257	Individual	Port Melbourne	Finance and Project Management	<p>Forecast 2019/2020 - notices \$ 22,500,000 has been removed from Term Deposits leaving balance on hand \$ 60,500,000, but it difficult for me to find any reference in the comprehensive income statement.</p> <p>Budget 2020/21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is happy with Council's desire to make a small profit however, does not agree with movement of profit into ratepayers term deposit account.</li> <li>• Firmly believes any profit in a year should be carried forward to the next year as a credit effectively reducing the next year budget amount. Based on previous years figures this could reduce budget amount for ratepayers by 5% to 6%.</li> </ul> <p>Rates split adopted 57 / 43, believes this should be 54 / 46.</p> <p>NAV is based on CIV ( home + land) net rental less expenses or 5% of CIV. This is a very expensive rate for a charge of rental for land the property stands on and has appearance of being a tax on land for all property owners. Has often heard it said that NAV is the fairest way to allocate rate payments, but find this hard to believe when this year, the dearest general rate will be approx. \$2384 and lowest \$1278. (based on 2020% rates).</p> <p>COVID-19 costs of \$22,500,000 taken up in 2020 figures suggests balance of \$ 0,000,000 less any offsets should be taken up this year , again from term deposits account.</p> <p>Many \$ assistance being provided to others by ratepayers , but no word of, say a 10% discount to ratepayers to be paid from TERM DEPOSIT account which would still have \$ 30,000,000 plus earning 2% pa.</p>

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CBR-258	Individual	Not Provided	Affordable Housing & Homelessness	<p>As a long term resident of Balaclava, I continue to wonder why it remains a relatively neglected area when compared with other suburbs in the municipality.</p> <p>With the current Covid crisis, the issue of "rough sleeping" has been amplified as many people try to seek shelter in doorways, under the train station, trees. I commend your plan to lease the Backpacker hostels in St Kilda so as to provide much needed and essential shelter for people.</p> <p>Coupled with this is your plan and commitment to increase the stock of social housing in the area. Again I commend this plan as this current health crisis has "shone a light " on the inbuilt difficulties in living in cramped high rise public accommodation. It seems necessary to advocate with other levels of government for stimulus funds to be made available for the development of social housing stock, and for incentives to be geared towards the construction industry so that people have a stream of work and that construction of these much needed housing units can occur in the near future.</p>
CBR-258	Individual	Not Provided	Sustainability	<p>Requests Council's Plan to create a sustainable future by committing to an actual greening of Balaclava. This suburb has the lowest percentage of canopy cover and open space when compared with other areas in the municipality. Encourages Council to increase the target from 21% to 25% by 2030. Young trees take at least 10 years to develop an effective canopy to counter the impact of our changing climate, and extreme heat events during the summer/autumn period.</p> <p>Is concerned in the proposed reduction in the Sustainability budget when the interlocking of several factors creates health problems for many of our citizens. One way of addressing is investment in cooling our environment. Our streets particularly those in Balaclava which carry high pedestrian traffic would be so advantageous to both residents, citizens and Council.</p>
CBR-259	The Prince Hotel	St Kilda West	Economic Development and Tourism	<p>Partnering with Renew to lead the revitalisation of Fitzroy Street was a powerful initiative that stemmed from Council's Place Making program. Council's contribution was subject to an equal contribution from the Victorian Government, which was not forthcoming. Fitzroy Street Business Association (FSBA) is now offering to match Council's contribution.</p> <p>Requests Council reconsider its position to take advantage of this co-funded initiative and take the opportunity to reinvigorate the Fitzroy Street retail area.</p>
CBR-260	Fitzroy St Traders Association	St Kilda	Economic Development and Tourism	<p>Partnering with Renew to lead the revitalisation of Fitzroy Street was a powerful initiative that stemmed from Council's Place Making program. Council's contribution was subject to an equal contribution from the Victorian Government, which was not forthcoming. Fitzroy Street Business Association (FSBA) is now offering to match Council's contribution.</p> <p>Requests Council reconsider its position to take advantage of this co-funded initiative and take the opportunity to reinvigorate the Fitzroy Street retail area.</p>
CBR-261	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	<p>Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Get Out Of Town initiative).</p>
CBR-262	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	<p>Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to Creative Writing and Communication skills initiative).</p>

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CBR-263	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to exercise classes).
CBR-264	unChain	Not Provided	Communications and Engagement	<p>Budget: Strategy, outcomes and performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With the new Local Government Act 2020 progressively being implemented, CoPP must establish and comply with the new Community Engagement, Strategic Planning, Financial Management, Public Transparency, Service Performance principles and must comply with the Ministerial Good Practice Guidelines.</li> <li>• The impact of the Corona virus has highlighted the need to do things differently. 2020-21 and probably 2021-22 are not going to be business as usual for CoPP nor the community and business in Port Phillip. Many in the community are ready for a “new and refreshed” approach by City Council staff and Councillors.</li> <li>• CoPP should not aim just to meet benchmark comparisons with other relevant Councils but should aim to be the Council that creates the new benchmark levels to which others aspire.</li> <li>• By effectively finding out about the needs of various people and the communities of Port Phillip, CoPP should gain up to date information and ideas, prioritising the ideas, make a decision, continually communicate and monitor the execution.</li> <li>• As part of the new “community engagement” requirement, CoPP should develop a relevant version of a “ Citizens’ Assembly” as one method of keeping CoPP informed of community needs and expectations, not just relying on councillors, CoPP staff and surveys that don’t ask useful and relevant questions.</li> </ul> <p>Improved communication of council policy decisions and services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council needs to improve communication with the community on Council policy decisions, the services on offer and how the community communicates with council for assistance.</li> <li>• CoPP needs to move from a “you can’t do this” to “how can we help you get this done, within the law” attitude.</li> <li>• Many in the community have significant expertise and willingly volunteer their time to engage with CoPP.</li> <li>• Given the success of video meetings, post Covid 19, CoPP should expand the use of video conferencing for “town hall” feedback and information events.</li> <li>• Internal efficiencies, access to knowledge, service design and execution will be enhanced by the use of technology and trained staff.</li> </ul>

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CBR-264	unChain	Not Provided	Finance and Project Management	<p>Budget: Strategy, outcomes and performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Targeted support and services must be maintained to meet needs with an execution strategy that is effective, efficient, measurable, tracked, sustainable and reviewed.</li> <li>• CoPP can no longer continue to rely on rates and parking fines as the major sources of funding.</li> <li>• Funding sources must be diversified.</li> </ul> <p>Community support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requests continuance of targeted, relevant services and the support for community groups. In particular, groups that support the vulnerable, those needing food, housing, child care, libraries, social services and support for those supporting the needs of older or younger people, arts, music, theatre, sport and the environment etc.</li> </ul> <p>Procurement and lifecycle management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital works projects must be prioritised and carried out by applying a strict review process based on needs rather than wants.</li> <li>• Often both parties can become very comfortable and it is easy to just renew or give the contract to an existing supplier, same applies to leases relet without tender. How do new suppliers get a chance to tender?</li> <li>• Procurement policy needs to be based on many criteria which need to be reviewed to keep in line with changing community expectation and best practice.</li> </ul>
CBR-264	unChain	Not Provided	Economic Development and Tourism	<p>Rate relief</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request Council establishing a “targeted rate relief” fund and strategy to support businesses and staff on Job Keeper and those on Job Seeker, including paying rent or mortgages.</li> <li>• Provides an example of Council that is doing this <a href="https://www.mitcamcouncil.sa.gov.au/council/financial/rates-relief">https://www.mitcamcouncil.sa.gov.au/council/financial/rates-relief</a></li> </ul> <p>Business support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommends Council establish a “vacancy levy” that will encourage landlords to meet the market with their rent expectations.</li> <li>• Council needs to look beyond “place making” by establishing community based services and create safe, clean activated streets by renting the vacant shopfronts for services.</li> </ul>
CBR-264	unChain	Not Provided	Amenity	<p>Community support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asks, as a basic service, where the clean and safe public toilets in Port Phillip are.</li> </ul>

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CBR-264	unChain	Not Provided	Sustainability	<p>Environmental and sustainability issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports Council's continued support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</li> <li>• Suggests auditing and encouraging restaurants to have sustainable practices and outcomes. Example is found at <a href="https://www.dinegreen.com/">https://www.dinegreen.com/</a> .</li> <li>• Requests industry and companies in Fishermans Bend to be encouraged to reduce emissions, collaborate and share resources. . An example is at <a href="http://www.symbiosis.dk/en/">http://www.symbiosis.dk/en/</a></li> <li>• Suggests Council should continue to fund and change the thinking and narrative about creating sustainable climate issues and practices across all CoPP services, residents, industry and commercial businesses in Port Phillip and the neighbouring Cities.</li> <li>• Suggests Power Purchase agreements and local community power sharing systems be encouraged.</li> <li>• Supports the Port Phillip Sustainable Business Network, the Council climate emergency policy and the engagement of PECAN and other environment groups so that a whole of council climate emergency plan is developed, funded and executed locally to mitigate and adapt to climate change across all of the CoPP, procurement practices included.</li> </ul>
CBR-264	unChain	Not Provided	Governance, Policy and Risk	<p>Budget: Strategy, outcomes and performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Along with seeking and obtaining more State and Federal Government funds, CoPP needs to apply for funding for services from philanthropic funds and business sponsorship and partnerships to fund projects and services.</li> </ul> <p>Audit Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The role, access and knowledge of the outcomes of the Audit committee must be improved such that there is transparency.</li> <li>• It is very difficult to find out how to contact the Committee and its membership.</li> <li>• It is not good practice to contact an audit committee through a staff member of the CEOs office.</li> <li>• The audit committee should ensure that CoPP complies with all laws, in particular the new Local Government Act.</li> </ul> <p>Procurement and lifecycle management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CoPP Audit committee needs to continually review its contract and procurement strategy and procedures every 2 years as a minimum.</li> <li>• If Council does not have the capabilities nor the finances for major projects, council should request that the State Government take over and fund a project, like The Triangle and The St Kilda Marina.</li> </ul>
CBR-264	unChain	Not Provided	People, Capability and Culture	<p>Budget: Strategy, outcomes and performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Port Phillip needs to have some staff that have real life commercial experience gained from outside the public sector so that projects and services are effectively and efficiently managed and the funds gained can be put to use in providing services and amenities for residents and tourist from State, Federal and Commercial funding as well as other income.</li> </ul> <p>Staffing levels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff should be capable and encouraged to act as internal consultants which would reduce the excessive cost and reliance on external consultants.</li> <li>• The CEO's review of the staff structure and requirements is long overdue, in particular a review of the "middle waist line" staffing levels is required. Reducing the 5 divisions to 4 is a good step in the right direction.</li> </ul>



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CBR-264	unChain	Not Provided	Customer Experience	<p>Staffing levels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Port Phillip needs to continually review the systems capabilities, the size, shape and capabilities of the staff required to plan and execute the services determined by the Act and Council policy on local issues.</li> </ul>
CBR-264	unChain	Not Provided	Asset and Property Management	<p>Leases and licences compliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>States that Council leases or licences must comply with the financial and non-financial aspects of their agreement. Refers to example of the non-upgrade of the Vineyard as per the lease, the free access to public toilets and the community room at the West Beach Pavilion, and extending the current Marina lease, Council missed out on gaining a realistic lease income for a number of years.</li> </ul> <p>Procurement and lifecycle management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some projects have not been built for a long lifecycle. Provides example of Middle Park sea front toilets, which received a sustainability award in 2012, but now requires \$40,000 renovations.</li> <li>The South Melbourne Town Hall should not have been allowed to fall into a state of disrepair such that it has to be evacuated and closed.</li> <li>Assumes that all Council assets are inspected on a routine basis for compliance, hazardous materials, maintenance and safety.</li> <li>Asks whether some streets get resurfaced just because it is programmed to be undertaken rather than resurfaced based on need.</li> </ul>
CBR-265	Individual	Not Provided	Economic Development and Tourism	<p>Targeted rate relief</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asks whether Council will support ratepayers, businesses and community groups who are experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic by giving rate waivers, rate relief or deferrals?</li> </ul> <p>Business and landlord rate relief should be extended to tenants, who do not directly pay rates, with the agreement of their landlord that any deferral or rebate will be directly passed on to the tenant.</p> <p>It is suggested that, to be eligible, ratepayers (direct or indirect, such as tenants) must be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commercial and Community group ratepayers who have been required to close due to COVID-19 and are eligible for the 'Job Keeper' payment</li> <li>Residential ratepayers should be eligible for the 'Job Seeker' or 'Job Keeper' payment</li> <li>Any other ratepayer experiencing financial hardship due to income dropping by 15 per cent or more.</li> </ul> <p>Its easy for Council to implement, by using existing documentation which has already been verified by the ATO. provides an example of this rate support can be found at the City of Mitcham in Adelaide which have adopted such support for residents and businesses. See <a href="https://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/council/financial/rates-relief">https://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/council/financial/rates-relief</a></p>

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CBR-266	SKWAT	Not Provided	Sustainability	<p>Proposes The Catani Gardens Storm Water Harvesting Project as part of Port Phillip's wider "Water Sensitive Urban Design Programme." The project would involve collecting water from the drains underneath the Catani Gardens, and harvesting the storm water – instead of letting it flow out into the bay. The water would then be used to irrigate the gardens. Importantly, there is a large potential yield of water from St Kilda Hill that can be harvested. The project would be similar to the Alma Park and Albert Park plans. This small proposal would be part of a larger Port Phillip wide integrated water management system. Lastly, it must be noted the importance of the Catani Gardens for nature, sport, recreation, the heritage layout, and location next to Victoria's foremost foreshore.</p> <p>Seek's council's agreement to undertake a serious assessment of a recycled water project for Catani Gardens in the 2020/2021 budget at an estimated cost of \$25,000.</p>
CBR-267	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to exercise classes and use of Zoom).
CBR-268	Humiform	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Requesting Council to provide a location, for 5-8 hours a week, to trial their after school and holiday programs. HUMIFORM would also like to work closely with the council to promote the programs and connect with local change makers interested in engaging with young people.
CBR-269	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to ARCS - Applied Reception/Customer Service Training program initiative) and requests that this support be continued into the future.
CBR-270	1st Elwood Scout Group	Not Provided	City Planning and Urban Design	<p>Has grave concerns over the draft budget. It is vitally important to many in the Bendigo Avenue and Tiuna Grove areas of Elwood that these items are clarified - particularly if the lack of specificity over concerns first raised at meetings with officers in February 2019 and several Council meetings since then have not been remedied. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Page 32 "It is a city of neighbourhoods, each with its own character, defined by heritage buildings, strip shopping precincts and tree-lined streets." Not realistically a valid statement when heritage reviews are underfunded and Council's error in measuring building heights has allowed higher buildings in some streets - which has attracted developers to knock down existing housing stock in streets where this should not occur.</li> <li>• Page 90 "Review the Housing Strategy in the next Council Plan to ensure new residential development is well located and respects the character and heritage of established neighbourhoods." and " review of Heritage Overlay 6 (East St Kilda)"</li> </ul> <p>These priorities ignore the promise at Council meetings (including July 1, 2020) that HO8 review was imminent - there is no mention of this review at all! Cr. Bond raised the height measurement error which led Council to set NRZ5 streets as NRZ6 - and was told that the Housing Strategy would address this in a timely manner - NOT told 4 years.</p> <p>The \$200k expenditure (line 2, page 196 apparently does not extend to Elwood's review and accelerated implementation??</p> <p>Also asks why the Scout Water Activity Centre is not mentioned as as amenity in the Elwood-Ripponlea neighbourhood section of the Council Plan.</p>

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CBR-271	Gasworks Arts Inc	Not Provided	Arts, Culture and Heritage	Gasworks welcomes this opportunity to comment on the updated Council Plan and draft Budget. We appreciate the significant challenges facing the CoPP and we support the Council in its prioritisation of activities that "are essential to helping the community move from response to recovery as quickly as possible". (p.13) We are grateful for our partnership with the Council in making the Arts an aspect of this recovery, helping to bring the community together in creative and safe ways. As a significant and important critical mass of arts activities at the western end of the City, Gasworks is committed to helping artists and Council to navigate this difficult period. This submission outlines some of the ways that we can do this.
CBR-272	Individual	Not Provided	Governance, Policy and Risk	States that the Council Plan is too complex. The detailed strategies that have evolved from the 5 broad 'strategic direction' statements have created too many projects on an annual basis, resulting in complexity in terms of delivery, increased annual cost and in turn an unnecessary financial burden on the community. Council has tried to do too much too quickly. Council should be providing direction to officers to reduce the number of detailed strategies and hence projects in the Council Plan to a more manageable level. This would also enable a recalibration of the Financial Plan.
CBR-272	Individual	Not Provided	Finance and Project Management	Notes that the changes made to the 2020/21 budget and following years of the Financial Plan essentially involve deferments of projects and the related expenditure. No real attempt has been made to reduce expenditure, presumably because all areas of council regard their strategies as essential. Reducing complexity peels back costs both operational and capital.
CBR-272	Individual	Not Provided	Finance and Project Management	In the current environment, rates should not be increasing in 2020/21. Council should be identifying areas in which to cut operating expenditure to fund initiatives for those who need it most.
CBR-272	Individual	Not Provided	Finance and Project Management	It is noted in the Plan that 'a significant portion of our costs remain fixed, with staff salaries'....Staff are not a fixed cost and with turnover expected at 10% per annum, reductions can be effected very quickly, whilst acknowledging that essential staff would need to be replaced. Proposed staff wage increases should be deferred and a review/replacement of the existing superannuation system undertaken – defined benefit schemes have proven to be very costly.
CBR-272	Individual	Not Provided	Finance and Project Management	Pages 22-26 of the Plan identify 'major changes to existing projects and programs'. Whilst difficult to calculate in total, deferment of costs approximates \$24m, land acquisition for the Sustainability Hub (\$17.5m) has been removed and the Kerferd Rd safety improvement project (\$2m) has been deleted as replaced by the State Government Shrine to Sea initiative.
CBR-272	Individual	Not Provided	Finance and Project Management	Projects not previously identified in the Council Plan for which funding is required total \$2.219m of which \$0.975m relates to the Council election. How was the latter expense missed in the previous plan and are the projects that make up the \$2.219m all essential?
CBR-272	Individual	Not Provided	Transport and Parking Management	Does not support the Park St Bike Link. Not only will it make the eastern end of Park St unworkable and the section west of Kings Way unsafe, there is a far better solution for a dedicated east – west crossing of Kings Way and a connection to Moray St and beyond to the Bay. Utilise part of the very wide southern footpath where Kings Way joins St Kilda Rd. Then across the Queens Rd/ Kings Way intersection at the existing traffic lights, continue behind Mac Robertson Girls High and join the Albert Rd existing bike paths.

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CBR-272	Individual	Not Provided	Finance and Project Management	The 10 year Plan appears over ambitious with respect to cash flow from the second highest revenue stream - parking. Given the determination expressed in the strategies to stop people using cars, it is difficult to understand how parking revenue (including fines) will increase by 60% to \$45m between 2021 and 2030. Particularly so, given the reduction in street parking spaces
CBR-272	Individual	Not Provided	Finance and Project Management	A suggestion regarding the possibility of increased revenue to use for the benefit of the local community, whether increased green space, wider footpaths or laneways, community services: The revised planning scheme for the St Kilda Rd North area – C107, gifted property owners in Sub-Precinct 2 the prospect of an additional 7 floors in a developed building. This represents a windfall gain in excess of 50% in the value of the site. It would not be unreasonable or unrealistic to implement a Development levy of between \$1 and \$3/sqm, based on the area of each site as a contribution to the local community.
CBR-272	Individual	Not Provided	Transport and Parking Management	The Integrated Transport Strategy is unbalanced as it is based on no growth in car usage and major expenditure on bike infrastructure. A large part of the population growth will result from new apartment developments. Many of these will attract older residents moving closer to the city but with family, business or leisure activities that require car use. In addition, weekly shopping cannot be completed at the local IGA and medical services are not necessarily within walking distance or indeed practical by tram.  The car use assumption also ignores the number of service personnel that are required to attend each multi storey tower, including those required by residents. Bike riding is not a solution for a large part of our population and discriminates against older as well as less mobile people.
CBR-272	Individual	Not Provided	Finance and Project Management	Council should eliminate a number of projects. There are a number of significant projects in the 10 year Plan the timing of which could be questioned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gasworks Arts Park Reinstatement</li> <li>• Kings Place Pocket Park</li> <li>• Lagoon Reserve Pavilion Replacement</li> <li>• St Kilda Library Redevelopment</li> </ul>
CBR-273	South Pacific Community Centre	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for its continued support for 12 of the South Port Community Centre programs.  Looks forward, particularly in light of the impact of COVID-19, to continuing this great work in support of our local community, made possible by our support.
CBR-274	Port Phillip Community Group	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Applauds Council's ongoing commitment to diversity and inclusion in the updated Council Plan. Is pleased that Council's Strategic Direction 1: "We embrace difference, and people belong", remains in place. PPCG has a longstanding commitment to social inclusion and diversity and this sentence speaks volumes about Council's commitment to a society that values and promotes opportunities for all its citizens to fully participate in community life.

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CBR-274	Port Phillip Community Group	Not Provided	Economic Development and Tourism	<p>Draft Budget 2020/21</p> <p>PPCG acknowledges that the overall impact of COVID-19 on Council finances estimated at \$32 million is devastating - with \$12.7 million felt in the previous FY 2019/20, and a further \$19.3 million in this FY 2020/2021.</p> <p>We fully support the ~\$4+ million devoted to COVID-19 social and economic recovery measures as we know that it is all of the community – businesses, agencies, artists, creative and recreational industries, community, housing, health; and families and individuals that will all need to be supported now and into the future. We would therefore like to see this amount continually reviewed to ensure that the creativity and compassion that Port Phillip is renowned for and now so evident during the pandemic, continues with as much financial and other supports as possible to inspire a renewed sense of place, locality and creativity.</p> <p>Supports in principle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>welcomes initiative that allows Council staff to volunteer for up to 2 days per annum and Volunteer facilitation.</li> </ul>
CBR-274	Port Phillip Community Group	Not Provided	Finance and Project Management	<p>Proposed Funding to PPCG</p> <p>Is extremely extremely grateful that Council has proposed in its draft budget:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$45k for PPCG for Share The Food July to September 2020 (p. 17 – 19); and</li> <li>\$588k Service Deed funding for PPCG for FY 2020/2021 (p.71).</li> </ol> <p>Support these funds wholeheartedly. In summary Council provides PPCG with \$588,000 and they leverage off this grant to deliver close to \$1 million worth of direct value against Council's investment. In addition they generate \$350,000 of income to provide other key programs in education and financial counselling which also directly benefit CoPP residents.</p> <p>PPCG has since 2010 been in a continuing state of uncertainty re Service Deed funding from Council and in a cycle of short term (1 - 2 year extensions). Most importantly unlike state or government funding, Council does not pass on state CPI nor award increases. This has meant that during the past 10 years Council funds have remained fairly static whilst PPCG salaries and wages (under our Award - SCHCADS) have increased by up to 35%. In the midst of a pandemic and recession, is grateful for Council funding as it means that our staff can continue their work and contribute to ameliorating the challenging impacts of COVID-19; and re-engaging and re-building our community post COVID-19. This is a conversation to be had in the future.</p>
CBR-274	Port Phillip Community Group	Not Provided	Affordable Housing & Homelessness	<p>Homelessness</p> <p>We applaud Council's commitment to proactively addressing homelessness and providing further social housing. We know that homelessness is complex involving mental and physical health issues, family breakdown, substance use and abuse, and domestic violence; and it is not simply about providing housing. We work with people who are homeless every day and in many different ways and settings, as not all homelessness is visible, and not all people who are homeless can 'be fixed' by moving them off the street, or out of sight / out of mind. This is an opportunity for Council to continue its ground-breaking work in this area and for a range of community, health and housing organisations to come together through Council leadership and facilitation. The solution is to provide safe and secure housing with professional and wrap around supports on site 24/7 to address the wider social and physical health issues behind both homelessness, and the housing crisis. PPCG has the experience and expertise to directly contribute to this.</p>

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CBR-274	Port Phillip Community Group	Not Provided	Finance and Project Management	<p>Reduced Staffing and Smaller Local Government</p> <p>Understands the difficult decisions Council needs to make re the funding of programs and services versus internal funding cuts. To achieve the outcomes that everyone is wanting in the community – i.e. a return to as normal as possible, suggests to not cut too deep into Council staff and resources.</p> <p>States Council spends money on small initiatives that often do not deliver positive social impacts and uses example of continued funding for South Port Community Legal Service. Believes this is a missed opportunity to consolidate legal services across Port Phillip would benefit all residents of Port Phillip and should be allocated through an equitable and transparent process that ensures council funding for legal services delivers maximum value for the community as a whole and targets those with high legal need.</p>
CBR-274	Port Phillip Community Group	Not Provided	Finance and Project Management	<p>Supports fully:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reinstating \$10k in 2020/21 in project funding for Friends of Suai/Covalima for the length of the current Friends of Suai/Covalima agreement as compassionate and kind;</li> <li>• Council's continued support for the Port Phillip EcoCentre Redevelopment in line with its positive work in environmental / climate change initiatives</li> <li>• Suspending the 'quick response' Neighbourhood Grants program for one-year, reinstating funding from 2021/22.</li> </ul>
CBR-274	Port Phillip Community Group	Not Provided	Customer Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports reducing ASSIST Counter Service at Port Melbourne and South Melbourne Town Halls for one year with a complete review before 1 July 2021. As a key service deliverer and stakeholder with ASSIST at both Town Halls, expects to be involved in this review based on an open and transparent process.</li> </ul>
CBR-274	Port Phillip Community Group	Not Provided	Ageing and Accessibility	<p>A Re-imagined Community or Life after Coronavirus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urges Council to be bold. This is an opportunity to build the social and economic infrastructure needed to support individuals, families and communities, sustain local businesses and prepare for ongoing challenges, including climate change.</li> <li>• Council continues to demonstrate leadership and commitment through a whole-of-Council approach and working collaboratively with its many partners and key stakeholders to reduce the current and emerging inequalities as a direct result of COVID-19. PPCG is willing and able to work closely with Council throughout this unprecedented time to hold and embed Council's vision for Port Phillip as a City that is inviting, liveable, caring and compassionate.</li> </ul>
CBR-275	Individual	Not Provided	Finance and Project Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• supports the majority of decisions of the City of Port Phillip (CoPP)</li> <li>• supports my rates increasing • supports fee increases</li> <li>• supports the Economic and Social Recovery program</li> <li>• supports Reinstating \$10,000 for Friends of Suai/Covalima</li> <li>• does not support additional cuts to services • loves living in St Kilda and is proud to be living in Port Phillip</li> <li>• commends the council on its response to the COVID-19 crisis.</li> </ul>
CBR-275	Individual	Not Provided	Transport and Parking Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• does not support the \$430,000 reduction from the Bike Infrastructure Program</li> </ul>
CBR-276	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	<p>Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Dig In Community Gardens initiative at Fishermans Bend Community Centre).</p>

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CBR-277	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Is concerned that Council funding for the South Port Community Centre may be withdrawn. Writes to seek continued Council funding (refers to exercise classes).
CBR-278	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Is concerned that Council funding for the South Port Community Centre may be withdrawn. Writes to seek continued Council funding (refers to exercise classes for those over 50).
CBR-279	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Gentle exercise program).
CBR-280	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to exercise program).
CBR-281	Individual	St Kilda	Transport and Parking Management	<p>Supports separated bicycle lanes and the elimination of automobile parking from certain streets, supported with increased movement and safer public space for pedestrians. States that bicycle use in our city will only advance if the streets are made safer for cyclists.</p> <p>Notes the following in Council's budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bike Infrastructure program has been put on hold with a \$430,000 reduction and reduced to "design and consultation in 2020-21.</li> <li>• Deferral of projects such as the Garden City Bike Path</li> <li>• Nothing for bicycle education or training and young cyclists</li> <li>• Nothing for improved street signage.</li> <li>• No provision for urgent temporary initiatives for pedestrians or cyclists given the possibility of changes to public health regulations, such as introduction of State Four restrictions.</li> <li>• The City of Port Phillip does not record cyclists or bicycle ownership in the municipality in the General Statistics quoted in the Budget.</li> <li>• Lip service is given to the difficulties imposed by the extent of automobile use and the dumping of automobiles on our public thoroughfares under the guise of "parking". Nowhere is there a practical realization of the need to tackle this and associated problems head on with policies, initiatives and expenditure directly favoring a solution to these problems: increased bicycle use.</li> </ul>
CBR-282	Fitzroy St Business Association	St Kilda	Economic Development and Tourism	<p>Requests the following actions from the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rate relief equal to 25% of all annual rates payable by businesses for the winter quarter. Targeted at businesses that qualify for Job Keeper and similar tests</li> </ul>
CBR-282	Fitzroy St Business Association	St Kilda	Economic Development and Tourism	<p>Requests the following actions from the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The continuation of the freeze on charges such as outside dining into next year</li> <li>• The heavy discounting or removal of parking fees for at least six months.</li> <li>• A thorough and reasonable consideration of a- "Hoyne-like" project which will complement the Renew project and build and expand upon the now almost defunct Placemaking exercise. Quotations are currently being sought for approval as per our requirement.</li> </ul>

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CBR-282	Fitzroy St Business Association	St Kilda	Economic Development and Tourism	<p>Requests the following actions from the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upholding Council's commitment to fund half of the Renew project (\$75.000) now that the FSBA has decided to commit its own funds to meet the required other half.</li> </ul>
CBR-283	BEST	Balaclava	Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acknowledges full support of the submission made by PECAN.</li> <li>• Proposes that Council undertakes a coordinated and planned review of Balaclava area that takes in the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing canopy cover. Council needs to set more ambitious targets</li> <li>• Public Spaces Strategy which should be directing Council expenditure to areas of highest need, including maximising our corridors of open space along roadways (Such as Bothwell Street) along our railway reserves and embasures and by making use of shared spaces such as at the St Kilda Primary School. Such opportunities for partnership maximises existing open space (i.e. St Kilda Primary School)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Supports opportunities to use the water from the Town Hall Drain for stormwater flood reduction and watering open space in this area.</li> </ul>
CBR-283	BEST	Balaclava	Transport and Parking Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An overall review of traffic management should feed into such a local plan to address the impact of current and future approved activity in William St and Carlisle St. Including but not limited to traffic management in William St/Nightingale St/Gibbs St/Bothwell St and Woodstock St.</li> <li>• Balaclava Walk – needs to be actualized including a review of embankment to restore the greening of this area</li> <li>• Improvement of street crossings is needed especially at the pedestrian crossings at Nightingale St and Grosvenor St.</li> </ul>



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CBR-284	PECAN	Balaclava	Sustainability	<p>Requests that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to ongoing funding for the EcoCentre.</li> <li>2. ensures that all climate-related projects display educational information showing the benefits of the project.</li> <li>3. develops and implements an education strategy to inform residents of how the City is tackling the climate emergency.</li> <li>4. commits to achieving measurable targets to tackle the climate emergency, and uses place-based signage to inform residents of the City's progress toward these targets.</li> <li>5. strengthens its overall response to the climate emergency and works with its community using genuine citizen engagement processes in accordance with the requirements of the new Local Government Act 2020.</li> <li>6. engages with environment groups to jointly develop detailed reporting commencing with target setting with dates, responsibilities and budgets, and ongoing transparency with project implementation.</li> <li>7. facilitates a Power Purchase Agreement directed toward the commercial and industrial sectors.</li> <li>8. supports the development of Collective Power Purchasing Systems for Port Phillip residents, especially apartment dwellers.</li> <li>9. in conjunction with other councils, proposes that stimulus funds be provided in a retrofitting program directed towards low income/vulnerable households.</li> <li>10. develops a Green-Blue Infrastructure Action Plan, incorporating a review of Greening Port Phillip together with a catchment-based Integrated Water Management Plan.</li> <li>11. integrates ongoing work through Move Connect Live and related transport policies 2020-2028 with the proposed Green -Blue Infrastructure Action Plan, and in the short term gives priority to temporary bike lanes.</li> <li>12. through participation in CASBE, its Planning Scheme can be successfully updated to upgrade building performance standards with a target of 2023.</li> <li>13. reviews Sustainability staffing capability in the context of Project requirements in 2020/21.</li> </ol>
CBR-285	Individual	Not Provided	Community Programs and Facilities	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to exercise program).
CBR-286	Port Phillip EcoCentre	Not Provided	Sustainability	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-287	Port Phillip EcoCentre Inc	St Kilda	Sustainability	<p>Thanks Council for co-funding the EcoCentre and recommends that Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• continues the effective EcoCentre Funding Agreement so that along with other environmental, community and educational outcomes, we may continue our responsive, creative adaptations to a diverse portfolio of programming for environmental and community health that remain of critical importance during the coronavirus pandemic; and</li> <li>• maintains its resource commitment to the development of a new fit-for-purpose environmental hub while continuing joint advocacy with the EcoCentre to secure matching funding</li> </ul>

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CBR-288	CAPP	St Kilda	Finance and Project Management	<p>Concerned by Council's 'austerity' response to the revenue hit it is suffering due to the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. Rather than defer major projects to subsequent years, suggests support expenditure on them in 2020/21. Approves of the proposal to conduct quarterly in-depth reviews of the Budget in this financial year to enable adjustments to be made in response to the ongoing crisis.</p> <p>Recommends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That Council re-visit the decision not to borrow in 2020/21 and develop a plan supported by prudent borrowings, to bring forward major projects currently proposed for deferral, including: Children's Centres Improvement Program (\$1.4 million) Water Sensitive Urban Design Program (\$550,000) Energy Efficiency and Solar Program (\$350,000) Greening Port Phillip Strategy Implementation (\$200,000) Building Renewal and Upgrade Program (\$655,000) Bike Infrastructure Program (\$430,000 proposed for deferral) Elster Creek Catchment Partnership and Elsternwick Park Nature Reserve (\$930,000) St Kilda Library re-development (\$250,000) Designate the Fitzroy Street Public Toilet as a high priority site</li> </ul>
CBR-288	CAPP	St Kilda	Families and Young People	<p>Concerned that the service level reduction focuses on youth, early education, kindergartens and pre-schoolers leaves our younger citizens vulnerable. Asks how Lead Family/Assertive Outreach resource to meet Council-endorsed Children's Services Policy commitments to support families experiencing vulnerability to access early years education services will relate to the existing Enhanced Maternal and Child Program which already focuses on identifying and supporting families from birth who are identified as vulnerable, or with additional needs.</p> <p>Recommends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That the proposed service level reductions be rethought, in particular to ensure that younger citizens are not disadvantaged.</li> <li>That the new Family/Assertive Outreach position be clearly integrated with the EMCH Service.</li> </ul>
CBR-288	CAPP	St Kilda	Economic Development and Tourism	<p>Welcomes the Economic and Social Recovery Program and supports the strategies to ameliorate the effects of the pandemic for local businesses, such as rent relief, rate deferrals, waiving footpath trading fees etc. Recommends the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That Council review its allocation of funds for emerging social issues at the first quarterly review scheduled for February 2021, with a view to expanding the allocation of funds.</li> <li>That the Council is transparent on all the costs within the Economic and Social Recovery Program and provides guidance on how the Community can monitor the success or otherwise of these programs.</li> </ul> <p>Also recommends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That Council contribute to post pandemic economic recovery by investing in a 12-month job creation program (\$10 million for '100 Jobs Port Phillip') to employ local residents who have lost jobs/income due to the pandemic. The focus of this should be on employing those from sectors most affected, such as hospitality, the Arts and early childhood services and contribute to services that will enhance community recovery from the COVID-19 crisis. The positions created would be short-term, up to 12 months in duration.</li> </ul>

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CBR-288	CAPP	St Kilda	Arts, Culture and Heritage	<p>Recommends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That Council makes a decision to cancel the St Kilda Festival for 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> <li>• That any savings from the creative industries budget, particularly from cancellation of the St Kilda Festival, be reallocated to arts activities in the City of Port Phillip involving local artists.</li> </ul>
CBR-288	CAPP	St Kilda	Affordable Housing & Homelessness	<p>CAPP supports statement in Council Plan that it “Builds on the successful partnership with HousingFirst as Trustee of the Port Phillip Housing Trust and maintains our longstanding leadership in affordable housing. The 2020/21 Council Budget and projected budgets must reflect these commitments.</p> <p>CAPP supports initiatives focused on providing housing and welfare supports for people experiencing homelessness: A temporary common ground facility – to lease former backpacker (Habitat HQ) accommodation in St Kilda to keep rough sleepers in supported housing: \$250,000                      B. A permanent common ground facility in partnership with DHHS to deliver permanent supported housing for persons from Council’s By-name list/ transitioning from the Habitat temporary accommodation to reduce rough sleeping: \$25,000 C. Port Phillip Zero project</p> <p>Recommends:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The existing Social Housing Fund (SHF), currently standing at \$2.5 million, be increased to provide for the added initiatives aimed at homelessness. It is proposed that an additional amount of \$200,000 be added to the current annual allocation of \$500,000 council provides.</li> <li>b. Council honor its commitment to provide grants from the SHF to any Registered Housing Agency applying to build and operate social housing in Port Philip. Housing First’s Marlborough St Project in St Kilda and South Port Community Housing Group (SPCHG) forthcoming project at Emerald St. South Melbourne are two such projects.</li> <li>c. Council, in conjunction with Housing First, allocate funds from the SHF to refurbish properties in the Port Phillip Housing Trust to improve standards in older properties and to expand, where possible, the number of units. A number of these properties are Rooming Houses which, if refurbished, would add to the number and quality of units aimed at addressing homelessness. State Government funds would also to be sought.</li> <li>d. The current pandemic warrants an injection of additional funds by Council to meet the costs of the three homelessness projects identified in the budget totalling \$325,000.</li> </ol>
CBR-288	CAPP	St Kilda	Sustainability	<p>Sees addressing climate change as integral to ensuring an equitable, inclusive and sustainable city, and greater Government intervention. Notes several Council initiatives that have been deferred that will have damaging effects on the Sustainability area.</p> <p>Recommends:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Facilitate Power Purchase Agreements which involve the local commercial and industrial sectors and facilitate the linkage of apartments with houses;</li> <li>2. Review the Greening Port Philip program to take account of canopy cover target and implement heat mapping;</li> <li>3. Complete the Integrated Water Management Plan;</li> <li>4. Continue involvement in the Elster Creek and Elsternwick Park Project;</li> <li>5. Create temporary bike lanes consistent with the state strategic routes; and</li> <li>6. Continue to support and advocate for the rebuilding of the Eco Centre.</li> </ol>

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CBR-288	CAPP	St Kilda	Libraries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes the City of Port Phillip is already behind similar councils in its spending on new materials, having the lowest proportion of library resources less than five years old – 48.8% compared with 72.0% for similar councils. The reduction of purchases in a time when the community is in greater need of these resources is disappointing and CAPP recommends that this decrease not be implemented.</li> <li>• Notes that over 5,000 Inter library loans occurred in 2018/19, which was an increase from the previous year. The Budget proposes to increase the Inter Library Loan fee from \$2.10 to \$28.50. If the number of Inter Library loans remains the same (5,267) this increase in the fee provides revenue of \$150,190.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. That Council does not decrease the library purchases by \$200,000 in 2020/21.</li> <li>b. That an explanation be provided on the large increase in the Inter Library Loan fee.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
CBR-289	Individual	St Kilda	Economic Development and Tourism	<p>I am the owner of a commercial property on Fitzroy St, St Kilda.</p> <p>Things that would help in this current climate.</p> <p>- rates relief (I already have a very discounted lease and my tenant still cannot make the payments)</p>
CBR-289	Individual	St Kilda	Economic Development and Tourism	<p>- greater amount of free parking</p>
CBR-290	South Port Community Housing Group	South Melbourne	Affordable Housing & Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We strongly support the Council's leadership role in advocating for increased social housing</li> <li>• We submit that Council should implement and fund the actions contained in Policy 1 of In Our Backyard.</li> <li>• We submit that Council honour its commitment to provide grants to any Registered Housing Agency applying to build and operate social housing in Port Philip (Council motion 6 March 2019).</li> <li>• We submit that Council should, in the spirit of Council's In Our Backyard, explore if local housing organisations may be more able and appropriate to manage this housing and provide these services</li> <li>• We submit that Council undertake consultation, including with local housing organisations and services, about the most appropriate response to homelessness in the municipality. This consultation must occur prior to any allocation of funds or decisions made by Council</li> </ul>
CBR-291	Individual	St Kilda East	Community Programs and Facilities	<p>Thanks Council for ongoing support for the Friends of Suai/Covalima and requests continued support.</p>
CBR-292	Individual	St Kilda	Economic Development and Tourism	<p>Requests that rates be waived for businesses and small business grants are made available to small businesses that are struggling right now.</p>
CBR-293	Individual	St Kilda	Sustainability	<p>Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p>
CBR-294	Individual	South Melbourne	Sustainability	<p>Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p>

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CBR-295	Individual	Elwood	Finance and Project Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is shocked that the Council will be raising rates. This is a challenging time financially for many rate payers and to increase rates puts further pressure on already stretched household budgets. Council notes that on average this will equate to \$32 for average resident rate payers. I currently pay \$7280 for my rates and assuming valuations remain stable I will be paying \$7426, which is significantly more than a \$32 increase. Rates are already excessive and should not be increased.</li> <li>• When I compare the rates I pay with people in houses of similar value who reside in other council areas it always shows that I pay significantly higher rates. The increase will only make the gap bigger.</li> <li>• Council attempt to justify the increase by noting it will be used to assist those most impacted by the pandemic. A better outcome would be not to increase rates and allow people to decide whether they can afford to help others.</li> <li>• Is staggered to read that Council provides funds to East Timor (Suai/Covalima). International donations /support is not a local government responsibility and is an inappropriate use of rates.</li> <li>• There is many areas Council could reduce costs. As an example festival expenditure could be reduced. Asks what benefit the St Kilda festival brings to residential rate payers. If it is positive for businesses then they should pay for it via a levy.</li> </ul>

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CBR-296	Port Phillip Progressive	Not Provided	Finance and Project Management	<p>This is not a time for smaller government or austerity. This is a time to invest in people, services and communities. This is a time to plan for and build the future.</p> <p>Therefore,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council should proceed with all of its planned capital works program rather than deferring elements.</li> <li>• Council should reverse its proposed cuts to services, especially in libraries, Council assist services, health and early childhood services, streetscaping and tree planting. These services are needed now more than ever.</li> </ul> <p>Council must invest prudently and manage resources wisely as a steward for the community. To help respond to these challenges and to invest for the future we propose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic borrowing and use of reserves</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Council has a strong balance sheet that can enable it to grow inter-generational assets at a time when interest rates are at record lows</li> <li>o Council has built reserves over a number of years to be prudently deployed for the long-term benefit of the City and for use at times of crisis. These reserves have been replenished recently through asset sales. While it must and should retain very significant firepower as the pandemic unfolds, Council should also consider a modest allocation from reserves to help ameliorate the crisis that communities in Port Phillip are facing right now</li> </ul> <p>Council must invest prudently and manage resources wisely as a steward for the community. To help respond to these challenges and to invest for the future we propose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Advocacy to the State Government for a new local government loan pipeline through Treasury Corporation of Victoria, especially given State Government encouragement to meet obligations in this way during the crisis.</li> <li>• Consideration in future of longer-term infrastructure asset financing options, specifically Australian Superannuation Infrastructure Investment Vehicles, a plan supported by the Financial Services Council</li> <li>• Cuts to reduce the use of external consultants which could be used to build in-house expertise and knowledge and deliver longer term structural savings</li> <li>• Senior management wage and bonus freeze in FY21</li> <li>• A practical, no-frills independent efficiency and effectiveness review [i.e. excluding major consultancies] to cut excessive management and ensure alignment with and delivery of the post-Election Council plan.</li> <li>• Council must be flexible and responsive as the pandemic unfolds and communicate deeply with Port Phillip communities about the Budget challenges it faces.</li> </ul>
CBR-296	Port Phillip Progressive	Not Provided	Economic Development and Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would like Council to address ageing social and physical infrastructure services: upgrade community and Council child care centres to ensure they remain fit for purpose; upgrade and renew libraries, footpaths and drainage – all on the drawing board - through a significant program of investment in these services over the next two years.</li> </ul>

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CBR-296	Port Phillip Progressive	Not Provided	Economic Development and Tourism	Wants Council to work closely with trader organisations to ensure that retail shopping strips in the municipality pull through this crisis. This could involve a combination of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rate relief. Council should further consider targeted rate relief for residents and businesses in receipt of JobKeeper and JobSeeker payments</li> <li>• fee relief</li> <li>• co-investment in pop-up activities and collaboration with traders and owners to identify long-term anchor tenants offering services relevant to local residents.</li> </ul>
CBR-296	Port Phillip Progressive	Not Provided	Governance, Policy and Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council should be vigorously advocating with all local governments in Victoria about the way the sector has been left without sufficient support to deal with the hit to revenues and services caused by the pandemic. Specifically, Council should be highlighting the fact that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The Commonwealth Government has deliberately excluded local government from the JobKeeper program</li> <li>o The State Government has not offered a sector specific support or relief package to local government beyond indicating that local government can borrow in order to meet current challenges.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
CBR-296	Port Phillip Progressive	Not Provided	Affordable Housing & Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It should invest in new social infrastructure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Working with local community housing providers across the City, State and Commonwealth Governments to build new affordable housing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
CBR-296	Port Phillip Progressive	Not Provided	Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Improvements to waste collections and recycling, including procurement strategies</li> </ul>
CBR-296	Port Phillip Progressive	Not Provided	Transport and Parking Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Greater connectivity and reduced congestion through accelerated implementation of Council's Bike Lane program and</li> </ul>
CBR-296	Port Phillip Progressive	Not Provided	Asset and Property Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o safer, better maintained foot paths.</li> </ul>
CBR-296	Port Phillip Progressive	Not Provided	Sustainability	It should invest in a suite of measures to better prepare Port Phillip for climate change: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o A major program to increase tree canopy cover so as to reduce summer urban heat</li> <li>o A major program to improve permeability across the City which would be so crucial at times of extreme weather</li> <li>o Energy efficiency investment to accelerate the retrofit of Council and community assets to drive further reductions in energy costs over time</li> <li>o Leverage Council's know-how &amp; influence to secure renewable energy purchasing agreements with benefits for commercial and industrial sectors</li> <li>o Continued support for the Eco Centre and its building renewal.</li> </ul>
CBR-296	Port Phillip Progressive	Not Provided	Festivals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cutting the 2021 St Kilda Festival <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o This saving could be re-purposed to both reverse many of the service cuts proposed in the draft budget and support a significant new municipal-wide live music and arts event program across 2021.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
CBR-297	0	Not Provided	Public Spaces	Requests to have lighting installed in Hester Reserve, Port Melbourne. It is a matter of security.

## Middle Park Bowls Club

## Budget Request for \$2.5 m in 2020/2021

Dear David

Following our recent discussions, I have documented below Middle Park Bowls Club's request for support from City of Port Phillip at the next budget meeting. On behalf of the club, I would appreciate guidance regarding this request and direction about the appropriate next steps to progress this important work.

We have concluded that as a fully integrated development it is not feasible to parcel the works in activities as defined by the funding streams. Accordingly, our budget request to Council is \$2.5m in 2020/2021 for the development as a whole, offset by components that may attract separate funding such as Female friendly facilities, Environmental Sustainability Design etc.

**Vital asset to the community**

Middle Park Bowls Club is recognised as a community hub within the City of Port Phillip. The club provides a range of benefits to the community, including the following:

- Summer Night Lights on Friday evenings. These events attract many families and children. Free food trucks and music are provided. We are regularly attracting 300 guests with strong attendance by women of all ages.
- Family days on most major Public Holidays – open to all at no cost
- Regular hosting of a disabled bowls group, with 8 regular participants
- Bowling with Babies – a Bowls Victoria initiative to encourage young parents (especially mums) to participate
- University of the Third Age (U3A) weekly recorder group with 12 members – no cost to the group
- U3A program for 14 novice bowlers – commenced in 2019 and will continue in 2020 due to its success and popularity
- Victorian Race Walkers Club, a highly successful athletics group, sub-leases the club's facilities at a discounted rate attended by 60 walkers weekly during the athletics season
- Hosting of a large number of community events, wakes, celebrations and involvement beyond the bowling community
- Free use of the club's facilities for a range of local fund raisers and charities, including Civic Kindergarten, Free the Bears, Friends of Suai, Bushfire Relief, Australian Egypt Fund, Mayibue Fundraiser and others.

In summary, the club has successfully engaged with the local community and is now recognised as the venue of choice for many locals and visitors. All these initiatives facilitate active participation at a level fitting a persons' mobility and capability. Residents and ratepayers of the City of Port Phillip are strong beneficiaries of the club's facilities, with little or no financial impost.

**Urgent need for capital development**

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 club also has a target to double its current female participation (currently approximately 20%). Current facilities do not adequately cater for females; application of universal design principles will allow for continued growth in local community events and activities conducted at the club in line with changing community expectations.



Increased numbers in toilet facilities and locker rooms will improve the attractiveness of the club to young mothers. We estimate that forty percent of our weekly visitors of 400 people are young single women and mothers with young children, the majority on Fridays and weekends.

The club currently has 20 eligible female pennant bowlers and 90 men. A drive to engage more players has been promoted through U3A and the current group has an active group of over 50 % women. This will enable the club to field an additional Tuesday pennant side next season with potentially 6 new female players.

Whilst the female toilets in the main pavilion are in excellent condition, there are only 3 toilet cubicles. The bathroom area is also small and does not allow for high traffic during busy times at the club. On event days, the bathroom area is often full of women waiting to use the toilet area or simply to use wash basins. There is no facility in this area to change and to shower. This means that women at the club cannot shower after pennant bowls or club games.

The women's locker room is situated away from toilets at the back of the club and only provides an area to change and has no toilets or shower. The cleaners' room is only accessible from the ladies change rooms which is unacceptable. The women's locker room is an unattractive area and the women's toilet area is too small. The female locker room is old and very basic and not in line with promoting women and girls in sport. The change rooms are poorly located, and many visiting bowlers do not know they are there. The current arrangements will not cater for any increased demand flowing from a more visible location. It reinforces the old idea that women and girls are not promoted in sport and this is in opposition to the club's promotion of gender equality.

Overall the facilities do not provide for the number of women now using the club.

The club is always striving to promote bowling as a sport for all genders and ages and the female facilities do not support our drive to show women that they are valued members of the community. The present facilities would not support an increase in women participating in bowling.

The club is seeking funding to upgrade all the amenities, including contemporary family friendly facilities that will assist in promoting women and girls into bowling. This cannot be achieved in an ad hoc manner without resolving existing poor functionality. Over the last three years the club has prepared an overall plan to develop these facilities with a long-term vision in place. The club has worked with a local architect to draw up a conceptual design to upgrade /redevelop the club. The concept currently under consideration for a planning permit resolves existing poor functionality and integrates development, rather than continuing past practice of ad hoc works driven by limited funding and limited effectiveness.

The funding would be used to incorporate female facilities in line with the overall club redevelopment. The club is seeking funds to provide for women and girls within an attractive modern facility. To do this the club requires funding to:

- relocate the bar area to the centre of the building
- relocate the kitchen to the services area adjacent to the toilets and change facilities
- build new toilets and change facilities in area vacated by bar

## **Budget**

Based on current information and the latest Quantity Surveyor estimates the direct construction costs are likely to be \$3.0m. We will also be making provision for design and contract documentation costs of a further \$300k. The stand-alone QS for toilets and change facilities is

approximately \$230,000, however significant ancillary costs would be required to create the space necessary. We are continually reviewing the QS and alternative ways to deliver the project.

It is important that these capital works are executed in one stage, in as short a timeframe as possible, to minimise disruption to the community and many users of the facilities. This will be possible with the budget allocation below:

<b>Income source</b>	<b>\$</b>
City of Port Phillip	2,500,000
Local Sports Infrastructure Fund: Female Friendly Facilities Stream or Community Facilities Stream	500,000
Middle Park Bowls Club contribution	300,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,300,000</b>

The club will also be monitoring the feasibility of the subsidised loan scheme to finance the Bowls Club contribution. At this stage it is unclear whether to seek funding under the Female Friendly Facilities Stream or Strategic facilities Stream.

Our preferred position is to complete the total refurbishment of the facilities as one stage. This can be achieved if funding of \$500,000 is awarded under the Local Sports Infrastructure Fund and balance from City of Port Phillip and Middle Park Bowls Club. The current costing of the total project is \$3.3 m. This would require a budget request to City of Port Phillip of \$2.5m in the 2020/2021 financial year and/or 2021/2022.

The club is determined to better serve the local community, ensuring inclusivity and access for all, and hopes that the City of Port Phillip will support these efforts.

I welcome the opportunity for further discussion regarding this request and invite Councillors to tour the facilities and view detailed plans for capital development.

Yours sincerely



Board Secretary



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19<sup>th</sup> December 2019

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Copy:  
Mayor Bernadene Voss  
Councillor Andrew Bond  
Mr Peter Smith CEO  
Mr David Nankervis

Good Morning Anthony,

### Re. Albert Park Bowls Club Clubhouse Remediation and Redevelopment

You will find attached a submission from our club detailing matters, the subject of many discussions over recent years, relating to the remediation and redevelopment of our clubhouse building to address current shortcomings and to improve future amenity and longevity for our members, the local community and the schools who use this facility.

The project comprises three Phases:

- **Phase 1: Facilities Remediation**  
Creation of female-only change rooms and remediation of current toilet facilities.
- **Phase 2: Building Front Renovation**  
Installation of portico and sliding doors.
- **Phase 3: Building Interior Renovation**  
Replacement of floor, cabinetry, appliances and equipment.

The Club seeks the Council's support in planning, permitting and approvals for all three Phases and direct financial contribution to the work in Phase 1. We note your statements of willingness to financially assist the club with remediation of our toilet and change room facilities as relayed to us:

- during a meeting at Council chambers between Mayor Gross, Mr Anthony Traill and the writer in May 2019

- in a letter from the Acting Mayor Cr Louise Crawford dated 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Whilst the remediation and development work and consequential relocation of our secretary's office in Phase 1 will cost us an estimated \$210,000 we seek a Council contribution of \$150,000 as relayed to Mayor Gross and Anthony Traill at our May meeting.

Your early advice regarding the matters contained in our submission would be most appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

President  
Albert Park Bowls Club



# Albert Park Bowls Club

**CLUBHOUSE REDEVELOPMENT SUBMISSION  
TO PORT PHILLIP COUNCIL**

**December 2019**



# Albert Park Bowls Club Clubhouse Redevelopment Proposal

The Board of the Albert Park Bowls Club is planning to redevelop the clubhouse building to address current shortcomings and to improve future amenity and longevity.

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The Club seeks the Council's support in planning, permitting and approvals for all three Phases and direct financial contribution to the work in Phase 1.



## Albert Park Bowls Club Significant Council Support to Date

We appreciate your assistance in facilitating the installation of our new green in August this year at a cost to the club of \$200,000.

We appreciate your agreement to draw up a new lease that reflects the above investment in a green that will last more than 15 years as well as our proposed building spend that will extend the longevity of the facility by at least 30 years.

We appreciate your support through the recent installation of lockable gates at all four entrances to the club grounds and your continuing dialogue on how to further improve security and safety around the club.



## Albert Park Bowls Club Council Support Requested for this Project

To facilitate the redevelopment project, we seek the Council's support through:

- Continuing to work in a timely fashion towards a renewed lease for the building that reflects both the Club's investment to date and its further investment in completing each of the project phases.
- Appointing an Architect / Project Supervisor to oversee the preparation of detailed project plans to be submitted to Council for all 3 Phases of the project. The Club has the experience and resources to provide project management services, but we seek Council's involvement in, and endorsement of, the various plans requiring approval.
- Contributing \$150,000 toward the cost of Phase 1 of the project, which focuses primarily on installing female-only change rooms and associated upgrades to toilet facilities. More detail on Phase 1 follows.
- Approval of a small extension to the current building required in Phase 1, driven by the need to relocate the current club office to make room for the female-only change rooms.





## Albert Park Bowls Club Requested Changes in Renewed Lease

We seek the following adjustments to the terms of a renewed lease:

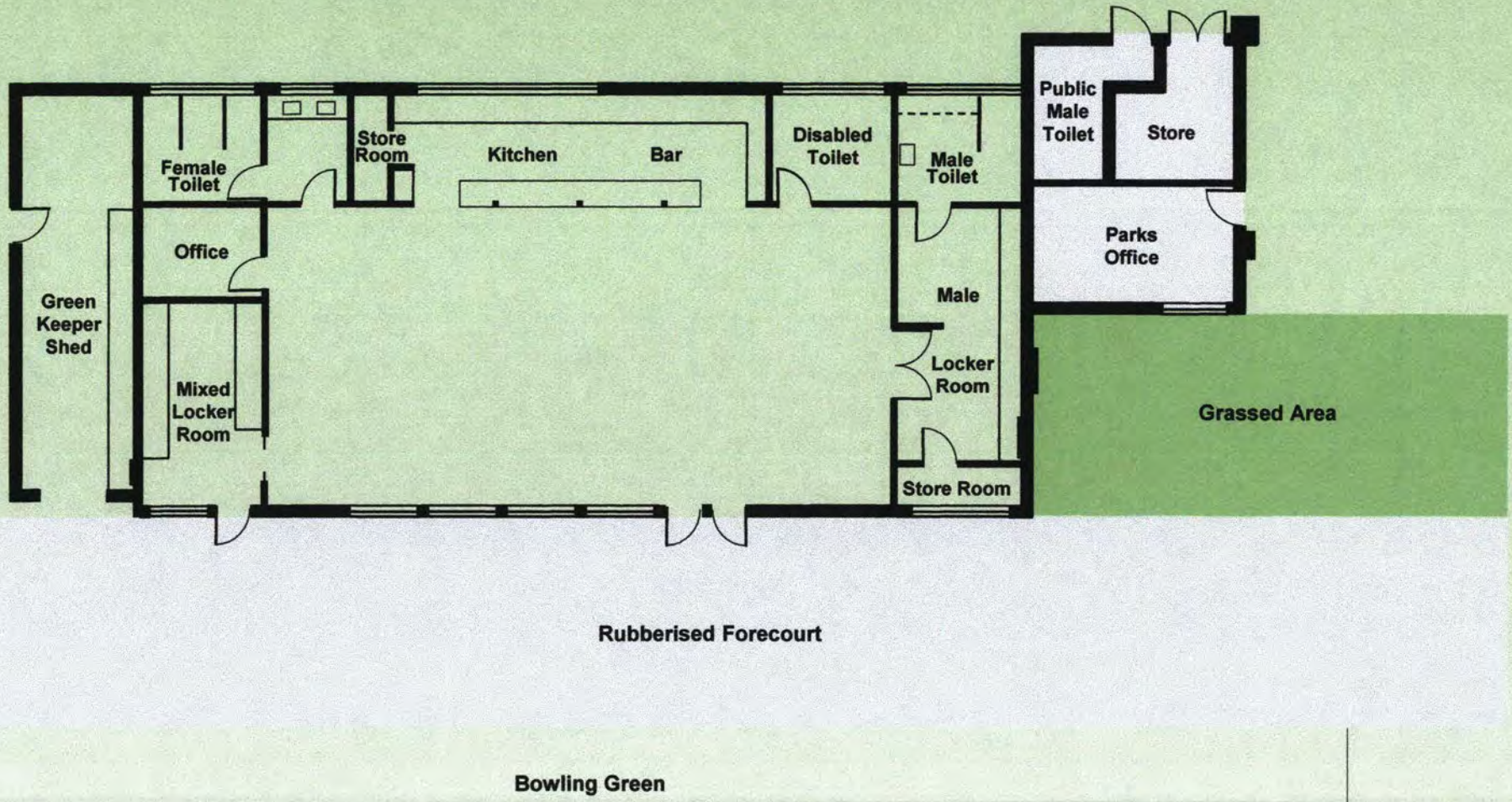
- A term of 30 years, which will reflect the Club's significant past, present and future investment in facilities and our on-going commitment to community support and engagement.
- Noise restriction language that reflects what is contained in our liquor licence (e.g. noise to be limited to reasonable levels at relevant times).
- Allow for installation of some unobtrusive permanent signage (e.g. scoreboards).
- Allow for some non-bowls related activities to be held in the clubhouse, which may be fundraising or community service in nature (an appropriate description of allowable activities to be agreed).



# Albert Park Bowls Club Redevelopment Project – Overview

The Redevelopment Project involves a series of changes to the current Clubhouse Layout

## CURRENT CLUBHOUSE LAYOUT





## Albert Park Bowls Club

# Current Female and Male Facility Shortcomings

- Our Ladies' and Men's change rooms and toilets are well below standard.
- We lead the way with female members, but are unable to provide them with a secure, female-only change room and there is no direct connection to the female toilets.
- The current female-accessible facility opens directly onto the forecourt and is a general thoroughfare into and out of the club.
- The external window gives a view directly into this change room.
- There is also not enough space for the increasing number of female members and the growing number of female students using the facility.
- Our men's toilet also needs remediation work as it has an unhealthy smell, potentially a leak identified in a recent Council audit report.<sup>1</sup> Asbestos also exists in the men's toilet, locker room, switchboard (located in the men's change room) and building eaves.<sup>2</sup>
- Our builder estimated costs for this work at \$190,000 and we seek confirmation of your financial support as relayed to us at various meetings over several years in order to rectify and upgrade our Ladies and Men's toilet and change room facilities.



## Albert Park Bowls Club 3 Phase Redevelopment Project

Remediating our female and male facilities is the main focus of the first phase in our overall three phase redevelopment project:

### *Phase 1: Facilities Remediation*

Creation of female-only change rooms and remediation of current toilet facilities.

### *Phase 2: Building Front Renovation*

Installation of portico and sliding doors.

### *Phase 3: Building Interior Renovation*

Replacement of floor, cabinetry, appliances and equipment.

The following material outlines the work envisaged in these phases and provides detail on Phase 1, in which the Club is seeking Council financial support.



# Albert Park Bowls Club Redevelopment Project – 3 Phases

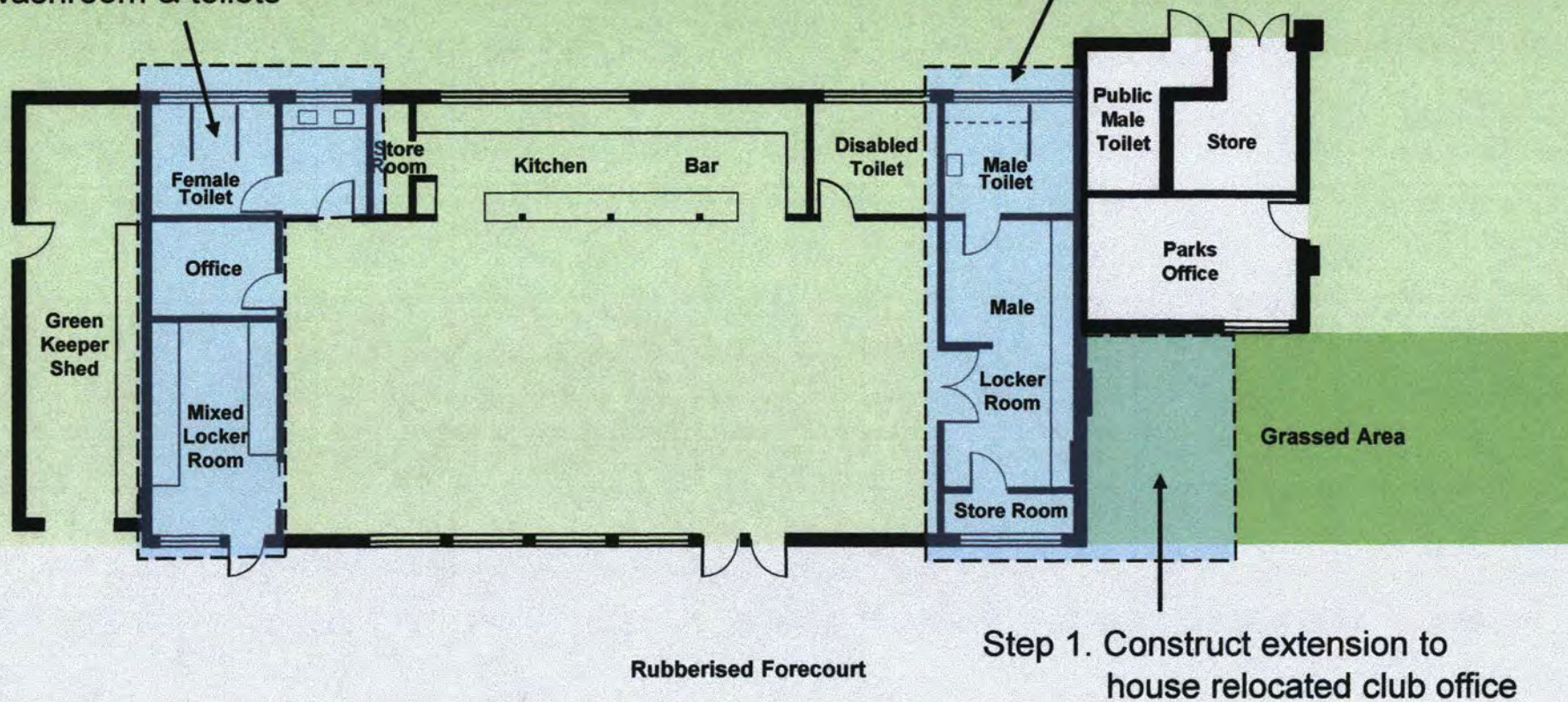
## PHASE 1

Step 2. Establish female-only changerooms:

- Relocate club office
- Reconfigure locker room, washroom & toilets

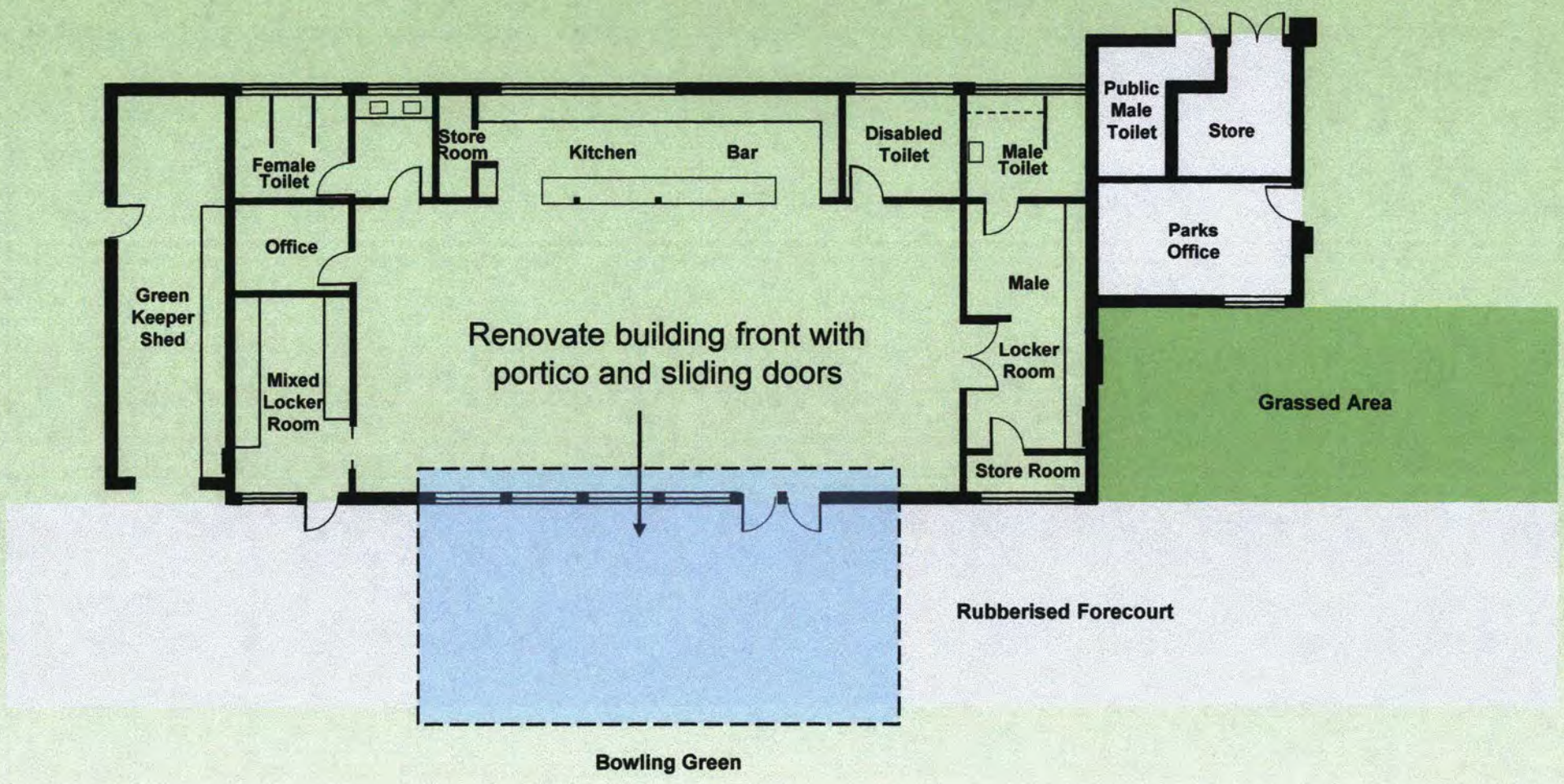
Step 3. Adjustments to male facilities:

- Remediate health and asbestos risks
- Reconfigure locker room to accommodate men currently using mixed locker room





# Albert Park Bowls Club Redevelopment Project – Phases 2

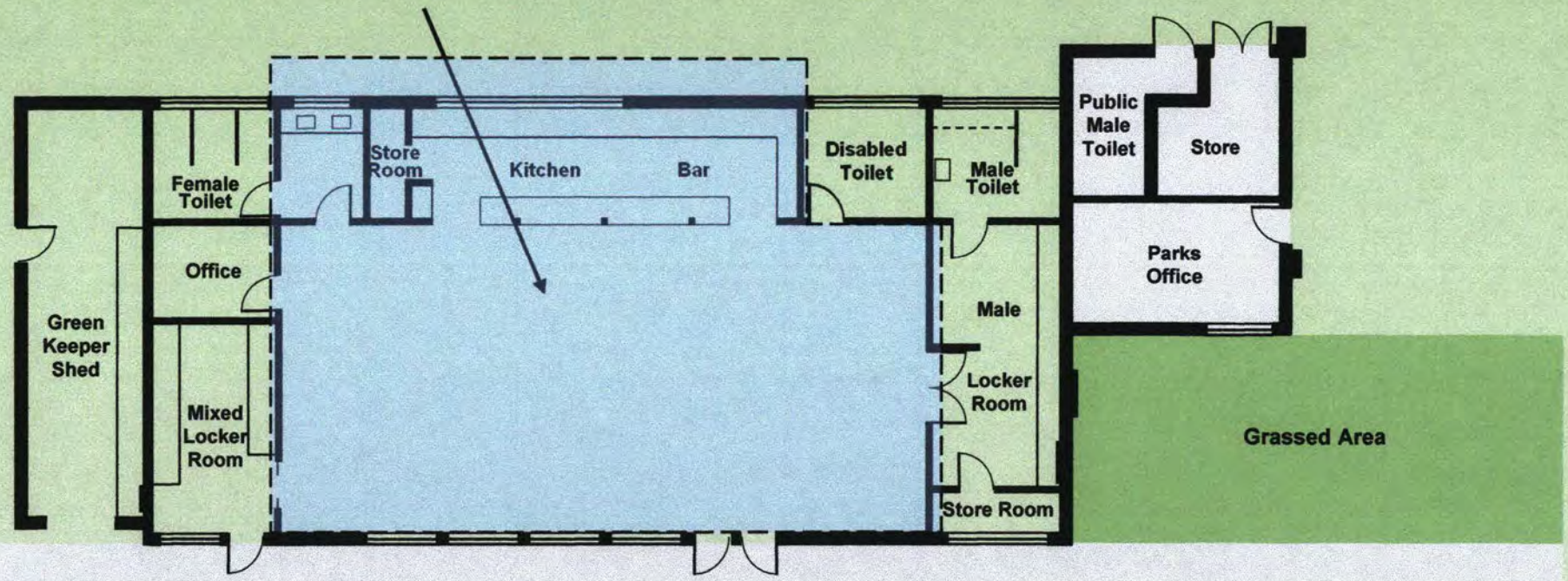




# Albert Park Bowls Club

## Redevelopment Project – Phases 3

Renovate floor, kitchen & bar areas



Rubberised Forecourt

Bowling Green



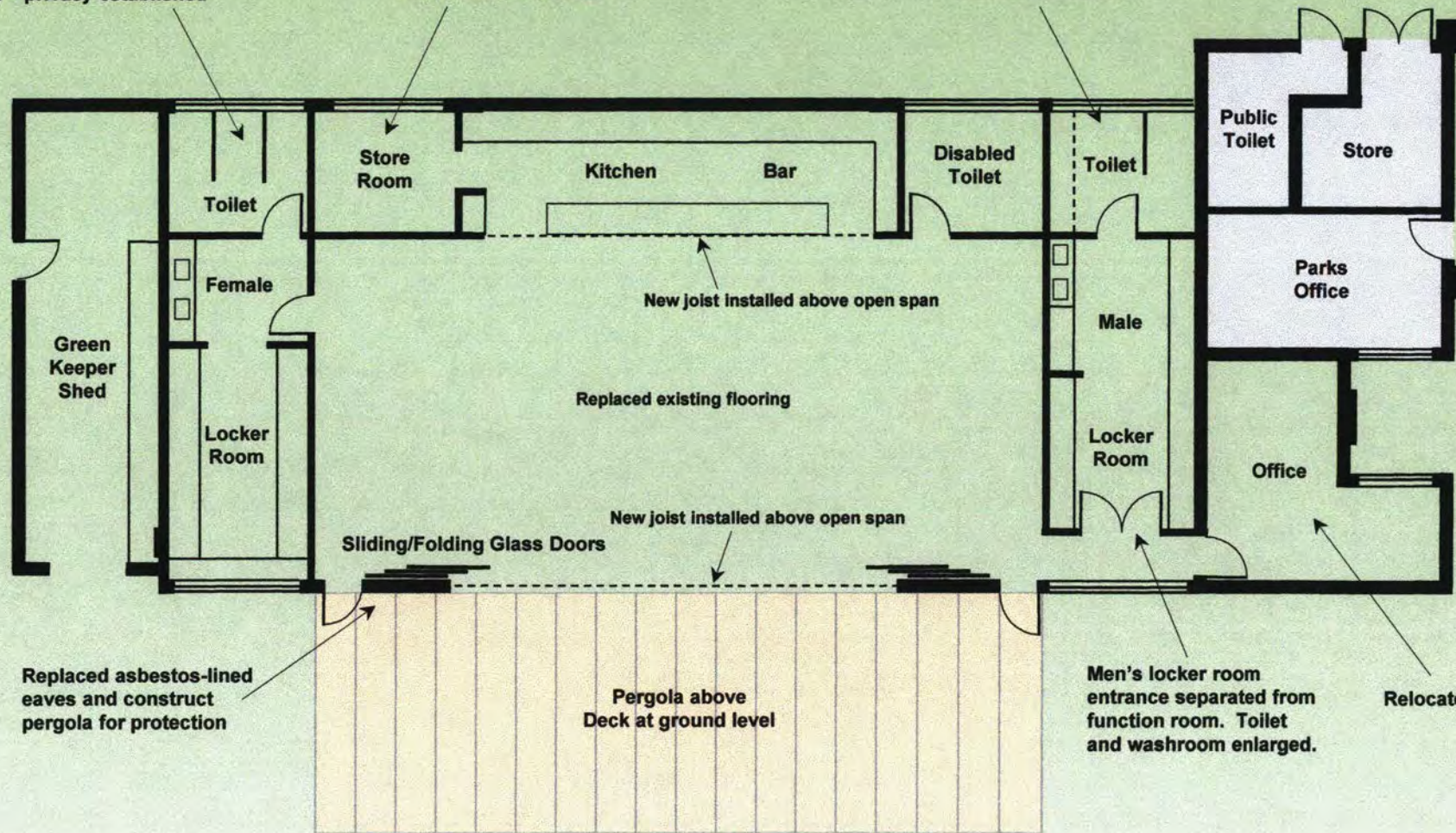
# Albert Park Bowls Club Redevelopment Project – When Completed

## NEW CLUBHOUSE LAYOUT

Female toilet off washroom and locker room separated from function room – privacy established

Store room moved to be next to kitchen

Removed asbestos backing to urinal



Replaced asbestos-lined eaves and construct pergola for protection

New joist installed above open span

Replaced existing flooring

New joist installed above open span

Sliding/Folding Glass Doors

Pergola above Deck at ground level

Men's locker room entrance separated from function room. Toilet and washroom enlarged.

Relocated club office



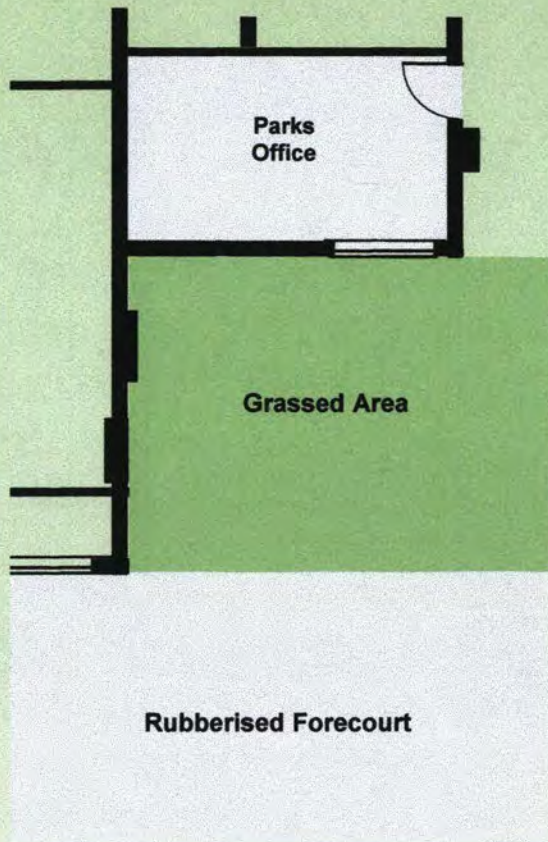


# Albert Park Bowls Club Redevelopment Project – Phase 1 in Detail

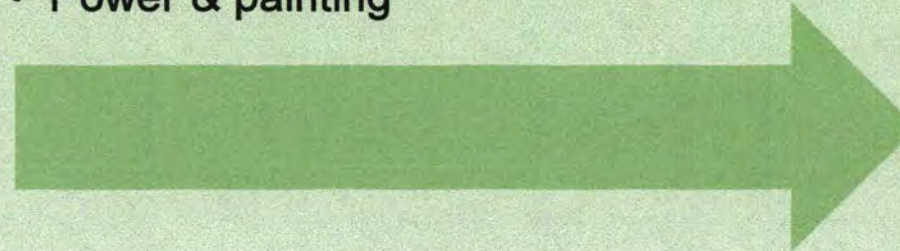
## FACILITIES REMEDIATION

### Step 1

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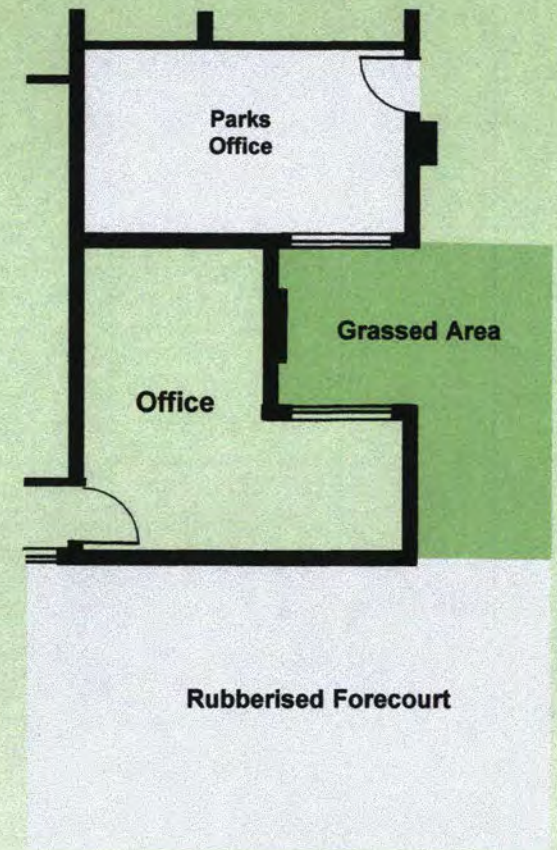


- Construct extension to match design of opposite end of building
- Relocate power board to exterior of new extension
- Install door through to access corridor (see Step 3 for adjacent design elements)
- Power & painting



\$30,000 +  
Winter 2020

#### Future

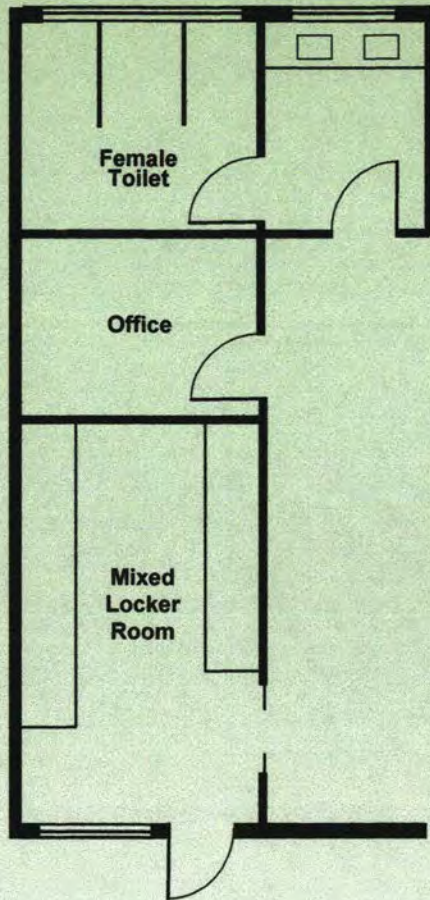




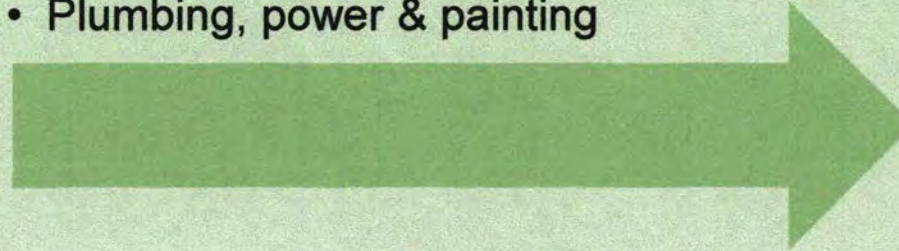
# Albert Park Bowls Club Redevelopment Project – Phase 1 in Detail

## Step 2

### Present

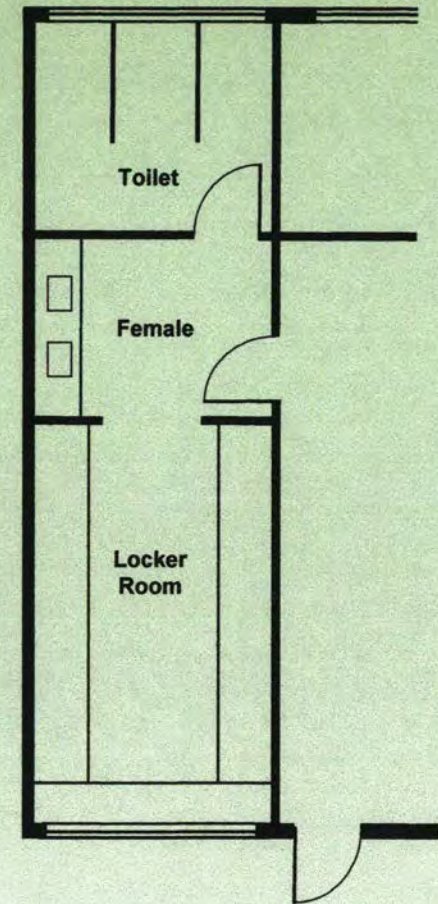


- Relocate office to new extension
- Close existing entries to mixed locker room
- Move external door to access main room
- Move washroom to previous office location
- Install door from main room into washroom
- Install doors from washroom into locker room & toilets
- Plumbing, power & painting



\$110,000  
Winter 2020

### Future

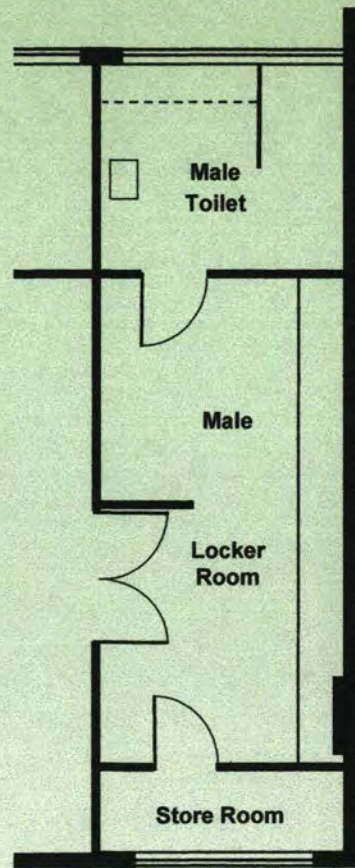




# Albert Park Bowls Club Redevelopment Project – Phase 1 in Detail

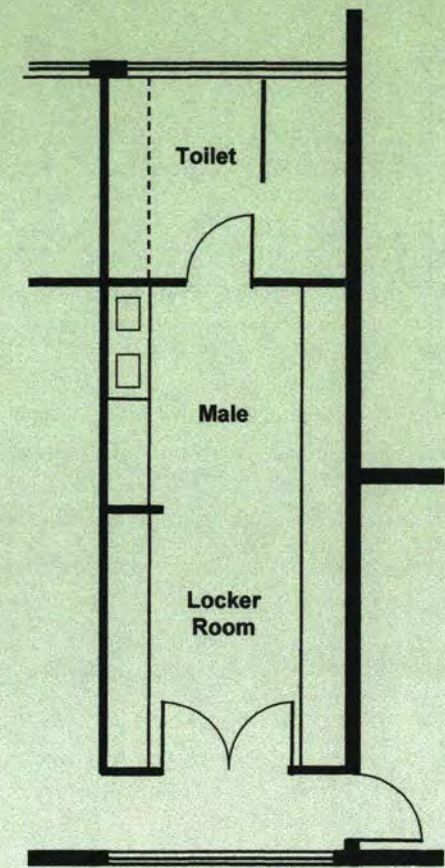
## Step 3

Present



- Remediate health & asbestos issues in toilet area
- Relocate urinal
- Relocate store room to kitchen area
- Create corridor for access to office
- Move double entry doors to corridor
- Move sink to outside of toilet area
- Move door into toilet area
- Increase locker space to accommodate male players from mixed locker room
- Plumbing, power & painting

Future



\$80,000  
Winter 2020



Albert Park Bowls Club

## Redevelopment Project – Phase 1 in Detail

### **PHASE 1 FACILITIES REMEDIATION BUDGET SUMMARY**

Step 1	Extension for office	\$ 30,000
Step 2	Female Facilities	110,000
Step 3	Male Facilities	80,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$220,000</b>
Requested Council Contribution		\$150,000



Albert Park Bowls Club  
Redevelopment Project – Phase 1 in Context

## TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Phase 1	Facilities Remediation	\$ 190,000
	plus consequential office relocation	30,000
Phase 2	Building Front Upgrade	130,000
Phase 3	Main Room Amenity	170,000
	Contingency	<u>50,000</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$570,000</b>



## Summary of Assistance Requested

- Review and renew our lease documents now that green works completed and address the few issues we have detailed in our submission.
- Confirm your contribution to our Clubrooms remediation, particularly the removal of all asbestos and the upgrade of the substandard toilets and change rooms. (estimate \$190,000 plus building extension \$30,000)

We have been in discussions with the State Government regarding amenity improvements and the club will find a way to fund the balance of our renovation costs over time.

- Appoint a building works Project Supervisor/Architect to commence liaison with club management regarding our plans.
- Agree to the extension of the current building to accommodate a relocated club office.



# ADDENDUM

## Club History

- Albert Park Bowls Club was formed in 1873 as the South Melbourne Bowling Club, so in 2023 we will mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Club.
- St Vincent Gardens were originally designed to include a bowling green, although funding was not included. Our founding members raised the funds personally to establish the Club and the green, under the auspices of the South Melbourne Council.
- In 1929 the name was changed to the Albert Park Bowling Club and in 1945 we formed a relationship with the Victorian Railways Institute, leading to “VRI” being added to our name.
- In 2011 the Club took on its current name, the Albert Park Bowls Club.



## Club History. (cont)

- Being one of the first established bowls clubs in 1873, it also boasts being one of the first to establish a **Ladies Club**, in 1899.
- For many years the two Clubs operated separately, but have subsequently amalgamated.
- The Club no longer supports separate Men's tournaments and Club Championships, and pennant teams are fully integrated including both male and female members at all levels.





## Our Members

- Our members come primarily from the City of Port Phillip with current numbers at 152 which has grown from 120 over the last 10 years.
- Our Club's current profile compared to bowls average in 2016 was as follows:

	Albert Park	Average Club
Membership	152	337
Full Members	99	94
Pennant Players	81	59
Males/Females	1.17	2.0
Pensioners	40%	?
Working Members	20%	?
Self Funded Retirees	40%	?

Our recent membership intake included 27 females and 22 males



## Our Members (cont)

- Our membership data reflects
  - that we have just one green (relatively lower than average total membership)
  - are primarily a bowlers' club with a Pennant playing profile and
  - a larger than average female participation rate compared with other clubs,
  - engagement with our extended community in many different community activities.
- Our Club is non-discriminatory welcoming community members from all walks of life and a social meeting place for local families and children. We keep our membership fees low in order to include a broader cross-section of the community.
- Besides a significant pensioner cohort, the club has among its members representatives from many ethnicities and backgrounds including many migrant members as well as members of the LGBTQIA community



## Our Community Outreach

- The Club prides itself in our community outreach allowing hundreds of local residents to casually utilize our green without charge.
- We also provide volunteer services to many groups including:
  - Bowling classes for 75 Albert Park Primary School students
  - Bowling classes for 304 Albert Park College students which together requires the provision of 82 coaches.
  - Come-and-try bowling for the community on Sundays
  - A fund raising bowls day supporting Father Bob's work
  - Regular bowls days for Edith Pardy House residents
  - Visits by residents of Emerald Hill Residences
  - Bridge lessons have been provided for the local community



## Historic Financial Capability

- During our long history the Club has managed to meet all our operating financial obligations using volunteer workers.
- However there are many restrictions imposed on our operations arising as a result of operating in a public park on a single nine rink green, which involve our liquor licence, the lack of lighting on the green, and not being permitted to have music outside the clubhouse.
- This restricts our ability to hold corporate and barefoot bowls days which other clubs in the area use to raise much of their revenue.
- As a result our bar turns over approximately \$50,000pa whereas other nearby clubs turnover well over \$1,000,000pa.
- In view of these restrictions on operations we submit that some asset replacement assistance is warranted and we appreciate council's desire to assist with our toilet and change room remediation.



# Progress To Date With Council.

## Green Replacement

- Engaged with council officers starting late March 2017
- Sent RFP plan to council in April 2017
- Issued RFPs in May 2017
  - Berry Bowling Systems
  - Tiger Turf
  - Bio Bowls/Sportcrete (Greengauge)
- Received and evaluated proposals June 2017
- Met with A Traill August 2017
  - Plan to include Council Contribution in 2018/19 budget discussed
  - July 2018 suggested as earliest funding assistance.
  - Green replaced August 2019

Provided Budget Submission on both matters to council for consideration in 2018/19 budget in April 2018 as requested by council officers

- Attended council budget meeting and made submission in June 2018 at that meeting
- Council declined to provide any near term financial assistance in these matters to the club in letter dated July 21, 2018
- Met with Mayor Gross and Anthony Traill 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and received assurances re financial assistance.

## Club Renovation

- Initial discussions with Council officers in late 2016
- Sent proposal to Councilors in January of 2017
- Engaged with Council officers starting late March 2017
- Met with A Traill in August 2017
  - Discussed potential appointment of project manager in late 3Q/early4Q 2017
  - Council to undertake further architectural and heritage studies as precursor to framing 2018/19+ budget
- David Nankervis nominated as prime contact November 2017
  - Met with David Nankervis Nov 24<sup>th</sup> 2017
  - Met with David Nankervis and Karen Hayes on Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 2018

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[REDACTED]

## Question to Council

**Meeting Date:** 26-02-2020

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Address:** [REDACTED]

**Telephone:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Interest in the item:** Not Applicable

**Do you wish to:** ask a general question at Public Question Time

**Question to Council:** Power House Rugby Union Club at Albert Park plans to construct a new sports pavilion as the womens team get changed on the sideline and there are no toilets, shower facilities or shelter available for this winter sport. Our Rugby Club has raised \$700,000 and Sport & Recreation are providing \$300,000 towards the \$1.5 million cost. Parks Victoria have advised a planning permit will need to be applied for to CoPP. 1. CoPP provided \$100,000 to South Melbourne District Sports Club for their pavilion, what financial support is available for this project? 2. Is there a charge for a planning permit for a not for profit sports club? Will CoPP make us pay for the planning permit application?

**REQUEST FOR CITY OF PORT PHILLIP CAPITAL WORKS FUNDING - 2020/2021****1. Project Name**

The Phoenix Centre (Elwood College Community Sport and Arts Centre) - outdoor courts extension, roof and lighting project

**2. Capital funding amount requested**

This proposal is for a \$500,000 City of Port Phillip contribution with the aim of applying for matching funding from Sport and Recreation Victoria.

**3. Why this project needed**

The Phoenix Centre (Elwood College Community Sport and Arts Centre) Feasibility Study and Business Plan was commissioned by Elwood College (a Victorian State Government School) as part of its school master-planning approach but reflects a broad community perspective in the need for College's facilities and grounds to fulfil an important open space, sports, arts and education role for the Elwood and surrounding community.

The feasibility study identifies that re-development of current Phoenix Theatre and Gym (old indoor basketball court) incorporating the extension of the outdoor courts to be netball compliant while being multi-line marked for a range of sports, development of a roof and lighting over the outdoor courts should be undertaken as a priority and would be stage one of the overall Phoenix Centre development.

The courts extension to be full sized netball sized but multi-sport marked courts, roof and lighting over the outdoor courts at Elwood College (part of the Phoenix Centre Sport and Arts Centre redevelopment project) is required because there is a shortage of indoor and/or all weather lit courts in City of Port Phillip (CoPP) and the region surrounding Elwood College and community demand for these facilities and associated activities, is large and growing.

In particular there is a critical shortage in provision for girls' sport and netball. There are currently fewer than 15 indoor courts in City of Port Phillip that are used for competition purposes and most of these are part of the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre and the Albert Park Indoor Sports Centre which draw players from much further afield than just CoPP for local, regional and state competitions. The availability of court space for basketball is greater than for netball and other indoor sports, however overall provision across all indoor sports is below required levels. Twenty, mostly single outdoor courts were identified within City of Port Phillip and only two of these are lit.

Review of existing CoPP venues found that most were at or are close to capacity in peak times.

Within a 5km radius of Elwood College 11 indoor courts were identified that are able to be booked for general community use, but all are at or close to capacity in peak times. There are 25 outdoor courts within a 5km radius, the majority are in schools, 12 are unavailable for booking and the rest are almost fully booked. As none are lit, their use is restricted to daylight hours only.

All of the 29 local indoor sports facility groups, clubs and associations that participated in consultation for the Phoenix Centre feasibility project (2018) representing an estimated 12,500 players identified an inability to gain access to court space as a significant challenge and, that lack of court space had in the past and was into the future, impeding their ability to meet local demand for sport.

The Phoenix Centre Feasibility Study and Business Plan found that demand for increased participation cannot be accommodated without groups, clubs and associations gaining access to more courts.

There is not sufficient court-time, nor sufficient competition standard compliant courts available in City of Port Phillip or the surrounding areas for accommodate association/club competition and/or training needs.

With high demand for competition purposes, access to courts for training is even more difficult with many clubs running training for a number of teams on one court at one time.

Some clubs reported that they are unable to gain any training times meaning that their teams do not train.

Most City of Port Phillip netball and volleyball participants and a high percentage of basketballers are playing in venues and competitions outside of City of Port Phillip because local associations cannot meet demand or provide adequate sporting pathways.

With a projected local participation numbers projected to grow to over 5,000 players by 2041, the shortfall in court space in CoPP is estimated to be between 3 courts now and 15 courts by 2041 if no additional courts are built.

Development of a competition quality lit roof over the Elwood College's Phoenix Centre outdoor courts would provide an immediate increase access to quality court space that will immediate increase local sports and particularly girls netball capacity.

#### **4. This project addresses an identified need/ gap in community sport and physical activity facilities in City of Port Phillip and addresses a number of key City of Port Phillip strategic objectives**

The decision to make the courts netball compliant and develop the all-weather roof that includes competition compliant lighting to cover two plexipave outdoor courts as part of the Phoenix Centre (Elwood College's Sport and Arts Centre) redevelopment has been evidence driven through the Elwood College Phoenix Centre Feasibility Study September, 2018 and strongly supported by a number of local and regional plans and, state sporting body strategic planning.

Recent strategic plans developed by Netball Victoria and Basketball Victoria have identified that based on available useable court hours, one sports court can accommodate between 300 – 500 people per week. This is based on an average use per person of 2.8 hours per week (training and competition).

Based on the predicted population growth and using local club/organisation current membership numbers, the likely CoPP participation in indoor/covered sport court-based sports could increase from just over 3,200 people to around 5,000 by 2041. This level of increased participation though can only occur if the sports groups consulted for this project can gain access to additional court space within the CoPP.

Netball Victoria and Basketball Victoria's recently launched strategic facility plans each identified a significant shortfall in court provision in City of Port Phillip. Their strategies identified that based on available useable court hours, one sports court can accommodate between 300 – 500 people per week. This is based on an average use per person of 2.8 hours per week (training and competition). Based on these ratios, and taking into account only netball and basketball, CoPP has an immediate shortfall in indoor and/or covered and lit courts of between 0 and 5 courts which will increase to between 3 and 10 courts by 2041. When other indoor sports such as futsal, volleyball and badminton are taken into consideration, the shortfall only increased.

Discussions with the Netball, Basketball and Volleyball Victoria (state sporting associations) indicated that in excess of 3,272 City of Port Phillip residents were registered and participate in these indoor sporting activities. A further 50 local futsal players were identified but not affiliated with a peak sporting association.

Associations/clubs consulted for the Phoenix Centre feasibility study put their combined total membership numbers at approximately 6,914.

Consultation with each of these key indoor sports facility users indicated a significant lack of sports courts to meet current and future demand.

The development of netball compliant courts and a roof with competition compliant lighting to be built over the Elwood College outdoor courts will provide local sporting organisations and particularly local netball groups that are currently poorly catered for, with an all-weather, competition compliant facility. It will expand the court options available to all local indoor sporting groups and, it will also provide an open and accessible venue for local community casual use. The development would:

- Provide capacity for increased participation access for the currently active 4,087-6,914 local indoor sports participants and those on waiting lists that cannot get access to programs.
- Enable increased and improved female participation in sport
- Support establishment of a local netball club (currently all locals have to leave Elwood to participate)
- Access for people with disabilities to specialised/tailored programs
- Allow for increased pathway opportunities by increasing access to 'grass roots' programs through to the elite programs
- Build local economic activity



A review of City of Port Phillip's social and economic development strategies and plans, Elwood College's strategic development plans, relevant State Sporting Association strategic plans and other regional strategies was undertaken as part of the feasibility study to ensure that any potential court development was aligned to broader planning priorities. Those with particular relevance to community sporting, health, wellbeing and economic development infrastructure were:

1. Elwood College Strategic Plan (draft 2018)
2. Elwood College Redevelopment Masterplan Brief
3. City of Port Phillip Sport and Recreation Strategy 2015 -2024
4. City of Port Phillip Council Plan 2017-27 (integrating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan.
5. Creative and Prosperous City Strategy 2018-2022 (Draft)
6. Family Youth & Children Strategy 2014 - 2019 Creative State -Victoria's Creative Industry Strategy 2016 – 2020
7. Active Victoria – A strategic framework for sport and recreation in Victoria 2017-2021
8. Stonnington Indoor Sports Stadium – stadium operations report September 2017
9. Victoria and Basketball Victoria State Facilities Plans
10. Glen Eira Leisure Strategy
11. Bayside Recreation Strategy 2013 - 2022

All of these documents articulate a vision, goals, recommendations and/or research that supports or are supported by the Phoenix Centre (Elwood College's Community Sport and Arts Centre) - outdoor courts roof and lighting project.

##### **5. This project will lead to an increase in sport and physical activity participation**

Phoenix Centre (Elwood College's Community Sport and Arts Centre) - outdoor courts extension, roof and lighting project will deliver a broad range of participation, multi-use social, health and wellbeing and economic benefits.

It will an integral part of developing the Phoenix Centre as an active sports, recreation, arts and community hub and focal point for the provision of services through sport, health and wellbeing, arts, education and training.

Research and consultation findings from the Phoenix Centre Feasibility Study and Business Plan clearly indicate that the development of covered and lit outdoor sports courts are required to maintain and increase participation in a range of sporting activities. Discussions with the current and potential future tenant clubs and the review of current facility provision indicates that there is a significant under supply of sports courts in the City of Port Phillip, the Elwood area and the surround area to support the current and future demands for sports court-based sporting activities such as basketball, netball, futsal and volleyball. All current users of Elwood Colleges existing courts require access to additional courts, but also improved, all-weather and lit courts to meet the current demands of their sports. This is particularly the case for local netball where lack of facilities means that local girls (and boys) need to play with clubs and associations outside the municipality. In particular, it has been identified that many associations and clubs are having to turn teams and players away, organise training times outside of appropriate hours for junior players and have multiple teams share courts for training. In a number of cases, teams cannot train because they cannot get access to court time.

All of the 29 local sports-court based groups, clubs and associations representing an estimated close to 7,000 players consulted for the Phoenix Centre feasibility study (that informs this project) identified an inability to gain access to court space as a significant challenge and that lack of court space had in the past and was into the future, impeding their ability to meet local demand for sport. All of these groups indicated that access to a minimum of four additional would address the lack of courts to meet immediate demand.

Discussion with both local and State Associations indicates that growth in sports court-based sport participation is currently restricted by the lack of facilities. Based on City of Port Phillip's demographic profile and using both state participation data and information provided by the sports state sporting associations it is anticipated that the already high participation will increase significantly if an additional and/or improved all weather and lit sports courts were available in the area. It is estimated that participation would increase by 11.4% by 2021, a further 20.2% by 2031 and a further 16% by 2041.

Discussion with State Sporting Associations such as Basketball and Netball Victoria indicates that the proposed facilities will ensure that participants and spectators can enjoy access to a range of competition levels and pathways for their sporting ambitions.

Development of a competition compliant undercover and lit outdoor court facility will:

- Make use of the facility during the traditional indoor peak times thereby maximising the use of the facility. Currently outdoor courts can only be used in daylight hours and not functional for a range of sports and activities in wet weather or extreme heat.
- Enable local netballers to have a home base and provide local residents with the potential to establish/attend Netball in Elwood.
- Provide a pathway of participation for City of Port Phillip/Elwood residents and the wider region
- Provide a sense of pride for local residents
- Maximise use of an Education Department property for local community use

The Phoenix Centre feasibility study and business plan identified that Caulfield South Netball Club is exploring opportunities to more closely align with Elwood College and City of Port Phillip to support local girls and women to have access to netball locally.

The club has recently voted to change its name to the Elwood Netball Club reflecting the base location of the majority of its members.

This project will enable a locally based club to evolve and provide a sport to address the issue of females of all ages generally having lower physical activity participation rates than males. It recognises that increasing physical activity levels for females is important for health and mental wellbeing.

While there is an opportunity for the Elwood outdoor courts, roof and lighting project to focus on the strong need for netball, there is also the opportunity for it to support casual, unprogrammed and/or less formal sport and recreation.

The outdoor courts will be open to public and providing they are not booked will be able to be used for a wide range of sports such as downball/handball and futsal.

**1.1. Current Participation Numbers (number per time period)**

Court Bookings: 130 participants per week (approximately 5200 participants per annum)

Casual Use: 50 participants per week (approximately 2500 participants per annum)

**1.2. Projected Participation Numbers (number per time period)**

Court Bookings: 600 participants per week (approximately 24,000 participants per annum)

Casual Use: 60 participants per week (approximately 3000 participants per annum)

## JAAG – Request for 2020-2021 budget

The Junction Area Action Group, also known as JAAG, was established in 2002 to protect the amenity of the area in St. Kilda east of St. Kilda Road bounded by St. Kilda Road, Alma Road, Chapel Street, and Queensway. JAAG has since extended its area of interest to the area west of St. Kilda Road bounded by St. Kilda Road, Fitzroy and Princes Streets and Alma Road. JAAG has over 350 members who are residents of the area or own businesses there. JAAG together with the City of Port Phillip (CoPP) has collaborated to improve the amenity of the area and create a stronger sense of community for everyone in the neighborhood.

JAAG would like to formally submit the following document as a request for enhancements in our local area to be included in the FY20/21 budget. A number of the requests are already known to the Council and were in the FY18/19 & FY19/20 budgets and have not yet been started or completed.

### Existing Requests:

Description	Approved FY18/19 Budget	Timing / status
Wellington St upgrade (continuation from previous budget) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dandenong Rd/Wellington St upgrade</li> </ul>	450,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Per CoPP GM – Suzanne Becker - Pending approval from DoT</li> </ul>
The levelling/repair of the Lilydale topping walking paths in Alma Park West (see line marking below) as the surface has been badly broken up by trucks driving over it, weight it clearly was not designed to handle	TBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved budget allocated in FY18/19</li> <li>Works not started</li> </ul>
StKilda junction strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work on a Masterplan for St Kilda Junction with Department of Transport and all relevant State Government Agencies who have a stake holding in St Kilda Junction.</li> <li>Work with Department of Transport on DDA compliance of St Kilda Junction tram stop 131 (at Fitzroy St/St Kilda Rd intersection) and either removal of St Kilda Junction pedestrian underpass tram stop 30 and closure of tunnels to pedestrians or bring tram stop 30 up to DDA compliance.</li> <li>Work with Department of Transport to install a pedestrian crossing at grade from east to west on the north side of St Kilda Junction mirroring that of the south side pedestrian crossing from Wellington Street to Fitzroy Street.</li> </ul>	500,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$500k Approved</li> </ul>

## New Requests:

- **Nelson St traffic and parking restriction upgrade.**

JAAG is requesting the above review and update as a result of the changing landscape in this narrow one-way street due to the number of developments that have occurred. The number of cars has significantly increased and there are areas of safety concern, specifically in the area up near the Upton Rd bridge. We also note that:

- Approximately 30 cars per day drive through the private 69 Wellington St, driveway and illegally and dangerously turn left down Nelson street (one way) to access apartment buildings rather than come in from the legal entrance of Punt Road.
- Parking is not controlled frequently enough (1hour limit is being abused due to lack of parking control), specifically backpacker and trades vehicles are worst offenders.
- Street parking is at its limit of an evening due to now parking restrictions and apartments not providing enough on-site parking.
- The speed limit is not adhered to and we request the council updates the road to remove this problem to control of speed (possible installation of speed humps)?

- **Charnwood Rd lighting:**

- Security lighting - the park is in darkness at night and is only lit by indirect streetlamps (obscured by tree leaves in the summer). We request lighting on the footpaths for safety.
- Safety flood lighting along the Charnwood Rd park section and pathway is required. None is provided and what is already in place along the eastern boundary/footpath should be repeated along Charnwood Rd to make this section safer at night

- **Landscaping to the triangle reserve adjacent to the Astor Theatre**

The Junction Area Action Group (JAAG) would like to formally again submit a request be included in Council's 2020-2021 budget to upgrade the triangle reserve on the corner of Chapel & Wellington Street, St Kilda adjacent to the Astor Theatre.

This request is strongly supported by the owner of the Astor (Ralarar Nominees P/L) and has the in-principle support of Palace Cinemas and St. Michael's School.

### Context

With Stage 3, the last stage of the Wellington Street, St Kilda street upgrade project, there is no provision for safety upgrades and landscaping to the triangle reserve and pram crossings which form part of this major, highly visible and congested gateway to our City (i.e. the intersection of Chapel Street, Dandenong Road & Wellington Street, St Kilda adjacent to the Astor theatre), it has been ignored.

One reason we believe it has been ignored was the lack of clarity of who is responsible for this pocket of land being the council or the Department of Transport. We have received clarity and direct you to Attachment A "*RE: Triangle Reserve adjacent to Astor Theatre, Cnr Wellington & Chapel Streets, St Kilda*", where the Department of transport confirm the council is responsible.

Identified problems are:

- Safety, due to the limited footpath space for pedestrians and bike riders waiting to cross Dandenong Road or Chapel Street. This corner has very heavy foot traffic including students from St Michaels, CBC and St Mary's schools, patrons of the Astor theatre, local residents and visitors to the busy Chapel Street, Windsor precinct.
- Lack of any ground maintenance or landscaping - the area is dirt in summer and scruffy weeds in winter, and the trees are straggly and in poor health.

Considering users at this location are older adults, young children, people with mobility disabilities, people using mobility aids such as prams, pushers, wheelchairs, walking aids etc. as well as people with vision and hearing loss.

What we are seeking from Council is to provide:

- Considerations for equitable and safe use by people with a disability including installation of tactile ground surface indicators at the pram crossings;
- Removing the current trees in poor health and providing appropriate replacement shade trees with clear lines of sight.
- Better use of the area by converting the current dirt triangle reserve to a landscaped area, with a wide hard tiled surface which is level, firm, slip resistant surface in both wet and dry conditions (similar to that used by Stonnington Council adjacent to the nearby Windsor Station);
- provision of seating, bins appropriately located near seating and clear of the congested pathways
- Bike racks for patrons attending the Astor theatre as currently this facility is not available given the narrow footpath on Chapel Street in front of the Astor.

We believe this suggestion will reduce landscaping maintenance and could provide a business case payback of 2-3 years (on the proviso, garden maintenance was being performed), making it an attractive project to approve.

We see this as a stand-alone project, separate to the Stage 3 Wellington Street upgrade.

**Attachment A:**

**From:** Suzane Becker <Suzane.Becker@portphillip.vic.gov.au>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 22, 2019 1:52 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] Lili Rosic <Lili.Rosic@portphillip.vic.gov.au>

**Cc:** Mayor - City of Port Phillip <mayor@portphillip.vic.gov.au>; Andrew Bond - Councillor <Andrew.Bond@portphillip.vic.gov.au>; David Brand - Councillor <David.Brand@portphillip.vic.gov.au>; Katherine Copsey - Councillor <Katherine.Copsey@portphillip.vic.gov.au>; Mark Fusco <Mark.Fusco@portphillip.vic.gov.au>

**Subject:** RE: Triangle Reserve adjacent to Astor Theatre, Cnr Wellington & Chapel Streets, St Kilda

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

VicRoads have reviewed the ownership details of the land adjacent to the Astor Theatre and have advised Council that the parcel of land is owned by VicRoads but is not declared as part of the road. The following information was provided to Council from Vic Roads on the 17 October 2019.

*"Based on our declaration records and previous investigations, it appears that a part of L17282 has been declared as Queens Way (in the Government Gazette, page 2077, June 17, 1970) and the balance is owned by the Roads Corporation and remains not declared.*

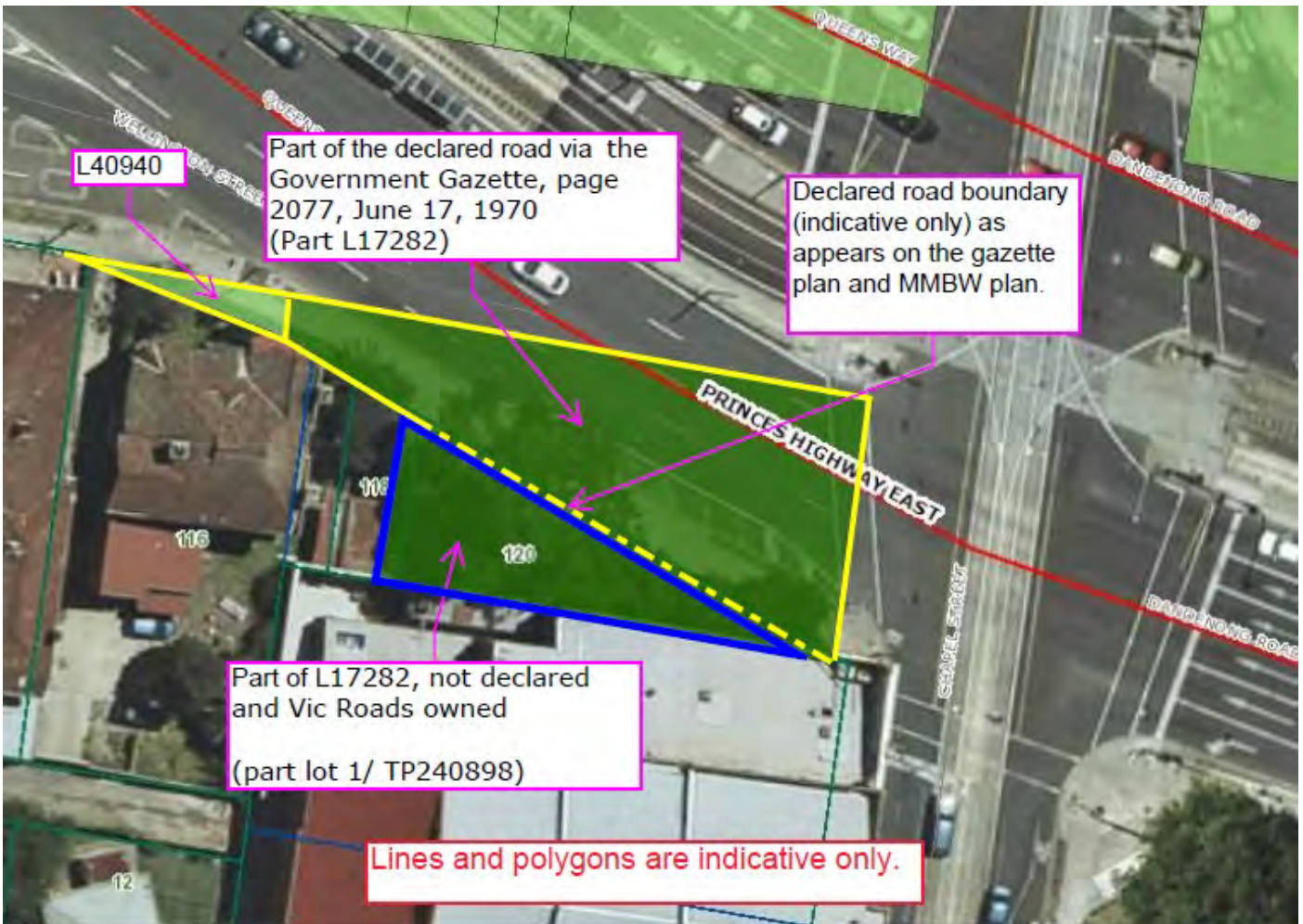
*I have attached the title information and gazette details as requested and I provide the following information with regards to your query "who is the Responsible Road Authority"*

*Subject to section 37 of RMA 2004, the demarcation of operational responsibilities between VicRoads and Councils for public Roads has been determined by Code of practice (RMA).*

**The code of practice only applies for the declared road extent and not for the rest of the area in the title which is owned by VicRoads.**

*Also, note that under section 37 of the RMA 2004, (for arterial road/urban area), VicRoads is the responsible road authority for the part of the roadway used by through traffic.*

**Diagram (lines and polygons are indicative only)**



We understand that VicRoads has no current plans to upgrade the not declared parcel of land.

As you are aware Council is currently investing in civil works to the Wellington Street/Dandenong Road intersection to slow traffic speeds, improve safety, pedestrian and cycle connections and to contribute to creating a village feel for Wellington Street. The scope of this work does not include an upgrade to the “not declared” parcel of land owned by Vic Roads, adjoining the Astor Theatre.

The Council plan or budget does not include plans to upgrade this VicRoads owned land. Community members are able to provide submissions of ideas for consideration through the annual Council budget process. We recognise that any proposals to upgrade this land would require VicRoads approval.

I hope this information provides some clarification on this matter. I appreciate your patience given the time taken to get an answer to your enquiry.

Regards

**Suzane Becker**

Manager Transport Choices | Transport Choices

T: [REDACTED] | M: [REDACTED]

St Kilda Town Hall | 99a Carlisle Street, St Kilda, Victoria 3182

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 21 October 2019 3:23 PM  
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**Cc:** Mayor - City of Port Phillip <[mayor@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:mayor@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>; Andrew Bond - Councillor <[Andrew.Bond@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Andrew.Bond@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>; David Brand - Councillor <[David.Brand@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:David.Brand@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>; Katherine Copsey - Councillor <[Katherine.Copsey@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Katherine.Copsey@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>; Suzane Becker <[Suzane.Becker@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Suzane.Becker@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>; Mark Fusco <[Mark.Fusco@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Mark.Fusco@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Triangle Reserve adjacent to Astor Theatre, Cnr Wellington & Chapel Streets, St Kilda

21 October, 2019

Ms Lili Rosic

GM City Strategy & Sustainable Development | City Strategy & Sustainable Development  
City of Port Phillip  
Private Bag 3  
PO St Kilda 3182

Dear Ms Rosic,

**Re: Triangle Reserve adjacent to Astor Theatre, Cnr Wellington & Chapel Streets, St Kilda**

Earlier this year the Junction Area Action Group (JAAG) formally submitted a request for the upgrade of the triangle reserve adjacent to the Astor to be upgraded, and spoke to its submission at Council's 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 Budget meeting. A copy of that request is attached. At that meeting you advised Council that the land in question was owned by VicRoads and had nothing to do with Council.

In light of your advice Council rejected the request and the Mayor suggested that JAAG pursue with VicRoads.

JAAG subsequently took up the matter with our local State member, Sam Hibbins. In response to a request from Sam Hibbins, VicRoads advised that this triangle is a 'declared road'. As such, it is Council's responsibility to maintain the area. It appears Council rejected JAAG's request on the basis of advice which was incorrect.

This triangle forms an important part of a major and highly visible gateway to our City. As the attached photos which accompanied a recent request to Assist show, the area is very neglected and reflects poorly on our City's image. We ask Council to take immediate action to ensure that this area is regularly cleaned and maintained, as well as the triangle piece of land between Wellington Street & Dandenong Road/Queens Way, and to put in place a program for the beautification of the triangle reserve adjacent to the Astor in line with JAAG's earlier submission.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

For Junction Area Action Group

[REDACTED]  
[www.jaagstkilda.com](http://www.jaagstkilda.com)

cc: Mayor Gross- City of Port Phillip  
Councillors Bond, Brand & Copsey



REQUEST FOR GARDEN REMEMBRANCE FUNDING "HAVE YOUR SAY" 2021 BUDGET.

Council,

The necessary funding of \$22,000 to complete the work on the Remembrance Garden installed by Council in 2018 in the Port Melbourne Railway Reserve was not provided in that year and requests for inclusion in successive budgets have been unsuccessful. Neither has funding been included in the draft budget for 2021.

Completion of the Garden involves the installation of up to five panels/plaques on social history, military and cultural heritage themes. This will promote the Gardens significance to local residents, visitors, military and social history and to schools. Without this, the Garden is adversely impacted and does not do justice to this important Council asset.

Almost a thousand residents of our City lost their lives in WW1 and several hundred's in WW2 and there were many more who returned traumatised and wounded and died shortly thereafter. It is important that they be properly memorialised as also should the impact on their families and other citizens of our City left behind. To continue to leave the Garden unfinished is to fail in our duty to all of them.

Over 100 years ago, it is thought that returning soldiers brought back with them to Australia the Spanish Flu. Another consequence of World War I. The Remembrance garden is an appropriate place to acknowledge the impact that the Wars overall had on our community then and now.

Funding for this project in the 2021 budget is particularly relevant as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe and the Pacific.

It is appreciated that COVID-19 has had an immense impact on the Council's capital budget, however it is contended that the capital for this project is minimal. Plans for the Garden have long been finalised and the work can be completed without delay.

It is respectfully requested that the \$22,000 needed to complete the work on this project as per the final design, be reviewed for inclusion in the 2021 budget.

Yours Sincerely,

CBR-007

18th February 2020

P.O.Box 29,  
Albert Park,  
Vic. 3206.Cr. B. Voss,  
Mayor,  
City of Port Phillip.Dear Councillor, *Bernadene*

## Garden of Remembrance

Belated congratulations Bernadene on your election of Mayor of our great City.  
Please find attached copy of Email to you of 20<sup>th</sup> November last concerning the above.

At the WW2 Commemorative Committee meeting today I raised this matter of completion of the Garden as per the original Brief and suggested that I follow up this matter with you which was supported by the Committee.

I strongly believe that the Garden needs a more visible identity for residents and visitors which would be provided by completion according to the Brief.

I would appreciate your advice in this matter and any further action you suggest I may take to bring this project to fruition.

Regards,

c.c. [REDACTED] Team Leader, Culture and Heritage.

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**from:** [REDACTED]  
**sent:** Wednesday, 20 November 2019 10:33 AM  
**to:** 'b.voss@portphillip.vic.gov.au'  
**subject:** Garden of Remembrance

Dear Bernadene,

I was pleased to see you again and also, many other Councillors at the Remembrance Service in the Garden at Pot Melbourne on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November which I thought was again a most fitting event on our City's calendar further to our brief discussion concerning completion of the Remembrance Garden as per the original brief I believe it is most appropriate that as chairperson of then WW1 Committee for you to again take to Council the necessary funding required of \$22,000 for the work to complete the brief. As you will recall, this involves design, production and installation of up to five interpretive panels/plaques on social history, military and cultural heritage themes which will add to the Gardens significance to local residents, visitors, military and social history and to schools. Presumably this funding should be included in the budget for the 2020/21 financial year and ideally for the work to be completed by Remembrance Day 2020.

The several other Councillors I spoke on the day were all supportive of this proposal. I look forward to hearing of a positive outcome in this matter and thank you for your support.

With kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] / ASSIST, please ensure this email reaches all Councillor. Thank you.



CBR-007

## 15. NOTICES OF MOTION

I, Councillor Bernadene Voss, give notice that I intend to move the Motion outlined below at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 5 September 2018:

That Council:-

- 1 Supports the World War I Centenary Community Commemorative Committee proposal to provide a place for contemplation, engagement, understanding and learning about World War including its impact, ramifications and legacy from a community perspective, in the railway reserve along Station Street, Port Melbourne, between Ingles and Bridge streets.
- 2 Notes that the project has been developed by the committee, which comprises members of the St Kilda Historical Society, Port Melbourne Historical and Preservation Society, Middle Park History Group, local veterans and military historians, and representatives from St Kilda RSL Sub-Branch and Friends of Elwood RSL.
- 3 Notes that the project will be delivered in time for Remembrance Day, 11 November 2018 and will be managed by City of Port Phillip staff.
- 4 Notes that the Committee successfully applied for an Armistice Centenary Grant of \$29,768, issued by the Department of Veteran Affairs, and was unsuccessful in seeking grant funding from the Department of Premier and Cabinet.
- 5 Approves \$20,232 of unbudgeted expenditure as Council's contribution to the initiative, bringing the total cost of the project to \$50,000.

### Supporting Information

The World War I Centenary Community Commemorative Committee was formed in 2014 as a subcommittee of the Cultural Heritage Reference Committee to assist Council by providing informed community input, advice and feedback to Council's centenary commemorative events and programs.

The Committee identified that there is no one place in the municipality that represents the stories and experiences shared by all our residents affected by the Great War.

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## ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 5 SEPTEMBER 2018



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This place will comprise new tree plantings (with species which are relevant to the stories being told), interpretive plaques, an information panel and new seating around a central area.

The garden will also have an online component which will include information about the Great War and its impact in Port Phillip and the only complete list within the municipality of those residents who lost their lives during the war.

Local community members and groups, as well as schools, can gather at the site for educational, commemorative and performative events.

This proposal has come from our community – it is an idea to unite our municipality and, in this last year of commemorating the Great War, to provide a place that represents not the glorification of war but the stories of the people, our community whose lives were irreparably changed.

Draft concept designs on following page.



CBR-007

22 June 2020

A request is made for funds to complete the work on the Remembrance Garden, installed by Council in 2018 in conjunction with the World War I Centenary Community Commemorative Committee. Two successful Remembrance Day events have now been held at the garden with the guest speakers being Michael Bennett, great-grandson of Sir John Monash (2018) and Col. John Coulson OAM RFD ED (2019). Council is planning a 2020 Remembrance Day event marking the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War Two, subject to the loosening of covid-19 restrictions.

The \$22,000 in funding will be to complete the brief, including design, production and installation of up to five interpretative panels/plaques on social history, military and cultural history themes, which will add to the Garden's significance to local residents, visitors, military and social history, and to schools.

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*Draft-concept design of seating area, interpretive sign and bench. ¶*

**CBR-008**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 30 April 2020 at 10:24:42 am AEST  
**To:** Councillors <[Councillors@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Councillors@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fw: TT Buckingham Reserve Upgrade works

Dear Councillors,

I am [REDACTED] and attended a Council Budget meeting for 2018/19 with [REDACTED] as per the email below. I am writing to confirm that TT Buckingham Reserve upgrade / refresh is the highest priority for our local community, particularly at a time like this with COVID-19 restrictions are in place and expected to be for some time yet. The need for open spaces to be suitably designed and safe is critical in supporting the physical and mental health of all residents.

I am disappointed to hear that our planning work completed in 2019 may not go head to implementation. It is important that all Councillors are aware that the park has not received any funding or significant works in the last 20 years, aside from some basic maintenance. We have also just spent the last 2 years waiting and working through the council priority process and budget allocation process.

As more families and residents move to Garden City the functionality of this green space is essential to all residents of all ages. I understand the budget constraints that COVID-19 is placing on all State and Federal government budgets, with these being moved to October 2020. I am saddened to hear that Port Philp council is in the midst of a 'budget crisis', however we encourage you to please prioritise these works given the years of neglect, which brings with it some risk to council, for example, the play equipment has been in place for 20 years and is now end life as such the safety risks to children needs to be balanced against the short-term financial impact.

As [REDACTED] has outlined below, we understand the need to be reasonable at a time like this, as such we recommend that the Council take a staged approach to the build and upgrade, if full implementation is not possible. Upgrade and re-orientation of the basketball area is needed greatly, as many kids in the area have grown up, now in their adolescent years and use this daily to stay active and out of trouble! We would appreciate you prioritising this given the volume of kids using this. [REDACTED] and I have some ideas as to how this may be able to be upgraded in its existing place to minimise concerns from residents and to reduce the cost to council.

We would welcome the opportunity to talk further with the councillors about the need for the TT Buckingham Reserve refresh/ upgrade works to continue.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 28 April 2020 8:19 PM

**To:** [Councillors@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Councillors@portphillip.vic.gov.au) <[Councillors@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Councillors@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** TT Buckingham Reserve Upgrade works

Dear Councilors,

I am a resident in Dunstan Parade and live opposite TT Buckingham Reserve. The Reserve was identified in Council's Play Space Strategy **8 years** ago, in 2012, as a "*high priority to design and upgrade aged play equipment and seating; incorporate play elements with weeping tree planting*".

Two years ago, in 2018, my neighbour [REDACTED] and I attended a Council Budget meeting for 2018/2019 to request that funding be allocated towards this badly overdue upgrade to our park. After our attendance at the Council meeting in 2018, we were very pleased to be informed (refer attached letter from Bernadene Voss) that budget was allocated within the Parks and Playground Renewal and Upgrade Program for a play space upgrade in TT Buckingham Reserve. As per the letter, community consultation, concept and detailed design were planned for **2018/19** and construction proposed for **2019/20**. To date, we have had two community consultation meetings with the design team and there has been some preliminary works done to the irrigation system. **Unfortunately, construction was not completed as planned this current financial year.** We have not been advised why this is the case, nor have we been given any indication what stage the project is at.

I am writing to you now as I have been advised that the progress of this upgrade project will be impacted by the "budget crisis" and that it will most likely be cut altogether. Given the project **should have been completed by now, and was originally allocated funds in the past 2 financial years' Budgets** we request that Council do everything in its power to either:

1. Reinstate the project if in fact it has been cut from the 2020/2021 budget, or,
2. Review the project scope and budget for a pared back version to be implemented as a matter of urgency.

If the project needs to be significantly rationalised, I'd like to make some suggestions for a staging solution for some key elements of the park that need desperate attention:

- **Basketball hoop:** the basketball ring is facing the wrong direction – so you currently shoot facing into the sun - and is on a very small concrete apron, not even a half court. As a priority first stage and a relatively low-cost item, the basketball hoop and shooting apron should be kept in its current location, with the pole and backboard/ring located on the opposite side of the concrete square from where it currently sits, so you face south when shooting. If funds permit, the concrete apron which forms the shooting area, should be also made larger along with new line marking. Potentially, the existing pole and backboard could be retained and reused, so then it's just a bit of demolition, excavation for a new concrete slab, line marking and re-installation of the pole. There is already lighting in its current location.
- **Play equipment:** as exists is very old and presumably at the end of its safe life. This will need to be addressed in the medium term as funds permit, but perhaps the scope could be reduced significantly so that it involved replacing old/damaged equipment with new as required.

- **Irrigation system**, which has - according to CoPP Open Space and Recreation Services - not been operational for at least 15 years, is completely defunct. Presumably this upgrade will be a significant cost, so as a medium-term solution, portable sprinklers could be brought to the park and hooked up to the mains water supply valves a couple of times a week during the dry season months.

The Reserve is a valued community hub and will provide a vital relief valve once social distancing regulations demanded by the Covid 19 pandemic have been relaxed. Council needs to pay this essential piece of infrastructure the attention it deserves, and invest, as promised, in its future.

Yours Sincerely,

[Redacted signature block]

**CBR-010**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2020 3:42:19 PM

**To:** Tim Baxter - Deputy Mayor <[Tim.Baxter@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Tim.Baxter@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>; Louise Crawford - Councillor <[Louise.Crawford@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Louise.Crawford@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>; Dick Gross - Councillor <[Dick.Gross@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Dick.Gross@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>; Andrew Bond - Councillor <[Andrew.Bond@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Andrew.Bond@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>; David Brand - Councillor <[David.Brand@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:David.Brand@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>; Katherine Copsey - Councillor <[Katherine.Copsey@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Katherine.Copsey@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>; Ogy Simic - Councillor <[Ogy.Simic@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Ogy.Simic@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>

**Subject:** COPP budget and funding to SPCC to support vulnerable residents

Dear Port Phillip Councillors,

Currently Port Phillip Council provides SouthPort Community Centre support through a number of long-term funding deeds to provide a range of programs that support our most vulnerable and isolated residents in Port Phillip.

With your help we are able to make the following impact across isolated and vulnerable communities in Port Phillip each year from these funded programs:

- Engaging more than 500 participants from isolated, at risk and vulnerable Port Phillip families through our holiday program **Get Out of Town** every year. This program has helped thousands of at risk families to increase resilience and inclusion and connect to services over the past 15 years.
- More than 25 vulnerable people with disabilities and mental health issues attend weekly engagement groups, including Monday Drop In and a special Women's Activity Group. These programs provides vital support to some of our most vulnerable community members not linked into NDIS.
- Our community is inspired through the incredible performances of City of Voices inclusive disability theatre group.
- Our older residents can keep fit, healthy and connected through a weekly series of exercise and well-being programs.
- Forty (40) long-term unemployed students per year are able to access employability training, with 91% of graduates successfully transitioning into employment, skilled volunteering or further study.
- More than 50 older, isolated residents together provide more than 800 volunteer hours a year through our Waterfront Welcomers program.

None of this would be possible without your support. Thank you.

SPCC has moved quickly to pivot our services in the face of the COVID-19 crisis and have continued to support our program participants even in this difficult time. As you know, SPCC has an outstanding reputation in successfully engaging isolated, at risk groups in Port Phillip and providing pathways out of disadvantage, winning Victorian Learn Local awards in 2015 and 2016. With your continued support SPCC will be in a position to both continue those efforts and help to drive community recovery efforts when the crisis abates.

Please find attached a short overview of each program, including a per program funding breakdown and details on how they are pivoting to face the challenges of COVID-19.

I have also included a link to a recent video made by council to celebrate the partnership between SPCC and Port Phillip: <https://www.facebook.com/156939411038925/videos/803383750058916/>

We understand that COPP are facing considerable budgetary restraints due to the impact of COVID19 and that you will have to make many tough decisions in the months ahead. Nevertheless, we ask that you support the continued funding of SPCC programming into the 2020-2021 year. A reduction in funding would threaten the viability of these important programs, leave vulnerable community residents without vital support, and threaten the ongoing viability of SouthPort Community Centre.

Our thoughts are with you and your colleagues in this difficult time and we look forward to continuing to work with you for the betterment of our community and to support our most vulnerable residents.

If you have any further questions, I would be more than happy to discuss these at your convenience. I can be contacted via mobile [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
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CBR-011

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- Questions on the Draft Budget

On behalf of the Older Persons Consultative Committee of Council,(OPCC) I would like to present our priorities for 2020, and invite comment in relation to Council budget allocations.

These areas are of high importance to our constituency, which includes some of the most isolated and vulnerable members of our community.

- Improving street safety and amenities-Streetlights, footpaths, outdoor seating.
- Housing and homelessness initiatives, particularly the impact on older women. (This point is reported as being as high as 55% of the overall issue. ABC National Radio 5/5/2020. My point in paranthesis).
- Aged Care Services-will Council continue to provide services and subsidies to the same level as previous years or higher?
- Provision of health and wellbeing opportunities for older people-eg funding exercise programs, funding social inclusion projects such as the unique Linking Neighbours program, Seniors festival, library services.
- Continuing to mitigate the impact of Climate Change on older people
  - Provide accessible information for Older People on services and amenities.

 (Chair OPCC)





**Bring Back Brookes Jetty Inc.****28 May 2020**

Dear Mayor Voss

**Re: Rebuilding Brookes Jetty – Funding Proposal**

Thank you for email, on 18 February, in reply to my letter to you of 31 January 2020, presenting our Initial Business Case. Thank you for the Council's commendation of our work.

In your email, you mentioned the Council's resolution to seek funds from the Victorian Government to contribute to the enhancement of the Melbourne Water Shakespeare Grove drain project, and to ask that Melbourne Water consider the winning designs of the Leighton Prize in the development of options for rebuilding the Shakespeare Grove drain.

We can advise that the jetty design competition was highly successful, with 108 imaginative and thoughtful entries being received, including many from interstate and overseas. Leighton Prize was awarded to an entry from Portugal. Information on all the entries is available on our web site at [www.bringbackbrookesjetty.org](http://www.bringbackbrookesjetty.org).

In your email you also mentioned the Council's plan to create a new forecourt for the Palais Theatre, which we now see has a budget of \$1.3 million. From our viewpoint, the expenditure of such an amount on a new jetty would provide much better public amenity and provide a much greater benefit to local businesses.

The reasons for this are outlined in our Initial Business Case, which you may also find on our web site along with support letters from local business groups. The key difference is that a new jetty, unlike a new forecourt, has the potential to attract a large number of additional visitors to St Kilda.

We note that in relation to the pandemic, the Federal Government has announced, on 22 May, a [\\$1.8 billion fund](#) available to local governments for the purpose of infrastructure upgrades and community facilities. We believe that a rebuilt jetty would be an ideal candidate for the use of these funds.

In relation to the drain, to be rebuilt by Melbourne Water in 2021, we approve of their proposed "Circle of Reflection" design. Proposals similar to this, but located at the end of a new jetty, were envisaged in quite a few of our jetty design competition entries.

We believe that a significant opportunity exists to co-operate with Melbourne Water to provide funds for them to extend their "Circle of Reflection" further out to sea. This would then provide an attraction that is suitable for the site's potential. Unlike a new drain, it would provide an attraction with the public amenity we seek and that the local businesses desire.

As [REDACTED], of St Kilda Tourism and Events says in his support letter: “we have a *once in a generation* opportunity to make this stretch of foreshore the best in the country”. At a time when local businesses are in desperate need of support due to the pandemic, we should not waste this opportunity.

We commend this to you for your consideration. We would welcome an opportunity to meet with you to discuss the proposal further.

[REDACTED]

For Bring Back Brookes Jetty Inc.

[www.bringbackbrookesjetty.org](http://www.bringbackbrookesjetty.org)

**CBR-013**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 2 June 2020 8:46 AM  
**To:** Councillors <[Councillors@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Councillors@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** proposed cuts

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

Seems council is considering cutting free entry to Rippon Lea Gardens??!!! Such a great initiative for local families - free open space in summer for free play, picnics & exploring when our foreshore parks are a sea of commercial canvas & outdoor music & incoming tourists. My suggestion is don't cancel this but publicise it more, in school newsletters, at community centres on their noticeboards etc. Let people know its available. Likewise why oh why is Divercity being ditched?? Its such a great way to communicate what is happening in our wonderful city, and so essential for those in our community who don't use or have access to social media and other tech forms of info. I keep it by me & hang out for the next edition. Its colourful, appealing & informative. So much of our city caters for visitors - these are two simple offerings for residents & help to keep the community just that, a community, by informing us what is happening all over the city not just in our immediate backyards. Surely the cost of maintaining these two offerings pale next to the cleanup costs of the Festival or Gran Prix? Please please reconsider and weigh the budgetary savings against the loss of amenity for residents who are constantly feeling the squeeze of irrelevance next to out of city visitors. Yes we need the visitors but its the residents who create a living vibrant city that attracts the visitors. Port Phillip has undergone many changes in the 40 yrs I have lived here but the saddest is the emphasis given to providing amenity for out of city visitors vs residents and ratepayers, please reconsider. I do expect a reply to this email.  
Regards  
[REDACTED]

**Beacon Cove Neighbourhood Association Inc. (Registered Number A0012597Z)**

**Private Box 61/103 Beach Street, Port Melbourne Vic 3207**

President: [REDACTED]

Secretary: [REDACTED]

Mr. Peter Smith  
Chief Executive Officer  
City of Port Phillip  
Private Bag 3  
ST KILDA Vic 3182

19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Peter

**RE: BCNA SUBMISSION REGARDING PRIORITIES FOR COUNCIL'S 2020-21 BUDGET**

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

Do not hesitate to contact me if further information is required.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

President  
Beacon Cove Neighbourhood Association  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Website: [www.beaconcove.org.au](http://www.beaconcove.org.au)  
Cc Councillors Voss, Pearl and Simic

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## City of Port Phillip 2020-21 Planning and Budget cycle

### Beacon Cove Neighbourhood Association (BCNA) submission

The BCNA raises the following issues, in priority order, for consideration by Council in developing the 2020-21 budget:

#### 1. Traffic management through Beacon Cove

Poor traffic flows are an increasing problem in the area. The flows are particularly problematic when cruise ships and the *Spirit of Tasmania* are at berth. The introduction of traffic wardens by the Victorian Ports Corporation (Melbourne) has helped. Heavy traffic cays can cause 'grid lock' at the Princes Street roundabout. This causes delays to freight and passengers moving to and from Station Pier as well as other users. VicPorts has a responsibility to improve flows to enable freight and passengers to move easily to and from Station Pier.

*BCNA recommends a traffic survey with the Victorian Ports Corporation (Melbourne) to better understand traffic flows with a view to identifying steps to improve flow and functioning of the entire area.*

#### 2. Safety of pedestrians, tram users and cyclists near the Beacon Cove stop (Stop 129) on the 109 service

The safety of pedestrians, tram users and cyclists at this spot continues to be a major concern. Re-routing of the bike path away from this area should be considered. One possibility is to divert the bike path approaching Waterfront Place to turn at the Princes Street roundabout to follow Beach Street before turning to follow the path adjacent to the light rail towards the city. This and other options should be studied and discussed with the community.

*BCNA recommends Council actively review alternative routes to take cyclists away from Stop 129, Beacon Cove, on the 109 service.*

#### 3. Waterfront Place Precinct

The entire area requires review and planning to improve functioning.

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

#### 4. Poor state of the road surface in Beach Street between Bay Street and Waterfront Place

The road surface is uneven and appears to be worsening. It requires renewal as it is a major thoroughfare and part of the national highway network.

*BCNA recommends renewal of this road surface.*

#### 5. Graffiti removal and prevention

Like other areas of the City of Port Phillip, graffiti is a continuing problem. BCNA commends Council for devoting increased resources to the problem. As Council would be aware, early removal of graffiti is a critical in minimizing future occurrences.

*BCNA recommends that Council continue to devote increased resources to graffiti removal and prevention.*

19 March 2020

May 29 2020

City of Port Phillip Councillors.

We, the undersigned, on behalf of the three Street Associations, wish to ask for the setting up of a Business Advisory Group for inclusion in the 2020-21 Budget. We understand that businesses make up about 20 per cent of the COPP rate collection income but there is little representation or allocation for funds to help businesses in the new budget.

We suggest that a Business Advisory Group could be set up with representatives from all the traders groups that have a special rate and to also include representatives from the traders of the wider municipality. For example from areas such as Balaclava, Elwood, Sth Melbourne, Middle Park and Albert Park. This group with representatives from Council as well, could then suggest, and enact programs that will enhance and promote business within the whole municipality, cooperating together.

Such a group would be best placed to decide on initiatives to promote the areas and to ensure the ongoing success of businesses while acknowledging the importance of the high streets not just for business and employment but also for the communities social well being.

Initiatives the Business Advisory Group could work on may include "shop local" campaigns, social media marketing or even infrastructure suggestions. One specific example of the latter could be the building of iconic, artistic or sculptural gateways to the shopping precincts from the beaches to provide cohesion to the areas and a flow between attractions such as the beach and the businesses behind them that support it. These "gateways" could be repeated throughout the city of Port Phillip but in ways that related specifically to each area.

Destination marketing and business support and development is vital to our ongoing success.

A Business Advisory Group would follow on and enhance any Place Making efforts to date but provide a more cohesive and municipality wide outlook.

Signed

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted Name]  
President Acland St Village Business Association .  
per

[Redacted Name]  
President Port Melbourne Business Association,

[Redacted Name]  
President Fitzroy St Business Association,



CBR-016

**A proposal for City of Port Phillip  
by Upstride Agency + Andiamo Projects**

# **Community** **Christmas Tree** **Festival.**

**Helping Port Phillip businesses and  
tourism thrive this festive season.**

**June 2020**





**The Port Phillip Community Christmas Tree Festival is a month-long event leading into Christmas 2020. It is designed to bring delight to visitors and dollars to local businesses, heavily impacted by COVID-19.**

# How it works



1. Aug/Sep: Community space or empty shopfront (like Miss Fitzy's, Fitzroy St, or multiple empty Fitzroy St shopfronts) selected as venue/s.



2. Oct: Up to 100 Christmas trees purchased. Eol to businesses via City of Port Phillip channels



3. Oct/Nov: Venue and trees set up. Local businesses come in to decorate their tree in a way that resembles their business (they arrange own decorations)



4. Oct/Nov: Promotion and marketing



5. Nov/Dec: Open Thurs - Sun for 4 weeks. Visitors provide gold coin donation for entry. At exit they vote for their favourite tree. That business gets \$1 (if people give more than \$1, additional \$ goes to covering costs)



6. Week leading into Christmas: Visitor promotion continues, tree with most votes announced. Post-Christmas, businesses provided with funds raised

# Celebration out of hibernation

The Christmas Tree Festival is a popular annual community event in the rural Murrindindi Shire (see following pages). Businesses participate, however they do not receive any funds.

The devastating impact of COVID-19 on many Port Phillip businesses, however, make this concept a fun way to both support local business out of hibernation, while also attracting visitors to our fantastic city.

The City of Port Phillip can stage multiple events to celebrate this concept - an opening, plus an official inaugural winner announcement. It also provides lots of festive and energetic content for the city's social media channels.

Even a few hundred dollars raised through the festival for each business would no doubt be appreciated.

**Concept**

Left to right: Tree by a local plumber featuring taps and pipes, example venue set-up, tree by a local cafe with cups, tree by local electrician.



**Concept**

Left to right: Photo spot, trees by local emergency services (they can donate funds to a selected charity or divided between participating businesses).



# We'd love to do this with you

Upstride Agency is a Port Phillip communications agency based in South Melbourne. Its founder [REDACTED] lives with her family on Fitzroy St, St Kilda, and knows what a positive impact such a festival would have on her neighbourhood, and importantly, on local businesses and tourism.

Andiamo Projects is a specialist events business run by Melbourne-based expert [REDACTED]

As you are aware, the events and creative industries have suffered greatly throughout COVID-19. Delivering the Community Christmas Tree Festival for the City of Port Phillip would provide us local professional women with a positive project to partner with you on.

We can create an end-to-end festival with you, including arranging all associated processes, logistics, staffing, venue management, creative and promotional services.

If you would like to explore this concept with us further, we would love to Zoom with you.

[REDACTED]

# Our experience

We are two female-led, award-winning Victorian small businesses that are dedicated to generating work and continuing to operate through COVID-19.

## About Andiamo Projects

Andiamo Projects is an end-to-end project management company specialising in major events. Founded in 2015, Andiamo Projects has a strong cross-section of event experience in the sport, food and wine, government and corporate industries.

We have experience in experiential events and festivals all around Australia, from major sports events, to large-scale mass tourism events, key government events, and national event rollouts for iconic brands, with attendees ranging from 30,000 - 700,000 visitors.

With clients including the Australian Open, Tourism Australia, Australian Grand Prix, Channel 10, Melbourne Food and Wine Festival, Holden, Margaret River Gourmet Escape and Taste of Melbourne and Sydney, Andiamo Projects is highly trusted in their field to take an event concept and bring it to life.

We are the go-to for concept to completion in the major events industry and enjoy making a vision a reality.

## About Upstride

Upstride works with the public sector and other organisations on projects and initiatives that improve our communities, our natural environment, our health and our day-to-day lives.

Established in 2018 by award-winning government digital communication specialist and journalist [REDACTED], Upstride is based in Melbourne and works with clients across Victoria and Australia.

We believe in the transformative power of communication that connects with the right people, in the right way and at the right time.

We are discerning and we value simplicity, creativity and progress.

# Our experience

## Team

██████████ - Event Director, Andiamo Projects

██████████ is a highly experienced Project Manager who brings more than 15 years' experience in major projects and events along with a background comprising project management in large scale construction and tourism.

After working on 10 Good Food and Wine Shows, Australia's largest and most awarded consumer and food and wine exhibition with over 110,000 visitors across Melbourne, Sydney, Perth and Brisbane, ██████████ founded her own business, Andiamo Projects, in 2015. Today, Andiamo Projects has a strong cross-section of event experience in the major events industry all around Australia including major sports events, large-scale mass tourism events, key government events, and national event rollouts for iconic brands, with attendees ranging from 30,000-700,000 visitors.

██████████ has worked on many iconic and award-winning events. One key example is the iconic Margaret River Gourmet Escape, which ██████████ has worked on for the previous 5 years, a prestigious food and wine festival that boasts multiple awards such as the Australian Event Awards winner 2015-2016-2017, and gold (festivals and events) and silver (destination marketing) in the Australian Tourism Awards 2017, to name a few.

██████████ strength is understanding objectives and creating solutions along with managing multiple stakeholders and leading large teams to deliver events and activations to reach strategic objectives. ██████████ holds multiple degrees, including a Masters of Project Management completed in both Australia and Italy, in which she wrote her thesis on major events along with a Bachelor's double degree in Business and Tourism.

██████████ is a member of the Victoria University Alumni Advisory Board and is an official Victoria University Mentor to recently graduated alumni.



# Our experience

## Team

██████████ - Managing Director, Upstride Agency

██████ is an award-winning communications professional based in Melbourne. She founded Upstride in 2018 with more than 20 years' experience in private, public and third sector communications.

██████ began her career as a Herald Sun journalist, covering politics, health, education, courts, police and major disasters throughout the world.

She went on to lead strategic, content and digital communication teams and projects for a range of Victorian Government agencies, including the Department of Education and Training, the Independent Broad-based Anti Corruption Commission, the Department of Transport and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning. She is a former chair of the Communications Committee for Victoria's Institute of Public Administration Australia (IPAA Vic) and was a former Digital Director at Think HQ.

██████ was the only Australian world finalist at the 2018 VR Awards (held in London), for Best VR Marketing in the World for her VR experience for Victoria's Department of Transport - 'Melbourne, meet your new train'.

██████ lives in St Kilda and holds a Master of Communication (Deakin University, 2017) and a Bachelor of Communication – Journalism (RMIT University, 2002). She is a member of the Public Relations Institute of Australia and also the Port Phillip Sustainable Business Network.

We can do this

# Our experience

## Team

██████████ - Marketing Director, Upstride Agency

██████████ leads Upstride's marketing and strategic functions having spent more than 10 years being passionate about brands, creating them, developing them and telling their story through effective communication.

██████████ is a highly motivated marketing communications professional with diverse experience across B2B and B2C businesses, varied industries and sectors, including a previous role with Monash University.

# Our experience

## Similar projects - festivals

### Australian Open 2015

The Australian Open is a major tennis Grand Slam held annually in Melbourne, and had 703,899 visitors in 2015. Andiamo Projects solely project managed a new development area for the Australian Open showcasing a food brand and bringing together a variety of concepts to showcase food cooking demos, tastings and consumer sales from concept through to delivery in a tight timeframe.

### MasterChef/Holden Pop-up Experience 2018

Andiamo Projects managed the MasterChef / Holden Pop-up Experience which brought a taste of the MasterChef kitchen to people across Australia. Touring nationally across Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth the pop-up served free samples from the MasterChef food truck with recipes straight from the show along with experiential activations.

### Parks Victoria – Statewide conference 2016 & State-wide Roadshow 2017, 2018 and 2019

This government organisation engaged Andiamo Projects to deliver their corporate conference in multiple locations around Victoria, managing various stakeholders and delivering to set KPIs

# Our experience

## Similar projects - festivals

### Regional Flavours 2019 and 2020

Regional Flavours is a large food and wine festival held in Brisbane, designed for the Queensland community and attracting 85,000 visitors. This event is run by the Brisbane government who have engaged Andiamo Projects as a consultant to pull the programming for this festival together.

### Margaret River Gourmet Escape 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019

Margaret River Gourmet Escape is a luxury food and wine festival that is highly regarded in the event industry. This government funded event holds more than 50 events concurrently in unique locations throughout the iconic Margaret River region along with a festival hub which is a hub of producers, market stalls and programming on stage. This event attracts visitors from all over the world.

### Taste of Melbourne 2015, 2017, Taste of Sydney 2016

Taste of Melbourne and Sydney is a food and wine festival of gourmet restaurants, market stalls, masterclasses and cooking demos on stage attracting approximately 20,000 visitors.

### Tourism Australia - Restaurant Australia campaign and Australia Tourism Exchange

The Australian Tourism Exchange (ATE) is Australia's largest annual travel and tourism business-to-business event with international visitors from over 30 countries. Andiamo Projects was engaged to manage the Tourism Australia campaign Restaurant Australia activation at the ATE, including overseeing the design and build of the activations, programming, engaging food and beverage activation components and manage the production from end-to-end.

# Our experience

## Similar projects - festivals

### Melbourne Food and Wine Festival 2015

MFWF sees thousands of food and wine visitors indulge in more than 200 events across Melbourne and regional Victoria. In 2015, Andiamo Projects was the site operations coordinator for various iconic events including:

Langham MasterClass – outdoor masterclass with Paul Wilson and George Calombaris.

World's Longest Lunch presented by Bank of Melbourne: 530-metre-long table with 1,500 guests dining on a three course meal created by Shane Delia & Adriano Zumbo.

Breakfast Around the Tan Presented by Diabetes Australia: Progressive breakfast around the Botanical Gardens with family friendly activities.

### Good Food and Wine Show 2012, 2013 and 2014

The Good Food & Wine Show is Australia's largest and most awarded consumer and food and wine exhibition with over 110,000 visitors in Melbourne, Sydney, Perth and Brisbane. We have experience in project management of 10 GFWS's around Australia attracting approx. 30,000 visitors to each event.

**We appreciate your time**

# Thank you

If you would like to find out more about how we could work together to deliver this important event, please contact us:

[Redacted]

Managing Director, Upstride Agency

[Redacted]

South Melbourne

[Redacted]

[upstride.com.au](http://upstride.com.au)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2020 4:10:35 PM  
**To:** Katherine Copsey - Councillor <[Katherine.Copsey@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Katherine.Copsey@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Stop using leaf blowers

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

Dear Katherine,

Diversity is encouraging citizens to put forward ideas to help the COPP budget.

We would like the council or its agents to stop using leaf blowers. Their use is detrimental to the environment in many ways. They use fossil fuels. They create serious noise pollution. Their operators wear masks, but people in the street are not protected from the dust they send into the air. They are clearly not good for the health of their operators. If the same people were using rakes they would improve their fitness.

Their use should be banned everywhere. Perhaps Port Phillip could provide a lead to other municipalities to help them clean up their environmental acts.

If these machines were banned from Port Phillip its citizens may start to believe that the Council caress about the environment. As it is, the leaf blowers stridently proclaim that this idea is just hollow PR.

We write to you because you represent the Greens in our ward. We encourage you to share our concerns with Council.

[REDACTED]

CBR-018

----- Forwarded message -----

From: [REDACTED]  
Date: Fri, 5 Jun 2020 at 11:49 am  
Subject: Council problems  
To: <[hello@marcuspearl.com](mailto:hello@marcuspearl.com)>

Dear Marcus Thank you for your recent communications. I am no great fan of our council for a variety of reasons. However in response to your recent letter I have no sympathy with your problems but given your crisis I do have some solutions few of which will be palatable. I cannot understand how the Council has managed to generate a 40 million debt when, unlike many, it has a predictable annual income and the capacity to increase it largely at will. My solutions follow —

- 1/ Lay off half the staff, put them on the Job Keeper scheme.
- 2/ Reduce services to the basic minimum, that his keep the streets clean and the parks in order.
- 3/ Divest yourselves of Council owned property NOT essential to basic services.
- 4/ Refuse to pay the landfill levy or any other government levy until good times return.
- 5/ Terminate all contracts/ associations with external consultants and demand more from your in house specialists and department heads
- 6/ Gradually move out of the welfare sector, this is not for local councils, leave it to the State and Commonwealth governments and the charities.
- 7/ Cut the councillors expenses by 50%.
- 8/ The list of economies you recently submitted claiming savings of 17 million was impressive but we need to see a progress report in 6 months with evidence of significant achievement.
- 9/ Consider rate reductions in these difficult times. When are the next property valuations to be undertaken and what rate increase might we expect. Keep in mind these valuations should accurately reflect the current real estate values.
- 10/ Please sack, or if this is not possible, re deploy the 4 hi vis employees walking about our streets spraying telegraph posts and rubbing them with rags. This is to the most dimwitted useless method of containing the spread of virus and at what cost to ratepayers. Better to print a few notices advising to wash their hands and post them in prominent places around the Municipality.
- 11/ Finally I would be opposed to councillors transferring sole decision making power to the mayor. Hopefully this is no longer contemplated.

Best of luck with your council work!! [REDACTED]

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Katherine Copsey  
Councillor – Lake Ward  
City of Port Phillip

By email: [Katherine.Copsey@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Katherine.Copsey@portphillip.vic.gov.au)

29 May 2020

Dear Councillor

**Budget proposal regarding Southport Community Legal Service and opportunity to reconsider funding models for community legal services in the City of Port Phillip**

We are concerned to learn of the proposal to discontinue funding for Southport Community Legal Service (Southport) and the impact potential closure may have on the service's current clients and their catchment community.

We confirm that without additional funding, St Kilda Legal Service (SKLS) would not have the capacity to expand our current catchment from as early as July 2020 to provide legal services to residents in Southport's current catchment of Port Melbourne, South Melbourne, Middle Park, Albert Park, Southbank and Fisherman's Bend.

We believe, however, this is an important opportunity for council to consider how it allocates funding towards community legal service delivery. We believe City of Port Phillip funding and support for community legal service delivery should:

- benefit all residents of the City of Port Phillip and not just residents within the Southport catchment suburbs of Port Melbourne, South Melbourne, Middle Park, Albert Park, Southbank and Fisherman's Bend
- be allocated through an equitable and transparent process that ensures council funding for legal services delivers maximum value for the community as a whole and targets those with high legal need.

We note the City of Port Phillip does not currently provide SKLS with funding for legal service delivery or other resourcing support. While it is highly unusual for a council to provide core funding, many councils across Victoria provide substantial funding and other support to community legal services such as ours, as they understand how council support can stretch our limited resources further to assist more people in need.



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SKLS has provided legal services and assistance to the local community since 1973. We are an accredited community legal service under the Community of Legal Centres Australia National Accreditation Scheme and we receive our core funding through state and federal government, as administered by Victoria Legal Aid. We are also the only specialist provider of legal services for LGBTIQ+ communities in Victoria through our LGBTIQ Legal Service, established in 2018 in partnership with Thorne Harbour Health.

We provide free legal services to residents in the City of Stonnington and the City of Bayside, as well as some suburbs in the City of Port Phillip, specifically: St Kilda, Elwood, Ripponlea, Elsternwick and Balaclava. Last year, we assisted just under 500 residents of these suburbs with legal issues including family violence, family law, discrimination, personal safety, neighbourhood disputes, debt, consumer complaints and unpaid wages.

We target our services to communities with high legal need and we work in close partnership with a number of highly-respected community services operating in the City of Port Phillip including the Port Phillip Community Group, Sacred Heart Mission, Star Health, Launch Housing, Uniting Care 101 Engagement Hub, Gatehouse and the Salvation Army Family Violence program.

We welcome any request by council to work together to address the issue of access to justice and financially sustainable models of legal service delivery for the benefit of all communities in the City of Port Phillip, particularly those experiencing highest legal need.

Our Executive Officer and Principal Lawyer [REDACTED] is available to discuss this matter further on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or by email to [REDACTED]. You may also reach [REDACTED] as President of the St Kilda Legal Service Board at [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully,



President  
St Kilda Legal Service Inc.



Executive Officer  
St Kilda Legal Service Inc.

**CBR-020**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 9:41:39 PM  
**To:** Peter Smith <[Peter.Smith@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Peter.Smith@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Andrew Bond - Councillor <[Andrew.Bond@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Andrew.Bond@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>; David Brand - Councillor <[David.Brand@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:David.Brand@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>; Katherine Copsey - Councillor <[Katherine.Copsey@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Katherine.Copsey@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Re: TOILETS IN FITZROY STREET/ WEST ST KILDA

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Please note photos attached.

On 4 Jun 2020, at 9:32 pm, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hope you are making it through the strange times in which we live.

We have recently been made aware of resident concerns about toilets in the Fitzroy Street/ West St Kilda area. In particular:

- 1) proposed new toilet in Fitzroy Street;
- 2) the look and condition of the toilet block at the end of Cowderoy Street in the nature strip on Beaconsfield Parade; and
- 3) the 'public' toilet which was part of the Metropol development.

#### **Proposed new toilet in Fitzroy Street**

We note in the recent This Week in St Kilda that, if the 'proposed budget cuts go ahead, the long-promised public toilet in Fitzroy Street will be shelved until 22/23 at the earliest. The \$240K previously set aside for the 'portable/temporary amenity' on Fitzroy is to be ditched as part of a \$16M COVID-19 budget saving plan'.

As you know, there is already a lack of public toilet facilities in Fitzroy Street. A further delay will aggravate the problem.

#### **Toilet block in the Beaconsfield nature strip at the end of Cowderoy Street**

We attach a series of recent photos which I think explain the concern. The toilets are an ugly blight on the landscape for users at the West Beach end of the waterfront as well as the thousands of passersby who travel along Beaconsfield Parade each day. The toilets are also poorly lighted at night.

As can be seen from the photos, the internal facilities are functional but quite run down. Most people say they are not game to use these toilets.

#### **Public toilet in the Metropol**

Toilets at the Metropol development were closed to the public in mid 2016 due to 'safety issues', yet access remained for bar operators and staff who held keys. The following year the toilets were made accessible to bar patrons, but remained, and to this date still remain, closed to the public in clear breach of the initial planning permit.

Given the likely delay in providing other toilets in Fitzroy Street, it seems critical to again provide these toilets to the public. Reinstating these toilets to operate in alignment with

planning permits would not affect Council budget as we understand that both were to be run, cleaned and maintained at the operators' expense as per their planning permits.

We understand that there will be constraints on Council priorities in the Covid/ post Covid world. However, public toilets are a somewhat basic requirement in a civilized environment. The recent Covid lockdown has brought more people out walking in the streets and has highlighted people's concerns with cleanliness. Thus, there is a focus on the availability, cleanliness and attractiveness of toilet facilities in the area.

We would like to know what Council intends to do to address these priority concerns of our community.

Cheers,

**President, West St Kilda Residents Association**















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Monday, June 15, 2020

Peter Smith  
Chief Executive Officer  
City of Port Phillip  
St Kilda Town Hall  
99a Carlisle Street  
St Kilda, Victoria 3182

Via email: [Peter.Smith@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Peter.Smith@portphillip.vic.gov.au)  
CC: [Emma.Murdoch@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Emma.Murdoch@portphillip.vic.gov.au)

**RE: Petition - Rates and Lease Relief, St Kilda Beach Traders, St Kilda Foreshore**

Dear Peter,

We write to you in petition of the urgent removal of all rates and lease costs for the St Kilda Beach Traders for 2020 with review for 2021.

On 2 June 2020, many of us participated in the Web seminar: City of Port Phillip Economic Stimulus & Business Forum.

We commend Council of holding this forum however there was limited new information relating to the immediate and longer-term survival of businesses within the City.

We are aware of the current \$2.95m Port Phillip Emergency Relief Package which is rates deferral and rent waivers for April to June for Council tenants. This petition seeks further relief and outlines the reasons for it.

You will be aware that the St Kilda Beach Businesses are significantly reliant upon tourism.

Much of the foreshore trader's revenue is derived from interstate and international tourism.

Year ending September 2019, St Kilda had 2.0 million visitors, an increase of 13%.

1.1 million domestic overnight and 900,000 International visitors.

These visitors are now gone, and it is expected that (particularly) international visitation will not occur at all in 2020 and be significantly impacted throughout a large portion of 2021.

In 2017-18, tourism was estimated to be worth \$16.7 billion to Melbourne's economy (in direct and indirect Gross Regional Product), representing 5.0 per cent of Melbourne's economy.

Tourism generated employment of approximately 130,000 people or 5.6 per cent of total employment (direct and indirect jobs).

Domestic overnight expenditure in Melbourne in the year ending December 2019 was estimated to be \$9.5 billion (+12.8 per cent year-on-year), with visitors spending an average of \$310 per night and \$833 per visitor.

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Why support the St Kilda Foreshore businesses with relief? *The City of Port Phillip tourism recovery will largely be driven by the St Kilda Foreshore and its businesses.*

The visitor statistics are clear - The St Kilda Pier, (in redevelopment) and foreshore are the major visitation drawcards for the City of Port Phillip.

Sustaining foreshore businesses will drive a significant and ongoing return to the City of Port Phillip.

The surrounding areas rightly have had the large portion of Council funding (Fitzroy Street and Acland Street) to reinvigorate these failing precincts. It is our view that it is time to consider relief for the foreshore precinct to ensure it can drive a tourism recovery in the future.

This recovery will provide the major economic stimulus to the surrounding precincts. This recovery also drives event permit fees for Council from private event organisers and Council car park revenues.

We seek City of Port Phillip's support to provide urgent rates and lease rental relief for the St Kilda Foreshore businesses.

We request:

1. All foreshore businesses Council Rates be waived from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020; and reviewed on 1 December 2020 to determine if a waiver for 2021 should be extended.
2. All foreshore businesses Council lease rentals be waived from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020; and reviewed on 1 December 2020 to determine if a waiver for 2021 should be extended. This is in line with the Victorian rent relief for similar business on crown leases managed by DELWP

We would very much appreciate if we can be kept informed on the additional relief process, timing, and steps, by City of Port Phillip so we are able to participate.

St Kilda foreshore is not asking for grants, we are asking that our current rates and lease costs be removed for 2020. We have provided millions of dollars in Council revenue, over many years.

Economic times were tough prior to the pandemic and we seek your support with this relief so we are able to re-build and drive the recovery that St Kilda and the City of Port Phillip so desperately requires.

Thank you for your consideration.

[Redacted] - Luna Park [Redacted]

[Redacted] - Beachcomber [Redacted]

[Redacted] - Stokehouse [Redacted]

[Redacted] - St Kilda Sea Baths [Redacted]

[Redacted] -Donovans Restaurant [Redacted]

[Redacted] - Captain Baxter [Redacted]

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30/06/2020

Dear Anita,

Further to your discussions with [REDACTED] earlier today, the Fitzroy Street Business association wishes for the City of Port Phillip to retain funding for Renew Australia.

The FSBA would be willing to contribute the outstanding \$75000 to bring Renew to fruition. We strongly believe that Renew is the most promising initiative to come from Placemaking.

Covid-19 has seen problems compounded on our street, where we have seen vacancy rates rise along with an intimidating environment for locals and visitors alike. Renew supporting a Fitzroy Street Investment Strategy, we believe shall offer a long lasting benefit for the area.

Regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
FSBA President

**CBR-023**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 28 June 2020 5:56 PM  
**To:** Tim Baxter - Deputy Mayor <[Tim.Baxter@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Tim.Baxter@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>; Louise Crawford - Councillor <[Louise.Crawford@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Louise.Crawford@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>; Dick Gross - Councillor <[Dick.Gross@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Dick.Gross@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Helpdesk - Placemaking <[placemaking@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:placemaking@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Re: City of Port Phillip Economic Stimulus & Survival Business Forum Follow-up

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Dear all,

Hope the council's team are all managing okay through covid-19, and thanks for your thanks for your service.

This feedback is offered in response to the recent budget that was announced, as both a local resident/rate payer and business owner. For what its worth, my comments and suggestions below. Below is not intended to be complaint per se, however realise you are key voices for Canal Ward residents, and also for businesses/industry that are operating across the City of Port Phillip.

#### **Ward disproportionate spending and services - CANAL WARD**

City of Port Phillip representative (off record) that the level of spending has been disproportionate between wards and the designated areas within the wards over a long period of time, and it is clearly showing when you drive through and live in different areas within City of Port Phillip.

1. Disclosure - can the council ensure a summary breakdown of services and spending for A) wards and B) regions within the wards so it is transparent to residents of the budgeted services allocated geographically?
2. St Kilda Triangle - this project has been sapping significant funds from local residents and rate payers over the years. I am just not sure how City of Port Phillip can justify having spent (wasted) nearly \$10-20M over the last 15 years (consultant fees, design studies, consultations, master planning, other costs etc etc) with nothing achieved. This expense has been at the detriment of those that live in the ward, as it reduces the much needed services, capital improvements for local residents (not tourists). City of Port Phillip should stop investing in projects like this that are heavily tourism focused unless its fully funded by State/Commonwealth funded, as it can become too reliant on tourist dollars and post card image. Instead, it could take some inspiration from other areas like Fitzroy/Brunswick who have created strips and culture of style around the wards, rather than chemist warehouse strips and eyesaws like Carlise Street.
3. Higher levels of services, expenditure and budget allocation (LAKE WARD) - Albert Park, Middle Park, for footpaths, landscaping, trees and Port phillip bay boulevard, and also St Kilda Triangle (Luna Park, Acland St)
4. Lower levels of expenditure and services (CANAL WARD) - Balaclava and East St Kilda. The streets scapes of this area are particularly underserved and badly managed compared to above mentioned areas. When will the council reallocate much deserved services and expenditure do Balaclava and East St Kilda areas within the CANAL WARD, particularly like streets such as Argyle Street, Inkerman and Alma?

#### **Victorian Government Local Parks Program**

5. Victoria Government are opening applications for improving parks 1 Jul 2020 - <https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/suburban-parks/creating-new-parkland-across-victoria/local-parks> Below are 2 parks we hope that Council can seek funding, and make some significant improvements. Are City of Port Phillip open to making a submission for State Government funding the following improvements?

- a) Jim Duggan Reserve - This park's play equipment had a minor upgrade in the last few years and was very poorly done compared to other parks that have been revitalised within the City of Port Phillip. This park is adjacent and heavily used by all local residents, and neighbouring child care, Betty Community Centre, DHHS social housing. This park is prime for being revitalised.
- b) Alma Park - Perimeter fence - are City of Port Phillip able to install a well designed perimeter fence around the entire park boundaries, to provide a sanctuary within the park itself, and also serves the purposes of keeping dogs/animals safe within enclosed areas of Alma Park similar below to [Victoria Gardens on High Street](#). Sadly, we saw 2 dogs get run over the other day near Alma Park as there was no fence, and they panicked and ran onto the main road, and creating hazard for traffic and pedestrians.



**Strategic Direction 2: We are connected and it's easy to move around**

- Bike Infrastructure Program (\$430,000 reduction) – Program reduced to design and consultation in 2020/21. The 2020/21 program includes the construction budget for the Garden City Bike Path which was deferred from 2019/20.
  - Footpath Renewal Program (\$307,000 reduction) – Program reduced to high priorities. Increased in future years to ensure our existing asset base is maintained.
6. Several concerns have been formally submitted to Council in previous years on the poor state of condition of landscaping and footpaths around CANAL ward. What are council doing about this?

**Strategic Direction 4: We are growing and keeping our character**

- Palais Theatre & Luna Park Precinct Revitalisation - in partnership with the Victorian Government, a project to revitalise and reshape this precinct to create a safer, more pedestrian-friendly, attractive and usable space. The project was previously part of the Public Space Security Improvements Program. (\$2.9 million to complete construction)
- St Kilda Foreshore Infrastructure Upgrades (between Donovans and Marina Reserve) - Delivery of foreshore infrastructure including path and crossover upgrades, seawall renewal, vehicle intrusion control, lighting, vegetation and shade upgrades. (\$100,000 for design)

**Strategic Direction 6: Our commitment to you**

- Business Enablement and Innovation Fund – this program has been removed from the Council Plan. These initiatives will be prioritised through the Customer Experience Program and existing operational budgets.
7. City of Port Phillip support for business enablement, innovation, attracting industry and commercial businesses, and providing ongoing support to businesses beyond just hospitality/tourism/creative, is relatively poor compared to other councils across Melbourne (City of Melbourne, City of Stonnington, City of Yarra, Bayside etc). Once again, it relies too heavily on the tourism/hospitality dollar, there is an

opportunity to attract and create a thriving business services hub on the doorsteps of Melbourne, as the next Silicon Valley etc.

8. Economic Stimulus and survival business initiative - seems to be heavily focused on arts, hospitality and retail sector, and has very little effort or support for other services businesses which are significant employers and contributors to the local economy. Grants for businesses to set up in the local area, employing more people, setting up new tech hubs or HQ could be great focus and opportunity particularly around South Melbourne and Fishermans Bend precincts.
9. Small Business Victoria - Small business victoria has been offering excellent support for industry and business, in collaboration with many Councils (City of Melbourne, and few others) across Metro Melbourne. Sadly, for whatever reason, City of Port Phillip has done some collaboration with Small Business Victoria but nothing like what other councils are doing across Melbourne and Victoria. Might be an opportunity to ramp this collaboration up.

Kind Regards,

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CBR-036

Submission to Council re Updated Council Plan 2017-27 and Draft Budget 2020/21

To Port Phillip Council, planning and budget departments.

I have lived in the City of Port Phillip for forty years, first in Albert Park and now in Port Melbourne. While I am aware that Covid will have placed strains upon Council budget, I would ask you not to reduce any of the services and initiatives that make Port Phillip such a good community, such a good place to live.

Port Phillip has always been an inclusive and caring community.

- Public housing. Port Phillip has had a proud history of supporting public housing through the Housing Association, Housing First. Low cost accommodation has been well integrated into the community. In this time of economic downturn, when homelessness has become a crisis, it is vital that this kind of initiative is continued and developed. I don't wish to live in some kind of gated suburb, accessible only to the affluent, ignoring people sleeping rough, or just having them moved elsewhere. I want to feel part of a community that acknowledges such social problems, and addresses them. Council should work with other levels of government, housing providers, and developers to provide high quality social housing.
- I am pleased that CoPP has supported the marriage equality in the referendum, and supports the rights of LGBTIQI citizens.
- Public services, such as child care and legal aid. It is vital that these things are available to all, not just those who can pay.

Parks and public spaces.

I am lucky enough to live on a park, Garden City Reserve, which is beautifully maintained by Council. I would argue for an increase in tree planting and development of public green spaces.

- Studies suggest the significant effects of greenery on the sense of well-being of residents.
- Some value tackling Climate Change, addressing the heat island effect of dense urban areas.
- Most importantly, open public spaces are available to all. Our park is very well used by people of all ages – the local school, families, retirees – and all economic strata. This is fair and equitable. Most significantly it creates a great sense of community. All kinds of different people get to know one another, look out for one another, and this is enormously valuable.

Relatedly, it would be good if bike paths were developed further. Traffic and parking is a problem in Port Phillip, and rather than seeking more parking areas, a better solution could be to reduce the number of cars on the roads, giving better access to bikes and pedestrians. There has been an increase of bike use during the pandemic and it would be good if that could be encouraged as we move forward.

#### Climate Change

All levels of responsible government must commit to tackling Climate Change. As the council declared, we are in a Climate Emergency. Everything should be done to reduce pollution, increase sustainability, care for the environment. Investment in renewables is a valuable step. Plus, renewables may provide the cheapest energy, thus being a good investment for ratepayers.

#### The St Kilda Ecocentre

This is a bit of a jewel in St Kilda, doing great environmental work, educational work, and Council should support them.

#### Arts, Music, Theatre

Port Phillip has been rich in arts, music and theatre. It's part of what gives our community colour and character, and attracts tourism and revenue to the area. In this time, when the arts, music, theatre industries are being devastated and left without support, Council should consider how best to support our local artists, musicians and theatres.

Sincerely,

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Port Melbourne



CBR-037

From [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, 8 July 2020 8:00 AM

To: Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>

Subject: Keep funding the EcoCentre in the COPP budget

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Dear Councillors, CEO,

Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change.

The EcoCentre is important to me because it supports our local community with fun and engaging educational activities and information to build knowledge and expertise - from the youngest to the oldest in our community - in sustainable living, climate change science, water and energy saving and local, indigenous environment, ecology and flora and fauna. The treasures we have on our doorstep! I've personally benefitted through connecting with like minds, building my knowledge and capacity to effect positive and meaningful change in my own life. I've also been able to help educate friends and neighbours unfamiliar with sustainability concepts, thanks to all the materials the EcoCentre makes available about its school programmes, planting bees, shell surveys, Baykeeper research projects into Port Phillip Bay health, microplastics, recycling, composting, sustainable building and renovating.

I've enjoyed attending and participating in Port Phillip EcoCentre community events, including film nights, festivals, open house days, AGMs, information sessions, workshops etc.

The EcoCentre has connected me with Boon Wurrung people, their knowledge and culture. It has connected me with myriad local community groups doing wonderful, creative and practical things for our environment, including Bili Nursery (formerly SKINC), Veg Out, Friends of Westgate Park, and the Port Phillip Bay wildlife research group.

The schools programmes run by the EcoCentre's education team are world class, enthusing, informing and empowering the next generations. What I've seen first hand at schools and even kindergartens and child care centres in my neighborhood is joyful and deeply inspiring.

The EcoCentre has outgrown its tiny EcoHouse, and requires a larger centre to continue to fully support the growing demand for education in and connection to sustainability and environmental concepts and practice.

Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

CBR-043

I wish to advise that the Assist Desk staff at the Port Melbourne Town are an invaluable source of information and help to residents. In particular the elderly and infirm. Many members of the community are unable to use the internet and/or internet banking. The service provided by these friendly and helpful Council staff is one of the only face to face interactions that ratepayers have with our Council. This is a very important aspect of Local Government.

**CBR-064**

**Submission Re Port Phillip Budget 2020**

(Commemorating [REDACTED]. Died 3/7/2020)

[REDACTED]  
0407 876 991

6 July 2020.

**Summary**

This submission supports the Port Phillip Bicycle Users Group on the COPP Budget 2020.

The BUG submission from [REDACTED] on 14 June recommended:

- Council apply for post COVID grants to accelerate the protected bike lane strategy in the Integrated Transport Strategy
- Council maintain the cycling infrastructure budget
- Council build 'pop-up bike lanes' with temporary infrastructure along Kerford Rd., St Kilda Rd, Brighton Rd, Beaconsfield Rd and Marine Pde and remove parking from Chapel St.

This submission adds the following supporting information:

1. Bikespot Top 10 Unsafe Bike spots
2. Statement from 100 leading doctors and transport experts
3. Transport Accident Commission-funded study on bicycle safety
4. The relevance of Bike Riding in Council's Policies.

**1. Bikespot Top 10 Unsafe Bike spots**

Bikespot is a collaboration between CrowdSpot and the Amy Gillet Foundation, a bike-safety organisation set up by the family and friends of the professional Australian cyclist who was killed while riding in Germany in 2005. It had an interactive mapping project calling on Victorians to report roads and bike paths where they feel unsafe that finished in May 2020. Nearly 6,000 cyclists and drivers participated by adding 'pins' to highlight more than 7000 'Safe' and 'Unsafe' locations in the state. [REDACTED], CrowdSpot Director said,

*It's clear from the results that the vast majority of people (cyclists and drivers alike) want a physically separated and connected cycling network. It is the best method to increase safety and importantly everyone's willingness to ride more often. It is even better if these infrastructure improvements are used in combination with slower moving vehicle traffic and outside car dooring zones as these issues are the cause for most stress.*

The top 10 Unsafe Spots around Melbourne include two in Port Phillip, St. Kilda Junction, (unsafe bike lane) and St. Kilda Road (unsafe bike lane). Chapel Street was the worst, because it is narrow with car doorings and poor road surface. St Kilda Rd was the second worst and St Kilda Junction was the seventh worst.

By contrast, one of the safest spots identified is the small stretch of separated bike lane in St Kilda Rd opposite the NGV. The Top 10 Safe Spots are dominated by separated bike lanes, off-road paths and wide bike lanes. The safest spot was the separated bike lane in the Footscray Rd Trail.

## **2. Letter from Doctors, public health and transport researchers**

Governments have been sent a letter from 100 leading public health and transport researchers to enable safe walking and cycling during the Covid-19 pandemic and into the future. Many Port Phillip doctors including [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] have endorsed this letter for action by our Council.

The letter (attached) says that Australia is lagging behind the rest of the world. It says:

*There are numerous examples across the world of the rapid roll-out of social distancing infrastructure to support cycling and walking during the COVID-19 pandemic. Measures have included reduced speed limits, widened footpaths, emergency cycle lanes, streets closed to motor traffic or removal of manual pedestrian buttons. New Zealand have recently announced substantial funding to support the roll-out of interim measures to make it safer and easier for people walking and cycling, and the UK have given local authorities the power to quickly and easily make roads car-free, widen footpaths, or install temporary cycle lanes. As yet, we have not seen a similar response in Australia, despite the urgent need.*

*Thus, we call on decision makers to take urgent steps to enhance walking and cycling during the pandemic through these or other measures to ensure that safe physical activity and social distancing can occur on our streets now and when the economy is reopened.*

## **3. Transport Accident Commission-funded study on bicycle safety**

Research by [REDACTED] has found that on-road marked bicycle lanes are not the optimal solution to keeping cyclists safe. The study published in the journal *Accident Analysis and Prevention* (11 April 2019) shows that marked on-road bicycle lanes and parked cars reduced the distance that motorists provide when passing cyclists.

In the largest study of its kind in the world, data was collected on 60 cyclists in Melbourne who rode their bicycles with a custom device (the 'MetreBox') installed to quantify the distance that motor vehicle drivers provide when passing cyclists.

More than 18,500 vehicle passing events from 422 trips were recorded. One in every 17 passing events (n=1085) came within one metre of the travelling cyclist and, alarmingly, 124 passing events came within less than 60cm. In higher speed zones, greater than 60km/h, almost one in every three (n=293) passing events was a ‘close’ pass (<150cm).

“We know that vehicles driving closely to cyclists increases how unsafe people feel when riding bikes and acts as a strong barrier to increasing cycling participation,” said ██████████, lead author and Monash University’s Deputy Head of [Prehospital, Emergency and Trauma Research](#), and President of the Australasian Injury Prevention Network.

The research findings show that on-road bicycle lanes, particularly alongside parked cars, are not the optimal solution for protecting people who ride bikes. ██████████ said in order to improve safety and increase cycling participation, it is clear that far greater investment is needed in providing infrastructure that separates cyclists from motor vehicles by a physical barrier.

Previous studies by ██████████ showed the number of Victorian cyclists being admitted to hospital with serious trauma from road crashes has more than doubled in the past 10 years, and that 22% of all on-road bicycle crashes occur while the cyclist is riding in an on-road bicycle lane.

#### **4. The relevance of Bike Riding in Council’s Policies.**

The Port Phillip Council Plan has ‘Directions’ where bike infrastructure is pivotal.

- Direction 2 We are connected and its easy to move around. The main philosophy is that streets and places are designed for people. This will be achieved by *inter alia* prioritising bike riding.
- Direction 3 A city with lower carbon emissions. More journeys by bicycle is a significant way to lower greenhouse gas emissions. However unless the city urgently delivers safe bike infrastructure, this aim will remain in the realm of promises not action.
- Direction 5 A prosperous city that connects and grows Business. Cycling has taken off in the time of the pandemic as people seek safe distanced transport suitable to all ages. We need to encourage this trend as it not only provides safe transport but means that business in our local bike shops has boomed, not to mention coffee and croissant consumption in our local cafes!

Furthermore in September 2019 the City of Port Phillip declared a Climate Emergency which commits the Council to declare ‘urgent action’ ‘to drastically reduce warming emissions in Australia. The City will also “consider the impact of Climate Change when planning and decision making”.



**CBR-065**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 7 July 2020 3:55 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Updated Council Plan 2017-27 and Draft Budget 2020/21

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To Council Planning and Performance at Port Phillip City Council,

My name is [REDACTED], and I have lived in the City of Port Phillip since 1982. I have lived in St. Kilda, Elwood, and currently live in Port Melbourne.

This email is a submission to express what I believe is important in the 2020/21 Budget for Port Phillip City Council.

1. It is important to continue to invest in vital public services. The services provided by council are important, probably more during this time of Covid19 than in any other time. Some of the vital services provided by Council that must be continued include childcare; Maternal & Child Health services; cycling infrastructure; libraries; parks and public spaces; housing; waste and rubbish management; and responding to the challenges of the Climate emergency.
2. Childcare services should be provided by Council for people living in the city. Publicly owned and affordable child care is a vital service. Council should increase the amount of child care services provided; the council run child care services must be of high quality, and affordable.
3. The Maternal & Child Health services are a vital service to families in the community, and must be continued.
4. We need better facilities for bicycle riders. More people will cycle if they feel it is safe to do so, and they will feel it is safe if there are separate bike paths and bike lanes. Since the restrictions resulting from Covid 19 there has been a significant increase in people cycling, and there needs to be better facilities for these increased numbers of cyclists. The best facilities for cyclists are separate bike paths, where there are no risks from cars, and no risks to pedestrians. I would like to see separate bike paths all along the sea shore, including along St. Kilda beach. Having cyclists and pedestrians together, as along the St Kilda beach, and along South bank of the Yarra, does not work. Pedestrians and cyclists get irritated by each other. It would be better to have a separate bike path.

We also need separate bike paths and bike lanes in other parts of the city. The bike lanes that exist are good, but we need more of them. We also need more bike parking racks.

5. Libraries are a great community resource and Council must continue to fund these great resources.

6. Parks and public spaces are a great resource in the city. We need more of them. Council should consider where it is possible to close roads and convert them to bike paths, parks and open spaces. Council must continue to fund tree planting and care for trees and parks in the city. These are vital public places; particularly during Covid 19 when many people are working from home or not working, they are using parks and public spaces. Parks and public spaces are good for both mental and physical health of residents and visitors to the city.

7. Covid 19 has hit homeless people hard, and Council should work with other levels of government, housing providers and developers to provide high-quality social housing to help people who need it most.

8. Rubbish and waste management must continue to be funded and managed by Council. As waste management becomes more problematic, Council must investigate further opportunities for recycling, and be innovative in relation to waste management. Residents must be strongly encouraged to dispose of rubbish and waste responsibly.

9. We are living in a Climate emergency. Perhaps some people are more focussed on Covid 19, but we must not forget that Summers are getting hotter, bushfires are getting worse, and that extreme weather events are going to become more frequent. The Climate emergency is continuing. Council must continue to reduce carbon emissions, promote renewable energy, and educate residents about responses to the Climate emergency. Putting solar panels on the roof of the South Melbourne market was an excellent Council initiative, and there should be more investment in renewable energy. Council should investigate putting solar panels on the roofs of all Council owned properties, and providing solar power for all it's facilities

We need to ensure that we continue these essential services in our city, to meet the demands and needs of all residents.

Yours sincerely,

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**CBR-066**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 6 July 2020 2:26 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** PPEC

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I trust you will continue to support the Port Philip Eco Centre. It is such an important and iconic organisations that is part of the public face of the commitment Port Philip has to environmental sustainable practices. I urge you not only to continue to fund this operation, but when possible, to increase the funding so the tthey can extend their activities.

With thanks in anticipation,

[REDACTED]  
(Co-ordinator, St. Kilda Repair Cafe)

**CBR-067**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 5 July 2020 11:31 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** EcoCentre funding

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To whom it concerns

- *Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because it helps to educate me about the environment and suggests many ways I can contribute.*
- *Also it has a very helpful repair cafe.*
- *Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.*

*Yours sincerely*

[REDACTED]

**CBR-068**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 5 July 2020 2:29 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Updated Council Plan 2017-27 and Draft Budget 2020/21

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To Council Planning and Performance at Port Phillip City Council,

My name is [REDACTED] and I live in Balaclava. I've been made aware of the consultation period for the updated Council Plan and Draft Budget for 2020/21.

I would like to make an email submission to express what matters most to me in the 2020/21 Budget for Port Phillip City Council.

Bike path development is very important for these Covid times and beyond. I'd like to see more money put into improving the dangerous intersections that make cycling difficult.

We need more trees planted in streets and parks. These are our insurance against climate change, helping to cool our city.

Low cost housing is essential for our low income residents. I know there is some, but not enough.

As a rate payer I don't think you need to freeze rates. That money is needed to keep our essential services and help develop more services.

We need to ensure that we continue these essential services in our city as we meet the demands of all residents and come back stronger following this global pandemic.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

CBR-079

July, 2020

To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to have the opportunity to express my support for the Port Phillip Ecocentre. In my role as an environmental educator I have been thoroughly supported by the staff at the Ecocentre. They have provided me with guidance and advice ranging from how to access funding for not for profit groups through to the best methods to disseminate information. The staff have freely shared their information and high - quality resources which I have been able to incorporate into environmental lessons for schools. Members of the centre have also attended and presented at professional development days that I have organised. In my role as an educator I have organised groups to attend presentations at the Ecocentre. I have been impressed by the quality of these and the ability of the staff to pass on key environmental messages in a manner that engages students and encourages them to take community action.

The Port Phillip Ecocentre is an important cog in disseminating key environmental messages to members of the community, including schools. They whole heartedly support other like - minded organisations and encourage community - based actions. I admire the values of this organisation and how the staff lives and breathes these.

Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future as without continued support there would be a large gap to fill.

Yours sincerely

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**CBR-085**

FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PORT MELBOURNE 3207

1 - Type of request

Request for information

2 - Request details

why is there no easy way to find anything about the 2% rate rise which you have given ratepayers till 17 July to comment on ?

there is no link here in all this paraphernalia listed here for my attention ..

please send me immediately a link for any RATE COMMENT...

11 - Would you like feedback about this request?

Yes

CBR-093

- *Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because it continues to champion the sustainability of my local environment and raise awareness of the on-going threats to our planet. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.*

CBR-094

  
Port Melbourne 3207

Victoria

9<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Lord Mayor and Councillors,

City of Port Phillip

GARDEN REMEMBRANCE FUNDING "HAVE YOUR SAY" 2021 BUDGET.

I am led to understand that funding of \$22,000 needed to complete the work on the Remembrance Garden installed by Council in 2018 in the Port Melbourne Railway Reserve was not provided in that year. Requests for inclusion in successive budgets have been unsuccessful and it seems another year will be allowed by council to pass, as funding has again not been included in the draft budget for 2021.

The funding to complete the Garden involves installation of panels or plaques describing social history, military and cultural heritage themes. The importance of the gardens will then be significant to all.

In particular, 2020 represents the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the completion of the second world war. Port Melbourne was the departure point for many of our young men and women who left Australia to help preserve world peace in both of those terrible wars, so this year has particular significance. Many residents of our city did not return or were severely traumatised by their experience. Significance of the military importance of the gardens, along with the other themes form a major part of Port Melbourne and they all deserve recognition.

It is believed that soldiers returning from world war 1 around a hundred years ago, may have introduced Spanish Flu to Australia. The Remembrance garden is an appropriate place to acknowledge the impact that the Wars overall had on our community then and now.

This is a genuine and sincere request for the Council to review the 2021 budget to include funding necessary to complete this important part of our heritage.

sincerely,

, AO



Air Vice Marshal RAAF retd

**CBR-095**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 9 July 2020 12:54 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** EcoCentre budget

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- *The EcoCentre is important to me because, as a Early Childhood Educator we are all about caring for and respecting the environment, and how we can educate the youth for the future, especially in a world experiencing climate change.*
- *Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.*
- *I would also like you to consider the possibility of online inclusions at this time and going into the future. It will give access to children who can't physically access the centre, and kinders and childcare centres would be willing to pay for the services. For a model you can see what the Royal Botanic Gardens have been doing whilst in lockdown.*

*Thank you*

*Regards*

[REDACTED]

**CBR-096**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 10 July 2020 10:41 AM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Remembrance Garden, Railway Reserve Port Melbourne

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I write as an interested rate payer and someone who is active in a number of associations in Port Phillip. It is of concern to many residents that the Council has not allocated the funding needed to complete the Remembrance Garden at Railway Reserve in Port Melbourne. I attended the Remembrance Day Service at the Reserve last November, along with many other residents, and was impressed at this initiative to commemorate our fallen. Many of my relatives went past this very place on their way to serve in both wars. Some did not return. This was something I reflected on as I stood there.

Why embark on a project and not finish it. While it stands uncompleted it is in danger of being abandoned because its full significance has not been established. The money already put into the Memorial will then be wasted. I believe it will cost \$22,000 to finish the project. Can we not just get on with it and finish the job? We will then have a fitting site to gather and reflect on the sacrifices made by our service people.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]. President. Probus Port Melbourne

## CBR-097

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 10 July 2020 2:48 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Submission: City of Port Phillip Plan 2017-27 and budget 2020/21

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Dear Port Phillip Councillors,

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City of Voices (COV) is an inclusive theatre company operating as a program of SouthPort Community Centre. Ours is one of 12 Council-funded programs run by SPCC that serve more than 300 participants each week.

At City of Voices, our mission is to give all people, regardless of age, ability or socio-economic status, the opportunity to engage in the creative arts.

Established in 1992, COV has been creating original theatrical work for the local Port Phillip community for over 25 years. The majority of our participants live, work or study in the City of Port Phillip.

During this COVID-19 epidemic, City of Voices has continued to meet on Zoom, supporting each other, reducing loneliness and isolation, and keeping our minds creative and active during what have been difficult times. We are not just a theatre group but a 'second family' for our members, many of whom are from vulnerable and isolated groups.

Research indicates that an active, healthy, resilient, well-informed and connected community will recover more quickly from disruptions like COVID-19. City of Voices is an example of that community connection in action. Port Phillip Council - your support makes that possible.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Christ Church St Kilda  
14 Acland Street  
St Kilda VIC 3182  
Mobile: [REDACTED]  
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**CBR-098**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 10 July 2020 2:56 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Thankyou

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*Thank you,*

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] 

**CBR-099**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 10 July 2020 3:12 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** City of Voices

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*I have attended performances of COV and have seen first hand the quality and value of the work which City of Voices does. It is essential in my view, that COPP continue to support this vital and sadly all too rare, initiative.*

*Thank you,*

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**CBR-100**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 11 July 2020 3:44 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Dig In Community Garden - Budget Submission

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Dear Port Phillip Council,

Thank you for your continued support of our Dig In Community Garden program and SPCC. It has made a hugely positive impact on my life.

Ours is one of 12 SPCC council funded programs that serve more than 300 participants each week.

Research indicates an active healthy, resilient, well-informed, connected community will recover more quickly from disruptions like COVID-19 and your support makes that possible.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Port Melbourne Resident and Dig In Garden Member

**CBR-101**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 11 July 2020 8:52 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Get out of town program

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We are a family living in the high rise at [REDACTED] in South Melbourne. The get out of town program supports single parents and their kids and it is a really good program. My children and I use the program to catch up with other families when we attend the program. It also help us, because I am on a low income and it costs a lot of money. The get out of town program help us to experience new activities that are fun and educational. Thank you to Southport Community centre and the City of Port Phillip for supporting our programs  
Cheers [REDACTED] is Mumm of [REDACTED] & [REDACTED]



**CBR-102**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 12 July 2020 12:42 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Have your say---Draft Budget 2020/21

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Councillors,

I am writing to support a submission for an allocation of \$22,000 to finalise the remaining work on the Remembrance Garden situated in the Port Melbourne railway reserve.

The design of the work has long been finalised; the only piece missing is the capital.

Your sincerely,  
[REDACTED]  
Middle Park.

**Submission to Draft Council Plan 2017-2027 and Draft Council Budget 2020/21**

I offer the following comments in relation to the Council Plan/Budget process:

I support Council's endeavours to maximise diversity within the City particularly through programs designed to maintain and increase social housing, and, to the extent of its powers, I support Council's encouragement and facilitation of the expansion of public housing stock in the municipality.

In order to ensure that residents of the City enduring social/economic disadvantage are able to continue residing within the City I support Council's contribution to the provision of adequate support services through the promotion and funding of material and other assistance as required.

I support Council's endeavours in reducing waste and encourage Council through its available mediums to encourage residents, businesses and visitors to the City to consume less, to place emphasis on quality rather than quantity and also to emphasise benefits of recycling and re-purposing in preference to the prevailing disposable ethic. I support Council funding organisations committed to these ideals with 'in-kind' support in addition to direct funding. Specifically, I endorse Council's support for the Port Philip Eco Centre for the valuable role it plays in these spaces.

I favour Council's support for the arts, but I suggest monies allocated to these programs are better allocated to small scale events directed at artists resident in the City of Port Philip rather than events such as the St Kilda Festival.

I am concerned that the Council's staff profile, and consequent expenditure, is skewed towards upper middle and senior management.

I understand some residents in the City are agitated about the level of their rates and what they perceive as a bias to their detriment. It is my view that the City makes sufficient provision to aid ratepayers in their payment and a review process exists if they are aggrieved by the rating.

Having listened and considered what staff and Councillors have said on a number of forums regarding the impact of COVID 19 I encourage Council to resist a slash and burn approach to the post-pandemic budget period. Many of our more vulnerable residents face challenging futures, it is important Council whenever possible maintain or increases expenditure on crucial social expenditure.

I consider myself fortunate to live in South Melbourne where I have resided for 37 years. In relation to the City and its governance paradoxically on questions of my amenity I find the City and its decisions a source of frustration, but, in the broader context, I support much of its work and offer my support and thanks.

██████████

South Melbourne 3205

**CBR-104**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, 13 July 2020 10:23 AM

**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>

**Subject:** "Have Your Say" submission: PORT MELBOURNE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

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Dear City of Port Phillip Councillors

My wife and I ask that you include completion of the Garden of Remembrance in the 2021 budget.

Much of the work on the Garden, located in the Port Melbourne Light Rail Reserve, has already been carried out, but the full significance of the Garden will continue to be unclear to observers until appropriate information plaques are installed.

As you know, the Light Rail Reserve is a popular walking precinct for locals, cruise passengers and those interested in pursuing the social, military and immigration history of Port Melbourne from Bay to City. The Garden of Remembrance is a very appropriate place for walkers to pause, learn and reflect, and as a spacious local focal point for individual or group gatherings (Covid-permitting).

We are 22-year residents of Port Melbourne and involved with Port Melbourne Probus and City of Port Phillip U3A. In both organizations there are many members with veteran connections. For my part, I am a retired Army lieutenant colonel and war veteran. My father and grandfathers were veterans as well, one of who embarked for Gallipoli from Princes Pier. Having a well-conceived, clearly identifiable commemorative garden site in our community is important to me and my extended family and to many in Port Melbourne and surrounds.

Please allocate the modest investment to bring the Garden of Remembrance to full fruition in 2021.

Sincerely, [REDACTED] (LTCOL, retired)

**CBR-105**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 9 July 2020 11:21 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** ARCS & GOOT

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Hello,

I would love to give feedback about the ARCS and the GOOT programs that I participated in over the last couple of years. Both have been fantastic and I am so grateful to be a part of the wonderful Southport community. I'm a single mum from England, with no family here, so this community has been so Special to me, almost like a Family. I'm most grateful to be involved. [REDACTED] provides amazing support and follow up.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**CBR-106**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 12 July 2020 9:03 PM  
**To:** Councillors <[Councillors@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Councillors@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Rate Relief for businesses that are struggling

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To Port Phillip Councillors

Please Please councillors I beg you to open your heart and be kind

Please give prorata rate relief to all the small business that are struggling to pay their bill because of the lockdown, by no fault of their own

When Spring comes, do we only want to see the big chains open:  
Woollies, Coles, BWS, etc...  
A few businesses are going fine but many are struggling beyond comprehension.

Just think of the enormous economic collateral damage the lockdown is creating. How many mental stress and related illness, mental illness and suicides are you prepared to see to the owners and their families

Please think of our beautiful community  
Please save lives and  
Please save Port Phillip

**CBR-107**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 13 July 2020 11:55 AM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Thanks for funding SPCC

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**Dear Port Phillip Council,  
Thank you for your continued support of our Women's Activity Group program and SPCC. It has made a hugely positive impact on our lives.**

Ours is one of 12 SPCC council funded programs that serve more than 300 participants each week.

**Research indicates an active healthy, resilient, well-informed, connected community will recover more quickly from disruptions like COVID-19 and your support makes that possible.**

**Thank you,**

[REDACTED]

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**CBR-108**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 13 July 2020 11:56 AM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** proposed port phillip budget - comments

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I do not support an increase in rates without: a detailed analysis of recurrent costs and the opportunity for savings plus a review of the capital plan against risks of deferral delay and/ or deletion.

regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**CBR-109**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 13 July 2020 12:25 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Dig in Community Garden

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

I just want to thank the council for continued support for our Dig In Community Gardens. It has made an enormous difference to our lives as we all battle the lockdown protocols of Covid 19. Everyone at the gardens are extremely careful to abide by these protocols and we would be more than grateful that the Council continues to support the community, especially our older Garden members, with this initiative.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

*Civil Marriage Celebrant*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**CBR-110**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 13 July 2020 3:06 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** GOOT

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

**Dear Port Phillip Council,**  
**Thank you for your continued support of our GOOT program and SPCC. It has made a hugely positive impact on our lives.**

Ours is one of 12 SPCC council funded programs that serve more than 300 participants each week.

Kids need GOOT because it's a great experience for them. It's something they can tell their friends about. It's something that gets them out of the house interacting with kids their age. Something that inspires them. An adventure to look forward to and enjoy. A memory that lasts a lifetime. To get out and about! Both my kids are new to the program and have benefited by participating in indigenous painting, and exploring national parks.

Please keep the funding going!

**Research indicates an active, healthy, resilient, well-informed, connected community will recover more quickly from disruptions like COVID-19 and your support makes that possible.**

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

## REQUEST FOR GARDEN REMEMBRANCE FUNDING 2021 BUDGET.

Mayor and Councillors  
City of Port Phillip,

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

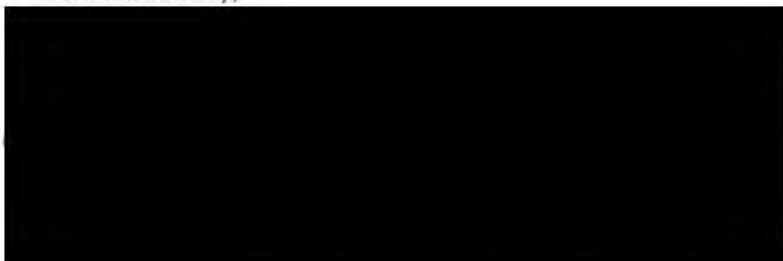
I support the need for funding of \$22,000 to complete the Remembrance Garden installed by Council in 2018 in the Port Melbourne Railway Reserve as this significant project deserves completion.

The funding is necessary to complete the installation of up to five panels/plaques on social history, military and cultural heritage themes to commemorate the recognition of our involvement in World War One.

By completing the Gardens, it will pay homage to almost a thousand residents of our City who lost their lives in WW1, to those who returned traumatised and wounded and died shortly thereafter and to those who contributed to the war effort from the home front.

An event as significant as this warrants recognition so that present and future generations can realize and better understand the kind of sacrifices that were made in order to protect the way of life we appreciate so much today. The completion of the Garden, as proposed in 2018, will become another City of Port Phillip landmark.

Yours sincerely,



Committee member: World War One Centenary Community Commemorative Committee

Former Councillor: City of South Melbourne

Inaugural President: Middle Park History Group

 Middle Park 3206

**CBR-112**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 14 July 2020 10:38 AM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Thank you for your support of Accessible Yoga program at SPCC

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**Dear Port Phillip Council,**

**Thank you for your continued support of our Accessible Yoga program and SPCC. It has made a hugely positive impact on our lives.**

Ours is one of 12 SPCC council funded programs that serve more than 300 participants each week.

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**Thank you,**

[REDACTED]

**CBR-113**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 14 July 2020 10:36 AM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Support SPCC council funded programs

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**Dear Port Phillip Council,**

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**Thank you,**

[REDACTED]

**CBR-114**

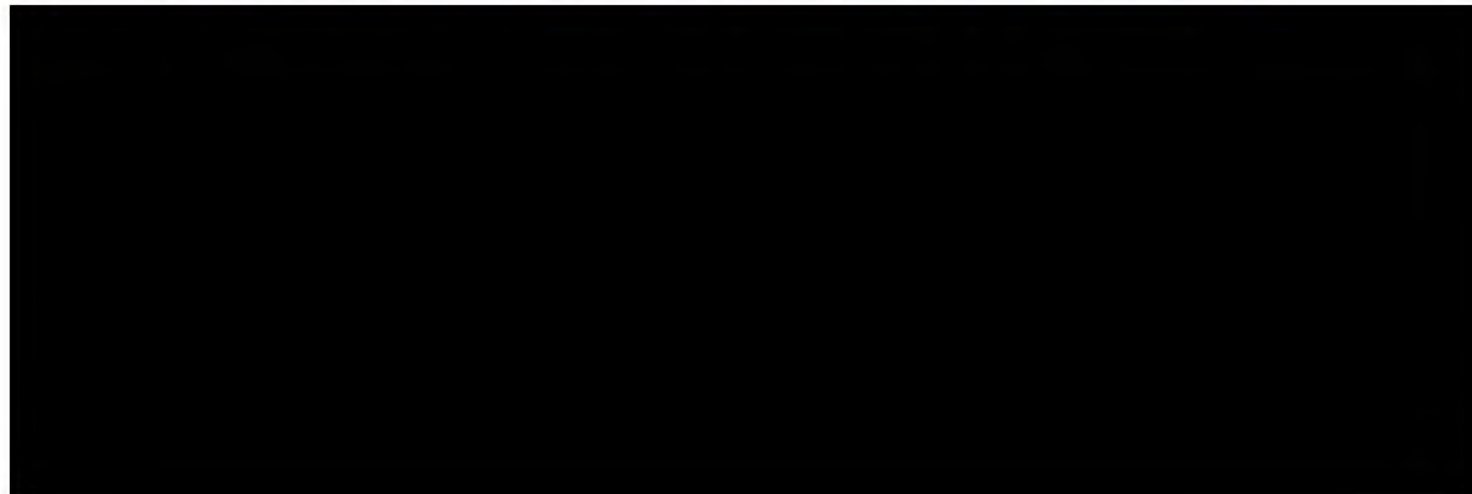
██████████ called as she has received a pamphlet in the post from the Rates Payers of Port Phillip Association today in regards to where's they believe council is spending the rates and she is not happy.

She advised it states

- 2% pay rise for staff when we already spend 92million a year on wages
- CEO's salary, bonuses and increase
- Senior Management wages increases when they shouldn't
- Rates are having a 2% increase for all revenue raised and she believes it should be frozen for the year 20/21

She is a pensioner and was quite upset, I didn't go in to any detail with her and advised someone will call her back – or more preferably an email to ██████████ - as she is hard at hearing – ██████████

She advised if she does not get a response in a reasonable amount of time she will be going to the press.



**CBR-115**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 14 July 2020 11:42 AM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** From [REDACTED]

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I would like to express my support for the Eco House in St Kilda Botanic Gardens Last year , I attended the annual Festival, to host the function, and " met and greet" the locals.

It was very impressive to see the impact that the Eco House has on local participants young and old.The range of activities it does is so worthwhile,it is inclusive, it is educational and with its sustainable objectives, is providing a very positive way that people can live a better life.

It ,and all the volunteers are to be commended,as with the Port Phillip Council . I would hope that every local council or municipality could set up such an establishment , to encourage the work and enthusiasm from its members.

Yours [REDACTED] OAM

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**CBR-116**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 14 July 2020 12:20 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Budget

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**I am also a volunteer at SPDL and strongly support their programs and what they do for residents in the Port Phillip community .**

**Thank you,**

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] **Port Melbourne**  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**CBR-117**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 6 July 2020 6:31 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** South Port Community Centre

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

Dear Port Phillip Council,

I thank you immensely for your continued support of the Get Out Of Town program that I have been regularly involved in with my daughter over the last several years and the and the Make Your Mark program that has been an inspiration for me. The South Port Community Centre offers a range of great programs and activities that is beneficial for all the members of the surrounding suburbs.

Research indicates an active, healthy, resilient, well-informed, connected community will recover more quickly from disruptions like COVID-19 and your support makes that possible.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Port Melbourne 3207

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**CBR-118**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 7 July 2020 11:05 AM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Thank you for the ARCS!

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

Dear Port Phillip Councillors,

Thank you for your continued support of the ARCS - Applied Reception/Customer Service Training Program and SouthPort Community Centre.

ARCS is an ongoing 21 week vocational training program, catering to those who are under-employed or experiencing barriers to employment.

A recent survey showed that 91% of ARCS graduates go on to either further study, skilled volunteering or paid work.

During this COVID-19 epidemic, the ARCS program continued via the online platform, Zoom with 12 participants successfully graduating last week.

The ongoing support of Port Phillip Council will continue to make this happen, helping others successfully embark on their journey from unemployment into the world of work.

Thank you,  
Regards

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**CBR-119**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 7 July 2020 1:26 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** ARCS

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Thank you,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**CBR-120**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 14 July 2020 7:57 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** waste collection fee

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Hi, I live in [REDACTED], Port Melbourne. All the residences in this development pay a body corporate to collect weekly waste, manage our roads and street lamps. We pay about \$2000 to the body corporate. We also pay the full council rates. We were informed over 2 years ago that the council was working to find a solution to remove the waste collection costs from our council rates given this is not a service that is provided to us. We are wondering if the solution will come soon!

Looking forwards to your reply!

[REDACTED]

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██████████, Port Melbourne 3207

██████████

14<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Letter of support for exercise classes conducted by ██████████

To whom it may concern:

I write to support the continuation of exercise classes conducted under the auspices of South Port Community Centre by ██████████.

██████████ has a gift, which coupled with her professional experience, is the ability to tailor her classes to suit the particular physical needs of the more senior members of the Port Phillip community.

As well as helping maintain physical strength, the classes also provide valuable social networking opportunities, which benefit mental health.

Personally, I've found ██████████'s stretch and strength classes enormously helpful in recovering from an ankle and a knee injury. Through the combination of weight, cardiac and muscle strengthening exercises she gives, I've noticed a marked improvement in my balance, flexibility, strength and just as importantly, my overall sense of fitness and wellbeing.

Having begun classes with ██████████ at the Port Melbourne/Liardet Street Neighbourhood Centre, which is now closed, the chance to be able to continue to access her weekly classes on-line has been a real life-saver during the Covid 19-induced restrictions. It is vital that they can continue.

If you'd like to know anything else about my support for South Port, and/or COPP, to enable ██████████'s classes to continue, please contact me.

Regards,

██████████

**CBR-123**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 July 2020 12:44 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Support Programs

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

I take this opportunity to say thank you for the efforts you are making to allow people like myself to cross reference and have social contact with others of many different age groups and backgrounds. I am active in the Choir, Writing and Communication groups and thoroughly enjoy each one. Good work and much appreciated, „sincerely . [REDACTED]

## **CBR-151**

### **Monday Drop In South Port Community Centre**

Monday Drop in is a weekly activity for people with a mental illness living in City of Port Phillip in low cost housing, rooming houses, and Special Supported accommodation services.

This program has had 15 participants all with co mobility issues such as mental health, intellectual, physical, and chronic health conditions.

This group of participants are socially isolated and have lived with the stigma of mental health and intellectual disabilities.

The program provides education, social acceptance, referrals to supports and services and a place that they feel that they belong and have control over.

The program has provided mentoring and modelling around healthy eating, budgeting, social etiquette and fun.

This year there has been 3 deaths due to chronic health issues. The participants have been supported to attend the funerals and to talk about how they are feeling at the loss of their friends.

A number of participants in the Monday Drop In group have literacy issues and find it difficult to read and write and use computers.

During the year we had weekly outings and asked the participants were they would like to go. We also placed the participants in a leadership role so that they could choose the outing and give us some information what they new about the outing. This gave the group ownership on what they liked and places of importance.

During the Corona Virus Pandemic SPCC supported participants in the Monday drop In program by contacting them weekly.

15 Community Participants in Monday drop in

10 Men

5 women

#### **Disability:**

6 Participants have a dual diagnosis Mental Health and Intellectual disability.

2 have Mental health and physical disability with mobility issues.

3 have chronic mental health issues.

6 have diabetes.

4 Community Members have NDIS packages.

### **Living arrangements:**

4 Community participants live with family

6 live on their own

1 lives in a Nursing home.

### **Background**

6 participants have Greek background and speak Greek at home

English is their second language.

9. participants have Australian background.

### **Summary and themes**

330 Individual phone contacts during the Corona Virus since March 20<sup>th</sup> 2020.

Most community members struggled with IT and mobile phones. They have intellectual and mental health issues and low literacy skills.

All participants spoke about feeling depressed and flat because the group was not meeting.

Needed to explain the corona virus and what they needed to do to keep themselves safe.

All were feeling of lonely because they have limited friendship circles and the Monday Drop-In group is an important social connection and social activity.

We spoke about them going for their health check ups and their need to continue to connect to their GP's

6 community members have English as a second language and they really enjoyed coming to the Monday drop in to catch up with friends and chat. Most spoke about missing this activity.

Many did not understand the need to be isolated and did not understand the Health Literacy around corona virus. We spoke a great deal with participants about washing their hands and not going out if they did not need to go out to keep themselves safe and their elderly parents.

Many participants spoke about missing the social and physical contact with other participants in the group.

Needed to do referrals to GP, dental, counsellors.



2 participants died and we needed to let participants know about this. Participants spoke about feeling grief and loss because their friends had passed away and they could not say goodbye to them.

### **Case study**

A is a 59-year-old woman with an Intellectual disability and is hearing impaired. A currently lives with her 84-year-old mother who has had ongoing chemotherapy for breast cancer.

A has lived with her mother for many years. She has attended the Monday drop in and enjoys catching up with other participants in the group.

A 's mother went into Hospice and A moved into accommodation on her own. A received emotional support and was referred for Home and Community Care. She linked into gym group and was supported to begin to use her walking frame to give her better mobility when she was walking. She had fallen and hurt herself on occasions.

A has received ongoing emotional support from the Monday drop In facilitators and group participants whilst she transitioned to living on her own. A's mother passed away and the group was able to support A emotionally with her grieving process.

CBR-152

The Mayor  
The City Of Port Phillip

13 July 2020

Dear Madam

With regard to the proposed budget for the 2020/2021 financial year I believe that the Council should set an example and work within the restraints that now face the whole community.

Most people will find it difficult enough to meet their existing commitments let alone find money for a rates increase. How is it that the rest of the community have to manage with less and Council believes that it is entitled to more. Please find a way to manage within the framework of your annual revenue and do not draw on money set aside to meet expected future commitments.

Your projected rate increase says to the rate payers of the City of Port Phillip that you do not share their pain during these unprecedented difficult times.

This is a time to show leadership .

██████████ AM

**CBR-178**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 July 2020 8:59 AM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Council Budget Submission

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I am a long term resident of Elwood. I would like to endorse the Council budget and participated in Q&A and hub focus meetings. The process has been good. I would like to thank council for continuing to support both Friends and Suai/Covalima program and the Eco Centre program.

They are both important contributions to our community that have impacts that are far reaching. We all know this is a challenging time for council and its ongoing programs. I support the work of council and encourage you to support the most vulnerable in our community.

Thank you for the ongoing support for Friends of Suai. I would like to endorse the visionary support you provided through the Friendship Agreement with Suai Timor-Leste and in turn through the program and budget which is changing lives through education and health and livelihoods. Supporting the establishment of local government in Timor is a key aim. It is an important social connection in Port Phillip that brings out the best in humanity.

As Julian Hill MP and former Mayor said at the recent 20th anniversary webinar, it is a stellar example of what friendship can provide in our region with a small monetary contribution which stretches with extraordinary outcomes due to the diligence of the program.

I would also like to endorse the budget for the Eco Centre too, it is an extraordinary organisation that provides what is really important to our community through leadership in environmental matters and a place that contributes to our well being. It does great work for the young and the older community member and an organisation that is vital to the climate emergency. This time of Covid-19 continues to be challenging but united we can support people to be safe and well.

Thank You

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Elwood

**CBR-179**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 July 2020 10:19 AM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Feedback

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

Good morning,

My name is [REDACTED]  
I have been attending different classes by zoom application which have been organised by south port community centre .

During this strange time of pandemic these classes specially with communication skills and creative writing have been extremely helpful, benevolent and supportive and I am deeply grateful for them .

I hope these classes as well as other activities would continue to be available in future.

Thanks again,

Kindest regards,

[REDACTED]

**CBR-180**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 July 2020 10:28 AM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Council draft budget

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It is vital that the council lends its full budgetary support to the Eco centre. This has become a vital source of information for an increasingly large population in this electorate that has a need to develop food sources, healthy environments and cleaner seas. Given that the effects of covid has altered so many lives economically and mentally, self sufficiency, environmental protections and usage of land and water amenities are all paramount to the generations living here.

Please do not let the Eco centre slip off the page when it is about to make a monumental step forward in this new status quo.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**CBR-181**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 July 2020 1:52 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** SPCC support

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**Dear Port Phillip Council,**

**Thank you for your continued support of our many council funded programs and SPCC. This funding and the many programs it provides to the community has made a hugely positive impact many lives each week.**

There are currently 12 SPCC council funded programs that serve more than 300 participants each week. Many of these programs actively support the most disadvantaged and isolated residents in our community, who are significantly affected by COVID19. Our workers & programs are actively involved in keeping our isolated and vulnerable residents/participants supported, informed, safe and connected during these challenging times.

For Make Your Mark Program the funding has ensured that vulnerable young people in the area can still focus on creative activities and stay connected with their fellow artists and facilitators. It means we can continue to develop their artistic and entrepreneurial skills as well boost their sense of purpose and self esteem.

Hopefully as this COVID crises begins to pass in the coming months, and thanks to your support, SPCC will be in a position to continue to support our community towards recovery. Research indicates an active healthy, resilient, well-informed, connected community will recover more quickly from disruptions like COVID-19 and your support makes that possible.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

**SPCC, Make Your Mark Coordinator, Art Connect Facilitator**

[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
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**CBR-182**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 July 2020 3:39 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** UPDATED COUNCIL PLAN AND DRAFT BUDGET 2020/21

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Hi,

I'm a ratepayer at [REDACTED], Port Melbourne.

Our property is in the Ingles Terrace development.

Our development uses private contractors for our waste service, yet we are still charged for waste services in our Council rates. Council does not provide us with a waste service, yet we are paying for one.

I would appreciate that the council plan and budget be amended to remove the charging of ratepayers for services that we don't use. Either that, or Council start collecting our waste so that the Owners Corporation can cancel the private waste service.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## CBR-183

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 July 2020 2:12 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

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REQUEST FOR GARDEN REMEMBRANCE FUNDING "HAVE YOUR SAY" 2021 BUDGET.

Council,

I am a resident of the City of Port Phillip and a Board Member of the National Trust Australia (Victoria).

**The necessary funding of \$22,000 to complete the work on the Remembrance Garden installed by Council in 2018 in the Port Melbourne Railway Reserve was not provided in that year and requests for inclusion in successive budgets have been unsuccessful. Neither has funding been included in the draft budget for 2021.**

Completion of the Garden involves the installation of up to five panels/plaques on social history, military and cultural heritage themes. This will promote the Gardens significance to local residents, visitors, military and social history and to schools. Without this, the Garden is adversely impacted and does not do justice to this important Council asset.

Almost a thousand residents of our City lost their lives in WW1 and several hundred's in WW2 and there were many more who returned traumatised and wounded and died shortly thereafter. It is important that they be properly memorialised as also should the impact on their families and other citizens of our City left behind. To continue to leave the Garden unfinished is to fail in our duty to all of them.

Over 100 years ago, it is thought that returning soldiers brought back with them to Australia the Spanish Flu. Another consequence of World War I. The Remembrance garden is an appropriate place to acknowledge the impact that the Wars overall had on our community then and now.

Funding for this project in the 2021 budget is particularly relevant as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe and the Pacific.

It is appreciated that COVID-19 has had an immense impact on the Council's capital budget, however it is contended that the capital for this project is minimal. Plans for the Garden have long been finalised and the work can be completed without delay.

**It is respectfully requested that the \$22,000 needed to complete the work on this project as per the final design, be reviewed for inclusion in the 2021 budget.**

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]





challenging due to very short time limits. It is expected that with the very unlikely immediate breakthrough in a vaccine being available to combat the coronavirus vulnerable community members will be at a heightened risk in using any form of public transport. In this event they will either be effectively relegated to staying at home becoming socially isolated or resorting to private transport such as cars if they want to attend U3A classes. U3APP is making a concerted effort to remain connected with its members to alleviate the possibility of adverse effects of social isolation on its members.

U3APP has been very effective in migrating many of its activities to online platforms however this only assists with approximately 60% of members. Many members rely on face to face classes as a primary source of social interaction and whilst online classes fulfil a part of their interests the face to face interaction is vital for their mental wellbeing.

Going forward it is expected that many more members will seek to use private transport to attend classes and activities. It is at this point that the current parking restrictions will heavily influence and impact on the ability of members to attend classes. U3APP therefore proposes that Port Phillip Council introduce a new class of parking permit. This parking permit would be in line with the parking permits that currently exist but would be limited to members of organisations who have formal leasing arrangements with the Council to utilize community centres on a regular basis and effects on members because they cannot attend face to face classes.

- Permits to be limited to geographic boundaries i.e. the streets immediately surrounding the community centre.
- Time limits to be a maximum of 4 hours during the hours of 9.00 am to 5.00pm.
- Eligibility to be limited to;
  - a. Residents in Port Phillip post codes, and
  - b. Members of a community organization with a leasing agreement with Port Phillip Council for ongoing use of a community centre, and
  - c. The applicant is the holder of a state issued Seniors Card.
- Permit to be issued annually on an application basis in line with other parking permits.

Permits would have no impact on council revenue in view of the fact that the community centres are in locations which do not have metered parking.

Daytime limits would mitigate impact on local residents.

Minimal administration cost on council as the infrastructure currently exists within the Council to issue and manage parking permits

## **Reopening of Community Centres**

To date community centres have been closed since March and remain so. As currently advised Port Phillip Council community centres will remain closed for an indefinite period. U3APP understands the reasons for these closures and appreciates the care and concern shown by the Council for retirees in the community.

In the near future it is hoped that these centres will be able to reopen however as with other establishments it will be a long time before they will be able to operate as they did before the pandemic. There will be additional costs in how the facilities are managed and increased attention and frequency of cleaning. This is very important as these facilities are multi use establishments, and frequently with different groups occupying the premises at the same time.

U3APP believes that it would be of assistance to the Council and users of these facilities if there was a budget item with a realistic budget amount identified to cover the costs associated with reopening and managing and maintaining community facilities.

### **Access to technology**

U3APP supports a number of initiatives as detailed in the following paragraph particularly those related to bridging the digital divide for retirees. As detailed in this submission U3A has successfully migrated many of its courses to the online world and has worked well with members to provide them with the skills to participate remotely. There is an increasing need in this area and as is expected the future will be very different. U3APP submits that the Council can play a vital role in ensuring that retirees are not left behind in terms of both access to technology and IT literacy.

One particular initiative that would be of great assistance in this area is an upgrade of the audio/visual technology in the hall at the Mary Kehoe Centre. The use of this hall will become of greater importance going forward as it is the only area at the Centre that will accommodate people under the new rules around social distancing. If this hall cannot be used effectively then in effect the whole of the Mary Kehoe Centre is unusable. The upgrade of the technology in this area will assist the whole of the U3A membership as well as other users of this facility.

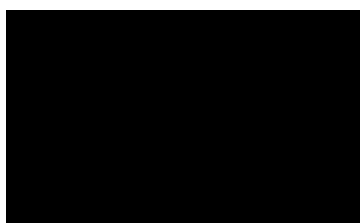
### **Support for specific initiatives in the draft budget.**

U3APP plays a specific role in the community. Its members interests cover the broad spectrum of issues identified in the draft budget however U3APP is limiting its submission to those matters that affect residents as members of U3APP. In that vein U3APP acknowledges and supports the following specific initiatives detailed in the draft budget.

- Corporate volunteer program – allow staff to volunteer for up to 2 days per annum. Volunteering directed to local community sector organisations delivering programs to support social recovery and / or on-going relief for vulnerable communities.
- Targeted grants to rebuild social connections post COVID-19 – Deliver Quick Response Community Grants (available 6 months July – Dec 2020) promoting social connections and community resilience.
- Proceed with Community Grants – current applicants will be given an opportunity to recast applications to address key COVID impacts before assessment process continues. Funds would be distributed to successful applicants in September.
- Bridging the digital divide - provide training, equipment and other support to community. Facilitate delivery of on-line programs and access for users.
- Work with the community sector to understand emerging impacts – Develop mechanisms for community sector to collaborate and share insights.
- Continue delivery of programs and events that celebrate our diverse communities, including seniors' events.

Your positive consideration of these matters in finalizing the budget would be greatly appreciated.

Regards



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**CBR-186**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 July 2020 2:53 PM

**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>

**Subject:** Submission to COPP budget

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Dear Port Phillip Councillors,

I know it has been a particularly challenging budget for you with the ramifications of COVID19.

Accordingly I would like to thank you wholeheartedly for your continued support of SouthPort Community Centre, particularly when you have had to manage the difficult process of finding significant savings.

As you know we focus almost entirely on the more vulnerable members of our community with the 12 council funded programmes. Currently these programmes service more than 300 participants, all of whom are healthier and less isolated as a result of your continued support.

Thank you again,

Sincerely

[REDACTED] Treasurer SPCC

**CBR-187**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 6 July 2020 11:32 AM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Love SPCC, love our program, thank you council!

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Dear Port Phillip Council,

Thank you for your continued support of our Women's Activity Group program and SPCC. It has made a hugely positive impact on our lives. Ours is one of 12 SPCC council funded programs that serve more than 300 participants each week.

Research indicates an active healthy, resilient, well-informed, connected community will recover more quickly from disruptions like COVID-19 and your support makes that possible.

Thank you,



Kind Regards,

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**Please note our name has changed!**

**CBR-188**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 July 2020 3:45 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Thank you for your support of SPCC

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Dear Port Phillip Council,

Thank you for your continued support of our many council funded programs and SouthPort Community Centre (SPCC). This funding ensures the various programs run by SPCC continue to have a massive positive impact on many lives in our local community each week.

There are currently 12 SPCC council funded programs that serve more than 300 participants each week, with many of these programs actively supporting the most disadvantaged and isolated residents in our community.

Given the nature of COVID and the resulting impact on our communities, it is even more important now that we are actively involved in keeping our isolated and vulnerable residents/participants supported, informed, safe and connected during these challenging times.

Research indicates an active, healthy, resilient, well-informed, and connected community will recover more quickly from disruptions like COVID-19 and thanks to your continued support, SPCC will be in a position to carry on the support of our community towards recovery.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Submission on the Draft Budget 2020 - 21  
The Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC)

Background

Cultural, linguistic and religious diversity has been built into the character of Port Phillip over many years. Currently one in three people living in Port Phillip was born overseas. Over 20 per cent of the population speak a language other than English at home. Overall, 114 languages are spoken in our community. People are arriving to the area from overseas in unprecedented numbers, with the current increase the highest in 50 years. The MAC was established in 2019 by the Council reflecting its commitment to consultation and openness to hearing the voices of its diverse community.

The Committee welcomes the responsibility of providing the Council with a 'diversity lens' for its decision-making. We believe that issues which affect the vulnerable including homelessness, unemployment, ageing, poverty and homophobia for example, become more complex as these intersect with migration, expressions of religiosity and linguistic barriers. Currently Covid-19 has highlighted the vulnerability of segments of our community including international students and asylum seekers, many of whom are without work and unable to access government support. It is also worth noting that there is evidence of increasing racism which is having an impact on members of the Chinese and Jewish communities, groups with high representation within Port Phillip.

The Committee has established an Action Plan (included in full below) outlining its priorities for work with the Council. Our top priorities are to assist Council to;

- develop a multicultural communications plan
- ascertain the needs of multicultural groups catering for seniors
- develop and implement language access guidelines
- provide new arrivals with information about our community and information related to employment specifically.

Current services for multicultural communities

There is very little funding allocated to support specific multicultural programs. Current financial support includes;

- Diversity and Ageing Support Grants (\$22475).
- Cultural Diversity Week and Refugee Week funding.
- Administrative support for the MAC, Multifaith network and Multicultural Forum.
- Administrative assistance to multicultural senior groups towards preparation and acquittal of grant applications.
- Translating and interpreting budget.
- Multicultural library collection funding.

Multicultural communities also access small amounts of mainstream funding including;

- Community Grants Program of which a very small percentage is allocated to multicultural groups;
- Meals Subsidy Grants of which approximately 40 percent of the \$200K, goes towards culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) senior groups.
- Seniors Festival funding of which a small percentage assists CALD senior groups to participate.
- Rent subsidisation to support 10-15 multicultural senior groups to meet at Council facilities.

Communities would welcome an on-going commitment to funding multicultural activities and programmes through a clearly delineated budget line.

#### Proposed changes and reductions 2020-21

- The MAC seeks confirmation that the rearrangement of the grant schemes being put forward will not have a deleterious impact on the capacity for ethnic minority community groups to apply for and receive funding for their community activities. Many such groups provide older residents in particular, with needed support. These people rarely benefit from other activities such as U3A given their limited English language skills, particular cultural needs and often their lack of familiarity with and access to technology. A recent review on such community groups has underlined their important role in combatting loneliness and isolation. We note there is no plan to cut the Community Grants but remain concerned that new funding priorities may limit access for these groups. Similarly, we are concerned that the redirection of funding to support what has been hitherto funded by the Neighbourhood Grants may also limit access for these groups.
- We are pleased that a review will be conducted regarding the decision to cut ASSIST Counter Services in Port Melbourne and South Melbourne. Both these areas have large percentages of minority residents, many of whom are older, have limited English language skills and access to technology. Travelling to St Kilda may add a layer of difficulty and therefore provide a disincentive to those wishing to lodge an issue with ASSIST. This may be exacerbated if the Community Bus does not travel between the St Kilda Town Hall and these areas.
- We note the considerable reduction in spending for libraries. We seek assurance that this reduction will not cut into resources available in languages other than English. Books and other materials written in community languages are important for minority communities, especially members who cannot access such material readily because of financial and other reasons. This is important for those who may not read English, but also children and grandchildren wishing to maintain their family languages.
- With regard to the Youth Leadership and Engagement programme we are concerned about any disproportionate impact these decisions may have on groups within our community with limited access to support and opportunity. We understand for example, that young people residing in Park Towers are experiencing increased challenges as the employment market becomes more competitive. We seek information on the cultural, linguistic and religious backgrounds and length of residency in Australia, of those who are supported through this programme. There may be a need to



consider ways of engaging particularly marginalised young people in the future when the programme resumes.

- We seek further information regarding which groups of children are most likely to be disengaged from early education and whether the decision to suspend the Early Education Partnership will have a disproportionate impact on migrant children. We seek clarification regarding how this change sits with the City of Port Phillip's Children's Policy which emphasises reaching the most vulnerable children.
- Star Health supports some of the most vulnerable groups in our city. The cessation of pre-school dental checks will affect groups facing financial hardship as already noted by the Council. It is highly likely that migrant children will be some of those most affected by this decision. Whilst the responsibility sits with other agencies, we ask that the Council monitor the outcomes of this decision for further consideration into the future.

### Economic and social recovery for multicultural communities

In line with the priorities of the MAC we would like to draw attention to the following issues;

- An emphasis needs to be given to employment and retraining opportunities for those who have lost jobs, many of whom are migrants and international students.
- Supporting migrant businesses needs to be a priority, particularly given many of these provide employment opportunities for otherwise vulnerable people within our community.
- A coherent communication strategy needs to be developed for migrant communities. This need has been highlighted by the current crisis in public housing in other parts of Melbourne. An approach that utilises multiple communication methods is beneficial as we cater for various languages, levels of literacy and preferred ways of communicating. Strategies including working with community leaders to distribute information, using technologies already popular within CALD communities such as Facebook, distributing posters and using audio and video messaging with communities whose members may not be literate in any language. Relevant forms of communication are vital at a time when understanding the current crisis can save lives.
- Strategies need to be developed that provide CALD community members affected by homelessness to become visible and have a direct voice in decision-making. Housing and homelessness is a critical issue for members of CALD communities who can often remain invisible in related discussions. Any Council plan needs to be culturally inclusive. We cannot assume that a 'one size fits all' approach is going to be successful given the diversity of needs, experiences and levels of vulnerability of diverse groups.
- We welcome the emphasis placed on digital literacies. We would like to highlight that members of CALD communities have additional needs. Many older members of minority communities often lack computer skills and do not have access to computers and the internet in order to learn. This is also the case for many ultra-orthodox Jews. As we physically isolate, the lack of digital literacy is increasingly problematic. We seek

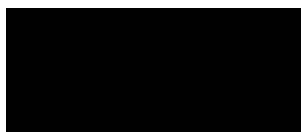
assurances that strategies in this area will take account of those with specific cultural and linguistic needs.

- The current health crisis is exacerbating a number of existing problems including social isolation. We understand that those already vulnerable may be further disadvantaged. Older members of migrant communities, for example who have relied on face to face contact in culturally appropriate activities will find it more difficult to maintain social contact, especially given they often lack computer access. International students, newly arrived migrants, refugees and asylum seekers are likely to become increasingly isolated. Groups such as these will become increasingly vulnerable to physical and mental health problems. Strategies designed to overcome social isolation must cater for the needs of particular communities through inclusive approaches.
- There needs to be a 'watch and see' brief on any possible threats to social cohesion within Port Phillip. There have been examples of racism within the area including offensive graffiti on Jewish facilities and the need for increased security at some. There have also been examples of divisive discourses including with reference to visible minorities. Minority groups such as the Chinese, Moslem and Sudanese communities have been public about experiencing increased levels of violence and hate speech. The Council needs to provide positive messages about our diverse community, in a range of ways, especially if the *Diversity* magazine moves to an on-line only format.
- In line with our charter to provide advice to Council, the MAC should be one of the groups with which the Council needs to consult regarding priorities for the next 4 years. In the current document no reference is made the MAC (see page 55).
- We seek assurances that staff who currently support the work of the MAC and support members of ethnic communities, including for purposes of applying for various grants, will continue to provide this support.

We understand that cuts need to be made, however the overall investment by Port Phillip on programmes that cater specifically for cultural minorities is not overwhelming. Maintaining a vibrant community that celebrates diversity requires us to constantly monitor the needs and contributions made by minority communities.

We are pleased to be able to provide you with this budget submission and would be open to further conversations about the issues raised, including a request to speak to this document on 5 August.

Yours sincerely



Chair

## Multicultural Advisory Committee Action Plan 2020/21

HIGH
MEDIUM
LOW

Theme	Council Plan 2017-2027	Welcoming Cities	Actions 2020	Priority	Timeframe
Leadership	<p><b>DIRECTION 1</b> We embrace difference, and people belong</p> <p>A safe and active community with strong social connections.</p> <p>B. Supporting programs that create social connections and strengthen community networks.</p> <p>C. Building community capacity by harnessing the knowledge, expertise and spirit within our community.</p> <p>Access to services that support the</p>	<p>1.1 The local council recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the First Peoples of this Nation and seek to engage local Indigenous communities in welcoming work.</p> <p>1.11 Actively working towards reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities.</p> <p>1.12 Formally acknowledging Traditional Owners through collaboration with elders past, present and future in policies, initiatives and public events.</p>	1. Formal acknowledgment of country at all Multicultural Advisory Committee meetings.	HIGH	Ongoing
			2. Pilot a Council run Aboriginal walking tour in St Kilda targeting newly arrived migrants.	LOW	2020/21
			3. Provide rich grassroots advice and feedback to Council regarding policy drafting and program assessment/evaluation.	HIGH	Ongoing
			4. Support and advise Council about the <a href="#">"Back your neighbour"</a> (Local Government Mayoral Taskforce	MEDIUM	Ongoing

	<p><b>health and wellbeing of our growing community</b></p> <p>A. Facilitating access to relevant services that cater for all ages and life stages.</p> <p>D. Pursuing universal accessibility for people with disabilities, children and older people.</p> <p><b>Community diversity is valued and celebrated</b></p> <p>A. Supporting programs and events that engage, honour and are inclusive of our diverse social and cultural communities.</p> <p>C. Protecting and promoting Aboriginal culture and heritage, and continuing reconciliation with our Indigenous community.</p>	<p>1.13 Facilitating opportunities for migrant communities to learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.</p> <p><b>1.2 The local council partners with diverse stakeholders to promote a welcoming culture through advocacy and communication activities across various platforms.</b></p> <p>1.22 Messaging that communicates the community-wide benefit of cultural diversity and inclusion and the benefits of migration and settlement.</p> <p>1.23 Presenting narratives that communicate positive migrant stories and contributions.</p> <p>1.24 Supporting and promoting events and activities representative of the diversity of the local community.</p> <p><b>1.3 The local council supports and promotes</b></p>	<p>Supporting People Seeking Asylum) campaign.</p> <p>5. Provide input into the development of multicultural communications plan.</p> <p>6. Provide input into the development of recommendations for the “Future Ready”, Port Phillip Multicultural Senior Groups Review. Council plays a vital role in ensuring that these groups/organisations are supported to enable them to provide activities that benefit the physical and mental health of club members and to promote the social wellbeing and connectedness of groups members.</p> <p>7. Work toward City of Port Phillip becoming part of the <a href="#">Welcoming</a></p>	<p>HIGH</p> <p>HIGH</p> <p>LOW</p>	<p>July-Dec 2020</p> <p>March-Dec 2020</p> <p>March 2021</p>
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		<p><b>activities and initiatives that nurture connections between migrant and receiving communities.</b></p> <p>1.32 Identifying and facilitating opportunities that bring together representatives from migrant communities and receiving communities to discuss community issues.</p> <p>1.41 Engaging diverse stakeholders, from both migrant communities and receiving communities, in the development, implementation and maintenance of the plans.</p> <p>1.42 Developing a stakeholder reference group that reflects the diversity of the community.</p> <p>1.43 Assessing the priorities of the local community and using that feedback to improve the plans.</p>	<p><a href="#">Cities network (Assessment &amp; Accreditation - Commitment)</a></p>		
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<b>Social and Cultural Inclusion</b>	<p><b>DIRECTION 1 We embrace difference, and people belong</b></p> <p><b>A safe and active community with strong social connections</b></p> <p><b>B. Supporting programs that create social connections and strengthen community networks.</b></p> <p><b>C. Building community capacity by harnessing the knowledge, expertise and spirit within our community.</b></p> <p><b>An increase in affordable housing</b></p> <p><b>Access to services that support the</b></p>	<p><b>2.1 The local council's policies and practices actively include and engage both receiving and migrant communities.</b></p> <p>2.12 Ensuring that the development, implementation and review of council policies, strategies, programs and initiatives are compliant with Federal and State legislation for racial and religious non-discrimination and take into account the principles of substantive equality.</p> <p>2.15 Supporting initiatives that empower individuals to prevent, and respond effectively to, racism and discrimination.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote cultural exchange and social connection: events and programs (e.g. arts, culture, heritage, social, sports) such as Cultural Diversity Week and Refugee Week</li> <li>Provide input on the <a href="#">Our Backyard Community Forum</a> and Port Phillip Zero.</li> <li>Provide input on the development of Council's Language access guidelines.</li> </ol>	<p><b>MEDIUM</b></p> <p><b>LOW</b></p> <p><b>HIGH</b></p>	<p>March 2020, June 2020, March 2021</p> <p>On hold</p> <p>June-Dec 2020</p>

	<p><b>health and wellbeing of our growing community</b></p> <p>A. Facilitating access to relevant services that cater for all ages and life stages.</p> <p>D. Pursuing universal accessibility for people with disabilities, children and older people.</p> <p><b>Community diversity is valued and celebrated</b></p> <p>A. Supporting programs and events that engage, honour and are inclusive of our diverse social and cultural communities.</p>	<p><b>2.2 The local council facilitates diverse cultural expression through a range of activities and observances.</b></p> <p>2.21 Celebrating community festivals, cultural events, and religious observances that represent diversity and encourage dialogue.</p> <p>2.22 Encouraging programs and initiatives that bring together diverse cultures and support opportunities for cultural expression and intercultural understanding.</p> <p><b>2.3 The local council facilitates language access.</b></p> <p>2.31 Assessing language needs for migrant communities to increase access to services and activities.</p> <p>2.32 Engaging accredited translators or interpreters in council services and related events.</p> <p>2.33 Providing information on council</p>			
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		<p>services, and resident information guides in community languages.</p> <p>2.34 Providing accessible Council feedback and complaints processes.</p> <p><b>2.4 The local council partners with government, business and community stakeholders to promote affordable, safe and accessible housing, health, justice and transport services for all residents.</b></p> <p>2.42 Advising stakeholders in the development of local community housing and affordable housing initiatives.</p>			
<b>Economic Development</b>	<p>DIRECTION 1 We embrace difference, and people belong</p> <p><b>A safe and active community with strong social connections</b></p> <p>B. Supporting programs that create social connections and strengthen community networks.</p>	<p><b>3.1 The local council employs a workforce that is inclusive and diverse.</b></p> <p>3.11 Identifying and addressing barriers and unconscious bias, which may limit diversity and inclusion in employment practices.</p> <p>3.12 Highlighting the value of a diverse workforce and encouraging applicants from diverse backgrounds to apply.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide input on Council's Social Procurement working group as part of Council's corporate responsibility.</li> <li>2. Advocate for Council to sign a memorandum of understanding with "<a href="#">Given a Chance Program</a>" or alike programs. Given the Chance is a</li> </ol>	<p>LOW</p> <p>LOW</p>	<p>June-Dec 2020</p> <p>2021</p>



	<p>C. Building community capacity by harnessing the knowledge, expertise and spirit within our community.</p> <p><b>Community diversity is valued and celebrated</b></p> <p>A. Supporting programs and events that engage, honour and are inclusive of our diverse social and cultural communities.</p>	<p><b>3.2 The local council advances local business sourcing and contracting.</b></p> <p>3.21 Addressing the barriers for local businesses to access council tendering and contracting opportunities.</p> <p>3.22 Reviewing procurement policies and practice and identifying opportunities to engage local suppliers.</p> <p><b>3.4 The local council supports both receiving and migrant communities to advance economic development opportunities.</b></p>	<p>Brotherhood program supporting disadvantaged job seekers such as asylum seekers into paid employment by partnering with a variety of business across different industries</p> <p>3. Facilitate community employment sessions and general information sessions for newly arrived migrants</p>	<p><b>HIGH</b></p>	<p>June – March 2021</p>
<p><b>Learning &amp; Skill Development</b></p>	<p><b>DIRECTION 1 We embrace difference, and people belong</b></p> <p><b>A safe and active community with strong social connections</b></p> <p>A. Providing access to flexible, multipurpose facilities that support participation in community life through sport,</p>	<p><b>4.1 The local council works closely with community facilities such as schools and libraries to support learning and inclusion for migrant communities.</b></p> <p>4.12 Facilitating programs and initiatives that ensure library and/or related services are accessible and support targeted learning opportunities for migrant communities.</p>	<p>1. Work collaboratively with Council library services to influence programming for migrants.</p> <p>2. Provide feedback to library services in relations to the composition of Council’s multilingual book collection.</p>	<p><b>LOW</b></p> <p><b>LOW</b></p>	<p>On hold</p> <p>On hold</p>

	<p>recreation and lifelong learning.</p> <p><b>Access to services that support the health and wellbeing of our growing community</b></p> <p>A. Facilitating access to relevant services that cater for all ages and life stages.</p> <p>D. Pursuing universal accessibility for people with disabilities, children and older people.</p> <p><b>Community diversity is valued and celebrated</b></p> <p>A. Supporting programs and events that engage, honour and are inclusive of our diverse social and cultural communities.</p>	<p>4.13 Supporting learning and skills development opportunities for children and young people from migrant communities through collaboration with schools and other services.</p> <p><b>4.2 The local council encourages learning and skills development opportunities that enable people from migrant communities to participate in community life.</b></p> <p>4.23 Identifying and delivering professional development for council staff that increases their capacity and skills to engage with and respond appropriately and effectively to the needs of a culturally diverse community.</p>			
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	<p><b>Direction 5 We thrive by harnessing creativity</b></p> <p><b>We thrive by harnessing creativity</b>  C. Transforming our library services and spaces to support inclusive, creative opportunities and learning outcomes.</p>				
<b>Civic Participation</b>	<p><b>DIRECTION 1 We embrace difference, and people belong</b></p> <p><b>A safe and active community with strong social connections</b>  C. Building community capacity by harnessing the knowledge, expertise and spirit within our community.</p>	<p><b>5.1 The local council communicates their roles and responsibilities and advances civic participation for both receiving and migrant communities.</b></p> <p>5.12 Encouraging and supporting the participation of culturally diverse groups in public council meetings and forums.</p> <p>5.13 Promoting and supporting the participation of representatives from culturally diverse groups, including young people and seniors, in council</p>	<p>1. Facilitate “Active Citizenship” workshops by Victorian Electoral Commission targeting multicultural commission prior to Council elections in October 2020.</p>	<b>LOW</b>	On hold

		<p>committees, advisory and reference groups.</p> <p><b>5.3 The local council supports all eligible residents to enrol to vote and participate in local government elections.</b></p> <p>5.31 Working with the State Government and/or Electoral Commissions to eliminate barriers to voting.</p>			
<b>Places and Spaces</b>	<p><b>DIRECTION 1 We embrace difference, and people belong</b></p> <p><b>A safe and active community with strong social connections</b></p> <p>A. Providing access to flexible, multipurpose facilities that support participation in community life through sport, recreation and lifelong learning.</p>	<p><b>6.2 Public spaces and facilities encourage community interaction and facilitate diverse cultural expression and celebration.</b></p> <p>6.21 Enabling the use of public spaces and facilities by people who represent the diversity of the community.</p> <p>6.31 Supporting initiatives that communicate the significance of cultural stories in public spaces and facilities.</p>	1. Provide input on Council’s Heritage review, Living Heritage Program and Heritage Recognition	LOW	On hold
			2. Advocate for welcome signage across all Council facilities	MEDIUM	June 2020– March 2021
			3. Provide input into the development of a protocol for the Welcome Refugee Banners	MEDIUM	June 2020 – March 2021
			4. Enable the use of public spaces and facilities by people who	MEDIUM	On hold

	<p><b>Community diversity is valued and celebrated</b>  A. Supporting programs and events that engage, honour and are inclusive of our diverse social and cultural communities.</p> <p><b>DIRECTION 4 We are growing and keeping our character</b></p> <p><b>A City of diverse and distinctive neighbourhoods and places</b>  B. Protecting heritage places that represent our historic, social, cultural and architectural identity.  C. Ensuring new development integrates with, respects and contributes to the unique heritage, character and beauty of our neighbourhoods.</p>		<p>represent the diversity of the community.</p>		
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**CBR-190**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 July 2020 6:39 PM

**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>

**Subject:** Benefits of VOSS programs

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

My name is [REDACTED] and for several years now, I have participated various VOSS courses. One that I found to be enormously beneficial was the public speaking course. The course gave me self confidence and self esteem that I had been lacking since I left full time employment because of ill health. At the current time, I am participating in both the Communication Course and the Creative Writing Course. They help me to better express myself orally and in writing. I am now in my mid 60's and all the courses provide fun and new friends that would otherwise be missing in my life. I no longer feel isolated or lonely. Particularly now in the time of Covid-19. I truly hope that these types of wonderful programs continue well into the future. They have had a significant worthwhile impact in my life.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

## CBR-191

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 July 2020 7:28 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** City of Port Phillip Budget Submission - South Port Community Centre

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Dear Port Phillip Council

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of South Port Community Centre and our many Council funded programs. This funding and the many programs it provides makes such a positive impact on many lives each week. We are particularly appreciative of Council's support during this challenging time when there is even more pressure than usual on funding sources and more competing priorities.

It is during times like these, however, that the programs SPCC provides become even more important to the well being of the community. The ability to feel connected and supported and to be able to participate in creative and collaborative programs is critical to people's emotional and physical well being. Our workers and programs are actively involved in keeping our isolated and vulnerable residents/participants supported, informed, safe and connected during these challenging times.

There are currently 12 SPCC council funded programs that serve more than 300 participants each week. Many of these programs actively support the most disadvantaged and isolated residents in our community, who are significantly affected by COVID19.

Hopefully this COVID 19 crisis will begin to pass in the coming months and thanks to your support, SPCC will be in a position to continue to support our community on the journey to recovery. Research indicates that an active, healthy, resilient, well-informed, connected community will recover more quickly from crises like COVID-19 and your support makes that possible.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Chair of the Board

South Port Community Centre



**CBR-192**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 July 2020 9:23 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Programs at Southport Community centre .

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Hi,

My name is [REDACTED] & I have been involved in different programs at the South Port community centre over the years.

My 8yr old son & I have attended the Get Out of Town school holiday program for the last 2 years. It has been a real help to be part of this program during the school holidays as it's hard to always keep my son entertained & find activities to do, especially if there is a cost involved. It also allows my son & I to do some activities we may not normally do or don't have access to together & have a memorable time. My son is an only child, so the program also helps him to interact & socialise with other children.

I have also been involved in a couple of different dance & exercise groups.

Through VOSS I have done programs including writing groups, communication courses, art therapy programs & more. The facilitators Robyn & Deb are very encouraging, helpful & inclusive & make myself & others feel welcome & competent.

The programs provided by South Port community centre & VOSS are so helpful, run well & help with my physical health & mental health which I really need as I suffer from anxiety & depression.

The programs help build skills & confidence & help people to socialise so they don't feel so isolated.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**CBR-193**

**From:** Waterfront Welcomers [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 July 2020 10:00 AM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Continued Support for Waterfront / Port Phillip Welcomers & SPCC.

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

Dear City of Port Phillip Council,

Thank you for your continuing support for SPCC & Waterfront / Port Phillip Welcomers. It really has made a positive impact on our lives and those we communicate with.

Ours is one of the 12 SPCC council funded programs that serve more than 300 participants each week.

Research has shown that an active, healthy, resilient, well informed and connected community will recover quicker from any disruptions, such as COVID-19 and your ongoing support makes that possible.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

[REDACTED]



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**CBR-194**

**From:** Waterfront Welcomers [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 July 2020 10:02 AM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** FW: FW: Last chance to have your say on the updated Council Plan 2017-27 and draft budget 2020/21

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Dear Port Phillip Council,

I urge Council to continue its budget support of the Waterfront Welcomers programme which Operates at the Pier. The positive and constant compliments we as a group receive from visitors to Melbourne are huge as no other port seems to provide this greeting service. Passengers are constantly grateful for our assistance, be it a pamphlet and help on any no. of Port Melbourne/Victorian attractions but also our welcoming smiles.

[REDACTED]



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**CBR-195**

**From:** Waterfront Welcomers [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 July 2020 10:04 AM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Continued Support for Waterfront / Port Phillip Welcomers & SPCC

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**Dear Port Phillip Council,**

**Thank you for your continued support of our Waterfront Welcomers/Port Phillip Welcomers program and SPCC. It has made a hugely positive impact on our lives.**

**Ours is one of 12 SPCC council funded programs that serve more than 300 participants each week.**

**Research indicates an active, healthy, resilient, well-informed, connected community will recover more quickly from disruptions like COVID-19 and your support makes that possible.**

**Thank you,**

[REDACTED]

**CBR-196**

**From:** Waterfront Welcomers [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 July 2020 10:07 AM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** FW: Continued Support for Waterfront / Port Phillip Welcomers & SPCC

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**Dear Port Phillip Council,**

**Thank you for your continued support of our Waterfront Welcomers/Port Phillip Welcomers program and SPCC. It has made a hugely positive impact on our lives.**

**Ours is one of 12 SPCC council funded programs that serve more than 300 participants each week.**

**Research indicates an active, healthy, resilient, well-informed, connected community will recover more quickly from disruptions like COVID-19 and your support makes that possible.**

**Thank you,**

[REDACTED]

**CBR-197**

**From:** Waterfront Welcomers [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 July 2020 10:22 AM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** FW: Continued Support for Waterfront / Port Phillip Welcomers & SPCC

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**Dear Port Phillip Council,**

**Thank you for your continued support of the Waterfront Welcomers/Port Phillip Welcomers programs and the many council funded SPCC programs.**

**This funding and the many programs it provides has made a huge positive impact to many lives each week.**

**Ours is one of 12 SPCC council funded programs that serve more than 300 participants each week, it provides the participants the opportunity to work together and support each other whilst providing great benefit to our community and to visitors to the Port Phillip Council area.**

**Many of these programs actively support the most disadvantaged and isolated residents in our community, who are significantly affected by COVID19. Our workers & programs are actively involved in keeping our isolated and vulnerable residents/participants supported, informed, safe and connected during these challenging times.**

**Hopefully as this COVID crises begins to pass in the coming months, and thanks to your support, SPCC will be in a position to continue to support our community towards recovery. Research indicates an active healthy, resilient, well-informed, connected community will recover more quickly from disruptions like COVID-19 and your support makes that possible.**

**Regards** [REDACTED]

Coordinator, Waterfront Welcomers & Port Phillip Welcomers  
[REDACTED] Port Melbourne  
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**CBR-198**

**From:** Waterfront Welcomers [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 July 2020 10:25 AM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabbp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabbp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** FW: Letter of support

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**Dear Port Phillip Council,**

**Thank you for your continued support of our Waterfront Welcomers/Port Phillip Welcomers program and Southport Community Centre. Being one of the volunteer participants with Waterfront Welcomers, I have received many expressions of thanks from recipients of this much appreciated service. I am aware that it is a valuable program which has a huge impact on this community.**

**Ours is one of 12 SPCC council funded programs that serve more than 300 participants each week.**

**I strongly believe that an active, healthy, resilient, well-informed, connected community will recover more quickly from disruptions like COVID-19 and your support makes that possible. Together we will rise out of this pandemic stronger than ever.**

**Thank you,**

[REDACTED]

**CBR-199**

**From:** Waterfront Welcomers [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 July 2020 11:22 AM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabbp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabbp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Continued Support for Waterfront / Port Phillip Welcomers & SPCC

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**Dear Port Phillip Council,**

**Thank you for your continued support of our Waterfront Welcomers/Port Phillip Welcomers programs and SPCC. It has made a huge positive impact on our lives. The programs provide local information to tourists and locals on the Port Phillip area by provision of leaflets on attractions and information on local walks, the history of Port Melbourne, South Melbourne Markets and shopping strips within the Port Phillip Council area.**

**Ours is one of 12 SPCC council funded programs that serve more than 300 participants each week.**

**Hopefully as this COVID crises begins to pass in the coming months, and thanks to your support, SPCC will be in a position to continue to support our community towards recovery. Research indicates an active healthy, resilient, well-informed, connected community will recover more quickly from disruptions like COVID-19 and your support makes that possible.**

**Thank you,**

**[REDACTED] (Ex Mayor of Port Phillip Council)**



**CBR-200**

**From:** Waterfront Welcomers [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 July 2020 11:24 AM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabbp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabbp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Continued Support for Waterfront / Port Phillip Welcomers & SPCC

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**Dear Port Phillip Council,**

**Thank you for your continued support of our Waterfront Welcomers/Port Phillip Welcomers programs and SPCC. It has made a huge positive impact on our lives. The programs provide local information to tourists and locals on the Port Phillip and information on local walks, the history of Port Melbourne, South Melbourne Markets and shopping strips within the Port Phillip Council area.**

**Ours is one of 12 SPCC council funded programs that serve more than 300 participants each week.**

**Hopefully as this COVID crises begins to pass in the coming months, and thanks to your support, SPCC will be in a position to continue to support our community towards recovery. Research indicates an active healthy, resilient, well-informed, connected community will recover more quickly from disruptions like COVID-19 and your support makes that possible.**

**Thank you,**

[REDACTED]

**CBR-201**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 July 2020 10:06 AM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Thank You - SouthPort Community Centre

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Dear Port Phillip Council,

**I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation and thanks for your continued support of our many council funded programs and SPCC. This funding and the many programs it provides makes a positive and meaningful impact on many, many lives each week.**

There are currently 12 SPCC council funded programs that serve more than 300 participants each week. Many of these programs actively support the most disadvantaged and isolated residents in our community, who are presently significantly affected by COVID19. Our workers & programs are actively involved in keeping our isolated and vulnerable residents/participants supported, informed, safe and connected during these challenging times.

Hopefully as this COVID crises begins to pass in the coming months, and thanks to your support, SPCC will be in a position to continue to support our community towards recovery. Research indicates an active healthy, resilient, well-informed, connected community will recover more quickly from disruptions like COVID-19 and your support makes that possible.

Thank you,  
[REDACTED]  
SPCC Board Member

[REDACTED]  
Director, Relationships  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

HWT Building, Level 3, 40 City Road, Southbank VIC 3006



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## CBR-202

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 July 2020 12:04 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Thank You SPCC and Port Philip Council

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

Dear Port Phillip Council,

Thank you so much for your continued support of the Dig In Community Gardens and SPCC. Our involvement in both the gardens at Fisherman's Bend and Port Melbourne over the past three or so years has been invaluable to my family, as we've learnt how to grow food organically and sustainably in a small, urban space. Through Dig In, we have also met many other wonderful members of our local community, spent countless hours outdoors and been rewarded with beautiful fresh produce as well.

In addition, we have happily participated in events such as sausage sizzles at our local Bunnings Warehouse, welcomed senior members of our neighbourhood to Open Days and also shared knowledge and resources with other community organisations such as Back2Bikes, Sandridge Life Saving Club and the CWA.

This year in particular, our garden has been an absolute haven; a place for fresh air, and quiet contemplation, when everywhere else is off limits or overcrowded. On top of that, it offers us the ability to provide some sustenance for our family, which is a welcome measure of security in these challenging COVID times.

I have included here two links to videos we have filmed over the years at the gardens:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOzVKdfiyJ8>

<https://youtu.be/vsENDD0QHMM>

Once again, thank you for your continued support in making our gardens possible.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**CBR-203**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 July 2020 1:11 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabbp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabbp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Support for Dig In and SPCC - Thank you

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

Dear Port Phillip Council,

Thank you for your continued support of our Dig In Port Melbourne program and SPCC. It has made a hugely positive impact on our lives especially our son who has faced many challenges in his life. The Dig In community gives him a sense of purpose in general and more so during the current Covid pandemic.

Dig In Port Melbourne is one of 12 SPCC council funded programs that serve more than 300 participants each week.

It keeps our son active, healthy, resilient, positive and connected to the community. Your support makes that possible.  
Thank you,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**CBR-204**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 July 2020 3:46 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Strategic Engagement <[engagement@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:engagement@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>;  
Bernadene Voss - Mayor <[Bernadene.Voss@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Bernadene.Voss@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Exercise Programs at the South Port Community Centre

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

Hello

I am emailing to support the on-line exercise programs that are run by [REDACTED] through the South Port Community Centre. I have only just started using them, but they are very important because they are helping participants keep fit and engaged with other people while Melbourne is in lock down. I need these strength building exercises as I have a osteoporosis and this type of exercise helps manage it. I can't go to the gym, so this service is vital.

Kind regards [REDACTED], Port Melbourne.



16<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Councillor,

We are seeking economic assistance to help local businesses survive the current fallout from the continuing economic and health crisis we are in.

The continuation of trading restrictions with the second lockdown is leaving businesses decimated and many will not recover.



The loss of trade combined with mounting debts can only lead to a drastic decline in our precincts health.

We are seeking assistance from Copp to help with the social and economic recovery of our precincts.

**The ASVBA request the following from the CoPP:**

- 1) Rate relief. At a minimum a 25 % reduction of rates payable by businesses in the winter quarter, to acknowledge their financial hardship. It could be set up as a grant and therefore targeted to the businesses that can show financial hardship thru qualifying for Jobkeeper or similar test
- 2) The removal of parking fees for at least six months to allow easy access to our streets
- 3) A freeze on footpath trading permits until next year and an expansion of the areas used for outside dining to allow social distancing restrictions at no extra charge.

Yours sincerely

  
  
President  
Acland Street Village Business Association



15<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

Dear Councillor,

To help local business to survive an unprecedented economic and health crisis, we seek economic relief from the City of Port Phillip.

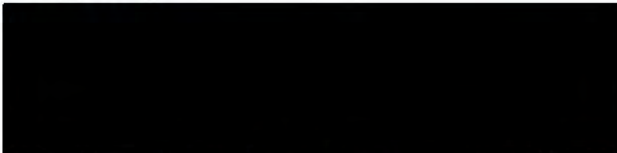
The second lock down and possible stage four restrictions has left business in an even more perilous position than the initial lock down.

A dramatic loss in trade combined with a tsunami of deferred cost shall if not managed well, will lead to devastation on our high streets.

**The FSBA request the following actions from the CoPP:**

- Rate relief equal 25% to all rates payable by businesses to be provided as rate relief in the winter quarter. Targeted by businesses that qualify for Jobkeeper and a similar test.
- The continuation of freeze on CoPP charges such as outside dining into next year.
- The heavy discounting or removal of parking fees for a least six months.

Yours truly,



President Fitzroy Street Business Association



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1<sup>st</sup> July 2020

Dear Cr Voss and fellow Councillors

Re Draft Budget 2020/21 and ASSIST Port Melbourne

Our Port Melbourne Historical & Preservation Society members are concerned about the proposal to reduce the Counter Services provided by ASSIST at the Port Melbourne Town Hall. The ASSIST officers have continually provided us with excellent service by keeping the key for our rooms and answering public enquiries about our Society as well as displaying and selling our publications. A reduction in their hours will certainly have implications for us.

It is not, however, only our Society who will lose a vital community service if the ASSIST hours are reduced. There are a number of citizens who do not have easy access to on-line information and who will be disadvantaged if the Counter Service is reduced. Even in our digital age, many people prefer to see and speak to others over a counter. In my own case, when I moved to Port Melbourne nine years ago I did not know anyone who lived in the area and so I headed to the Town Hall because I thought I needed a map as I didn't know any of the streets and I also thought that I would find out if there were any voluntary organisations that I could join. The ASSIST officer was very understanding and gave me a map and the information about volunteering which eventually led me to joining the Historical Society. What would I have done if I had not had this personal contact?

We hope that the ASSIST Counter Service will continue to operate within its current hours as we believe that the personal contact is still of great value to our citizens.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted Name], President, Port Melbourne Historical & Preservation Society



**CBR-209**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 July 2020 3:59 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>;  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Garden of Remembrance Port Melbourne

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I wish to support the written request of [REDACTED] AO to complete the Garden of Remembrance project at the Railway Reserve in Port Melbourne. I see the area each day as a local who resides nearby and attended the initial service there looking forward from 2018 for the completion. I have a lot of interest in the area of Port Phillip with my various roles and would think it very remiss not to compete the project having seen many others as important completed.

Best Regards

[REDACTED]  
President Albert Park Lawn Tennis Club  
Chairman Friends of St Vincent gardens

**CBR-210**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 July 2020 4:18 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabbp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabbp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** CoPP Budget Submission

Dear Port Phillip Council,

I am the program manager for Voices of the South Side which is a program run from SPCC for socially isolated residents that connects them up to their community through a range of courses and activities.

We witness the positive impact that the range of Council funded programs have on our participants' lives. This may be employment and training specific programs like ARCS, social programs such as RAG through to the wonderful City of Voices that brings such joy and connection to many vulnerable residents across the city.

We appreciate the support of the Council in a range of ways including access to facilities, funding of community projects such as Roarstage and employment opportunities offered to our Community Researchers via our small social enterprise.

This has been an extremely difficult time for many of our participants and ensuring that SPCC has the capacity to adapt our programs to keep them engaged and supported has been extremely important. We have received a great deal of positive feedback about the lifeline the continuation of these programs has had for our participants and are witnessing the importance of maintaining community connection be it through on-line courses, telephone support or walks. The COVID crisis has shown us that we have the flexibility to change our model of delivery when necessary and build our resilience as an organisation. Your support has been crucial during this time.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]  
Manager of Voices of the South Side  
SouthPort Community Centre

[REDACTED]  
Project Manager  
Voices Of the South Side

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**CBR-211**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 July 2020 5:28 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** South Port Community Centre Exercise classes

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Dear Port Phillip Council.

Thank you for your continued support for our Gentle Exercises Group and the South Port Community Centre in general. The positive impact this group has had on my wellbeing is immense.

Our exercise program, run by [REDACTED], is one of the 12 programs run by SPCC, funded by the council that help at least 300 people live better lives each and every week.

Keeping connected through our Zoom exercise classes, that [REDACTED] sets up for us every day, have been invaluable. The fact that I can see the other members while we exercise has been a boost for not just my physical self but my mental health as I have struggled with the depression of this lockdown coronavirus time. Having a routine has been a blessing. I have heard from other participants who were once nervous of technology that they now regularly Zoom with family and other groups to stay in touch as well as staying safe at home.

We all dearly wait for the time when we can safely be back together face to face in class but this Zooming has been a godsend. I know that my physical health would have deteriorated had I not had the option of continuing with a known and trusted class leader who knows us well and our various abilities. She has kept a watch on our health from afar and has been a constant source of encouragement at all times.

The council's support of these programmes and the people like [REDACTED] who run them, is crucial for us and the community as a whole, and should be applauded. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for considering continued funding for these programs.

Thank you

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**CBR-212**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 July 2020 5:32 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** [REDACTED] Make Your Mark program

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On behalf of all the participants and staff regarding the Make Your Mark Program, we thank you for your ongoing support in this program. we acknowledge the time and work that goes into applying for funding. This program will help young adults acquire skills well beyond the academic walls and well into their adult lives while engaging their community.

So again, thankyou, from everyone.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**CBR-213**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 July 2020 6:38 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** [connect@pmnc.org.au](mailto:connect@pmnc.org.au)  
**Subject:** Love the program, love the SPCC, thank you, council!

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

**Dear Port Phillip Council,**

**Thank you for your continued support of [REDACTED]'s exercise classes and South Port Community Centre. It has made a hugely positive impact on many lives.**

**Research indicates an active healthy, resilient, well-informed, connected community will recover more quickly from disruptions like COVID-19 and your support makes that possible.**

**Thank you,**

[REDACTED]

**CBR-214**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 July 2020 8:22 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabbp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabbp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Budget comment

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Hi

Thanks for the opportunity to make a submission.

I understand the Covid pandemic will change everything.

However so too will climate change, the far greater impacts of which are, as stated in the budget papers, already starting to be felt locally.

The community education/participation model of the innovative council supported Ecocentre is worthy of ongoing council support. Despite the serious nature of climate change there is still little serious focus on it in the main stream media. Therefore the ecocentre model makes a valuable contribution to our community and to young people in our region who will be among the future leaders we need.

Regards

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

CBR-215

[REDACTED]

ALBERT PARK 3206

City of Port Phillip

16 July 2020

Dear Port Phillip Council,

**Fishermans Bend Community Garden**

Thank you for your continued support of Dig-In Community Garden at Fishermans Bend Community Centre, a program managed by Southport Community Centre. This program has a positive impact for community members.

I have been a member of Dig-In Community Garden at Fishermans Bend Community Centre for approximately three years.

Membership of Dig-In Community Garden not only provides me with access to space for growing healthy food, but also meaningful connection to my local community. The connections I have made through the community garden have links to other community organisations, including local lifesaving clubs and CWA. This has meant that I have been able to form deeper connections to the local community through my membership with Dig-In.

I am very grateful to City of Port Phillip for enabling COVID-safe access to the garden during these times. Research indicates that an active, healthy and resilient community will recover more quickly from disruptions, and your support makes that possible.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

**CBR-216**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 July 2020 9:22 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Continued support of SPCC exercise program for Seniors including Strength Training and Barre

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Dear Port Phillip Council,  
Thank you for your continued support of our Exercise classes for Seniors including Strength Training and Barre program and SPCC. It has made a hugely positive impact on our lives.

Research indicates an active healthy, resilient, well-informed, connected community will recover more quickly from disruptions like COVID-19 and your support makes that possible.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone



**CBR-217**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 July 2020 9:59 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** [REDACTED] exercise classes

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**Dear Port Phillip Council,**

**Thank you for your continued support of [REDACTED] exercise classes. It makes a positive impact on our lives.**

[REDACTED]

**CBR-218**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 July 2020 10:30 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Exercise Program run by M Montebello

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Dear Port Phillip Council,

Thank you for your continued support of our exercise program and SPCC. Since moving to Port Phillip 10 years ago this program has made a hugely positive impact on our health and wellbeing.

Since COVID-19 has restricted our ability to meet outdoors the council's continued support of [REDACTED]'s excellent program via Zoom has enabled us to continue exercising in a safe environment.

It is well known that an active healthy well informed community will recover more quickly from disruptions like COVID-19 and your support continues to make that possible.

Regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Middle Park 3206.

**CBR-219**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 17 July 2020 6:46 AM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabbp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabbp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>; [connect@pmcc.org.au](mailto:connect@pmcc.org.au); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Exercise program and SPCC

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**Dear Port Phillip Council,**

**Thank you for your continued support of our 50+ exercise program and SPCC that is provided by [REDACTED], it has made a hugely positive impact on our lives.**

Ours is one of 12 SPCC council funded programs that serve more than 300 participants each week.

**Research indicates an active healthy, resilient, well-informed, connected community will recover more quickly from disruptions like COVID-19 and your support makes that possible.**

**Thank you,**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Albert Park

## **Submission to the City of Port Phillip – Council Plan and draft Budget 2020/21**

**From:** Elsternwick Park Association Committee

**Topic:** Sustainable City- Strategic Direction 3: We have smart solutions for a sustainable future.  
MOU Partnership and budget for Elsternwick Park North (EPN) and Elster Creek Project.  
(Re:Council Plan and draft Budget papers)

### **Purpose**

To thank the Council for keeping the budget allocation for Elsternwick Park North in the draft Budget.  
To seek confirmation by Council of the 2018 resolution of Elsternwick Park North MOU to ensure the City of Port Phillip (CoPP) and Bayside City Council (BCC) partnership continues to jointly enact and co-fund the Masterplan for Elsternwick Park Nature Reserve - March 2020 (Masterplan report, BCC)

### **Overview**

We commend CoPP on it's review of the Council Plan and draft Budget to provide emergency and targeted support to residents, business and groups impacted by COVID and prioritize plans for 2 years ahead to maintain a safe, well, cohesive and engaged community.

### **Priority**

We applaud CoPP's commitment in the updated Council Plan (as agreed on 21 March 2018) to partner with Bayside Council to co-fund an urban forest and wetland subject to evidence which will deliver reduced downstream flooding, improved water quality, capacity for water harvesting, public amenity and enhanced biodiversity. (Media release B.Voss CoPP 21/3/2018).

Most importantly, it is critical for our community that the Masterplan is not delayed if in the context of climate change we are to prevent the future escalation of the damaging environmental threats of frequent flooding in Elster Creek. Flooding that results in loss of public amenity, safety hazards, damage to houses, insurance costs and high levels of pollutants flowing into the Bay harmful to biodiversity, habitat, residents and swimmers.

### **Value of EPNR Masterplan 2020**

*The Masterplan sets out a 1 in a 100 year opportunity to plan, create and achieve a world class sustainable environmental nature reserve which maximizes our goals through the integrated design of community amenity, the aquatic environment, flood mitigation, water quality improvement and reuse.*

We believe the new Masterplan has been carefully developed and reviewed by professional experts in sustainable water management, flooding, habitat and biodiversity to ensure the new design can deliver the CoPP priorities set out in the plan and below:

- Flood mitigation benefits are achievable under the Plan of an extra 50-60,000M3 of mitigation (50% of the optimal water retention needed for 1% flood event), analysis by Melbourne Water is to investigate additional potential gains such as an expanded Head Street drain.
- Water quality benefits have been rigorously assessed and quantified enabling the proposed wetlands to treat over 1000ML of contaminated water before it enters the bay from Elster creek. In addition 1650kgs of total nitrogen can be removed from Elster creek. This aligns with the CoPP Water Sensitive City targets (refer CoPP Act and Adapt Report 2018-2028 page 53).
- Water treated through the wetland system will be harvested as recycled water and an alternative to potable water for use on public parks and gardens in CoPP. The available capacity is estimated in excess of 270ML of water per annum. This aligns with the CoPP Water Sensitive City targets (Refer to CoPP Act and Adapt Report 2018-2028 page 53). \*\*\* (Refer BCC Masterplan report pages 34-47)

The merits of the Masterplan as we understand offer an exceptional opportunity for residents to benefit from a beautifully designed and maintained native parkland, wetland, and urban forest that provides refuge and tranquility for people and wildlife. The proposed design is to achieve improved use of open space for engaging all ages and people in the community, in education, passive recreation and collaborations with related projects. All renowned to have positive benefits for our well-being, mental health and social connections.

The EPA is encouraged by hearing weekly from many local people about their enthusiasm, interests, use, enjoyment and aspirations for the future vision of the reserve, including the existing volunteer groups already involved in flora and fauna surveys, monthly clean ups and social activities. They talk of how they greatly value their activities especially in these times of Covid restrictions with their need for outdoor experiences.

**Proposed Masterplan stages**

The CoPP Mayor and Councilors have advocated and partnered to work collaboratively with the EPA and continue its role on the community reference panel with Bayside councilors and officers.

We therefore ask that CoPP propose to:

1. Endorse the EPNR Masterplan Report 2020 in accordance with 21 March 2018 resolution.
2. Co-fund a truly remarkable Urban Forest and Wetland to achieve the aligned priorities of COPPP detailed in the EPNR Masterplan.
3. Continue the dialogue with BCC for an MOU to be signed for implementation of the project.

By doing so the EPA believes this will build on the existing funding commitment by BCC to deliver the project and contribute to the project potentially becoming a focus for government investment and able to capitalize on past and future capital investment by Melbourne Water and DELWP under sustainable, livable and climate change initiatives.

Thank you

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Submitted on behalf of the Elsternwick Park Association  
16/7/2020



16 July 2020

**Subject: Letter to Council re its budget.**

Dear City of Port Phillip Council,

### Current services Council offers to faith communities

City of Port Phillip (CoPP) provides real, in kind, experienced and dedicated support of a councilor, staff and meeting places on a regular, ongoing or as-needs basis with additional management and logistical support for key public events.

**The Multifaith Network of the City of Port Phillip values very much our meeting and working together.** The COPP provides facilities, staff and expertise as required particularly and currently through the work of Councillor **Tim Baxter** and Diversity Officer **Ewa Zysk** of Diversity & Inclusion team. This ensures Port Phillip Multi-Faith Network (PPMN) has access to the latest in meeting management and facilities, realistic insight from Council's view, and the constant presence of Council's many competing priorities. Our small network has worked amazingly well over the years, and have facilitated functions that have touched the lives of hundreds if not thousands of Port Phillip residents. As well, our own communities of faith have been enriched. Council's attendance at and participation in the Network provides opportunities for the community to be challenged and changed as a result of meeting regularly and sharing news of our own various activities.

**Council has supported and helped realise** pathways at our meetings and in our diverse and often segregated communities to talk, listen and exchange, such as the **Open House visiting program** and the **Interfaith Dialogue workshop** held at Port Melbourne Town Hall. We shared in promoting the Diversity booklet on **Multi-faith Network - A City of Sharing**, and was able to facilitate the creation of the CoPP DVD - **A Common Belief** and Sunday 21 June 2015 **A Shared Meal** with guest speakers.

Our **2016** public program included

- **Saturday 18 June Multicultural Eid/Iftar dinner** at the end of Ramadan, open to general public and a refugee fundraiser hosted at Betty Day Centre by the local Muslim community.
- **Sunday 19 June, 2-6pm** with Victorian Multicultural Commission support for **Journey into Friendship Bus Tour**, open to general public, featuring visits, introductions and presentations at St. Nicholas Russian Catholic Church, East St Kilda, St Kilda Synagogue, St Kilda and Hare Krishna Temple, Albert Park
- **2017: Sunday 4 June St Kilda Multicultural Iftar** at St Kilda Town Hall
- **2018: Regularly bi-monthly meetings** are open to invited presenters on different topics such as combatting Domestic Violence, Racism and Mis-treatment of Asylum Seekers and Refugees
- **2019: Friday 5 April Christchurch Massacre Multifaith Public Observance** hosted by local Muslim community with local Aboriginal, Maori, Christian, and Jewish communities performing rituals that symbolise peace and harmony at **St Kilda Town Hall front lawn**
- **2019: October Addressed Climate Change** by petitioning City of Port Phillip and writing a joint letter to the **Prime Minister and attending public rally**

**2020:**

PPMN supported and participated in **We-Akon Dilinja** - Mourning reflection, Sunday 26 January 2020, 6am-7am at Alfred Square, St Kilda.

### Commentary on Economic and Social Recovery Program and/or Proposed reductions 2020-21

In uncertain times, there is always a need for calm, moderate and collective thinking. All 16 initiatives Council is considering meet this criteria so PPMN is happy to endorse.

In addition, PPMN will continue feeding back whole-of-community needs to continue with **Reconciliation, Acceptance of Diversity** and **Reduction or Eradication of Ignorance-fuelled Racism** as COVID-19 constraints and tightening budget concerns compete with priorities and needs.

1. Multifaith groups especially support extending hardship provisions in the current COVID-19 crisis
2. Council support for volunteering networks
3. Council support for bridging the digital divide as at the moment all religious gatherings can only be online.
4. Support the funding for emerging social impacts
5. Support work around affordable housing and temporary accommodation for rough sleepers
6. Support community assistance to food programs
7. Support for work with the community sector.

### Continuing Economic and Social Recovery Program for faith communities

Regarding the draft Budget 2020/21 proposed 11 service reductions, it is not apparent why some of the programs would cease while conversion to digital implementation would reduce costs, improve accuracy of data collection and continue benefits to those adversely affected. Three Examples are listed:

- **Customer Satisfaction Survey:** if this was electronically captured by way of online form (ie, SurveyMonkey), would this deliver the desired data points AND cost savings IN real time?
- **Youth Leadership and Engagement program deferred for 6 months:** there has never been a more important time to connect with, inspire, engage and listen to what youth are experiencing. Rather than deferring, would switching this to webinar, online small group discussions or 1-1 mentoring work?
- **Pre-School Dental Check Program:** not sure of the program fail here, teeth decay and hygiene are unrelated to COVID-19. However, there is enough evidence to know that good dental hygiene from a young age improves general health and educational outcomes over lifetime of individuals and societies.

### The importance of the network in these times

With Council support, we are continuing our focus on facilitating discussion between spiritual and faith leaders and representatives of the faith communities of Port Phillip - virtually meeting with a view to projects fostering social cohesion, raising awareness and celebrating diversity of Australia's First Peoples and the many and varied faith communities that came after.

### Ongoing:

Regularly bi-monthly meetings are open to invited presenters on different topics: with past agenda topics including **Domestic violence, Homelessness, Eco Centre and Community Tree Planting** with June meeting topic being **Victorian Pride Centre**. Consistently, our Network reports, shares efforts and addresses public racism and discrimination wherever it arises. Including seeking meaningful reconciliation with Australia's First Peoples, Diverse General and Multicultural population.

### 2021:

Pending a favourable result from a preliminary submission to CoPP and Faith Communities Council of Victoria (FCCV), a PPMN sub-committee will be established to organise and co-host the **Victorian Interfaith Network Conference November 2021** in Port Phillip.

Regardless of outcome, PPMN appreciates Council's past support and look forward to continuing the productive relationship, in whatever shape this takes from now and beyond.

Yours sincerely,

*On behalf of Port Phillip Multifaith Network*

**Reverend Dr**



retired Uniting Church  
Minister, St Kilda  
*Christian*



Centre for Awakening  
Meditation & HomeStay,  
Balaclava, *Buddhist*



Pastor, St Kilda Baptist,  
*Christian*



Catalyst Enterprises,  
*Jewish*

## **Social Health and Inclusion Port project - City of Port Phillip Budget Submission**

COVID-19 has presented unprecedented challenges to local community organisations and residents. The closing of community services has compounded those who were already socially isolated and vulnerable in the community but has also meant that members of the community have found themselves newly isolated, either through job losses, loss of social activities, closure of volunteer opportunities and the closure of the art and music sectors.

Social Health and Inclusion Port (SHIP) members have experienced first-hand, the loss of face-to-face activities that would normally bring them together socially. There's a growing body of evidence suggests that the quality and quantity of social relationships affect health behaviours, physical and mental health.<sup>1</sup> Most people will be lonely at some stage, but the evidence suggests that some life transitions can act as triggers for chronic loneliness.<sup>2</sup> Residents in the City of Port Phillip (as elsewhere across the country and the globe) have experienced multiple major transitions: from school, to remote learning, office to working from home, from work to being unemployed and from regular volunteering to being confined at home.

Council plays a large part in the continued service delivery to residents that improve and maintain health and wellbeing across the municipality. The Social Health and Inclusion Port project committee members endorse the Council's principles:

- "Reprioritisation must be effective in providing the intended relief and increasing community capacity to withstand and recover from the pandemic and other future shocks.
- Reprioritisation should be targeted towards those that need it most and not duplicate support provided by others.
- Council must ensure financial sustainability.
- Reprioritisation of activities and services should be aligned to the Council Plan priorities, transparent, defensible, and distributed fairly based on the role of Council, support available from others, risk, and cost." (Budget pg 13)

In terms of the City of Port Phillip's Strategic Directions:

### **Strategic Direction 1: We embrace difference, and people belong**

- Maintain annual Community Grants program at \$280,000 and suspending 'quick response' Neighbourhood Grants program for one year (\$56,000) – consulted with the community prior to the release of the draft Budget 2020/21.

SHIP endorses council's commitment to maintaining the community grants program; however, in this climate of uncertainty and constant change the Neighbourhood Grants program 'quick response' program is just the mechanism that community can draw upon in times of need. The Neighbourhood grants have been used for several community-led social inclusion and social connection projects in Port Melbourne in the past (1947 Centre Avenue celebration, Garden City Picnic in the park, Little Free Libraries, & Port Paw parade). The ability for the community to come together and innovate, with quick response funding support from council (such as is being offered at the City of Melbourne<sup>3</sup>), will be essential to build resilience in the community in a changing environment.

<sup>1</sup> [www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-action-on-health-inequalities-reducing-social-isolation](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-action-on-health-inequalities-reducing-social-isolation)

<sup>2</sup> [www.ageuk.org.uk/Documents/EN-GB/No-one\\_Should\\_Have\\_No-one\\_Working\\_to\\_end\\_loneliness.pdf?dtrk=true](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/Documents/EN-GB/No-one_Should_Have_No-one_Working_to_end_loneliness.pdf?dtrk=true)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/>



Regarding the youth leadership and youth services development:

- Defer Youth Leadership and Engagement program for 6 months (\$12,000). 20 PORT PHILLIP TODAY AND TOMORROW
- Suspend Youth Service Development for 1 year (\$18,000).

SHIP has received consistent community feedback that there are limited opportunities, particularly in Port Melbourne for young people to engage in accessible social connection programs. There has been a decline in youth activities in the area and, despite ongoing consultation, no youth hub from which to coordinate said activities. COVID-19 has been a major disrupter of all the usual ways in which people (particularly young people) have connected to each other. UNICEF has conducted a survey with over 1000 young people across Australia<sup>4</sup> and gathered their views on the recent situation and found that many of the way in which young people connected and the milestones they celebrated have been cancelled or postponed due to COVID. In it, “Brian says the school social events aren’t only an opportunity for Year 12 students to celebrate and socialise together but are where students find a sense of belonging and camaraderie.” (Unicef Living in Limbo Report 2020) The same is true for our primary school children, particularly foundation and grade 6 students.

- Suspend Early Education Partnership for 1 year (\$40,000).
- Reduce operational subsidy to kindergartens from \$4,000 to \$2,000 per centre (\$19,000).
- Cessation of pre-school dental check program funding agreement with Star Health (\$36,000)

Cessation of the pre-school dental check program funding agreement with Star Health means that families will no longer have easy access to preventable healthcare and tooth decay may develop for longer before being picked up by a healthcare professional.

Tooth decay is the most common health problem in Victoria with half of all children and adolescents affected, and it is five times more common than asthma in children<sup>5</sup> (Department of Health, 2011). Between 2014-16, 14% of children (0-5yrs) in the city of Port Phillip that attended a public dental service presented with at least one decayed, missing or filled tooth<sup>6</sup> (Dental Health Services Victoria, 2017). Poor oral health can affect a child’s ability to eat and speak and is also linked to poor diet, which means that pre-school dental check-ups are opportune times to detect and discuss nutrition concerns in children (Department of Health, 2011).

Because tooth decay is largely preventable, regular dental check-ups are recommended to prevent problems from occurring. The cost associated with a dental check-up at a private clinic is often a barrier for many families, meaning that families in Port Phillip may no longer receive the necessary check-ups to prevent and detect oral health issues in their children.

While private dental clinics may also conduct dental screenings, these generally come at a cost for families and may use a child’s Child Dental Benefits Schedule, meaning vulnerable families will have less subsidy available for treatment costs.

#### **Strategic Direction 6: Our commitment to you**

- Reduce ASSIST Counter Services at Port Melbourne and South Melbourne Town Halls for 12 months (\$91,000), with officers to complete a review before 1 July 2021 to assess the impact

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<sup>4</sup> [Living in Limbo Report](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Evidenced Based Oral Health Resource](#)

<sup>6</sup> [Port Phillip Data](#)

of the change on community members who do not have online access to our services – consulted with the community prior to the release of the draft Budget 2020/21.

Port Melbourne residents, particularly older people with limited access to online information, routinely rely on the Assist desk for information and referrals to other services. Anecdotally we have information from the Port Phillip Welcomers volunteers that a number of elderly people using the service rely on phone contact as they do not have the ability to go online and this makes them very isolated as community members. We also know that some of the younger people that use South Port Community Centre services don't have the ability to get online, as they cannot purchase due to the costs. We therefore, do not endorse the withdrawal of counter services at Port Melbourne and South Melbourne Town Halls.

**CBR-240**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 17 July 2020 9:33 AM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Eco Centre

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I wish to register my support for the ongoing operations of the EcoCentre and the construction of new premises

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**CBR-241**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 17 July 2020 9:36 AM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Waterfront Welcomers in PORT MELBOURNE

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Dear Port Phillip Council,

Thank you for your continued support of our Waterfront Welcomers /Port Phillip Welcomers Program, for which I volunteer. It has made a very positive impact on the lives off the volunteers, people in the community assisted by our program, as well as the tourists that we assist from the cruise ships, during the cruise season. Ours is one of the 12 SPCC council funded programs that serve more than 300 participants each week.

Research indicates that an active, healthy, resilient, well-informed and connected community, will recover more easily from disruptions like COVID-19 and your support makes all of this possible.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

**CBR-242**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 17 July 2020 10:18 AM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabbp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabbp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: South Port Community Programs

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Dear Port Phillip Council,

Thank you for your continued support of our Exercise program with [REDACTED] and SPCC. It has made a hugely positive impact on my fitness and health, especially during lockdown.

Ours is one of 12 SPCC council funded programs that serve more than 300 participants each week. It also helps to keep people who live alone in touch with other people safely, via zoom.

Research indicates an active healthy, resilient, well-informed, connected community will recover more quickly from disruptions like COVID-19 and your support makes that possible.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

**CBR-243**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 17 July 2020 10:46 AM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** SPPC support

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Dear Councillors, City of Port Phillip,  
Thankyou that over the years you have supported the life and wellbeing of Port Phillip residents particularly with regard to funding for 12 SPCC exercise programs which include more than 300 people.  
I have attended for many years the Port Melbourne Neighbourhood House exercise programs led by [REDACTED]. I have found these programs very beneficial for my general health and wellbeing. Especially this year with the times of isolation and lockdown as I have been able to connect to the exercise programs via Zoom.  
Despite the severe budget issues the council is facing the health and wellbeing of the people needs to be a high priority and funding support must continue.

Thankyou  
[REDACTED]

**CBR-244**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 July 2020 3:14 PM  
**To:** Bernadene Voss - Mayor <[Bernadene.Voss@portphilip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Bernadene.Voss@portphilip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Draft Budget,

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Dear Bernadene,

Hopefully I am not too late to put in a request for the next Council budget. I am a happy volunteer with the Waterfront Welcomer group who meet cruise visitors at Station Pier – or who used to before March! It is an excellent program and I am keen that support from the Port Phillip Council continues in the coming years as it has over the past years. Of course there are other activities undertaken by its members now, during the Covid19 lock-down, many of which have benefited less lucky people. We appreciate the help that the Council has given us and thank you for it, hoping in the meantime that it will not be considered a less than necessary part of our community in the future.

I hope that my and other people's requests can be considered by you.

With best wishes,

[REDACTED]

**CBR-245**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 17 July 2020 11:27 AM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** love your program, love SPCC, thank your council!

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

**Dear Port Phillip Council,**  
**Thank you for your continued support of our STRENGTH AND EXERCISE program for older residents living in Port Phillip and the SPCC which facilitates it.**

**The program has made a hugely positive impact on our lives - by keeping us fit both physically and in our mental health. I have friends in other places who are very envious of this wonderful service and what it continues to do for people of my age and stage.**

Ours is one of 12 SPCC council funded programs that serve more than 300 participants each week. We are particularly blessed for having such a forward looking council.

I really hope that you will continue to fund such an important program for the elderly in your community.

**Thank you,**

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## **The St Kilda Triangle: Budget Submission**

17 July 2020

unChain Port Phillip Inc submits that the Council allocate significant funding towards a Business Case for the St Kilda Triangle in this budget.

Now is the time to strike as the successful local candidates in the past state and federal elections have both committed to work with the Council to resolve this issue.

The Triangle is an asset of state-wide importance. It should have a development with the pizzazz and drawing power of its neighbouring icons, the Palais and Luna Park. Such a development would also be a huge step in the much-needed urban renewal of Acland Street and Fitzroy Street.

Council has engaged in extensive consultation on the Triangle. The next step is to undertake a Business Case.

In the 2018 election campaign Martin Foley, promised to work with the City of Port Phillip during this term of government. He said:

*'Regarding the future of the Triangle, a re-elected Andrews government will work with the City of Port Phillip on a business case to determine the best long term strategy for the Site. This will ensure that the extensive process that the Council has undertaken with the community is reflected in any mutually agreed process between the State and Local Government on the most appropriate way to resolve the future and best use of this iconic site.'*

Newly elected Federal member, Josh Burns, has said:

*'If elected, I will work with my friend and colleague the Member for Albert Park, Martin Foley, and with the Port Phillip Council, to find a resolution to this question (the future of the St Kilda Triangle).'*

In response to unChain's budget submission last year Council said:

*'The long term delivery of the St Kilda Triangle remains a key objective of the City of Port Phillip for its ability to transform St Kilda and Port Phillip. The current Victorian government has committed to work with the City of Port Phillip during this term of government to develop a business case to determine the best long-term strategy for the site. This must include consideration of Council's Masterplan and the winning entry in the international LAGI design competition for the Triangle ... we are committed to engaging fully in the business case process to ensure past Council and community work is considered.'*

Port Phillip has spent a massive amount of money and time on the Triangle (perhaps too much). While Council currently receives a non-trivial return from parking fees, the medium term development of the Triangle as an entertainment and cultural precinct would provide a massive financial boost to Council's coffers. With significant government support for construction projects in the COVID-recovery process, now it the time to advance this project.

I am aware that the political reality is that the majority of Councillors would prefer to put the Triangle on the 'back-burner'. In the famous words of Lord Denning, the most celebrated English judge of the twentieth century, I urge Councillors to be 'brave spirits' not 'timorous souls'. It is time for Council to show some leadership.

However if Council feels that it is unwilling or lacks the skills to be the lead agency for the Triangle project, then it should ask the State government to take over that role.

I attach a brief history of the Triangle that Councillors may find useful.

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Secretary unChain Port Phillip  
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## **A Brief History of the St Kilda Triangle**

### **St Kilda Foreshore Urban Design Framework (UDF)**

The St Kilda Foreshore Urban Design Framework (UDF) was a thirty-year vision incorporated into the Port Phillip Planning Scheme in 2004. The St Kilda Triangle was envisaged as an entertainment and cultural precinct, with significant public open space. The UDF included 11 specific proposals to implement this promise.

### **What went wrong?**

The State government in the early 2000's refused to allocate any funding for the Triangle even though it is iconic Crown Land. This forced the Council in 2008 to approve a commercial development of the Triangle to subsidise the expensive restoration of the Palais theatre. However, this betrayed the promises in the UDF. Following an extensive community campaign, this plan was terminated in 2010.

### **Saving the Palais**

The Palais is Australia's top theatre concert venue and was ranked by *Pollstar* magazine in 2014 as the 23rd best venue in the world. However in that year the Municipal Building Surveyor was about to close the theatre because of substantial building defects. The Council and the State Government acted. The key person was Martin Foley who responded to a community campaign by persuading the State Government to commit \$13.4 million for emergency works after the Council had promised \$7.5 million. Subsequently in 2016 the Council awarded a 30-year lease of the Palais to the American conglomerate, Live Nation. While not without controversy, this guaranteed the long-term future of the Palais. The result is that today, unlike in 2008, there is no need for a commercial development of the Triangle to subsidise the restoration of the Palais.

### **The Masterplan for the Triangle**

Council has engaged in extensive consultation on a new Masterplan. Its Masterplan implements the vision in the UDF and its 11 Proposals. It provides

- 14,000 sq.m of cultural institutions
- 20,000 sq m of landscaped open space
- underground car parking
- implementation of the St Kilda Foreshore Urban Design Framework

### **The Land Art Generator Initiative (LAGI): A Catalyst?**

LAGI is a biennial competition that brings sustainability, public art and land form together. Previous host cities were Dubai (2010), New York (2012), Copenhagen (2014) and Santa Monica (2016). The State Government and the Council succeeded in getting the 2018 LAGI competition at the Triangle with a focus on adding art and renewable energy to the Masterplan. The winning entry by

Melbourne's NH Architecture designed a swooping canopy that will provide renewable energy for 900 homes, the Palais and the Triangle.

### **The Next Step: The Business Case**

The major issue is who will pay for an appropriate development of the St Kilda Triangle? The Masterplan raised the possibility of a third gallery space for the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV). There are many other possibilities that a Business Case could explore (The BHP Centre for World Music and Dance???)

The Business Case would include consideration of the Council's Masterplan and the winning entry in the international LAGI design competition for the Triangle.

The Business Case may consider other possibilities such as decking over Jacka Boulevard as part of the Triangle development. In the past local experts Marcus O'Reilly and John Parkinson have put forward detailed proposals for this. The original 1906 Catani design for the slopes never envisaged a major arterial road like Jacka Boulevard. This has turned the foreshore precinct, Acland Street and Fitzroy Street into three isolated locations with little connectivity. Both streets are in desperate need of renewal and creative placemaking. The decking proposal would cost only about the amount of money required for the removal of two level crossings. The UK government has done extensive analysis of the benefits of such projects. A 'neighbourhood renewal' project like this will typically provide a Benefit Cost Ratio of 3.0 (See 'Valuing the benefits of regeneration: economics paper 7, Volume 1: final report' p. 15). This means that for every \$1 spent by the government, there is a return of \$3. This is significantly better than the returns on removal of level crossings or construction of new freeways.

I recognize that both the Council and the State Government face significant limits on their infrastructure spending. However I submit that now is the time to take the next step in planning for the St Kilda Triangle since developing a Business Case only involves a modest expenditure.



**CBR-247**

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**Cc:** Bernadene Voss - Mayor <[Bernadene.Voss@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Bernadene.Voss@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Love your program, love SPCC, thank your council

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Dear Port Phillip Council,

Thank you for your continued support of the Exercise Program run by [REDACTED] and for your support for the SPCC. Ours is one of 12 SPCC council funded programs that serve more than 300 participants each week.

This Exercise Program has been of enormous and positive benefit to myself and a great contributor to my ongoing health – both physical and mental, as I find my body ageing.

I am so grateful that during these Covid times, these exercise classes have been able to continue using Zoom. [REDACTED] is so skilled in adapting the exercises to suit the wide range of physical abilities within the group, and I really appreciate her professional knowledge of the human body, joint protection and appropriate, associated movements. All these factors can only contribute to helping us lead a more active and healthy lifestyle as we keep ageing, and this in turn will help us to continue to contribute to the community in other ways.

In addition, research indicates an active healthy, resilient, well-informed, connected community will recover more quickly from disruptions like COVID-19 and your support makes that possible.

Thank you

[REDACTED]  
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17 July 2020

Dear Mr Smith

**RE: Draft Budget 2020/2021**

The Meydan Group, the owner and operator of the Cosmopolitan Hotel on Carlisle Street, St Kilda, and member of Acland Street Traders Association, continues to advocate for the prioritisation of funding for the St Kilda Precinct Strategic Plan.

The Council needs to prioritise the St Kilda precinct to support its local traders and community. The area is in dire need of revitalisation and economic stimulation – otherwise it will continue to decline. Failing to make an adequate investment in a strategic plan for St Kilda will result in Council falling short of its Council Plan.

In finalising the Budget and Council plan, we request that Council:

- Prioritise preparation and implementation of the St Kilda Precinct Strategic Plan (the Plan);
- Allocate additional funds towards the Plan for the Financial Year 2020/2021;
- Ensure ongoing funding for the Plan for the life of the project (3 – 5 years); and
- Support site specific amendments that will support the revitalisation of St Kilda in a more timely manner.

#### ***Cosmopolitan Hotel Site***

The Cosmopolitan Hotel Site provides a redevelopment opportunity of strategic significance; being located on the periphery of the Acland Street activity centre, with three street frontages, and an area of over 3,500 square metres (Figure 1).

While the site has the potential to make a substantial contribution to the revitalisation of Acland Street through a commercial and residential development, it is currently zoned 'General Residential', which severely limits the area of the site that can be developed (65%) and the height to which it can be developed (3 storeys). These controls mean that the site is excessively constrained and cannot fulfil its potential. While this circumstance has been recognised by Council, the preference has been to await the preparation of a comprehensive St Kilda Precinct Strategic Plan (the Plan).

While the draft budget does provide some funding for the Plan, it is inadequate to provide any benefit to St Kilda in the short to medium term, and will further draw out an already lengthy process.



Figure 1: Cosmopolitan Hotel Site Location

**Why is the St Kilda Precinct Strategic Plan required?**

Even prior to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic reaching Australia, St Kilda was in need of revitalisation. This is recognised in the Council Plan, which includes among its priorities to ‘Develop a strategic plan for the St Kilda precinct, including a strategy to revitalise Fitzroy Street’ (June 2020 Draft: p90).

In our budget submission last year, we noted the number of vacant tenancies on both Acland Street and Fitzroy Street – a situation that is only being exacerbated by the ongoing impacts of COVID-19. Not only are there ongoing vacancies but several tenancies are occupied by less than ideal businesses which add very little to the vitality and viability of this precinct.

Preparation and implementation of a comprehensive strategic plan will assist in the revitalisation of St Kilda by:

- Setting a clear vision for the area, ensuring cohesive redevelopment;
- Providing clarity and certainty for residents and investors; and
- Unlocking the potential of underutilised properties, such as the Cosmopolitan Hotel site.

While a powerful tool, a strategic plan can readily take five years from inception to implementation into planning controls. Accordingly, it is imperative that work commences immediately and be adequately resourced so the process does not take longer than necessary.

**What does the draft Council Budget commit to?**

The draft budget includes the following in regard to the St Kilda Strategic Plan.

- St Kilda Strategic Plan – Establish the preferred direction to guide the future growth and facilitate change within the St Kilda precinct, and to align partnerships, employment and sustainability goals outlined in key Council strategies (\$100,000 to commence). (Page 20).

Strategic direction/ service category	Project Name	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Strategic Direction 4: We are growing but keeping our character City planning and urban design	Fishermans Bend Program	275	375	300	300
	Heritage Program Implementation	150	50	-	-
	Planning Scheme Ademdments	140	210	260	260
	South Melbourne Market Strategic Business Case	250			
	South Melbourne Precinct Strategic Plan	130	210	-	-
	St Kilda Precinct Strategic Plan	120	-	-	-



(Page 192)

Notably, there is a discrepancy between the two figures. We trust this will be resolved in the process of finalising the budget and assume the larger some, of \$120,000, is correct.

The allocation of \$120,000 places inadequate resources, and therefore, urgency on the St Kilda Precinct Plan. This amount would barely provide for the necessary background studies to allow the primary task to commence. Perhaps more concerningly, there is no forward budget to provide certainty that the task will continue to progress beyond 2020/2021.

#### ***What is required?***

To be adequately funded, it is likely that the St Kilda Strategic Plan needs a budget of \$200,000 to \$250,000 over a two to three year period. At this point, it should be ready to move into the Planning Scheme Amendment funding stream.

#### ***How can this be redressed?***

The Meydan Group appreciates the financial challenges faced by Council to fund all of its programs and activities given the combined impact of the cost of COVID-19 emergency relief packages and rate capping. Nonetheless, more can be done to ensure that the St Kilda Strategic Plan (the Plan) is adequately funded.

##### *1) Budget Reallocation*

In contrast to the \$120,000 allocated to the Plan:

- \$380,000 is allocated to strategic work associated with South Melbourne in the 2020 / 2021 financial year, with a further \$210,000 the following financial year;
- \$200,000 is allocated to Heritage Program Implementation over the same period; and
- \$1,250,000 is allocated to the Fishermens Bend program over a four year period.

While the allocation of spending behind the numbers is not apparent, we make the following observations:

- In comparison to St Kilda, South Melbourne is thriving, underpinned by the bustling South Melbourne market and associated retail areas;
- The heritage program should be reviewed in the light of the current budget and community challenges. Development within the municipality is already heavily constrained by blanket heritage controls, which have a tendency to be reviewed on a case by case basis through the statutory planning system. While this is not an ideal process, the case can be made that this is not a priority area for spending at this time.
- Again, it is not clear from the information available how the budget allocated to Fishermens Bend will be spent. While we recognise that the City of Port Phillip needs to protect its interest in the area and seek the best outcomes for the future community, there may be opportunities to reallocate some of this large budget to the more urgent need of the St Kilda community.

##### *2) Alternate Funding Sources*

Failing the ability to adequately redistribute budget to adequately fund the Plan, Council should give the project the priority it deserves by seeking alternate sources of funding and support.

As we identified in our submission last year, the Acland Street Village Special Rate and Charge Scheme raises a significant amount of money every year (approximately \$195,000 per annum). This is one possible source of funding that could be accessed to support the traders which contribute to

it. Other opportunities may include partnerships with key stakeholders, such as State government and landholders.

### ***Alternate and Interim Solutions***

The preparation and implementation of the St Kilda Strategic Plan is an important piece of work that will help to unlock the areas potential by, inter alia, applying more appropriate planning controls to strategic redevelopment sites such as the Cosmopolitan Hotel site. It is, however, a large piece of work that will take a number of years to prepare.

To unlock the potential of sites such as ours in a more timely and targeted manner, Council can actively pursue and support site specific planning scheme amendments. This provides two key benefits:

- Costs associated with background work and the amendment process will be substantially borne by the proponent; and
- It ensures Council's resources are invested in sites where owners and investors are prepared to act and make changes.

In closing, we emphasise the opportunity that the Cosmopolitan Hotel site provides to contribute to the revitalisation of St Kilda. The impacts of COVID-19 on tourism means that it currently contributes little to the local economy.

An appropriate opportunity to redevelop the site could significantly improve the site's benefit to the local community through its economic contribution, provision of housing, and improved interfaces with the three street frontages.

Council needs to openly and actively demonstrate to the business community that it wants the revitalisation of the once thriving St Kilda precinct, otherwise - as has been the case in recent years - investment will be directed elsewhere. With Council's support, the redevelopment of the Cosmopolitan Hotel site can be a catalyst for further private investment in the area.

To further discuss the opportunities provided by the Cosmopolitan Hotel site or the contents of this submission, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned, Jason Wood, on 0414 321 080, or Natasha Liddell on 0412 302 122.

We hope to be able to work with Council in a productive and timely manner to unlock the site's potential and contribute to the revitalisation of St Kilda.

Regards,



General Manager - Developments  
Meydan Group

**CBR-258**

**Comments on Council's updated Plan 2020/21-City of Port Phillip**

As a long term resident of Balaclava, I continue to wonder why it remains a relatively neglected area when compared with other suburbs in the municipality.

With the current Covid crisis, the issue of "rough sleeping" has been amplified as many people try to seek shelter in doorways, under the train station, trees. I commend your plan to lease the Backpacker hostels in St Kilda so as to provide much needed and essential shelter for people.

Coupled with this is your plan and commitment to increase the stock of social housing in the area. Again I commend this plan as this current health crisis has "shone a light " on the inbuilt difficulties in living in cramped high rise public accommodation. It seems necessary to advocate with other levels of government for stimulus funds to be made available for the development of social housing stock, and for incentives to be geared towards the construction industry so that people have a stream of work and that construction of these much needed housing units can occur in the near future.

My other interest is in Council's Plan to create a sustainable future by committing to an actual greening of Balaclava. This suburb has the lowest percentage of canopy cover and open space when compared with other areas in the municipality. Council's target for greening is 21% by 2030. I would encourage you to increase this to 25% by 2030. Young trees take at least 10 years to develop an effective canopy to counter the impact of our changing climate, and extreme heat events during the summer/autumn period.

I note that there is a proposed reduction in the Sustainability budget and it seems hard to reconcile this when the interlocking of several factors creates health problems for many of our citizens.

Port Phillip council, and its predecessor St Kilda Council, has had a long term commitment to its more vulnerable citizens, and it seems that there will be an increase in vulnerability throughout this current health crisis. As one way of addressing the multiplicity of factors, investment in cooling our environment- our streets particularly those in Balaclava which carry high pedestrian traffic would be so advantageous to both residents, citizens and council.

Yours sincerely,

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17 July 2020

CBR-260



30/06/2020

Dear Anita,

Further to your discussions with James Brearley earlier today, the Fitzroy Street Business association wishes for the City of Port Phillip to retain funding for Renew Australia.

The FSBA would be willing to contribute the outstanding \$75000 to bring Renew to fruition. We strongly believe that Renew is the most promising initiative to come from Placemaking.

Covid-19 has seen problems compounded on our street, where we have seen vacancy rates rise along with an intimidating environment for locals and visitors alike. Renew supporting a Fitzroy Street Investment Strategy, we believe shall offer a long lasting benefit for the area.

Regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
FSBA President

**CBR-261**

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**Subject:** GOOT..Get out of town..funding SPCC

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I was part of the 'Get Out Of Town' program that was offered through SouthPort Community Centre. I helped [REDACTED] with setting up of snacks,arts items and support for the families that attended the outings.. I found that i was inspired by how how much the children and parents were able to enjoy programs offered..and hoe much they got out of doing things that they would most likely not be able to do otherwise. It was rewarding to also see how excited the children and parents looked forward to seeing others as well.. it was a great extended community. GOOT also encourages the parents to interact with their own children in a fun environment. I hope the programme is able to continue. It has brought light and fun to everyone that is involved.

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**CBR-262**

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**Subject:** Voss

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The experience I've enjoyed participating in Creative Writing and Communication skills has helped me stay balanced. To have social contact, including zoom meetings is most relevant to my mental health. Deb and Robyn's programs that we each share keep us in check. I wish and hope they'll continue to give me this opportunity.... and thanks for being there. From the one and only [REDACTED] ... 

**CBR-263**

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**Subject:** continuation of Exercise classes

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**Dear Port Phillip Council,**  
**Thank you for your continued support of our exercise programs and SPCC. It has made a hugely positive impact on our lives.**  
Ours is one of 12 SPCC council funded programs that serve more than 300 participants each week.

**Research indicates an active healthy, resilient, well-informed, connected community will recover more quickly from disruptions like COVID-19 and your support makes that possible.**

**It also should be considered that many of the people who attend and benefit from these exercise classes are of an age which prevents them from driving and so central location and easy walking access is essential.**  
**Thank you,**  
[REDACTED]



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## Submission on the proposed City of Port Phillip budget 2020-21

### REFRESH - REIMAGINE

#### unChain Inc.

We have not added a \$ budget amount to our submission items, instead we have taken the policy and strategic approach to the decision making process.

#### **Budget: Strategy, outcomes and performance**

- With the new Local Government Act 2020 progressively being implemented, CoPP must establish and comply with the new Community Engagement, Strategic Planning, Financial Management, Public Transparency, Service Performance principles and must comply with the Ministerial Good Practice Guidelines.
- These changes will change the way CoPP engages and informs the community and how it plans and executes relevant services and projects.
- The impact of the Corona virus has highlighted the need to do things differently.
- 2020-21 and probably 2021-22 are not going to be business as usual for CoPP nor the community and business in Port Phillip.
- Many in the community are ready for a “new and refreshed” approach by City Council staff and Councillors.
- CoPP should not aim just to meet benchmark comparisons with other relevant Councils but should aim to be the Council that creates the new benchmark levels to which others aspire.
- By effectively finding out about the needs of various people and the communities of Port Phillip, CoPP should gain up to date information and ideas, prioritising the ideas, make a decision, continually and progressively communicate and monitor the execution.
- As part of the new “community engagement” requirement, CoPP should develop a relevant version of a “Citizens’ Assembly” as one method of keeping CoPP informed of community needs and expectations, not just relying on councillors, CoPP staff and surveys that don’t ask useful and relevant questions
- As a result, CoPP will achieve not only what is needed but also establish the new benchmarks and gain the respect from the community.
- Targeted support and services must be maintained to meet needs with an execution strategy that is effective, efficient, measurable, tracked, sustainable and reviewed.
- Along with seeking and obtaining more State and Federal Government funds, CoPP needs to apply for funding for services from philanthropic funds and business sponsorship and partnerships to fund projects and services.
- CoPP can no longer continue to rely on rates and parking fines as the major sources of funding.
- Funding sources must be diversified.
- To achieve this CoPP need to have some staff that have real life commercial experience gained from outside the public sector so that projects and services are effectively and efficiently managed and the funds gained can be put to use in providing services and amenities for residents and tourist from State, Federal and Commercial funding as well as other income.



### **Rate relief**

- Businesses and staff on Job Keeper and those on Job Seeker need support with many issues including paying rent or mortgages, CoPP can support them by establishing a “targeted rate relief” fund and strategy.
- An example is found at <https://www.mitichamcouncil.sa.gov.au/council/financial/rates-relief>
- For many, City Council rates are the largest tax they pay, residents want value and the relevant services they require.

### **Leases and licences compliance**

- CoPP has to ensure those with leases or licences comply with the financial and non-financial aspects of their agreement.
- Some examples include the non upgrade of the Vineyard as per the lease, the free access to public toilets and the community room, which is still not listed on the CoPP website, at the West Beach Pavilion, which still pays no rent and the lack of pre planning when it was known that the 50 year lease for the St Kilda Marina was expiring years ago etc. By extending the current Marina lease, Council missed out on gaining a realistic lease income for a number of years.

### **Community support**

- Targeted, relevant services and the support for community groups is an essential Council service and must continue.
- In particular, groups that support the vulnerable, those needing food, housing, child care, libraries, social services and support for those supporting the needs of older or younger people, arts, music, theatre, sport and the environment etc. A simple example of a basic services, where are the clean and safe public toilets in Port Phillip?

### **Environmental and sustainability issues**

- The Eco centre is an amazing community based group with expertise and strong community engagement in many issues. The planned new EcoCentre community centre and its operational funding is required & supported.
- Restaurants should be audited and encouraged to have sustainable practices and outcomes. An example is found at <https://www.dinegreen.com/> which certifies and educates restaurants in the US to improve their sustainable practices.
- Industry and companies in Fishermans Bend should be encouraged to reduce emissions, collaborate and share resources, one company’s waste can be another company’s input to a new product. An example of industry collaboration is from Denmark at <http://www.symbiosis.dk/en/>
- CoPP should continue to fund and change the thinking and narrative about creating sustainable climate issues and practices across all CoPP services, residents, industry and commercial businesses in Port Phillip and the neighbouring Cities.
- Power Purchase agreements and local community power sharing systems should be encouraged.
- The Port Philip Sustainable Business Network, the Council climate emergency policy and the engagement of PECAN and other environment groups is supported so that a whole of council climate emergency plan is developed, funded and executed locally to mitigate and adapt to climate change across all of the CoPP, procurement practices included.

### **Business support**

- Without relevant, well managed businesses, the street life of a city fails. We have seen this in many streets across the City. Vacant shops lead to dark streets at night and a self-fulfilling outcome of no customers which leads to less customers and which leads to more shops, restaurants and entertainment venues closing, and the spiral goes on.
- CoPP needs to establish a “vacancy levy” that will encourage landlords to meet the market with their rent expectations.
- Council needs to look beyond “place making” by establishing community based services and create safe, clean activated streets by renting the vacant shopfronts for services.

### **Improved communication of council policy decisions and services.**

- Council needs to improve communication with the community on Council policy decisions, the services on offer and how the community communicates with council for assistance.
- CoPP needs to move from a “you can’t do this” to “how can we help you get this done, within the law” attitude. The community want openness and transparency. They do not want the removal of Third Party Rights, and offer engagement throughout the process.
- Many in the community have significant expertise and willingly volunteer their time to engage with CoPP.
- Given the success of video meetings, post Covid 19, CoPP should expand the use of video conferencing for “town hall” feedback and information events.
- Internal efficiencies, access to knowledge, service design and execution will be enhanced by the use of technology and trained staff.

### **Audit Committee**

- The role, access and knowledge of the outcomes of the Audit committee must be improved such that there is transparency.
- It is very difficult to find out how to contact the Committee and its membership.
- It is not good practice to contact an audit committee through a staff member of the CEOs office.
- The audit committee should ensure that CoPP complies with all laws, in particular the new Local Government Act.

### **Staffing levels**

- CoPP needs to continually review the systems capabilities, the size, shape and capabilities of the staff required to plan and execute the services determined by the Act and Council policy on local issues.
- Staff should be capable and encouraged to act as internal consultants which would reduce the excessive cost and reliance on external consultants.
- The CEO’s review of the staff structure and requirements is long overdue, in particular a review of the “middle waist line” staffing levels is required. Reducing the 5 divisions to 4 is a good step in the right direction.

### **Procurement and lifecycle management**

- The CoPP Audit committee needs to continually review its contract and procurement strategy and procedures every 2 years as a minimum.
- Capital works projects must be prioritised and carried out by applying a strict review process based on needs rather than wants.
- Often both parties can become very comfortable and it is easy to just renew or give the contract to an existing supplier, same applies to leases relet without tender. How do new suppliers get a chance to tender?
- Some projects have not been built for a long lifecycle.
- An example is the dilapidated Middle Park sea front toilets, which received a sustainability award in 2012, but now require \$40K renovations, not very sustainable. The project was either not designed for its location, not specified correctly or not monitored during construction for compliance with the specification.
- The South Melbourne Town Hall should not have been allowed to fall into a state of disrepair such that it has to be evacuated and closed.
- We assume that all Council assets are inspected on a routine basis for compliance, hazardous materials, maintenance and safety.
- Why do some streets get resurfaced just because it is programmed to be undertaken rather than resurfaced based on need?
- Procurement policy needs to be based on many criteria which need to be reviewed to keep in line with changing community expectation and best practice.
- If Council does not have the capabilities nor the finances for major projects, council should request that the State Government take over and fund a project, like The Triangle and The St Kilda Marina.

**CBR-265**

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Please find below my submission on the [Council Plan and draft Budget 2020/21](#).

**Targeted rate relief**

Many ratepayers and residents of the City of Port Phillip have either lost money in their business, been put on job keeper or lost their job and now on job seeker.

These people need support from the City.

Will Council support ratepayers, businesses and community groups who are experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic by giving rate waivers, rate relief or deferrals?  
Business and landlord rate relief should be extended to tenants, who do not directly pay rates, with the agreement of their landlord that any deferral or rebate will be directly passed on to the tenant.

It is suggested that, to be eligible, ratepayers (direct or indirect, such as tenants) must be

- Commercial and Community group ratepayers who have been required to close due to COVID-19 and are eligible for the 'Job Keeper' payment
- Residential ratepayers should be eligible for the 'Job Seeker' or 'Job Keeper' payment
- Any other ratepayer experiencing financial hardship due to income dropping by 15 per cent or more.

Its easy, Council can use existing documentation which has already been verified by the ATO, hence it's easy to implement.

This is an opportunity to support ratepayers and tenants who have lost income in their business, on Job Keeper or lost their job and on Job Seeker.

An example of this rate support can be found at the City of Mitcham in Adelaide which have adopted such support for residents and businesses..

See <https://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/council/financial/rates-relief>

Thank you  
Regards

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City of Port Phillip Council Budget Submission 2020/2021:

12/7/2020

SKWAT (St Kilda Water and Trees)

### **The Catani Gardens Storm Water Harvesting Project**

#### **The Proposal and Background:**

SKWAT proposes *The Catani Gardens Storm Water Harvesting Project* as part of Port Phillip's wider "Water Sensitive Urban Design Programme." The project would involve collecting water from the drains underneath the Catani Gardens, and harvesting the storm water – instead of letting it flow out into the bay. The water would then be used to irrigate the gardens. Importantly, there is a large potential yield of water from St Kilda Hill that can be harvested. The project would be similar to the Alma Park and Albert Park plans. This small proposal would be part of a larger Port Phillip wide integrated water management system. Lastly, it must be noted the importance of the Catani Gardens for nature, sport, recreation, the heritage layout, and location next to Victoria's foremost foreshore.

The project was initially suggested by Helen Halliday in January 2020, and subsequently endorsed by members of the local community. In February 2020, a consultation was undertaken with, Roger Byrne, a long term International Manager of GHD's highly respected Asset Management Group. Byrne endorsed the proposal, and said the proposal was easy to implement and low-cost, with many benefits. SKWAT has briefed all three Lake Ward councillors – Andrew Bond, David Brand and Katherine Copsey – who are all enthusiastic.

#### **Benefits:**

- In the current COVID-19 pandemic, public spaces are vital for recreation and walks.
- 2020 has been a significantly wetter year than average, making it an ideal time to collect water, and to continue to keep the plants healthy.
- Reduces costs of water and maintenance in the long term.
- Addresses climate change:
  - Ensuring the grass and trees are healthy reduces the Urban Heat Island effect.
  - Collection of water in a drying climate.
  - Offsets the increasing salinisation from rising sea levels.
- Ensures the grass stays green – important for sport, recreation and events.
- A stable source of water adds more flexibility to the planting scheme.
- Collecting stormwater prevents waste and pollution from entering the bay.
- A new beginning after the apparent halt of the Albert Park Plan
- Preserving the heritage layout.
- Important for health:
  - Green spaces help cool an area, thus softening the effects of heatwaves.
  - Space for exercise is important.
  - Greenery and nature are important for mental health.
- This proposal directly addresses a number of key council goals (drawn from "*We are Port Phillip: Council Plan 2017-27, June 2020*"):
  - A solution to CoPP's Climate Change Emergency declaration of September 2019.
  - To make Port Phillip "a greener, cooler and more liveable city" by 2027 (CoPP, 2020).

- To make Port Phillip “A water sensitive city” by 2027 (CoPP, 2020, 46).
- To make Port Phillip “a sustained reduction in waste” by 2027 (CoPP, 2020, 46).
- To make Port Phillip “a city that is adapting and resilient to climate change” (CoPP, 2020, 46).
- To make Port Phillip “a sustained reduction in waste” (CoPP, 2020, 46).
- To address urbanisation “our public spaces and waterfront will need to be welcoming to all and cater for different and increased use as they become residents’ ‘backyards’” (CoPP, 2020, 43).

**Assessment and Costs:**

The costs may involve:

- A pump station on the drain with suitable trash removal.
- A suitable storage facility – underground tanks underground tanks, size depending on the predicted inflows and the likely watering demand.
- A recycled watering pump station together with the reconfiguration of the garden watering system to enable dual supply options & MWC isolation.
- We also need to identify the overall benefits that parks represent. The value chain of the community.
- The overall cost of a feasibility study estimated around \$25,000 from consultation with Roger Byrne.

The costs of NOT proceeding with the proposal in a timely manner:

- Degradation of the heritage listed Catani Gardens, VHR H1805, of State Significance<sup>1</sup> through lack of best practice and insufficient forward planning.

**Recommendation:**

We therefore seek council’s agreement to undertake a serious assessment of a recycled water project for Catani Gardens in the 2020/2021 budget at an estimated cost of \$25,000.

**We would be pleased to speak to this submission at the Council meeting on 5 August.**

**Contacts:**

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<sup>1</sup> Exceptional specimens of *Phoenix canariensis* and *Washingtonia robusta* represent the greatest concentration of palms in a Victorian public garden. <https://vhd.heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/places/1997>

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Dear Council, I am writing to express my gratitude to you, for continuing to enable the enhanced health and well being of senior citizens, with the exercise program with [REDACTED] at SPCC, and via Zoom during Corona. It gives me a reason to get up in the mornings!

Many thanks, [REDACTED]

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# COUNCIL BUDGET SUBMISSION

2020/21

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# PROJECT SUMMARY

**HUMIFORM connects young people with their impact, their community and the world to empower them to become active citizens and change makers.**

Our long term vision is to secure a permanent space to run education programs, events and workshops for young people in the City of Port Phillip. Currently, we are growing our community and establishing our business as a leader in sustainability education. We are appealing to the City of Port Phillip Council to include funding in the Budget 2020/21 for a location, for 5-8 hours a week, to trial our after school and holiday programs. HUMIFORM would also like to work closely with the council to promote the programs and connect with local change makers interested in engaging with young people.

HUMIFORM Founder, [REDACTED] has worked as an educator in the City of Port Phillip for over a decade and has extensive experience building and nurturing strong relationships with diverse young people. Her programs have a proven track record, giving our youth the confidence to make a difference in their community, and a sense of purpose and belonging. Despite the global pandemic, this year HUMIFORM is facilitating ongoing social and environmental impact programs in collaboration with a number of schools across Melbourne. We are now seeking to expand our operations and impact, and offer meaningful after school and holiday programs, workshops and events to young people aged 6-16.

Our city needs to support our youth to have critical conversations, engage and connect with local change makers, and feel empowered to make a difference on a range of environmental and social issues. This will not only benefit the young people themselves but create a resilient and connected community more broadly. Through conversations with young people and parents in the City of Port Phillip, we have identified that young people are hungry for opportunities to learn about the world and participate in meaningful action, and parents are looking for ways to support them to do this.







IMAGE: [redacted] Roots & Shoots Australia Tour



# THE INSPIRATION NATURE CLUB

[redacted] Founder of HUMIFORM

In 2014, by student request I started a lunchtime Nature Club for a group of budding six year old environmentalists at St Kilda Primary School. Every week we dove into a new nature related topic and I was amazed at what they could understand and get excited about.

The following year, I brought in an article that talked about how tourists were injuring little penguins on the St Kilda foreshore by shoving their selfie sticks into the penguin's burrows and the group was outraged. It sparked an investigation into the world of the little penguins and Nature Club decided to raise money to help microchip them to keep them safe. It was astonishing to see how determined they were to make a difference.

I never could have imagined that six years later Nature Club would still be going strong. These same students are now in their first year of high school and, even though they are all at different schools and we are in the middle of a global pandemic, the group is still meeting weekly to continue their social and environmental work. I have had the immense privilege of watching them blossom into passionate change makers. They have allowed me to witness first hand the potential and capacity young people have to change the world. HUMIFORM was inspired by this potential.

Please see Appendix A for testimonials from Nature Club members and parents.



# PROJECT OVERVIEW

The next generation faces a future of uncertainty, change and upheaval due to the climate crisis and the fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic. A [report](#) issued by the Australian Psychological Society at the end of 2019 identified that 4 in 5 Australian youth are anxious about climate change. New [research](#) released by the headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation in June found young Australians are fearful and uncertain for their future as a result of COVID-19, with 40% of young respondents affirming that the pandemic has impacted their confidence to achieve future goals.

These anxieties are playing out in our community. At the end of 2019, on the last day of Term 4 at St Kilda Primary School, we endured temperatures of 44 degrees. Students weren't allowed to go outside to play and instead had to watch from the windows as the scorching hot winds whipped up a frenzy outside. One of the students quietly confided to me that she was scared. She pointed out that the weather we were experiencing wasn't normal and that our government wasn't doing anything about the climate crisis. The young people in our community are aware that the world is changing. It is our responsibility to ensure that they don't lose hope for their future.

HUMIFORM founder, [REDACTED], has a decade long track record when it comes to organising and facilitating youth empowerment groups and events in the City of Port Phillip. She has an extensive local network including organisations, parents, young people, schools, businesses, educators and change makers. Since the start of 2020, HUMIFORM has been running ongoing, high impact programs with three different schools and the demand for these programs is increasing steadily, despite the obstacles presented by a global pandemic. We are now looking to expand our operations and secure a space in the City of Port Phillip to put down roots and grow our community. Our goal is to reach as many young people as possible and help them realise the power they have to make a difference.

Our long term vision is to launch a HUMIFORM Impact Hub, that will allow young people to meaningfully explore their understanding of the world we live in and their role in creating positive social and environmental change. It will be a place where they can develop skills, knowledge and connections to confidently contribute to a more fair, equitable and sustainable planet. At the hub, young people are given permission to create a vision for the world they want to live in, and opportunities to work together to bring their vision to life. It will be a space that facilitates ongoing programs, workshops, events and experiences that nurture deep connections and create community resilience, planting the seeds for a better Australia and a better humanity.



## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

### After School Programs

During the school term, HUMIFORM will run weekly hour-long student-led, facilitator supported sessions for 5 different age groups; Grade 1-2, Grade 3-4, Grade 5-6 and Year 7-8. Each session will allow up to 20 young people to explore the issues they are passionate about and discover how they can make a difference in thoughtful and meaningful ways.

Students will have the opportunity to develop a range of different skills and understandings about the world we live in. Topics may include doughnut economics, diversity and inclusion, gender, climate, biodiversity, consumption, fashion, localism, intersectional environmentalism, food systems, human rights, restorative justice, democracy, poverty and sustainability. We will engage local experts to speak and work with the groups to develop their empathy, compassion and listening skills, and to broaden their understanding of and connection to our community.

### Holiday Programs

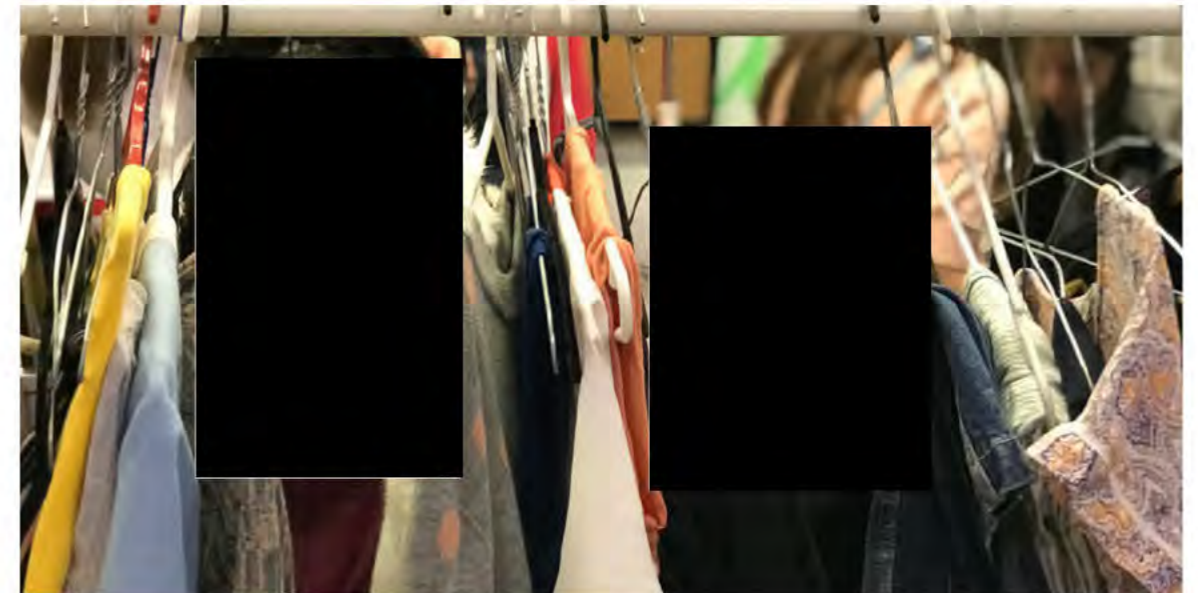
The school holidays are a great opportunity to deep dive into an issue and get creative about how we can contribute to solutions. HUMIFORM will offer a range of different programs and workshops, that run anywhere from 1 hour to 5 days. These sessions will allow young people to investigate issues and use their imaginations to create solutions. Themes for these programs and workshops may include fashion for people and the planet, op shop tours, craftivism, developing change maker skills, letter writing, sustainable cooking, zero waste, storytelling, gardening and much much more.



### Events

HUMIFORM will facilitate and co-create workshops, clothing swaps, documentary screenings, panels and speaker events with a diverse range of stakeholders. The aim of these events is to expose young people to new ideas and skills and to create empathy, understanding and compassion for people who are different from themselves.

In 2019, HUMIFORM ran a teen clothing swap event at the South Melbourne Market (see images) and we were overwhelmed by the response. Those who attended really enjoyed learning about the stories behind our clothes and updating their wardrobe in a way that respected people and the planet.





## PROJECT ALIGNMENT WITH THE COPP COUNCIL PLAN 2017-2027

### EDUCATION PROGRAMS

#### The Change Maker Program

During the four units of the HUMIFORM Change Maker Program, over the course of a school year, students explore their passions and interests through the lens of social and environmental impact and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. They develop a nuanced understanding of the world we live in, the problems we face and the solutions that exist locally and beyond.

Students have the opportunity to learn from a diverse range of experts in the social and environmental impact space and contribute to the projects they are working on. They discover what it takes to be a responsible change maker and drive meaningful and thoughtful impact in their community. This program is currently being run in collaboration with St Kilda Primary School

#### **Project Utopia**

Project Utopia is designed to inspire students to imagine what is possible, instil hope and support them to create a vision for their community in 2040. With the guidance of school leadership, they will apply their ideas and vision to their school and plan and execute a project that has a positive impact. This project is scheduled to run in collaboration with Monterey Secondary College.

#### Fashion Impact Project

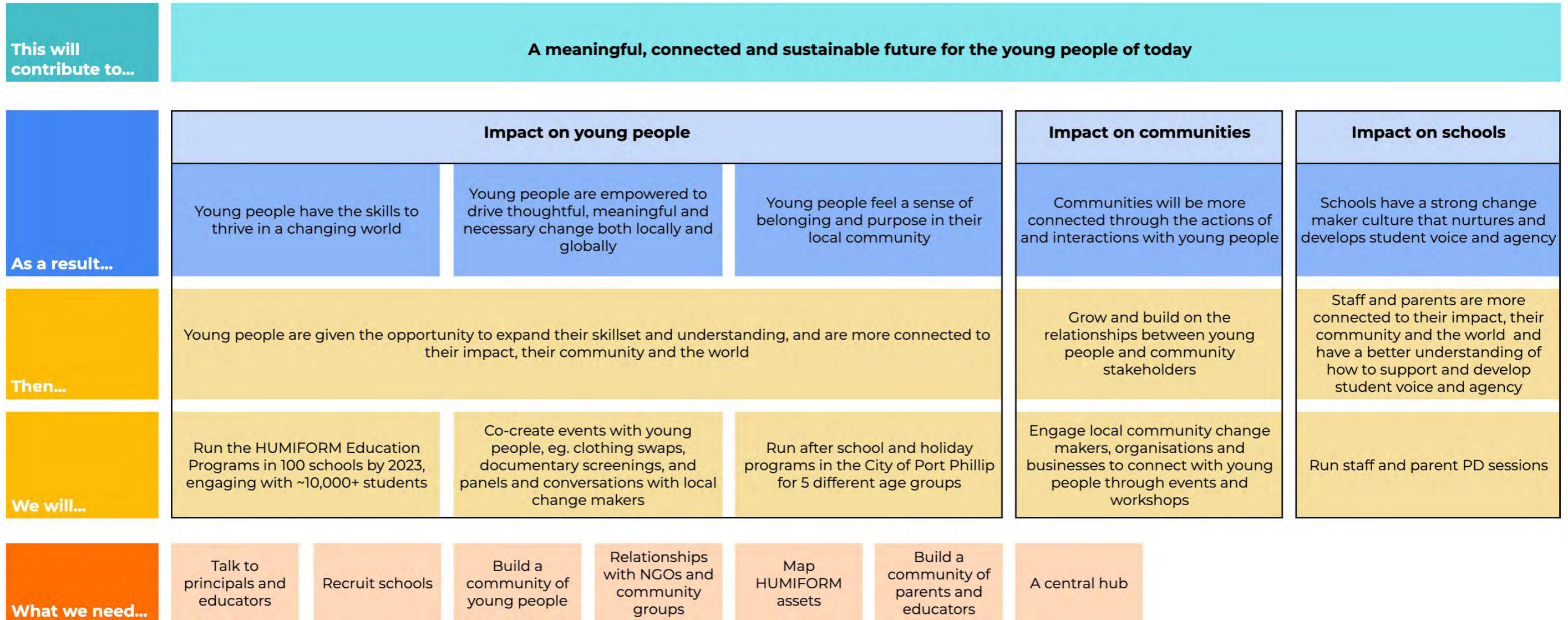
HUMIFORM's Fashion Impact Project gives young people the opportunity to explore the stories behind their clothes and engage with fashion in positive and meaningful ways.

HUMIFORM is partnering with schools to allow students to take ownership of our t-shirt creation process at every stage. Students design, market and sell ethically made tees. Each t-shirt features artwork that shares a message about an issue that matters to the school community. This project is currently being run in collaboration with Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION	OUTCOMES BY 2027	HUMIFORM ACTIONS
1. We embrace difference, and people belong	A safe and active community with strong social connections	The programs, events and workshops we run will promote deep community connections between young people and other stakeholders including local council, NGOs, businesses, and community groups and leaders.
	Access to services that support the health and wellbeing of our growing community	Empowering young people to take action to improve their community contributes to positive health and wellbeing outcomes.
	Community diversity is valued and celebrated	We will collaborate with a diverse range of community members to run events and workshops.  Throughout all the activities we run we will openly and honestly address diversity and inclusion to develop awareness, empathy and compassion in the young people we work with.
3. We have smart solutions for a sustainable future	A city that is adapting and resilient to climate change	The programs we run with young people will educate them about the climate crisis, empower them to take action and build resilience for the future.



# THEORY OF CHANGE



# FOUNDER

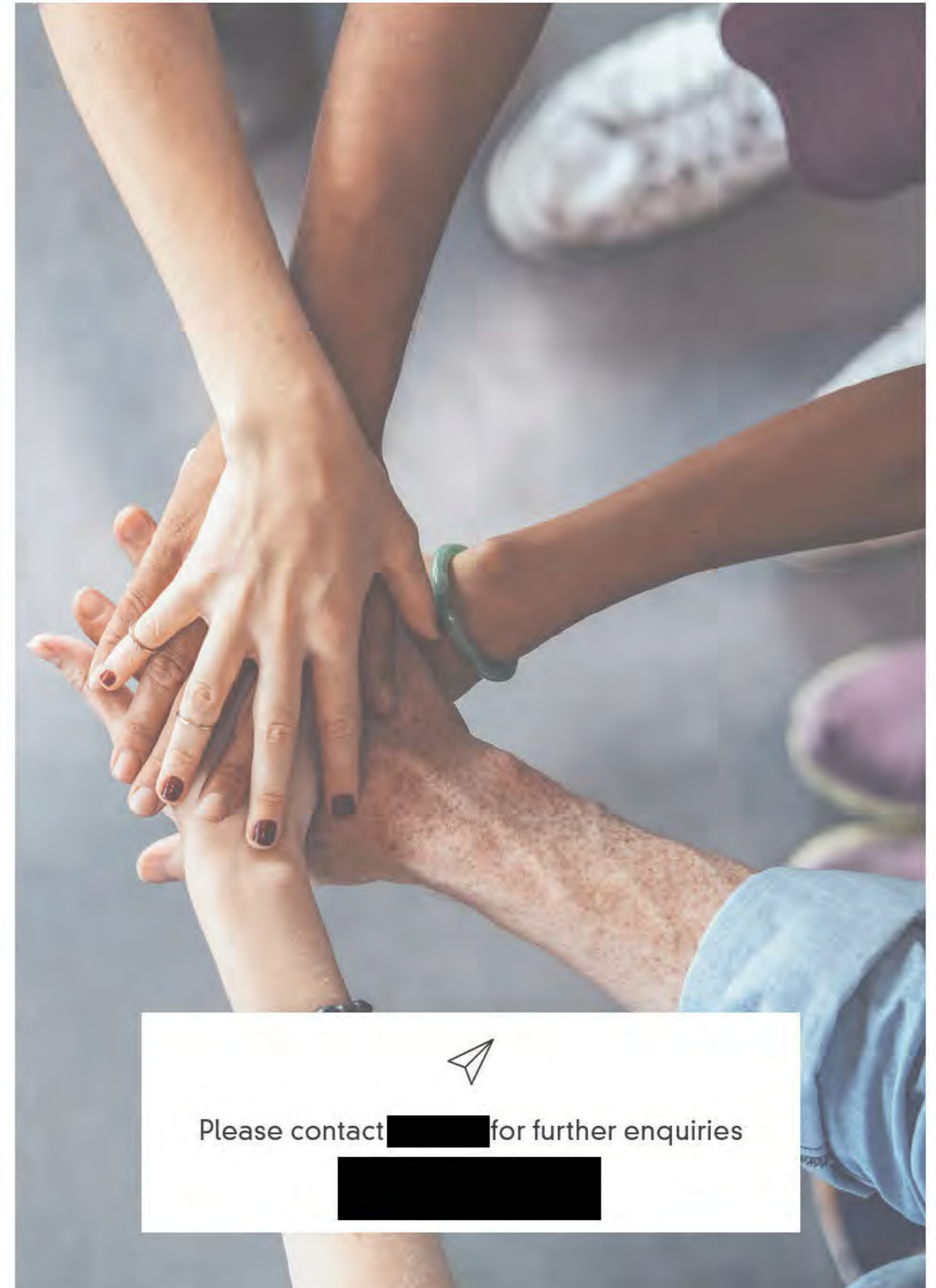


██████████ is the founder of HUMIFORM. Having worked with young people for over a decade, she is passionate about connecting them to their impact and empowering them to take action in their communities.

With a degree in International Studies, ██████████ has been active in the social and environmental impact space for many years. She is an experienced writer, researcher and consultant, working for companies such as Planet Ark, Project JUST, Abadia, Dorsu, Ethical Made Easy and Eco Warrior Princess to name a few. In 2016, she walked 3500km across Southeast Asia, as part of a project called [Walk Sew Good](#), to learn from and share the stories of people creating fashion in positive and sustainable ways.

In 2019 alone, ██████████ was selected to attend Al Gore's [Climate Reality Leadership Conference](#) in Brisbane; a facilitator at [Shift Australia](#), invited to [Cotton Camp](#) to understand the sustainability credos of the Australian cotton industry; investigated the [Australian Ethical Fashion Report](#); attempted the [Oxfam 100km Trailwalker](#); facilitated opportunities for young people to attend events and conferences, including an intimate [Melbourne Zoo gathering](#) to meet and speak with activist and primatologist Dr ██████████ volunteered for the [Prader Willi Syndrome Association](#); and won [Moral Fairground's Early Ethical Enterprise Pitch Competition](#).

At the beginning of 2019, ██████████ founded HUMIFORM to grow the impact of her work with young people and to plant the seeds for a better future. Despite the ongoing global pandemic, Megan has been working with a number of schools to successfully facilitate social and environmental impact programs. HUMIFORM has been growing steadily over the last year.



Please contact ██████████ for further enquiries



# APPENDIX A: NATURE CLUB TESTIMONIALS

## NATURE CLUB MEMBERS

■■■■, Age 13

I LOVE Nature Club. As a young person I feel very strongly about the future our present society is creating. Nature Club is a great way to meet kids with similar beliefs and passions. It is extremely motivational to find out you're not alone.

Nature Club has broadened my understanding about so many topics. I feel more educated and in being so, more capable of taking action. I am more aware of the power I have as an individual.

■■■■, Age 13

Nature Club has impacted me in the way it's changed my thinking of the world and helps me not just to see the world in black-and-white. It has opened my mind to much more of the problems in our earth and has made me who I am today.

I love Nature Club because it's a great way to get involved and have your say in what happens in the world and your future. I think it has made me a better person because it has helped me to see that anyone including me can make a change in the world. I loved meeting new people with lots of different opinions and personalities.

■■■■, Age 13

I enjoy Nature Club because when I participate it gives me the courage and hope that someday I can make a difference to our world. And the fact that I can do this with my friends beside me inspires me even more. The impact Nature Club has had on me is that it has made me realise that my dreams are possible, and that I should take any opportunities that are thrown my way.

■■■■, Age 13

I enjoy spending time with my friends and learning ways to make a difference in our community. Taking action together for the environment and teaching people to care about our world. I have been in Nature Club on and off since I was in year one and it has really helped me see things in a different way. Nature Club has taught me so much about the environment and has made me passionate about nature and able to take action.

■■■■, Age 13

Even though everyone in Nature Club is so diverse, we all have and show the same passion for the goal that all of us want to achieve. It has made me learn I need to know about the environment. If I wasn't in Nature Club, I'd probably wouldn't have so much knowledge about this topic.

■■■■, Age 13

The thing I enjoy most about Nature Club is working and discussing with other people to create change in the community we currently live in. Nature Club has given me an opportunity to take risks with some things and has allowed me to push me out of my comfort zone.

Nature Club has allowed me to see and debate on how other people see their challenges and difficulties. I have got to hear and be influenced by other talented people's thoughts and see a new perspective. Nature Club made me more aware of the world we live in. It has impacted the way I act on certain issues in my daily life, and has showed me the problems we need to solve in our world.

■■■■, Age 13

I really enjoy Nature Club because I get to meet with young people like myself who want to make a difference. It has taught me lots including how to improve in myself and how to public speak better. It has provided me with lots of opportunities that push me out of my comfort zone and I like learning new things and I feel as though I can really make a difference in the world.

## PARENTS OF NATURE CLUB MEMBERS

My daughter joined [REDACTED]'s Nature Club in first grade and gave up lunch times every week until year 6 so she could take part. During that time I saw her passion and curiosity about environmentalism grow under [REDACTED]'s kind and generous leadership. Through [REDACTED] and Nature Club my daughter learnt about taking initiative, collaboration and that with consistency and work, you can make a real difference. [REDACTED] inspired in her a willingness to be courageous and active in her school and community. She met Jane Goodall, which remains one of her most important memories of her primary years. [REDACTED] was wonderful throughout this whole time, keeping all the parents engaged and informed while her Nature Clubbers learnt more and more each week. When [REDACTED] did her Walk Sew Good they followed her every step virtually and rejoiced upon her return. She was a wonderfully strong, positive and capable role model for that group of children and they were so fortunate to have her teach and guide them.

I have known [REDACTED] for over seven years, through her teaching role at my daughter Josie's school (St Kilda Primary) and through [REDACTED]'s 'Nature Club', of which [REDACTED] has been a member since 2014. I have also been involved in mentoring [REDACTED] as she has established HUMIFORM.

[REDACTED] has always impressed me with her absolute dedication to the tasks I've watched her perform, whether it be supporting kids with significant challenges in her teaching role, literally walking across a continent to draw attention to an important cause (Walk Sew Good) or creating HUMIFORM from scratch.

She is a gifted communicator, with a particular knack for getting her message across to kids and young adults. Through 'Nature Club' she has sparked a passion in a group of students that I believe will have a lasting impact: she has taught them to be compassionate, ethical, critical thinkers. She has educated them about some of the complex and challenging issues they will face as adults, but always with an enormous amount of hope for the future.

It is with joy that I write this reference for [REDACTED] whom I met in 2013, when my daughter [REDACTED] started prep at St Kilda Primary School. [REDACTED] was employed as a Learning Assistant and started Nature Club a year later, a space for students to consider how decisions impact our climate. It was in joining this lunch time club that my daughter began to know herself and started speaking for what she believed in.

The space that [REDACTED] created was safe. Safe to explore concepts and ideas often believed only adults can engage on. The space was supportive. Supporting the belief that all voices matter and in little ideas, big impact can grow. The space was inspiring. The inspiration came from [REDACTED]'s personal dedication to doing humanity better, for people and planet. [REDACTED] lives the change that she wants to see, and [REDACTED] witnessed that first hand.

In the seven years, through [REDACTED]'s guidance, [REDACTED] has; ran a fund-raiser to get microchips for little fairy penguins; written letters to CoPP to ban plastic straws; made a video appeal to Coles to ban plastic bags; held National Tree Day at School as a fund-raiser; educated the School on palm oil; donated money to save orang-utans and met Jane Goodall.

All this has happened on [REDACTED]'s own time and using her own finances. The skills that Soleil has learnt through Nature Club are globally transferrable and she is only 13! I have personally witnessed, when a young person is passionate and engaged, what appears to be difficult activism becomes child's play.

The impact that [REDACTED] has had on [REDACTED] and now continues to have through Humiform, is ongoing. Soleil knows how to critically question "the norm", can articulate with gentle persuasion, is motivated by a vision that humanity and nature is one, believes that change happens through activism and already makes personal decisions that considers the collective. What I know to be true, as her mother, is that [REDACTED] has been an instrumental part of the village that I've needed to raise this child.



## APPENDIX B: OTHER TESTIMONIALS

My daughter, [REDACTED], attended St. Kilda Primary School from Prep to Grade 6 (2012 – 2019) where she had the great pleasure of being a member of the school's Nature Club which was run by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is a warm, creative and inspiring teacher whom all of the Nature Club students connected with, trusted and respected.

Nature Club was unique and experiential, educating the students about the environment in a fun and engaging way. [REDACTED] developed various nature-based projects and activities for the children to participate in and also initiated and organised their involvement in a number of exciting events outside school.

There were many favourite moments for [REDACTED] but two particularly stood out. The first was being invited to attend and present at Roots & Shoots at Melbourne Zoo, where she had the honour of meeting Dr [REDACTED]. The second was being given the incredible opportunity of singing at Undress Runways, a large event which promotes the ethical and sustainable production of clothing. Being a part of Nature Club was undoubtedly one of the highlights of [REDACTED]'s primary school journey, providing her with many wonderful memories. Now a high school student, [REDACTED] is environmentally educated and cares deeply about protecting our world, often sharing her insights and ideas with family and friends.

I hope that [REDACTED] continues with Nature Club so that other young children may also share in this experience. [REDACTED]'s dedication, positive influence and imparted wisdom has been very much appreciated and I fully encourage and support her future endeavours.

I write in support of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has been one of the greatest influences in our daughter's life. Megan's dedication to causes that really matter has inspired my daughter and her peers and we are forever grateful for this. I truly believe that she helps to plant the seeds of a social and environmental conscience in these children along with the drive and leadership to make change.

[REDACTED] has given time and energy and I would support her being assisted in any way to progress her important work. Her communication and organisation is to be commended and any endeavours to progress her programs would be highly justified.

[REDACTED] - Principal, St Kilda Primary School

[REDACTED] has been an invaluable part of the St Kilda Primary School staff for over a decade. In this time, she has developed strong relationships with staff, parents and students and has been actively contributing to our school's sustainability journey. [REDACTED] ran a lunchtime Nature Club for six years and the impact it had on the children who attended was extraordinary. Last year, six out of ten student school leaders were members of the club and the initiative, organisation and empathy these students demonstrated was well beyond their years.

We are honoured to have [REDACTED] working with our Year 5 students this year in an ongoing capacity. Her passion for social and environmental issues is infectious. The children are developing a deep and meaningful understanding of the world they live in and the influential role they play in affecting change. It has been inspiring to watch the children embrace and strive to make a difference to their world and to recognise their potential as influential leaders. I greatly look forward to seeing how the program develops during the second half of the year.

[REDACTED] is visionary and her personal endeavours to make a real difference to our world is outstanding. We have a significant resource in [REDACTED], and our students, both current and future will no doubt continue to thrive under her guidance and leadership.

[REDACTED] met, and then exceeded all of my expectations; in my opinion, she is inspirational and outstanding in her role.

I highly commend her.

██████████ - Director of Coerwull Centre for Leadership and Service, Teacher of Science and Psychology, Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School

My name is ██████████ and I work as the Director for Leadership and Service at Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School. I was approached by ██████████ early this year to collaborate on the Fashion Impact Project with the Year 9 students at our school. The Fashion Impact Project is still underway, but has already offered many opportunities for deep and real life learning for our students. They are considering their clothing purchases more carefully, show a greater understanding of the questions they should be asking to investigate if a clothing brand fits with their own values, and are planning ways in which this learning can have long term impacts on our school community.

██████████'s contributions have been invaluable. She offers a wealth of knowledge about the fashion industry, she balances the difficult truths with hopeful and uplifting stories about how we can all do better. She is engaging, organised and creative in her approach to working with young people.

██████████ has been very adaptable in how we can offer the best experience for Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar students undertaking the Fashion Impact Project while facing the challenges of Covid19. We have run online workshops and had opportunities for collaboration and research through virtual platforms, all with great levels of engagement. This project has helped formulate a sense of school community during a time when this is one of our greatest priorities.

██████████ - SO:ME Space Coordinator, South Melbourne Market

South Melbourne Market occasionally has vacant stalls, and in 2019 while we were seeking to fill one of these, we sought out temporary activations to engage our Market community. ██████████ of Humiform was invited to use the space for one day to hold a clothing swap for teenagers as a way to draw them to the Market, rethink existing fashion systems, encourage them to explore sustainable options and meet like-minded peers. ██████████ was able to attract around 20 teenagers to the event, after which she received inquiries as to when the next clothing swap would be held. A City of Port Phillip Youth Services team member at that time attended and commented that she was extremely impressed with the number of attendees and their level of enthusiasm as it is traditionally an

age group which is difficult to engage. The Market would welcome ██████████ to return in a similar capacity at any appropriate time and wish her all the best in finding a permanent venue to run her activities.

██████████ - Community Fundraising Officer, Australian Conservation Foundation

From the introduction, our initial meeting to ensure I was providing the right content, the presentation itself and the feedback – working with ██████████ at HUMIFORM was an excellent experience.

I not only had the opportunity to learn more about where Grade 5 students are at with regards to conservation and climate change, I had the privilege to present them with more information to help them feel informed and further educated about the current state of our planet and importance of reducing emissions globally.

Despite the interruption of a global pandemic, I was still able to present to the students via video and received feedback in a timely manner. The questions and comments from students had me feeling positive about how humans will share this planet and its resources with nature, in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with HUMIFORM through the Change Maker Program.

## APPENDIX C: ORGANISATIONS & INDIVIDUALS HUMIFORM HAS ENGAGED & COLLABORATED WITH

- [Australian Conservation Foundation](#)
- [Beacon Foundation](#)
- [Climate for Change](#)
- [Courage to Care](#)
- [Eco Styles](#)
- [The Ironic Minimalist](#)
- [\[REDACTED\]'s Roots and Shoots Australia](#)
- [\[REDACTED\], MP for Macnamara](#)
- [\[REDACTED\], local author and artist](#)
- [\[REDACTED\], Human Centred Designer](#)
- [Oaktree](#)
- [Oxfam Australia](#)
- [OzHarvest](#)
- [Planet Ark](#)
- [School Strike 4 Climate](#)
- [South Melbourne Market](#)
- [St Kilda Mums](#)
- [Style Wilderness](#)
- [The Tiny Non-Profit](#)
- [Undress Runways](#)

## APPENDIX D: DEEP LEARNING PEDAGOGY

The work we do at HUMIFORM is informed by the Deep Learning Pedagogy designed by [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Deep learning is the process of acquiring 6 global competencies (see below) that describe the skills and attributes needed for learners to flourish as citizens of the world.

### Character

- Learning to learn
- Grit, tenacity, perseverance and resilience
- Self-regulation, responsibility and integrity

### Citizenship

- Thinking like global citizens
- Considering global issues based on a deep understanding of diverse values and worldviews
- Genuine interest and ability to solve ambiguous and complex real-world problems that impact human and environmental sustainability
- Compassion, empathy and concern for others

### Collaboration

- Working interdependently and synergistically in teams
- Interpersonal and team-related skills
- Social, emotional and intercultural skills
- Managing team dynamic and challenges
- Learning from and contributing to the learning of others

### Communication

- Communicating effectively with a variety of styles, modes and tools including digital
- Communication designed for different audiences
- Reflection on and use of the process of learning to improve communication

### Creativity

- Having an “entrepreneurial eye” for economic and social opportunities
- Asking the right inquiry questions
- Considering and pursuing novel ideas and solutions
- Leadership to turn ideas into action

### Critical Thinking

- Evaluating information and arguments
- Making connections and identifying patterns
- Problem solving
- Constructing meaningful knowledge
- Experimenting, reflecting and taking action on ideas in the real world

# APPENDIX E: DOUGHNUT ECONOMICS

HUMIFORM uses the Doughnut Economics framework to guide our decisions and operations, ensuring that we keep social and planetary boundaries front of mind.



Diagram by [REDACTED], Doughnut Economics

**CBR-269**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** THANKYOU PP COUNCIL FROM SPCC

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Dear Port Phillip Council,

Thank you for your ongoing support with SouthPort Community Centre.

A few years ago I participated in the Applied Reception Customer Service Course at SPCC which led me to other programs and activities at the centre. Due to circumstances I was experiencing, including isolation I found SPCC was the perfect place to regain my voice, develop personally and professionally as well as connect with a vast diverse community. Now I volunteer at training and mentoring others in the ARCS program and regularly witness the positive impact the centre has on peoples lives and It's contribution to a healthy Community.

I believe SPCC will be vital in the recovery process for disadvantaged and minority groups in the COPP affected by the COVID-19.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

**CBR-270**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Draft Budget Comments

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Hello.

I have grave concerns over the draft budget and have laid some of these out below. It is vitally important to me and many others, especially in the Bendigo Avenue and Tiuna Grove areas of Elwood that these items are clarified - particularly if the lack of specificity over concerns first raised at meetings with officers in February 2019 and several Council meetings since then have not been remedied. For example:

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"It is a city of neighbourhoods, each with its own character, defined by heritage buildings, strip shopping precincts and tree-lined streets." Not realistically a valid statement when heritage reviews are underfunded and Council's error in measuring building heights has allowed higher buildings in some streets - which has attracted developers to knock down existing housing stock in streets where this should not occur.

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"Review the Housing Strategy in the next Council Plan to ensure new residential development is well located and respects the character and heritage of established neighbourhoods."  
and " review of Heritage Overlay 6 (East St Kilda)"  
These priorities ignore the promise at Council meetings (including July 1, 2020) that HO8 review was imminent - there is no mention of this review at all! Cr. Bond raised the height measurement error which led Council to set NRZ5 streets as NRZ6 - and was told that the Housing Strategy would address this in a timely manner - NOT told 4 years.  
The \$200k expenditure (line 2, page 196 apparently does not extend to Elwood's review and accelerated implementation??

And in my capacity as Committee Chair, 1st Elwood Scout Group:

Page 133, Elwood

Description of amenities and facilities includes the Sailing and Angling clubs but overlooks the Scout Water Activity Centre at the foreshore. Is this because they are Council owned buildings whereas Scouts built our own building in 3 stages in the 50/s and early 60's?.

I have just come from a video meeting with Council officers who displayed a lack of understanding of Scouting and how it uses its facilities.

I hope you can provide some clarity on these matters prior to the August 5 Council meeting.

Thanks in advance

[REDACTED]

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# CBR-271

## GASWORKS ARTS INC.

### Response to the updated Council Plan and draft Budget 2020/21

Submitted by: [REDACTED], Chair, Gasworks Arts Park, Albert Park

Gasworks welcomes this opportunity to comment on the updated Council Plan and draft Budget. We appreciate the significant challenges facing the CoPP and we support the Council in its prioritisation of activities that “are essential to helping the community move from response to recovery as quickly as possible”. (p.13)

We are grateful for our partnership with the Council in making the Arts an aspect of this recovery, helping to bring the community together in creative and safe ways. As a significant and important critical mass of arts activities at the western end of the City, Gasworks is committed to helping artists and Council to navigate this difficult period. This submission outlines some of the ways that we can do this.

### About Gasworks

As a multi-arts hub in the City of Port Phillip, Gasworks Arts Park produces a high level of activity across performing arts, visual arts, and food culture. In a normal year our two theatres present more than 200 live performances, our two galleries present more than 30 exhibitions, and we curate activities involving hundreds of artists. Genres in the performing arts include drama, circus, cabaret, comedy, music, dance, spoken word and puppetry.

Every project involves many artists and creatives, and also technical and on-site delivery staff, so that a multiplier effect exists for each project over the extended period of time that arts projects take to develop - for visual arts typically one year and for performing arts typically two years. The economic ripple effect of the program at Gasworks Arts Park makes a positive contribution to sculptors, ceramicists, painters, photographers, writers, script editors, directors, producers, composers, musicians, actors, dancers, circus performers, designers of lighting, sound, projection, costumes and sets, technicians, web designers and video editors.

Across the visual arts we regularly curate and present oils, watercolours, charcoals, landscapes, life drawing, collage, photography, small sculptures and multi-media work. The precinct has 15 permanent artists in residence, covering the disciplines of visual arts, sculpture, ceramics and jewellery. Many of our artists win public commissions to produce new work which is then enjoyed by people all over Australia and beyond. All artists offer collaborative public access projects to benefit the community.

We host more than 500 open access public art classes a year, getting people of all ages involved in life drawing, candle making, landscape painting, still life, photography and more.

In Term 4 of 2020 we will be launching our short-term visual arts residency program, which will include mentorship by resident artists and the opportunity to present a new project to Gasworks for public presentation in 2021. Also in Term 4, we will be offering a commission to a performance ensemble to develop a new public performance piece outside in the park, to be realised in 2021.

A group exhibition or performance showcase is an accessible way to begin to present work publicly. Across our galleries and theatres, numerous group showcases are presented each year, including the highly popular and family friendly Gasworks Circus Showdown.

Our farmers market attracts up to 3,000 people per month and our café is open for breakfast and lunch 7 days a week.

## Arts Incubator & Partnering with Council to “foster access, participation, local arts development and Port Phillip as a cultural destination”

Artists have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19 restrictions, along with tourism and hospitality businesses, which typically are also linked to arts and cultural activity. Our COVID-19 recovery impact will have a direct economic benefit for the City and for artists during the time their projects are incubated at Gasworks Arts Park and presented to the public.

This year we will be launching our newest artist commission, partly funded by private donors, the Gasworks Gate. This sculptural tree on hinges will resemble the trees at Gasworks Arts Park, with the inclusion of 140 copper leaves that will age green over time. Last year we commissioned several new Australian plays including a biography of Australian spy Nancy Wake, an exploration of coming out as an AFL football player, and Sensory Decadence, a contemporary circus piece that blended dance, with circus and visual art. Next year, our outdoor performance commission, enabled also by private donations, will engage with audiences outside in the park, through a processional guided visit to various park locations.

Gasworks connects artists to more experienced artists who act as mentors or advisors to guide the development of new work. We maintain a network of script editors, directors, producers, casting agents and publicists and handpick appropriate matches. Gasworks is committed to extending its mentoring role to support artists at this crucial time.



## Immediate COVID-19 Accessibility: Supporting Council's aim that "arts, culture and creative expression is part of everyday life"

Gasworks Arts Park is well positioned to lead the way in our community's return to arts participation, with opportunities to leverage our midsize venue spaces, together with outdoor spaces and our online channels. We are cognisant of the Council's aim to help "our community move from response to recovery as quickly as possible"; Gasworks can assist this aim in three main areas.

Theatres: Having a midsize theatre leaves Gasworks Arts Park well positioned in terms of COVID-19 recovery plans. When government restrictions allow 50 patrons to attend in a physically distanced way we will be able to accommodate that format, whereas small theatres do not have the space and larger theatres cannot cover costs at that attendance level. Having both indoor and outdoor foyer spaces increases the opportunity for audiences to physically distance before and after the show. Gasworks is keen to support sister organisations in our city to utilise space in the Park who may struggle with accommodating physical distancing requirements.

Online events: Our online footprint is growing consistently, with a new mobile-friendly website launched in June 2020. We will be adding video assets to this website, such as a 3D tour by Ignition Studios, a video tour of all our spaces, and the Melbourne-first partnerships with the Smartify art gallery app, allowing our exhibitions to be viewed all over the world. This year Gasworks will be a part of the first-ever online Open House Melbourne festival, welcoming visitors to our behind-the-scenes areas in a safe way. We are also exploring options which may enable older citizens to develop their creativity and relationship with the arts online.

Outdoor activities: Our suite of outdoor activities will enable visitors to attend events wholly outdoors, taking advantage of fresh air and physical distancing. To complement our award-winning monthly farmers market, soon we will be launching Tastings@Gasworks, a gourmet food market which will offer takeaway food ingredients with bookable educational workshops. This new event will be part of the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival.

Also in the park, Gasworks is offering a \$10,000 outdoor performance commission for the development of a new piece of site-specific work to take place in Gasworks Arts Park. This is a three-month development project to take place from September to November 2020, culminating in a developmental preview showing to an invited audience in late November 2020. In 2021 we will be launching our first large format 2D art exhibition outdoors, focussing on the natural environment of Port Phillip, depicted by wildlife photographers. This new exhibition will be installed inside the high brick boundary wall on Pickles Street and will be free of charge and accessible at all hours seven days a week.

Already resident artists at Gasworks have responded to the crisis and have and continue to develop work that the community can engage with. Robert Lee Davis has installed four artworks in the Porthole at Gasworks entitled: "In Response" on

nature's reaction to the COVID-19 conditions. These works can be viewed safely within physical distancing guidelines and also online.

Ben Storch has received a small Creative Victoria grant to explore AR and VR as an art form, and has proposed a project where virtual, animated artworks are placed in the Gasworks Arts Park. These can be triggered on mobile devices when people walk in the park, or in a virtual park environment on their devices at home.

## Park Upgrade: Supporting Social Inclusion and Diversity

Gasworks Arts Park welcomes the inclusion of the design cost of the park upgrade in this year's budget, with the first tranche of the construction budget being scheduled for the following year. We have been collaborating with Council on the design of the park upgrade for over a year now, sharing our deep knowledge of how the park is used and the opportunities for improvement. We are grateful to the Council for their continued commitment to this project. The guiding themes for the park upgrade collaboration are:

- To enhance and honour the Park's point of difference as a unique home for creativity.
- To utilise the creative talent, vision and knowledge of the Gasworks resident artists to create unique and bespoke artistic legacies within the park.
- To support a variety of public arts events, including ticketed events in the infrastructure and layout of the Park.
- To improve facilities to further encourage and support social gatherings at the Park.

The provision of arts and public spaces will play a significant role in the recovery of our community. As a socially inclusive space, and one that allows for a diversity of uses, Gasworks Arts Park is especially important in that project. In showcasing art and bringing residents and artists together in creative and safe ways, Gasworks Arts Park in partnership with the City of Port Phillip, looks forward to playing our part in the recovery of our community.

While there are many negatives associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, our responses to it present opportunities to cement enduring networks within the Port Phillip arts community and to ensure that the many opportunities available at Gasworks can now be made more inclusive for all residents in our community.

We congratulate the Council for its leadership during this period and note, in particular, its emergency relief, social housing, and arts rescue package. We are confident that our continued partnership with Council will help it to fulfil its commitment to the arts as a way of ensuring Port Phillip remains "a City where arts, culture and creative expression is part of everyday life" and where the diversity of the community can be accommodated.

CBR-272

17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Council Planning and Performance  
Port Phillip City Council  
Private Bag No 3  
St Kilda VIC 3182

RE: Submission in relation to proposed Council Plan and Budget

I preface my comments by noting the following statements from your documents:

- The Council Plan sets out our long-term vision for the City of Port Phillip.
- The Integrated Plan is supported by....detailed strategies and delivery plans that will help deliver our vision and the outcomes we are committed to.
- The Financial Plan provides the context within which the Council formulates the Council Plan.
- Rate capping represents a major challenge....that will require fundamental changes to the way we operate. A business as usual approach will not be sufficient.

It is my contention that the Council Plan is too complex. The detailed strategies that have evolved from the 5 broad 'strategic direction' statements have created too many projects on an annual basis. The result is complexity in terms of delivery, increased annual cost and in turn an unnecessary financial burden on the community.

It is my view that Council has tried to do too much too quickly. Council should be providing direction to officers to reduce the number of detailed strategies and hence projects in the Council Plan to a more manageable level. This would also enable a recalibration of the Financial Plan.

It is noted that the changes made to the 2020/21 budget and following years of the Financial Plan essentially involve deferments of projects and the related expenditure. No real attempt has been made to reduce expenditure, presumably because all areas of council regard their strategies as essential. Reducing complexity peels back costs both operational and capital.

In the current environment, rates should not be increasing in 2020/21. Council should be identifying areas in which to cut operating expenditure to fund initiatives for those who need it most.

It is noted in the Plan that 'a significant portion of our costs remain fixed, with staff salaries'.....Staff are not a fixed cost and with turnover expected at 10% per annum, reductions can be effected very quickly, whilst acknowledging that essential staff would need to be replaced. Proposed staff wage increases should be deferred and a review/replacement of the existing superannuation system undertaken – defined benefit schemes have proven to be very costly.

Page 13 of the Plan notes 'Reprioritisation of activities and services should be aligned to the Council Plan priorities' – if you do not reduce the number of detailed strategies and hence projects, all that occurs is a deferment of cost, not a genuine and meaningful reduction. Indeed the last words on page 14 describe action has been taken in a way to ensure 'responses to our strategies are maintained over the medium and long-term'.

Observations re Plan responses:

Pages 22-26 of the Plan identify 'major changes to existing projects and programs'. Whilst difficult to calculate in total, deferment of costs approximates \$24m, land acquisition for the Sustainability Hub (\$17.5m) has been removed and the Kerferd Rd safety improvement project (\$2m) has been deleted as replaced by the State Government Shrine to Sea initiative.

Projects not previously identified in the Council Plan for which funding is required total \$2.219m of which \$0.975m relates to the Council election. How was the latter expense missed in the previous plan and are the projects that make up the \$2.219m all essential?

One project which should not have one more dollar spent on it is the Park St Bike Link. Not only will it make the eastern end of Park St unworkable and the section west of Kings Way unsafe, there is a far better solution for a dedicated east – west crossing of Kings Way and a connection to Moray St and beyond to the Bay. Utilise part of the very wide southern footpath where Kings Way joins St Kilda Rd. Then across the Queens Rd/ Kings Way intersection at the existing traffic lights, continue behind Mac Robertson Girls High and join the Albert Rd existing bike paths.

The 10 year Plan appears over ambitious with respect to cash flow from the second highest revenue stream - parking. Given the determination expressed in the strategies to stop people using cars, it is difficult to understand how parking revenue (including fines) will increase by 60% to \$45m between 2021 and 2030. Particularly so, given the reduction in street parking spaces

A suggestion regarding the possibility of increased revenue to use for the benefit of the local community, whether increased green space, wider footpaths or laneways, community services:

The revised planning scheme for the St Kilda Rd North area – C107, gifted property owners in Sub-Precinct 2 the prospect of an additional 7 floors in a developed building. This represents a windfall gain in excess of 50% in the value of the site. It would not be unreasonable or unrealistic to implement a Development levy of between \$1 and \$3/sqm, based on the area of each site as a contribution to the local community.

The Integrated Transport Strategy is unbalanced. Despite a growing population it is based on no growth in car usage and major expenditure on bike infrastructure. Whilst this is admirable and an increase in the safety of bike use is a major plus for the community, the zero growth in car use assumption is flawed. A large part of the population growth will result from new apartment developments. Many of these will attract older residents

moving closer to the city but with family, business or leisure activities that require car use. In addition, weekly shopping cannot be completed at the local IGA and medical services are not necessarily within walking distance or indeed practical by tram.

The car use assumption also ignores the number of service personnel that are required to attend each multi storey tower, including those required by residents. Bike riding is not a solution for a large part of our population and discriminates against older as well as less mobile people.

Whilst being unaware of the specific project scopes or justification, there are a number of significant projects in the 10 year Plan the timing of which could be questioned:

- Gasworks Arts Park Reinstatement
- Kings Place Pocket Park
- Lagoon Reserve Pavilion Replacement
- St Kilda Library Redevelopment

Clearly the present health crisis has significantly impacted the Council's financial position and endeavours have been made to rearrange spending in 2020 and 2021. My main concern with the 10 Year Plan is its complexity driven by an increasing number of projects which each result in additional operational costs, all starting from 5 broad strategic directions.

It is time to cut off some branches of the strategic tree and by so doing, eliminate a number of projects, simplify the organisational structure and reduce the cost base. Only essential projects should remain and be focussed on maximum community benefit.

I thank you for the opportunity to comment and will be happy to answer any questions regarding my comments above.

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**CBR-273**

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**Subject:** Southport Community Centre

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Dear Port Phillip Council,

As a Board Member of the SPCC I want to thank you for your continued support of our many council funded programs. This funding has a hugely positive impact on many lives each week.

There are currently 12 SPCC council funded programs that serve more than 300 participants each week. Many of these programs actively support the most disadvantaged and isolated residents in our community, who are significantly affected by COVID19. Our workers & programs are actively involved in keeping our isolated and vulnerable residents/participants supported, informed, safe and connected during these challenging times.

We look forward, particularly in light of the impact of COVID-19, to continuing this great work in support of our local community, made possible by your support.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

## Feedback re the updated City of Port Phillip (CoPP) Council Plan 2017-27 and Draft Budget 2020/21

### Introduction

As I write this we in metropolitan Melbourne and the Shire of Mitchell, are all back in Stage 3 lockdown and into relative isolation and a general feeling of on-going anxiety. During this unprecedented time in Australia's history due to the impact of COVID-19, PPCG's vision remains unaltered - *a fair and just society that values all people*<sup>1</sup>.

Early on in the COVID-19 pandemic, PPCG quickly re-purposed its staff and resources to establish **Share the Food**. We did this as we knew that our clients - the majority, who are the most vulnerable and marginalised residents of Port Phillip, would struggle to access food and other necessary resources during the pending closure of many community and support services. We also knew that external services such as SecondBite would have reduced volunteer staff that would mean that residents with the most need in Port Phillip would be at risk of hunger and also a loss of their daily connections through receiving and sharing food.

It is a testament to Council and a reflection of Council's commitment to its Council Plan 2017 - 2027 that Council quickly provided us with staff expertise, a location and funds to assist PPCG a very small yet committed and agile organisation, to set up **Share the Food**. This has meant that PPCG has gone from feeding hundreds of people a week to feeding thousands.

Between April –June 2020 PPCG via **Share the Food**, has distributed ~\$300k worth of food and essential items. *To put this into context PPCG usually distributes ~\$200k worth of food and essential items per annum.* The client and target groups remain our typical client groups that have complex needs underpinned by poverty, family violence and lack of education and support, plus the newly-unemployed, students, people on bridging visas and people who are falling through the cracks of assistance programs.

Whilst we do not know the future of JobSeeker and JobKeeper payments as of September 2020, we anticipate that these will change – the first to a lesser amount and the second to a tighter eligibility. With the unemployment rate at ~7.4% - the highest in Australia since 1998, with nearly 1 million people currently out of work, the foreseeable economic and social impacts are dire and will be felt for a long time. However in this time of significant upheaval

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<sup>1</sup> PPCG is a NFP organisation that works in partnership with local, state and federal governments, funders, clients, stakeholders and communities to provide welfare, financial counselling and education for people on low incomes, disadvantaged, in crisis, marginalised and / or at risk of homelessness. In 2019 - 2020 38% of PPCG clients were from CALD backgrounds, 53% lived in public housing and 32% identified as homeless.

in what it means to belong to our community, how we work and how we live, we have also seen and experienced firsthand hope, compassion, acts of random kindness, incredible generosity and glimpses of a better future for our community and in line with PPCG's vision: *a fair and just society that values all people*. It is therefore imperative that Council remains strong, steady and leads Port Phillip – in all its many and diverse parts, through this current crisis and into a brighter future.

### **Updated City of Port Phillip (CoPP) Council Plan 20/21**

We applaud the ongoing commitment to diversity and inclusion in the updated Council Plan. The Plan 2017 - 2027 continues its commitment to partnerships, stakeholder engagement and community development that will enable and contribute to the social inclusion and participation of all people across Port Phillip at this particularly difficult time as Victoria confronts new waves of community transmission from COVID-19. We are pleased that Council's Strategic Direction 1: "*We embrace difference, and people belong*", remains in place. PPCG has a longstanding commitment to social inclusion and diversity and this sentence speaks volumes about Council's commitment to a society that values and promotes opportunities for all its citizens to fully participate in community life.

### **Draft Budget 2020/21**

PPCG acknowledges that the overall impact of COVID-19 on Council finances estimated at \$32 million is devastating - with \$12.7 million felt in the previous FY 2019/20, and a further \$19.3 million in this FY 2020/2021.

We fully support the ~\$4+ million devoted to COVID-19 social and economic recovery measures as we know that it is all of the community – businesses, agencies, artists, creative and recreational industries, community, housing, health; and families and individuals that will all need to be supported now and into the future. ***We would therefore like to see this amount continually reviewed to ensure that the creativity and compassion that Port Phillip is renowned for and now so evident during the pandemic, continues with as much financial and other supports as possible to inspire a renewed sense of place, locality and creativity.***

### **Proposed Funding to PPCG**

It's critical that at this time of isolation and hardship for so many, that we reach out to all with kindness and generosity. We are therefore extremely grateful that Council has proposed in its draft budget:

1. \$45k for PPCG for ***Share The Food*** July to September 2020 (p. 17 – 19); and
2. \$588k Service Deed funding for PPCG for FY 2020/2021 (p.71).

We support these funds wholeheartedly. For the past 3 years PPCG has delivered in excess of its CoPP KPIs. To do this PPCG has directly contributed ~\$200k from other external grants and funding as well as providing in-kind volunteer and other practical food and essential items to the value of ~\$150k. In summary CoPP provides us with \$588k and we leverage off this grant to deliver close to \$1 million worth of direct value against Council's investment. In addition we generate ~\$350k of income to provide other programs in education and financial counselling which also directly benefit CoPP residents.



As a note re point 2 above, PPCG has since 2010 been in a continuing state of uncertainty re Service Deed funding from CoPP and in a cycle of short term (1 - 2 year extensions). Most importantly unlike state or government funding, Council does not pass on state CPI nor award increases. This has meant that during the past 10 years Council funds have remained fairly static whilst PPCG salaries and wages (under our Award - SCHCADS) have increased by up to 35%. ***However in the midst of a pandemic and recession, we are grateful for Council funding as it means that our staff can continue their work and contribute to ameliorating the challenging impacts of COVID-19; and re-engaging and re-building our community post COVID-19. This is a conversation to be had in the future.***

### **Homelessness**

We applaud Council's commitment to proactively addressing homelessness and providing further social housing. We know that homelessness is complex involving mental and physical health issues, family breakdown, substance use and abuse, and domestic violence; and it is not simply about providing housing. We work with people who are homeless every day and in many different ways and settings, as not all homelessness is visible, and not all people who are homeless can 'be fixed' by moving them off the street, or out of sight / out of mind. This is an opportunity for Council to continue its ground-breaking work in this area and for a range of community, health and housing organisations to come together through Council leadership and facilitation. ***The solution is to provide safe and secure housing with professional and wrap around supports on site 24/7 to address the wider social and physical health issues behind both homelessness, and the housing crisis. PPCG has the experience and expertise to directly contribute to this.***

### **Reduced Staffing and Smaller Local Government**

Council is proposing \$23 million of savings and continuing to identify further operational and staffing costs. We understand the difficult decisions Council needs to make re the funding of programs and services versus internal funding cuts, and perhaps an easier and more palatable political outcome for many through reduction of staff. As we see from immediate and ongoing responses of Council to the direct and continuing impacts of COVID-19, local government understands that what is essential at this time and into the immediate future is to support the community through a wide range of direct interventions – not just through roads, rubbish and footpath repairs. ***To achieve the outcomes that everyone is wanting in the community – i.e. a return to as normal as possible is to not cut too deep into Council staff and resources. We have seen this in other tiers of government and business, which has led to poverty, mental health issues and displacement of people from their local connections – hence the now stark contrast and divide between the 'haves and have-nots' increasingly visible in our City.***

Council spends money on small initiatives that often do not deliver positive social impacts. A case in point is the continued funding for South Port Community Legal Service (noting that there are several other examples). ***We believe that this is a missed opportunity to consolidate legal services across Port Phillip that:***

- ***Would benefit all residents of Port Phillip and not just residents in the suburbs of Port Melbourne, South Melbourne, Middle Park, Albert Park, Southbank and Fisherman's Bend; and***

- ***Should be allocated through an equitable and transparent process that ensures council funding for legal services delivers maximum value for the community as a whole and targets those with high legal need.***

### **Additional Comments**

*PPCG supports fully:*

- Reinstating \$10k in 2020/21 in project funding for Friends of Suai/Covalima for the length of the current Friends of Suai/Covalima agreement as compassionate and kind;
- Replacing the \$50k budget allocation in 2020/21 in the draft budget document and \$2.236,000 million forecast allocation in 2021/22 for the Port Phillip EcoCentre Redevelopment in line with its positive work in environmental / climate change initiatives;
- Suspending the 'quick response' Neighbourhood Grants program for one-year, reinstating funding from 2021/22.

*PPCG supports in principle:*

- Reducing ASSIST Counter Service at Port Melbourne and South Melbourne Town Halls for one year with a complete review before 1 July 2021, to assess the impact of the change on community members who do not have online access to our services. ***As a key service deliverer and stakeholder with ASSIST at both Town Halls, PPCG expects to be involved in this review based on an open and transparent process.***

We also acknowledge the important and essential role of volunteers. Volunteers have always been and continue even more so to be the backbone of PPCG's programs and services. The proposed Council corporate volunteer program that allows Council staff to volunteer for up to 2 days per annum is a welcome initiative, and as PPCG can attest has been invaluable to us and the community re ***Share the Food***. In addition volunteering directed to local community sector organisations delivering programs to support social recovery and / or on-going relief for vulnerable communities is vital (*Initiative 20 – p17 & 18*).

### **A Re-imagined Community or Life after Coronavirus**

This is a time for brave and progressive Councillors who understand that the world and the City have changed. PPCG urges Council to be bold. This is an opportunity to build the social and economic infrastructure needed to support individuals, families and communities, sustain local businesses and prepare for ongoing challenges, including climate change.

Council through its **updated City of Port Phillip (CoPP) Council Plan 2017-27 and Draft Budget 2020/21** continues to demonstrate leadership and commitment through a whole-of-Council approach and working collaboratively with its many partners and key stakeholders to reduce the current and emerging inequalities as a direct result of COVID-19. PPCG is willing and able to work closely with Council throughout this unprecedented time to hold and embed Council's vision for Port Phillip as a City that is inviting, liveable, caring and compassionate.



**██████████ - Executive Officer**  
**Port Phillip Community Group**  
**17 July 2020**

## **Submission to the City of Port Phillip regarding Council Plan & draft Budget 2020/21**

By [REDACTED]

Thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback on the Council Plan and draft Budget 2020/21.

Firstly, I have provided a summary of my views, and then a more detailed explanation. I have also added a small section detailing a few potential typos in the Plan/Budget document.

In summary, I:

- support the majority of decisions of the City of Port Phillip (CoPP)
- support my rates increasing
- support fee increases
- support the Economic and Social Recovery program
- support Reinstating \$10,000 for Friends of Suai/Covalima
- do not support the \$430,000 reduction from the Bike Infrastructure Program
- do not support additional cuts to services
- love living in St Kilda, I am proud to be living in the City of Port Phillip
- commend the council on its response to the COVID-19 crisis.

**In more detail, I:**

### ***Support the majority of decisions of the COPP***

I understand with the Covid-19 crisis we are in extraordinary times. This major public health issue has led to a severe economic crisis, which demands extraordinary measures. Although, I believe a vibrant community needs good services, I understand that there has to be cuts and I believe COPP has chosen wisely where to make these cuts.

### ***Support my rates increasing***

I am agreeable for my rates to be increased by 2%. No one wants to pay more than they have to, but in a fair and equitable society, services are needed. I accept that these are better able to be provided if there is more rates revenue.

NB I am aware of the Ratepayers of Port Phillip Inc. Although, I am a ratepayer (and resident), this organisation in no way represents my views. They have a Facebook page, which, in my opinion is not reflective of the majority of ratepayers and/or residents. I know of a number of people, myself included, who have been blocked from commenting on that Facebook group. So, it may appear there is consensus on their page, but this is misleading; many people, who have different views, are unable to comment on their page. I am also aware of the number of fake accounts and people who are neither residents nor ratepayers in the area, again helping to make the page appear it has more local support than it actually does.

### ***Support fee increases***

Generally, the fee increases are small (2.25%) which I believe is reasonable given the shortfall in revenue.

### ***Support the Economic and Social Recovery program***

Makes sense, to me, to provide assistance to those who need it most.

***Support Reinstating \$10,000 for Friends of Suai/Covalima***

I would prefer to see Friends of Suai/Covalima receive the full \$38,000, but understand in these economic times cuts have to be made. I believe cutting all funds to this group would be difficult and hard for the group. Therefore, providing the \$10,000 is a compromise which helps the group transition from funding.

***Do not support the \$430,000 reduction from the Bike Infrastructure Program***

Under Strategic Direction 2: We are connected and it's easy to move around, a reduction of \$430,00 to the Bike Infrastructure Program. I believe bicycle infrastructure is needed more now given: 1. with Covid-19 people are fearful of using public transport and therefore are seeking other modes of transport. 2. Preferable to have people using their bicycles than their cars as COPP roads are already at maximum capacity.

It would be easy to argue that the disruptions of Covid-19 will just short term and therefore it's not necessary to plan for a city not using public transport. However, the fear of contracting Covid-19 and resultant reluctance to use public transport, may last for years. Therefore, I believe cutting back on bicycle facilities is not a good idea.

***Do not support additional cuts to services***

I do not believe now is the time to be cutting back on services, other than those required to balance the budget. When economic growth is slow, money is needed to be injected into the economy to boost the economy.

***I love living in St Kilda, I am proud to be living in the City of Port Phillip***

I believe St Kilda has a great sense of community. People, generally, are inclusive and consider everyone to be part of the community. I see compassion in the way people treat all members of the community, including rough sleepers and those who are doing it tough.

I am proud to live in the City of Port Phillip. The decisions the council has made have helped the area be what it is. I have friends who do not want to live in other municipalities because they are not as progressive and compassionate as this one.

***Commend the council on its response to the COVID-19 crisis***

Navigating through this once-in-a-lifetime crisis has not been easy. I commend the council on how they have responded and dealt with issues as they have arisen. From the Emergency package, through to the cuts that have been made. It seems to me, COPP has been responsive, considered and compassionate in its approach. Thank you COPP.

I look forward to continuing to live in a City which is bold, liveable, caring and beautiful.

**Extra notes:** regarding the Draft Council Plan and Budget document:

P12: It states: "On 25 March 2019, we announced a \$2.5 million....." I am wondering if this should be 25 March 2020?

P15: It states: "Below are the proposed changes to our Council Plan that was adopted on 19 June 2019." I am wondering if this date should be 17 June 2020?

**CBR-276**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 13 July 2020 8:36 AM  
**To:** Bernadene Voss - Mayor <[Bernadene.Voss@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Bernadene.Voss@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** DIG IN AND FISHERMANS BEND COMMUNITY GARDENS

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Dear Mayor Voss,

Thank you for your continued support of our Dig In & Fishermans Bend Community Gardens programme and SPCC.

The Dig In community are most grateful for your assistance in keeping our most beloved and essential community garden going when we were faced with our first lockdown. We continue to still be able to grow fresh produce and all abide by strict Covid guidelines to keep ourselves and all participants safe. This has been particularly important to our single people who need to be able to get out and exercise, at the same time growing produce they do not need to visit supermarkets to purchase  
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Ours is one of 12 SPCC council funded programmes that serve more than 300 participants each week, and they also have been supportive of keeping the gardens open to plot holders

Research indicates an active healthy, resilient, well-informed, connected community will recover more quickly from disruptions like COVID-19 and your support makes that possible.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Secretary - Dig In & Fishermans Bend Community Gardens

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██████████  
St Kilda 3182

14 July 2020

Dear Mayor and Deputy Mayor,

I have recently learned that Council funding support for a program of enormous value to the citizens of Port Phillip may be withdrawn. I write to you to set out the value of the program and ask that Port Phillip Council continue the funding.

I have been attending exercise classes run by Ms ██████████ for over a year. ██████████ runs classes in a number of locations. I have regularly attended classes at St Peter and Paul's Church hall in Dorcas Street and at Sol Greene Reserve in Montague Street. I am retired and these classes have been invaluable in keeping me fit and healthy.

I cannot speak too highly of ██████████'s work. Her professionalism, clear explanation, attention to the individual needs of group members is truly outstanding. She recalls who is recently recovering from injury or ill health; she offers modified versions for those who, for whatever reason, may need it. She creates a positive and cheerful atmosphere for the group and keeps us interested by varying the activities. We all leave feeling healthy and well exercised, and psychologically positive about our lives. Attendance has been of great benefit to me and to the others I have met in these groups.

Since the closure of face-to-face sessions due to Covid 19 ██████████ has been working hard to produce online versions of her classes to keep us all active and fit. I believe ██████████'s service to older Port Phillip citizens is something that should be supported by our Council and I urge you to continue funding of these valuable community programs. I can be contacted at ██████████

Yours sincerely

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**CBR-279**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 17 July 2020 1:50 PM  
**To:** Bernadene Voss - Mayor <[Bernadene.Voss@portphilip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Bernadene.Voss@portphilip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Save our program

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**Dear Bernadene**

**Thank you for your continued support of our Gentle exercise program and SPCC. It has made a hugely positive impact on my life. When I moved to Port Melbourne I was very lonely. The exercise program at Liardet St and Sol Green not only gave me necessary active exercise but enabled me to meet local ladies and make new friends. Not easy at my age. This wonderful program is extremely beneficial for appropriate exercise and community involvement. The ability to continue with zoom during Covid is great but I anxiously await the return to SPCC for the human interaction**

Ours is one of 12 SPCC council funded programs that serve more than 300 participants each week

**Research indicates an active healthy, resilient, well-informed, connected community will recover more quickly from disruptions like COVID-19 and your support makes that possible.**

**Thank you,**

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Port Melbourne



**CBR-280**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 July 2020 11:02 AM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** SPCC exercise program for older adults

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Dear Port Phillip Council,

I am writing to thank you for supporting our exercise program and SPCC. This has been invaluable during the COVID-19 lockdowns and enabled us to maintain the gains we experienced in the face to face sessions we previously attended. Your support makes it possible for us to remain connected, healthy and active at this difficult time.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad.

CBR-281

Submission by [REDACTED] in Response to the City of Port Phillip Draft Budget 2020

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The events of recent months with the worldwide Covid19 pandemic have revealed the dramatic and fundamental need to transform our attitudes to urban planning and transport. In particular, the dependence on the automobile, which has been revealed by studies to be an overly wasteful, unnecessary and inefficient form of transport for metropolitan areas like the City of Port Phillip.

Across Europe and North America and elsewhere municipalities have led the way in initiating moves to create separated bicycle lanes and provide increased movement and safer public space for pedestrians. Encouragements to further use of independent, speed-reduced and limited power-assisted modes of transport have become a commonplace. Such initiatives are necessary for the healthy and wellbeing of our cities and their citizens.

It is an understood fact that bicycle use in our city will only advance if the streets are made safer for cyclists.

This means separated bicycle lanes and the elimination of automobile parking from certain streets. Studies have recognized that the City includes some of the most dangerous and deadly locations for cyclists in the Melbourne metropolitan area.

Recent weeks have seen major initiatives worldwide favoring the increased use of the bicycle by citizens of all ages and capacities in Australian cities, such as the City of Melbourne. Not so in Port Phillip where the promised Bike Infrastructure program has been put on hold with a \$430,000 reduction and reduced to “design and consultation in 2020-21.

Instead of activism and the City leading the way we see a deferral of projects such as the Garden City Bike Path. Nothing for bicycle education or training and young cyclists. Nothing for improved street signage.

No provision appears to have been made for urgent temporary initiatives for pedestrians or cyclists given the possibility of changes to public health regulations, such as introduction of State Four restrictions.

The City of Port Phillip is negligent of cyclists within its midst. It does not record them or bicycle ownership in the municipality in the General Statistics quoted in the Draft Budget.

Lip service is given to the difficulties imposed by the extent of automobile use and the dumping of automobiles on our public thoroughfares under the guise of “parking”. But nowhere is there a practical realization of the need to tackle this and associated problems head on with policies, initiatives and expenditure directly favoring a solution to these problems: increased bicycle use.

[REDACTED] - [REDACTED], St Kilda, Vic.3182

17 July 2020

17 July 2020

Dear Councillors,

To help local business to survive an unprecedented economic and health crisis, we seek relief from the City of Port Phillip. Real economic relief.

The second lock down leaves businesses in an even more terrifying position than during the initial phase.

A dramatic loss in trade combined with an escalation of deferred costs shall, if not managed well, lead to utter devastation in our already flailing high streets. We plead for your assistance to assist in salvaging not only the livelihood of traders throughout the area, but also the community – commercial and residential – that these areas foster both local and tourism, local jobs and income for you the CoPP.

I request the following actions from the CoPP:

- Rate relief equal to 25% of all annual rates payable by businesses for the winter quarter. Targeted at businesses that qualify for Job Keeper and similar tests
- The continuation of the freeze on charges such as outside dining into next year
- The heavy discounting or removal of parking fees for at least six months.
- Upholding your word of the already established commitment to funding half of the Renew project (\$75,000) now that the FSBA has decided to commit its own funds to meet the required other half in light of the State Government showing no interest in assisting our plight.
- A thorough and reasonable consideration of a "Hoyne-like" project which will complement the Renew project and build and expand upon the now almost defunct Placemaking exercise. Quotations are currently being sought for approval as per our requirement.

Sincerely,



Vice-President Fitzroy Street Business Association  
Trader, Landlord and Resident of St. Kilda

Thank you for the opportunity to make submission to your budget planning process.

Balaclava is a booming precinct with a lively shopping strip in the CoPP that requires attention.

BEST would like to acknowledge full support of the submission made by PECAN

We propose that Council undertakes a coordinated and planned review of Balaclava area that takes in the following

- Increasing canopy cover. Council needs to set more ambitious targets to mitigate the documented deficit of canopy in the Balaclava precinct. With its mix of narrow and wide streets planning is needed to maximize the benefits possible from our public spaces by developing a local plan.
- An overall review of traffic management should feed into such a local plan to address the impact of current and future approved activity in William St and Carlisle St. Including but not limited to traffic management in William St/Nightingale St/Gibbs St/Bothwell St and Woodstock St.
- Balaclava Walk - inclusion in the Budget as an advocacy item is appreciated however it needs to be actualized including a review of embankment to restore the greening of this area.
- Improvement of street crossings is needed especially at the pedestrian crossings at Nightingale St and Grosvenor St. This section of the Balaclava Walk has been on the books for 15 years. It has been fully documented and designed by MGS and should be expedited. (*see attachment 1*)
- We have already made submissions to the public Spaces Strategy which should be directing Council expenditure to areas of highest need. The Balaclava St Kilda East area has a historic deficit in that regards which needs a planned response. A starting point would be to maximize our corridors of open space along roadways (Such as Bothwell Street) along our railway reserves and embasures and by making use of shared spaces such as at the St Kilda Primary School. Such opportunities for partnership maximises existing open space (i.e. St Kilda Primary School)
- Opportunities to use the water from the Town Hall Drain for stormwater flood reduction and watering open space in this area.

This submission aligns with CoPP Strategic directions 2, 3 and 4.

We note support for our position from Council documents:

- Balaclava has one of the higher density populations.
- Balaclava has the least open space and sporting/recreational space across the city
- Balaclava is significantly deficit in tree canopy when compared with other precincts across the city
- Balaclava is undergoing significant change in the William St precinct

*Attachment 1 – Timeline of Community Action for Nightingale St Crossing*

## Community Action for Nightingale Street/Balaclava Walk

### Crossing

- **2006** A community meeting (requested by residents) held with Cr Ray to address traffic and parking issues in William and Nightingale Streets. Council acknowledged concerns about pedestrian safety issues relating to walk/street intersection and agreed to works of a minor nature at the crossing from Balaclava Walkway across Nightingale Street on both sides of the bridge. Completion of the crossover was to be referred to 07/08 capital works program.
- **2007** As promised a minimum construction of two x pedestrian refuge islands and line marking was completed.
- **2012** A comprehensive and lengthy proposal and community consultation was undertaken to redefine Balaclava walk. On 24 September 2012, Council adopted the **Balaclava Walk Masterplan. This plan tied the redevelopment and road treatment of the Nightingale St crossing to its success. Relevant wording from the plan;**

#### *Precinct Four: Nightingale Street Interface*

*A proposed minor civic space that forms the southern gateway to Balaclava Walk East and West*

- *Traffic calming measures to be redesigned to reduce visual clutter and respond to the residential nature of the street*
- *Design response;*  
*Provide a common street treatment to the area, to help unify the space and announce the gateway to Balaclava Walk East and West. Incorporate traffic calming measures to Nightingale Street and provide a generous and clear pedestrian crossing. Widen footpaths on Nightingale Street so that they meet the piers of the railway bridge*
- **May 2013-November 2014** Balaclava walkway closed for station redevelopment. Nightingale Street bridge area largely neglected and used as a tipping area for contaminated material, temporary signposting poorly maintained and rubbish accumulation allowed. Significant additional tagging occurred in the area particularly across the bluestone bridge which has continued to this day.
- **2014** A petition was submitted to Council seeking support to manage traffic and parking issues in Nightingale St. In this larger document it was noted that the speed, volume and type of traffic along with poor sight lines all combined to make this particular area (East and West of the bridge) an unsafe and unpleasant experience for pedestrians.
- **2015** Balaclava Walk - Council's city design team advised that this project was no longer live and there would be no completion of the work proposed at Nightingale St
- **2015** Proposed approval of 5 storey development (incorporating one café space and 14 offices) on the north eastern side of the bridge.

- **2015 Request (residents) made to Cr Huxley for a collective resolution to the street landscaping and pedestrian treatment of the area west of the bluestone rail bridge on Nightingale Street, leaving out the eastern side as Council already indicated they were reluctant to address works until approved development completed. (July 2020 this development site remains a vacant block of land)**  
In principal support for a coordinated response by the City of Port Phillip from the following officers
  - Rebecca Doherty – Place Manager Activity Centres
  - Mark Fusco - Coordinator Parks Services
  - Simon Roberts – Urban Forest Planner
  - Ted Teo – Senior Traffic Engineer - Transport Safety Engineering
  - Phil Beard – Principal Planner City Development
- **2015 Save Our Bollards campaign (SOB)**  
Council proposed to remove bollards at Railway place and Nightingale St crossing to allow through traffic. This was reversing a 30 year situation that limited vehicle traffic to residential properties backing onto the laneway. Community action was successful in maintaining status quo, arguing for pedestrian safety and amenity over vehicles.
- **2019 BEST raises issue of crossing with Canal Ward councillors at a meeting in December 2019. At this meeting the request is made to unlink this development from the Balaclava Walk Masterplan and incorporate works in upcoming budget.**

The City of Port Phillip has repeatedly acknowledged since 2006 that this crossover requires treatment.

The treatment of the crossover should not have been tied to Balaclava Walk Masterplan when it became evident that this would not be delivered.

This particular crossover seems to be an anomaly in a street that can be traversed all the way to the Elwood foreshore where, without exception, every street and walkway pedestrian crossing has been appropriately constructed and landscaped to minimise width of crossing and maximise calming of traffic.

- 3200 (approx.) commuters access Balaclava station each weekday
- 85 % of people access the station by walking
- The bluestone bridge at the crossover stands at 5.0 metres. This clearance allows the largest vehicle permissible on the road in Victoria to pass under. This is unlike the bridges at Carlisle, Inkerman and Grosvenor that do not have this clearance.
- This majestic bridge is an unusual asset in the CoPP due to its size, construction and position in a residential street. It should be celebrated and cared for which includes enhancement of immediate environs.

## CBR-284.

### Introduction

PECAN is a non-partisan umbrella organisation that includes representatives from Australian Conservation Foundation Macnamara, Australian Youth Climate Coalition, Bayside Climate Crisis Action Group, Community Alliance of Port Phillip, Elsternwick Park Association, Elwood Floods Action Group, Extinction Rebellion Port Phillip, Locals Into Victoria's Environment, Port Phillip Alliance for Sustainability, Port Phillip EcoCentre, Stop [REDACTED] and unChain St Kilda.

PECAN aims to create and sustain a strong climate action movement in Port Phillip to address the climate crisis.

PECAN priorities for the 2020-21 budget are listed below and follow some preliminary comments relating mainly to Council's role as educator about climate change within the Port Phillip community.

### Summary of submission

PECAN requests that council commits to support its role as an educator and facilitator.

1. Council commits to ongoing funding for the EcoCentre.
2. Council ensures that all climate-related projects display educational information showing the benefits of the project.
3. Council develops and implements an education strategy to inform residents of how the City is tackling the climate emergency.
4. Council commits to achieving measurable targets to tackle the climate emergency, and uses place-based signage to inform residents of the City's progress toward these targets.
5. That Council strengthens its overall response to the climate emergency and works with its community using genuine citizen engagement processes in accordance with the requirements of the new Local Government Act 2020.
6. That Council engages with environment groups to jointly develop detailed reporting commencing with target setting with dates, responsibilities and budgets, and ongoing transparency with project implementation.

PECAN Budget Submission recommendations:

7. That Council facilitates a Power Purchase Agreement directed toward the commercial and industrial sectors.
8. That Council supports the development of Collective Power Purchasing Systems for Port Phillip residents, especially apartment dwellers.
9. In conjunction with other Councils, that Port Phillip should propose that stimulus funds be provided in a retrofitting program directed towards low income/vulnerable households.
10. That Council develops a Green-Blue Infrastructure Action Plan, incorporating a review of Greening Port Phillip together with a catchment-based Integrated Water Management Plan.
11. Council integrates ongoing work through Move Connect Live and related transport policies 2020-2028 with the proposed Green -Blue Infrastructure Action Plan, and in the short term gives priority to temporary bike lanes.
12. That through participation in CASBE, Council's Planning Scheme can be successfully updated to upgrade building performance standards with a target of 2023.



13. That Council reviews Sustainability staffing capability in the context of Project requirements in 2020/21.

## Council as Educator and Facilitator

### EcoCentre

We believe that the EcoCentre has performed a key role in many aspects of environmental sustainability in Port Phillip and indeed across many Melbourne metropolitan boundaries and plays a key role in implementing the City's role to educate and facilitate community engagement in Sustainability.

It has outgrown its existing building and it is now time for the CoPP to support an expanded role for it by both completion of the new building so that it is fit for purpose, and expanding its operational funding. PECAN welcomes Council's funding provision in the 2020/21 and following Budgets to resource the rebuilding of the EcoCentre.

**Recommendation 1: Council commits to ongoing funding for the EcoCentre.**

### Climate change and learning opportunities

While Council has a direct role in community education about climate change, we think that it should be better promoting the sustainability projects it carries out, in a way which assists citizens to better understand and learn about specific measures aimed at mitigating the impacts of climate change.

To take one simple example, the excellent work Council has undertaken in rainwater harvesting at Alma Park is a perfect opportunity to include onsite signage explaining the project as a measure to address the effects of the climate emergency. These signs could be linked to websites drawing citizens attention to the deeper levels of project complexity. Unfortunately, there is only one sign alongside the beautiful reed bed, and it states, 'fluctuating water levels, keep out'.

A similar situation is found at South Melbourne market, where the rooftop solar project provides an excellent opportunity to educate about and promote awareness of the climate emergency through signage around the market.

**Recommendation 2: Council ensures that all climate-related projects display educational information showing the benefits of the project.**

### Making the most of what the council does

We urge Council to develop and implement a sophisticated educational/communication strategy to ensure that the Sustainability projects it undertakes create learning opportunities for Port Phillip citizens into the climate emergency and the ways Council is addressing it. Both traditional and digital media should be developed and elevated in their role to serve this purpose. In this regard, the Port Phillip EcoCentre could serve as an internal consultant to Council in this task.

**Recommendation 3: Council develops and implements an education strategy to inform residents of how the City is tackling the climate emergency.**

### Climate action targets

There is a close link between citizen engagement and the setting of and reporting on Council climate action targets (including in the community codesign, performance assessment and review of targets). Targets to address the Council emergency should be further developed and the places where targets are reported, should be expanded to where citizens are likely to see them. South Melbourne Market, given the rooftop solar project would provide an excellent opportunity for contemporary improvements to such signage.

**Recommendation 4: Council commits to achieving measurable targets to tackle the climate emergency, and uses place-based signage to inform residents of the City's progress toward these targets.**

### A cultural shift to community

Finally, such a project of community engagement will not work if the relationship of Council to citizens is framed at the highest level of council descriptors as a contractual relationship between Council as a business and citizens as customers. A deep public engagement strategy requires a basic cultural shift in the way in how the Council understands its relationship to its citizens.

The new Local Government Act 2020 strengthens the responsibility of Councils to follow more sophisticated processes of community engagement and this represents an important and mandated cultural shift.

Such a shift requires not merely a process of consultation prior to undertaking the kind of measures we propose but rather genuine citizen engagement at every stage of Council's response to the climate emergency to reflect and support community participation as being at the heart of the actions taken.

**Recommendation 5: That Council strengthens its overall response to the climate emergency and works with its community using genuine citizen engagement processes in accordance with the requirements of the new Local Government Act 2020.**

### Setting and reporting on climate action targets

Apart from more public visibility and reporting across Council targets, (note that Port Phillip is one of the few Councils to have declared a climate emergency without having developed a target for community emissions, now approximately 2m tCO<sub>2</sub>e annually), much more systematic and consistent reporting on targets and progress to meeting them is necessary. There is a wide transparency gap, with a historic reluctance to work with community, to provide information on key projects, or to release consultants reports even in situations where there is no necessity for confidentiality.

**Recommendation 6: That Council engages with environment groups to jointly develop detailed reporting commencing with target setting with dates, responsibilities and budgets, and ongoing transparency with project implementation.**

## PECAN Budget Proposals

An increasing number of Councils are declaring Climate Emergencies – neighbouring Councils Bayside, Stonnington and Glen Eira have made recent Declarations and Bayside has just published its draft Climate Emergency Plan, as has Yarra. Port Phillip declared a Climate Emergency in September last year, but has yet to produce its own Climate Emergency Plan.

We draw attention to the draft Budget where significant cuts are proposed for a number of programs within Sustainability, as can be seen from the Budget papers for this year and last:

Allocations from the 2019 Budget (p83) and the current draft Budget (p85):

	2019/20	2020/21
Operating:	\$3,979,365	\$3,129,201
Capital:	\$2,618,302	\$355,484
	\$6,597,667	\$3,484,685

That represents a decrease of \$3,112,982 or a 47% reduction; the subsequent increased funding for the EcoCentre brings the year to year reduction to 40%.

Sustainability is now funded at 1.47% of CoPP's total proposed expenditure of \$237,676,000. The Capital allocation has been reduced by nearly \$2,300,000 and Operating by \$850,000.

PECAN has developed this Budget Submission with awareness of the COVID-19 impact on Council's revenues in 2020/21 and the cuts to Sustainability programs. However, the priorities we have nominated here fortuitously have limited capital requirements and for the most part involve accelerated planning, integration and completion of existing projects. They also represent the key components of PECAN'S Climate Emergency Plan which we believe the incoming Council must proceed with and further, they are consistent with existing Actions in Council's Act and Adapt strategy.

The Local Government Act 2020 is now coming into effect and we refer to Part 2, Division 1, Sec 9 (2) (b) and (c) which stipulate important new responsibilities for Local Government, in particular Overarching Governance Principles concerning intergenerational equity and planning for climate change risks:

- b) priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations;
- c) the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted

### 1. Community Emissions

Our highest priority is community emissions, which represent over 99% of all Port Phillip emissions and currently generate about 2m tonnes of CO2e annually. Two thirds of emissions (65%) are created through electricity use, and about 16% from gas and transport sectors respectively. Community emissions are made up of residential, commercial and industrial sectors. The industrial and commercial sector are the highest users of electricity. Many factors may militate against Councils being able to reach and communicate effectively with individual operators or households. We believe that the most efficient way for Council to make inroads into community emissions is to focus on large electricity users in the commercial and industrial sectors through facilitating mechanisms like Power Purchase Agreements.

## Power Purchase Agreements

Port Phillip is already a member of such an Agreement, the Melbourne Renewable Energy Project (MREP), involving a mix of Councils, Universities and commercial operators like Australia Post and the National Bank. MREP has been so successful that Melbourne City Council has just completed a second MREP, this one focussed more towards commercial operators like Fulton Hogan, Cbus Property, ISPT Property, Citywide Asphalt and food manufacturer Mondelez International (Cadbury). Yarra Council also proposes PPAs in its CE Plan.

Over 60 PPAs were implemented between 2017 and 2019, mainly involving large corporates. For members there are significant benefits:

- Meeting Sustainability Targets
- Savings in Energy costs
- Budget Certainty through fixed price contracts
- Improved Public Profile
- Supporting Rural jobs, through construction and operation of solar/wind farms.

The Business Renewable Centre Australia, funded through DELWP and ARENA, in its State of the Market Report 2019, reports a large pipeline of projects seeking off-takes. PECAN believes that the timing is opportune for Council to facilitate a PPA between large commercial and industrial users and an appropriate developer, with the involvement and support of residents and community groups - a Port Phillip Renewable Energy Project.

Such a project can be supported on a number of grounds:

First, there is no capital outlay involved – development of the project would require the involvement of staff with expertise and capability, and obviously some administrative support, but these expenditures would be minimal against the benefits of completion of a successful project.

Second, a PPA aligns with Council's Strategic Direction 3: We have smart solutions for a sustainable future - A CITY WITH LOWER CARBON EMISSIONS 3.2 *Facilitating a reduction in community greenhouse gas emissions by partnering with the community and private sector.*

Third, Port Phillip brings a significant level of experience and familiarity to this project through its involvement with the MREP.

Fourth, the project has the potential to achieve significant reductions in community emissions. A project of the scale of the existing MREP involves the purchase of 88 GWh annually, equivalent to over 8% of Port Phillip's residential, commercial and industrial electricity usage each year. It would be possible to aim at a PPA for large commercial and industrial users to provide between 5 and 10% of existing Port Phillip electricity consumption from renewable energy sources. The completion of such a project would encourage further PPAs and bring significant change to Port Phillip's emissions profile.

**Recommendation 7: That Council facilitates a Power Purchase Agreement directed toward the commercial and industrial sectors.**

## A collective purchasing arrangement directed toward Residential Emissions

Port Phillip's take up of solar PV is one of the lowest in Melbourne, due in large part to the number of residents living in apartments and without access to roof space for solar installation. As the majority of Port Phillip residents are apartment dwellers there is significant demand for low cost renewable energy which cannot currently be met.

Council has recognized this problem and In Act and Adapt it proposed the development of a program to enable apartment dwellers to access renewable energy:

A CITY WITH LOWER CARBON EMISSIONS - Action 18: (P37) Work with the community to determine the viability of a collective purchase of offsite renewable energy for a consortium of apartment buildings.

At the moment apartment dwellers may not have roof space and people living in free standing houses may not be able to afford solar. By aggregating them, it is likely that there are several thousand households who would be attracted to a Council facilitated PPA or other form of collective purchasing system providing lower cost power from renewable sources.

The PECAN forum in February and the webinars currently being held in conjunction with Council suggest residents see the availability of PPAs as very high priority. At the most recent webinar PPAs were ranked the highest priority in terms of Council action. We believe that a project directed towards residents would attract a level of community support comparable with the PPA proposed for commercial and industrial users, ie being able to supply between 5% and 10% of existing Port Phillip residential electrical usage through renewable sources.

There are technical legislative and commercial issues which may militate against a PPA in its current form for the residential sector. However other models are emerging elsewhere; for example London Council has contracted a specific retailer who is Green branded and is able to reach residential users with the endorsement of the Council. DELWP is currently investigating options in this area. We believe this is an area needing Council input and support.

There are other approaches to reducing residential emissions such as solar farms, Virtual Power Plants, community microgrids and within-apartment block systems like that developed by ALLUME Energy. Some of them may have specific value in particular situations, but none of these options is scalable in the same way as a large scale residential purchasing system.

The principles supporting the PPA for commercial and industrial users can equally apply to a residential collective purchasing system – no capital outlay, alignment with Act and Adapt, Council experience and capacity, and potential to make significant reductions in community emissions.

**Recommendation 8: That Council supports the development of Collective Power Purchasing Systems for Port Phillip residents, especially apartment dwellers.**

### Community environmental retrofits

In the context of new stimulus funding becoming available from State or Commonwealth governments, Council could propose widescale retrofitting of residential and commercial properties leading to significant improvements in energy efficiency and performance. A program of this kind could be directed towards low income and vulnerable households, especially those affected through the COVID-19 pandemic. Such a program has been advocated from many quarters, and would bring much needed employment opportunities, given that Macnamara is one of the worst hit electorates in Australia, with 45,000 individuals and 11,843 businesses being supported by JobKeeper payments.

**Recommendation 9: In conjunction with other Councils, that Port Phillip should propose that stimulus funds be provided in a retrofitting program directed towards low income/vulnerable households.**

## 2. Green-Blue Infrastructure

We draw attention to the draft Budget where significant cuts are proposed for a number of programs within this area:

- Water Sensitive Urban Design \$600,000 to \$50,000
- Greening Port Phillip \$640,000 to \$440,000
- Foreshore Vegetation \$150,000 to \$0
- Open Space Irrigation \$415,000 to \$50,000

As stated earlier, we consider that the deferral of funding this year may provide an opportunity for Council to review a number of programs in the Green-Blue infrastructure area. We think that this is an area where Council needs to develop a new approach.

Over the past decade Council has developed or started Strategies and Plans around Public Space, Stormwater Management, Permeability, Urban Forest, Flood Mitigation, Urban Heat Island, Coastal Hazard, Integrated Water Management and Biodiversity. All of them have been carried out independently, without the essential integration necessary to make these projects fully functional.

In essence, the interrelationship between water planning and landscape planning is not properly implemented, and the necessary integration and coordination of these domains has not occurred. An example of how this process can be successfully implemented can be seen in the City of Melbourne, which is well into developing stormwater harvesting systems with 22 installations to date, enabling the irrigation of the parks with water sourced from within each of the catchments.

DELWP has published a manual for Councils, Planning a Green-Blue City, which sets out the key principles as follows:

*'The inherent multi functionality of natural systems requires an equally integrated approach to identify, prioritize and deliver initiatives that will create greener and more successful cities. The planning of green-blue infrastructure aims to do just that: to explore synergistic opportunities for integrated greening and water management outcomes and to create a framework for collaboration between Council departments and key industry and community groups to deliver a new blue print for cities and towns.'*

*Accordingly, a green-blue infrastructure action plan should be an integrative document that draws on documents and evidence already developed by the council, but should be embedded in the current Council plan, strategic resource plan and the budget to enable integrated delivery of initiatives'*

And within the context of integration, there are a number of separate Council programs which are interrelated and where review/implementation require integration with other programs/strategies.

First, the Greening Port Phillip program needs major review. Its canopy cover targets (an increase of 1.9% by 2028) are completely inadequate, are well short of best practice and do not reflect the imbalances across the municipality. Mapping by DELWP and RMIT shows significant reductions in canopy cover in a number of areas across Port Phillip between 2014 and 2018. The consultant's work for the 2017 report did not examine senescence levels of the existing tree stock, or the need for better species selection in the context of time to canopy maturity, or resilience to lower rainfall and hotter temperatures. Our understanding is that Greening Port Phillip is to be updated in 2020/21. We think this review should be given high priority in conjunction with the completion of the Public Space Strategy, together with heat mapping across the municipality which has been on Council's to-do list for several years but is still to be undertaken.

Mapping heat spots should be an integrative component of a Greening Port Phillip review; it would enable the identification of urban heat spots and precincts, and in turn enable the development of Precinct Priority Plans which some Councils are now programming and which we think should be a high priority in Port Phillip.

### Catchment-Based Integrated Water Management

The preparation of an Integrated Water Management Plan is another issue that has been on Council's to-do list since publication of the Water Plan in 2010. Council's work in this area has not been catchment based and consequently decisions have been made on an ad hoc basis. The years spent chasing a viable stormwater harvesting scheme at Albert Park Lake are an example of this kind of decision making. We commend the Council for completion of the Alma Park stormwater harvesting scheme, which brings Council's alternative water harvesting annually to about 30ML, but point out that Council is still a long way short of the 80ML target of alternative water resource set many years ago. The Catani gardens project now under examination by Council should be given strong support if its viability can be confirmed upon closer examination.

The pause in WSUD funding this year may be opportune given that it is time to review the cost-effectiveness of raingardens as a major mechanism for WSUD in Port Phillip, given their inability to capture stormwater. There are significant opportunities for stormwater harvesting within Port Phillip's 20 catchment systems, Alma Park being the best example to date.

### Elster Creek and Elsternwick Park

PECAN strongly supports Council's continued involvement in this important project. On completion it will bring major benefits to Port Phillip - it literally ticks all the boxes. Apart from being the first major flood reduction intervention in Elwood for nearly 30 years, it could provide more than the missing 50ML of harvested stormwater referred to above – the estimated total amount of water able to be harvested is approx. 270ML annually. In addition it will provide significant benefits in limiting the amount of nitrogen pollutants which now flow into the Bay. The State Government has provided funds for expanding the woodlands area of the Park, and the wetlands will be further expanded; both expansions will provide greater biodiversity across the Park.

The existing Park is already widely used by Port Phillip residents, and on completion it will become an iconic nature reserve which will attract many more users from Port Phillip and across Melbourne.

**Recommendation 10: That Council develops a Green-Blue Infrastructure Action Plan, incorporating a review of Greening Port Phillip together with a catchment-based Integrated Water Management Plan.**

### 3) Integrated Transport Plan

Move Connect Live, Sustainable Parking Policy and the Parking Management Policy all recognize the increasing pressures caused by private car usage, and Council is proposing actions that redesign a number of our streets to provide enough capacity to carry an additional 55,000 walking trips, 27,000 bike trips and 14,000 public transport trips by 2028. This process will integrate these preferred modes with new parking policy and associated roadworks. Within the framework of the Green-Blue Infrastructure Plan described above, increased canopy cover and passive irrigation capacity can be developed in a way that will enhance the attractiveness and amenity of these new streetscapes.



Since the pandemic's arrival many more people are cycling and it is likely that this will persist for some time given the aversion to travelling on public transport.

Major cities around the world (Berlin, Milan) and Melbourne have installed temporary bike lanes using water barriers or bollards. Consideration should be given to the installation of temporary lanes which are proposed in Council's planned bicycle network or form part of State strategic routes.

**Recommendation 11: Council integrates ongoing work through Move Connect Live and related transport policies 2020-2028 with the proposed Green -Blue Infrastructure Action Plan, and in the short term gives priority to temporary bike lanes.**

### 4) Upgraded Planning Scheme

To accelerate the transition towards zero-carbon buildings and precincts, Council needs to work through CASBE to advocate to the state government to raise mandatory standards, and to work towards including minimum energy performance standards to be required at point of sale and lease for residential and commercial buildings.

Improved building efficiencies must be part of a Port Phillip Climate Emergency Plan, and while Planning Schemes cannot be upgraded overnight, it is important that Council supports the CASBE working process and joins with other Councils in bringing about a more efficient building modality.

**Recommendation 12: That through participation in CASBE, Council's Planning Scheme can be successfully updated to upgrade building performance standards with a target of 2023.**

### 5) Resourcing Sustainability

Given the urgency of Climate Action we are concerned about the effect of the proposed restructure of Sustainability, involving the abolition of a number of positions, including that of Sustainability Manager. Capability within Sustainability appears to us to need to be increased in terms of both expertise and authority if key projects are to be managed to completion.

As a community group, we wish to ensure that this structural review will enhance the strategic capacity and the operational efficiency of the Council in dealing with Sustainability and Climate Change issues facing our community. We make the general point that the projects proposed are complex and will require adequate resourcing to bring to successful completion.

**Recommendation 13: That Council reviews Sustainability staffing capability in the context of Project requirements in 2020/21.**

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Thank you for your support of [REDACTED]'s exercise program and SPCC. I have participated in it for many years, and benefit from it greatly.

Your support for it to continue will make this possible.

Thank you

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## Port Phillip EcoCentre Submission re: City of Port Phillip Budget 2020-2021

Dear Councillors,

Port Phillip Council faces extraordinary challenges in 2020, echoed across the broader Port Phillip community. During such times, community-led organisations are well-positioned provide a nimble, reliable and immense contribution to the resilience our municipality.

### 1. Thank you for co-funding the EcoCentre.

The Port Phillip EcoCentre wishes to thank City of Port Phillip for your foundational and ongoing partnership in creating clean, safe, green, healthy and connected neighbourhoods, parks and beaches; and for Council's funding pledge toward a fit-for-purpose EcoCentre for education, volunteering, citizen science, sustainable solutions and leadership. The EcoCentre will continue to work closely with Council to secure matching funding for this important community facility, as a part of economic and social COVID-recovery opportunities.

Council provides a critical core funding as part of the EcoCentre's diverse funding mix of fee-for-service programs, philanthropic grants, state and Commonwealth grants and community donations. Port Phillip funds approximately 30% of our budget, with 60% of program benefits delivered to Port Phillip residents and landscapes, and \$10 economic impact delivered for every \$1 invested by Council into the EcoCentre.<sup>1</sup> This year, Council funding is more critical as many of our fee-for-service programs are restricted due to public health protocols, and philanthropic support is split to assist many community needs; yet the EcoCentre has prepared a range of research, remote learning and peer-to-peer models to keep our members and volunteers socially supported while remotely collaborating on key sustainability actions.

### 2. The EcoCentre is deeply valued by community.

Over the past four years, City of Port Phillip has been copied into letters of support from hundreds of individuals, community groups, other bayside Mayors, Members of Parliament, and research institutions who value the EcoCentre model and advocate for its capital and programmatic expansion, enabling an associated array of community and ecological benefits – and many transformative personal experiences for the 87,000 service users annually.

"What the EcoCentre does best... is willingness to integrate everyone as a group and share knowledge and experience together." – *community meals volunteer*

"I like the great sense of community, new friends, new experiences, more community situations, belonging, sense of hope, lots of people that care." – *community garden volunteer*

"When I leave an EcoCentre program and return to the world, I feel uplifted and hopeful in a way that I haven't in a long time." – *Community Enviro Fest participant*

"There are a few changes the EcoCentre has brought into my life: I went from eating meat every day to 2x per week. I used to roll my Council bins out every week but now it's down to half. I haven't bought a single thing (except food) since I started at the EcoCentre because I would rethink every purchase decision and either realise I did not need it at all, or could improvise with something I already have. I have to start up my car once a week because I have hardly driven it – switched to walking, cycling and trams." – *citizen science volunteer*

"We had two official goals: to have a wonderful snorkel while observing the marine life, and to look out for pollution. An EcoCentre educator asked me how the experience was. I mean, the answer was obvious: the experience was unforgettable, the most bravest thing I have ever done! I loved it a lot."

– *13 year old Alive Outside! program participant*

<sup>1</sup> FY19-20 funding value : economic impact value from *Economic and Environmental Benefits Statement* (Essential Economics 2017, Hip V Hype 2019)

When Port Phillip and community members started this environmental hub together, 21 years and 275,000 volunteer hours ago, no one could anticipate the success of the model and rapid project growth as Port Phillip residents join the world in deep concern about climate change, as well as personal commitment to contributing to local solutions. Between 2017 and 2019, EcoCentre volunteer hours doubled to more than 20,000 per annum. In the last decade, youth involvement has increased 600%. EcoCentre programs have been recognised by the Premier's Sustainability Awards, United Nations Australia Association, nationally through Keep Australia Beautiful and locally through the Inner Eastern Local Learning and Employment Network.

We are proud that our way of engaging local community and operating as a hub for environment groups increasingly inspires other organisations, as they work together with their communities in this current time of global climate and ecological crisis, now compounded by worldwide health and economic challenges.

### **3. Despite many circumstances beyond our control, the EcoCentre has been nimble, adaptive and has expanded many community benefits this year due to our new Funding Agreement.**

The first half of the year indicated KPI growth for increased knowledge of local ecosystems, connection to local nature and intention to spend more time in local nature. Although volunteer hours and immersive nature programs have been limited in the second half of the year due to health restrictions, the 'independent action' focus of our online public programs, e.g. Plastic Free July, waste-free cooking, and habitat garden design, has lifted the participant evaluation reports of sustainable behaviour changes as a result of the workshop (93% participants).

While working remotely since March 2020, the EcoCentre team has:

- o developed/delivered 12 online public workshops, 15 nature clips, 14 school curriculum modules, 10 youth programs, 2 live streams, and 2 cross-sector roundtables
- o continued to host weekly virtual community lunches (and provides technology training)
- o set up peer-to-peer phone trees for volunteers to maintain social connection
- o posted indigenous seeds to grow at home to prepare for future community greening
- o redesigned citizen science for safe solo participation, resulting in citizen documentation of 21 species never previously recorded in Port Phillip
- o and consulted closely with our range of partners to design our next adaptive offerings.

City of Port Phillip base funding instilled confidence, calm and flexibility to provide continuous programs and outreach to our members, volunteers, partner organisations and neighbours.

*"I like the camaraderie and learning from doing. It makes me feel happy and content. COVID-19 has had a positive effect in that I have caught up with three other EcoCentre members for walks (one at a time of course) when no other activity was permitted." – EcoCentre member*

*"Inspiring and uplifting. COVID-19 has not stopped our group loving being together."  
- community garden volunteer*

### **4. The EcoCentre delivers for the Council Plan.**

EcoCentre programs are designed to complement and extend Port Phillip's council services, collaborating at an ecosystem scale for initiatives in alignment with Council Strategies, in particular

- o Direction 1: We embrace difference and we belong  
*e.g. Community gardening, community lunch, Multicultural Bay Ambassadors, Seniors Workshops, Work for the Dole, Sessions with Elders, youth services and Scouts*

- Direction 3: We have smart solutions for a sustainable future  
*e.g. Community compost, Living Water Workbees (catchment care, installing rain gardens and raintanks), ResourceSmart Schools Waste/Water/Energy certification, Port Phillip Baykeeper, coastal revegetation and erosion monitoring, citizen science, Teachers' Environment Network, Clean Bay Blueprint, expert advisory panels, shareable resources*
- Direction 5: We thrive by harnessing creativity.  
*e.g. Producing films such as 'Our Catchment', partnerships with local artists such as Serene Lau's Port Phillip Dragon, FReezA musicians, and St Columba's Climate Choir*

The EcoCentre Annual Report features Stories of Change and quantitative performance indicators to evaluate the reach, impacts and outcomes of our strategies and programs.

In a budget-challenged year, the EcoCentre's capabilities offer an effective and trusted outreach partnership that continues to help Council cover issues that are of community interest but not funded through Council programs.

## RECOMMENDATION

### That Port Phillip Council

- **continue the effective EcoCentre Funding Agreement so that along with other environmental, community and educational outcomes, we may continue our responsive, creative adaptations to a diverse portfolio of programming for environmental and community health that remain of critical importance during the coronavirus pandemic; and**
- **maintain its resource commitment to the development of a new fit-for-purpose environmental hub while continuing joint advocacy with the EcoCentre to secure matching funding**

Thank you to Councillors and Officers for your consideration during this difficult budget year. The EcoCentre stands strong to play our role in our community's resilience and recovery, while never losing context of the climate emergency and protecting our local environments.

Sincerely,



President



## **Community Alliance of Port Phillip**

### **RESPONSE TO THE CITY OF PORT PHILLIP UPDATED DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN AND BUDGET 2020/21**

The Community Alliance of Port Phillip (CAPP) represents community members from across the municipality of the City of Port Phillip. The purposes of CAPP are:

1. to promote the development and implementation of policies in the City of Port Phillip that
  - maintain Port Phillip as a well-planned, liveable municipality
  - progress equity, social justice, inclusiveness and environmental sustainability
  - value cultural diversity and the arts
2. to promote sound governance and community representation by the City of Port Phillip
3. to promote community awareness, debate and action on issues affecting the community and residents of Port Phillip.

This CAPP submission in response to the Draft Plan and Budget 2020/21 covers:

1. Capital Works and Project deferrals and the reluctance to Borrow
2. Temporary and Service Level Reductions/Changes
3. Economic and Social Recovery Plan
4. The Arts and Music
5. Housing
6. Climate Action and Sustainability
7. Libraries

## **1. Capital works and major project deferrals and the reluctance to borrow**

CAPP is concerned by Council's 'austerity' response to the revenue hit it is suffering due to the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. The approach taken has been to 'balance the books' via a range of service cuts, organisational restructuring, paying off already low debt and deferral of major capital and other projects. We do not believe this is in the community's best interests.

At a time when our community and our economy is being turned upside down by COVID-19 we had hoped for a more visionary budget. Such a budget would respond to the crisis by developing a plan for prudent borrowings to achieve a bold vision. That vision would contribute to stimulating the local economy, create local jobs and enhance the community services we have all come to appreciate and rely on through these challenging times.

The effects of the crisis on our community are escalating. Childcare fees were re-instated for parents on 13 July and JobKeeper is being removed for childcare workers on 20 July. Businesses and workers in our community currently supported by JobKeeper and others receiving increased JobSeeker payments face ongoing uncertainty about how long this support will last. And we know that both St Kilda and Elwood are in the list of the top ten postcodes with the highest proportions of people receiving these payments. Post September, even more of our community will be doing it tough.

We understand that the Draft Budget has been framed with an incoming Council in mind, and from a desire not to pre-empt the priorities the new Council may determine for its four- year term. But we disagree with the current Council shying away from presenting its own vision for responding to the crisis now in a way that gives the community some confidence that Council will lead, support and invest in our community into the future, as we struggle to meet the challenges thrown at us by the COVID-19 crisis.

The Draft Budget states: 'We have the capacity to borrow up to \$75 million and still achieve a low risk rating in accordance with Victoria Auditor General's Office (VAGO) financial sustainability risk assessment.' (p59) If there was ever a time for prudent borrowing to reap economic stimulus and intergenerational benefit, then it is now.

Rather than defer major projects to subsequent years, Council would do well to support expenditure on them in 2020/21.

We approve of the proposal to conduct quarterly in-depth reviews of the Budget in this financial year to enable adjustments to be made in response to the ongoing crisis.

We believe however, that the deferral of expenditure in the 2020/21 financial year is short sighted and will have the dual effect of delaying critical projects and further dampening our local economy.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

a. That Council re-visit the decision *not* to borrow in 2020/21 and develop a plan supported by prudent borrowings, to bring forward major projects currently proposed for deferral, including:

Children's Centres Improvement Program (\$1.4 million)  
Water Sensitive Urban Design Program (\$550,000)  
Energy Efficiency and Solar Program (\$350,000)  
Greening Port Phillip Strategy Implementation (\$200,000)  
Building Renewal and Upgrade Program (\$655,000)  
Bike Infrastructure Program (\$430,000 proposed for deferral)  
Elster Creek Catchment Partnership and Elsternwick Park Nature Reserve (\$930,000)  
St Kilda Library re-development (\$250,000)  
Designate the Fitzroy Street Public Toilet as a high priority site

b. That Council contribute to post pandemic economic recovery by investing in a 12-month job creation program (\$10 million for '100 Jobs Port Phillip') to employ local residents who have lost jobs/income due to the pandemic. The focus of this should be on employing those from sectors most affected, such as hospitality, the Arts and early childhood services and contribute to services that will enhance community recovery from the COVID-19 crisis. The positions created would be short-term, up to 12 months in duration.

Examples might include:

- Commissioning local artists to produce a range of public mural and public sculpture projects in our shopping strips and open spaces.
- Employing a team of neighbourhood recycling ambassadors (out of work actors?) for creative community education projects to reduce contamination in recycling bins (the costs of which have skyrocketed for Council by \$50,000 a month in recent times).
- Employing a community greening team (as gardeners?) for a co-ordinated program of tree, shrub and grasses planting in open spaces, footpaths and verges.
- Supporting our local early childhood education and care services who face a range of challenges during the continuing crisis (such as the costs of replacing staff needing to take leave due to COVID-19/COVID-19 testing and isolation) by employing a pool of part time relieving staff from among the often regular casuals 'laid off' in recent months.
- Creating and training community connections' team to undertake a range of community support functions for those in most need – walking with older citizens or others in need of companionship, food delivery, library book deliveries, transport to appointments (in partnership with local community service organisations). This would build on volunteer models such as the Port Phillip Welcomers Program run out of the SouthPort Community Centre Inc.



## 2. Temporary and Service Level Reductions/Changes

CAPP is concerned that the service level reduction focus on youth, early education, kindergartens and pre-schoolers leaves our younger citizens vulnerable. Examples:

- Defer Youth Leadership and Engagement program for 6 months (\$12,000).
- Suspend Early Education Partnership for 1 year (\$40,000).
- Suspend Youth Service Development for 1 year (\$18,000).
- Reduce operational subsidy to kindergartens from \$4,000 to \$2,000 per centre (\$19,000).
- Cessation of pre-school dental check program funding agreement with Star Health (\$36,000).

The Draft Budget states that some of these deferrals are due to social distancing requirements and so CAPP requests that the funds that could be not used on these programs be allocated to other parts of the program areas for youth and early education that require funding, rather than be seen as savings.

CAPP also notes that the halving of the kindergarten subsidy can only have a negative impact on programs and educational activities. The saving is minimal but the effect on services and on children is significant.

CAPP notes the one proposed service increase in children's services, being to:

Provide additional Lead Family/Assertive Outreach resource to meet Council-endorsed Children's Services Policy commitments to support families experiencing vulnerability to access early years education services (\$100,000)

We ask: How will this position relate to the existing Enhanced Maternal and Child (EMCH) Program which already focuses on identifying and supporting families from birth who are identified as vulnerable, or with additional needs?

CAPP believes that EMCH Service is Council's key service area for identifying families in need of extra support and facilitating better access to early years education services.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- a. That the proposed service level reductions be rethought, in particular to ensure that younger citizens are not disadvantaged.
- b. That the new Family/Assertive Outreach position be clearly integrated with the EMCH Service.

### **3. Economic and Social Recovery Program**

CAPP welcomes the Economic and Social Recovery Program of \$4.2 million which builds on the \$2.8 million emergency relief package for 2019/20 and supports the strategies to ameliorate the effects of the pandemic for local businesses, such as rent relief, rate deferrals, waiving footpath trading fees etc.

Identifying a fund for responding to emerging social impacts as we move through different stages of the pandemic is also commendable, but the allocation of just \$200,000 seems woefully inadequate.

There are a number of programs/projects mentioned here that appear to have no budget allocation despite clearly having a cost in terms of officer time. In contrast, the Corporate volunteer program which allows staff to volunteer for up to 2 days per annum has a cost allocated of \$150,000, presumably to cover staff time/salary.

CAPP would like to understand the costs of all aspects of the Economic and Social Recovery Program so the Community can monitor the success or otherwise of these 'no budget allocation' projects.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- a. That Council review its allocation of funds for emerging social issues at the first quarterly review scheduled for February 2021, with a view to expanding the allocation of funds.
- b. That the Council is transparent on all the costs within the Economic and Social Recovery Program and provides guidance on how the Community can monitor the success or otherwise of these programs.

### **4. The Arts and Music**

Arts and creative industries account for around 35 percent of the economic activity in our city and as a sector are the second largest employer in the City of Port Phillip.

CAPP notes that the Arts Rescue Package announced in May 2020 designed to support local artists, cultural organisations and creative businesses dealing with the pandemic was largely funded from savings in the 2019-2020 Creative Industries and Creative Prosperous City Strategy budget.

CAPP notes that the Draft Budget proposes no changes to the funding for the 2020/21 St Kilda Festival. As we enter deeper into the COVID 19 crisis it becomes clearer that gatherings of 200,000 plus are unlikely to be allowed in February 2021.

With the importance of the Arts to our local economy it would be appropriate that any further savings from the Arts budget, including from the St Kilda Festival not going ahead, be reallocated to activities in this sector, particularly to local activities and artists.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- a. That Council makes a decision to cancel the St Kilda Festival for 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- b. That any savings from the creative industries budget, particularly from cancellation of the St Kilda Festival, be reallocated to arts activities in the City of Port Phillip involving local artists.

## **5. Housing**

The Council Plan states that it “Builds on the successful partnership with HousingFirst as Trustee of the Port Phillip Housing Trust and maintains our longstanding leadership in affordable housing. This is central to our commitment to maintaining a diverse, inclusive and equitable city, especially for those who are disadvantaged and marginalised. Funding is for an annual cash contribution to an affordable housing reserve and the associated costs for implementing affordable housing projects.”

CAPP strongly supports this statement. It places the need to develop long term, secure, affordable housing for low income citizens at the forefront of Council’s housing policy. While other levels of government play a central role in funding the development of affordable housing, Council’s contribution in the form of land, buildings and annual monetary commitments, places our local housing associations in an advantaged position when applying for government funds to develop housing in Port Phillip. This partnership between State/Federal governments, Port Phillip Council and our Housing Associations must be maintained in order to grow social housing in this municipality. The Marlborough Street, St Kilda housing project to be developed by Housing First and the Emerald Street South Melbourne project to be developed by South Port Community Housing Group are current examples.

The 2020/21 Council Budget and projected budgets must reflect these commitments.

It is clear that Council intends to bring together housing projects aimed at tackling homelessness and projects designed to provide more secure low cost permanent social housing in Port Phillip particularly for those low income people currently in precarious private rental accommodation many of whom have lost jobs during the pandemic and those struggling to survive on social security benefits.

Three projects are identified in the budget which focus on providing housing and welfare supports for people experiencing homelessness. CAPP supports these initiatives:

- A. A temporary common ground facility – to lease former backpacker (Habitat HQ) accommodation in St Kilda to keep rough sleepers in supported housing: \$250,000
- B. A permanent common ground facility in partnership with DHHS to deliver permanent supported housing for persons from Council’s By-name list/ transitioning from the Habitat temporary accommodation to reduce rough sleeping: \$25,000
- C. Port Phillip Zero project funding to achieve a coordinated service response to homelessness (collective impact approach). Includes CoPP “By Name list” updated fortnightly. \$50,000

## RECOMMENDATIONS

That:

- a. The existing Social Housing Fund (SHF), currently standing at \$2.5 million, be increased to provide for the added initiatives aimed at homelessness. It is proposed that an additional amount of \$200,000 be added to the current annual allocation of \$500,000 council provides.
- b. Council honor its commitment to provide grants from the SHF to any Registered Housing Agency applying to build and operate social housing in Port Philip. Housing First’s Marlborough St Project in St Kilda and South Port Community Housing Group (SPCHG) forthcoming project at Emerald St. South Melbourne are two such projects.
- c. Council, in conjunction with Housing First, allocate funds from the SHF to refurbish properties in the Port Phillip Housing Trust to improve standards in older properties and to expand, where possible, the number of units. A number of these properties are Rooming Houses which, if refurbished, would add to the number and quality of units aimed at addressing homelessness. State Government funds would also to be sought.
- d. The current pandemic warrants an injection of additional funds by Council to meet the costs of the three homelessness projects identified in the budget totalling \$325,000.

## 6. Climate Action and Sustainability

CAPP sees addressing Climate Change as integral to ensuring an equitable, inclusive and sustainable city. It also sees the need to respond to a future which is more uncertain and in need of greater Government intervention rather than less. The 2020 Local Government Act shifts the balance of Council responsibilities to require Councils to adopt policies and actions as follows:

- (a) priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations;

(b) the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted

Guidance is provided in the Act about how this is to be done including engaging the community in strategic planning, innovating and continuously improving, collaboration with other councils and compliance with good governance principles.

Over the past 4 years the Council has only partially completed actions related to its Sustainable Environment Strategy 2018-2028, Act and Adapt. The outcomes have been mixed partly because of the lack of clear policy direction, strategic plans development, the scatter gun approach to actions and failure in integrating actions between departments and across the Council.

The budget has a series of proposals which will have damaging effects on the Sustainability area including the following areas of budget reduction:

- Greening Port Phillip from the current budget of \$640,000 to \$440,000 (still not including any additional funding for parks and gardens and other public spaces across the city)
- The deferral of the release of the Public Spaces Strategy which could have had budget implications to redress historic imbalances in the provision of open space in the city.
- The WSUD reduction from \$600,000 to \$50,000.
- The deferral of work on assessing the urban heat island effect with the City overall having been assessed as having a temperature increase in many areas in the past 4 years.
- The uncertainty about action on water recycling, flood mitigation and other aspects of Integrated Water Management as the Plan remains incomplete.
- The reduction of funding for action on community emissions from \$300,000 to \$125,000.

The role of the Sustainability Department seems to have become residual in the last year, programs have been reduced and are not integrated, key reports are not being produced, and reporting on actions against baseline figures and targets has almost ceased.

We support strengthened and concerted action in two key areas. First, there has been minimal outcome in respect of community emissions reduction, with emissions running at the rate of approximately 2million tCO<sub>2</sub>e annually. In the life of this current Council the City of Melbourne has been able to complete two Renewable Energy projects, in the first of which Port Phillip is a member. We believe that Council should commit to facilitating two such Power Purchase Agreements, one for the commercial sector and the other for residents, especially those in apartments and without other access to rooftop solar.

The second area where Council needs to make a new start is that of Green-Blue infrastructure. Over the past decade Council has developed or started Strategies and plans around Public Space, Stormwater Management, Urban Forest, Flood Mitigation, Urban Heat Island, Integrated Water Management and Biodiversity. All of them have been carried out in isolation, without any of the essential understanding of the integration necessary to make these projects successful. In 2017 DELWP produced a manual for Councils, *Planning a Green-Blue City*, from which this quotation is taken: *'The inherent multi functionality of natural systems requires an equally integrated approach to identify, prioritize and deliver initiatives that will create greener and more successful cities. The planning of green-blue infrastructure aims to do just that: to explore synergistic opportunities for integrated greening and water management outcomes and to create a framework for collaboration between Council departments and key industry and community groups to deliver a new blue print for cities and towns.*

*Accordingly, a green-blue infrastructure action plan should be an integrative document that draws on documents and evidence already developed by the council, but should be embedded in the current council plan, strategic resource plan and the budget to enable integrated delivery of initiatives’*

These two key priorities draw attention to the proposed restructure of Sustainability, involving the abolition of positions, including that of Sustainability Manager. Capacity within Sustainability needs to be substantially increased in terms of both expertise and authority if key projects are to be managed to completion. Council needs to increase, rather than reduce its capacity to respond to Environmental issues in general and the Climate Crisis in particular, and this represents the third of our priorities.

In addition to these priorities CAPP wishes to draw attention to three areas which it is necessary for Council to support as essential responses to the impacts of Climate Change.

1. Integrated Transport Strategy. Current strategies and policies do not promote lower car usage or increased use of bikes, walking or public transport. There is a heightened awareness and need for cycling as a result of COVID19, and thus Council can give attention to creating temporary bike lines consistent with those identified in the bicycle network or in State strategic routes.

2. Elsternwick Creek. Council should continue involvement with the Elsternwick Creek project. It is a major flood reduction program for Elwood, is a main sources of harvested storm water, will limit the flow of nitrogen pollutants into Pt Phillip Bay, and with continued support will expand the biodiversity in the park and waterway.

3. Ecocentre. The work of the Ecocentre is essential to local education, research and action. For its size, it operates an impressive range of activities. Council should continue to support and advocate for the rebuilding of the long out of date and inadequate building housing the Ecocentre.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council:

- a. Facilitate Power Purchase Agreements which involve the local commercial and industrial sectors and facilitate the linkage of apartments with houses;
- b. Review the Greening Port Phillip program to take account of canopy cover target and implement heat mapping;
- c. Complete the Integrated Water Management Plan;
- d. Continue involvement in the Elster Creek and Elsternwick Park Project;
- e. Create temporary bike lanes consistent with the state strategic routes; and
- f. Continue to support and advocate for the rebuilding of the Eco Centre.

## 7. Libraries

Council operates five libraries across Port Phillip as well as online and in-home library and information services with over 600,000 library visits in the last year. In 2018/19, 20,187 new books were added to the libraries. The Council normally spends \$800,000 on new purchases and is proposing to decrease this expenditure in the 2020/21 Budget by \$200,000.

The City of Port Phillip is already behind similar councils in its spending on new materials, having the lowest proportion of library resources less than five years old – 48.8% compared with 72.0% for similar councils (<https://knowyourcouncil.vic.gov.au/councils/port-phillip/reports/libraries>). The reduction of purchases in a time when the community is in greater need of these resources is disappointing and CAPP recommends that this decrease not be implemented.

CAPP also notes that over 5,000 Inter library loans occurred in 18/19 which was an increase from the previous year. The Budget proposed to increase the Inter Library Loan fee from \$2.10 to \$28.50. If the number of Inter Library loans remains the same (5,267) this increase in the fee provides revenue of \$150,190.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. That Council does not decrease the library purchases by \$200,000 in 2020/21.
- b. That an explanation be provided on the large increase in the Inter Library Loan fee.

### Conclusion

CAPP appreciates the opportunity to comment and make recommendations on the City of Port Phillip Draft Council Plan and Budget 2020/21.

We would also like the opportunity to speak to our submission on August 5.

If Council has any questions or seeks clarification on any issue please contact

  
Secretary



# SOUTH PORT COMMUNITY HOUSING GROUP SUBMISSION TO CITY OF PORT PHILIP -Updated Council Plan and draft Budget 2020/21

## In this submission we address Strategic Direction 1.2 - An increase in affordable housing

We will work towards this outcome by:	Our priorities for the next four years:
<p>A Pursuing new, sustainable funding streams to significantly increase the supply of social housing.</p> <p>B Establishing and facilitating partnerships to support diverse and innovative new affordable housing projects and reduce the risk of homelessness.</p>	<p>Implement In Our Backyard – Growing Affordable Housing in Port Phillip 2015-2025 to increase the supply and diversity of affordable housing aligned to priority local needs – low income families, older people, key workers, and single people at greatest risk of homelessness.</p> <p>Review and implement the Homelessness Action Strategy 2015-2020 and provide support for people experiencing homelessness to access suitable housing.</p> <p>Use Council property assets (land and air space contributions) and cash contributions to facilitate delivery of new community housing units by local housing organisations, including progressing development of 46-58 Marlborough Street, Balaclava.</p> <p>Work with the Victorian Government and local community housing organisations to optimise benefits from existing social housing sites, through increased yield, quality and housing type, aligned to local needs.</p> <p>Facilitate partnerships between the community housing, private and philanthropic sectors that fund and deliver new housing projects, including in Fishermans Bend.</p>

### Initiatives 26-32 in *Economic and Social Recovery program*

- 26 Introduction of mandatory affordable housing contributions (Inclusionary Zoning) as part of new private development – Advocate (in partnership with other local governments) for release and action by the Victorian Government / Planning Minister following recent Ministerial Advisory Committee on Planning Mechanisms for Affordable Housing. Also advocate to ensure mandatory affordable housing contributions are included in response, potentially phased in over time. \$0
- 27 Renewal of Public Housing Estates to increase the supply of social housing – develop a Memorandum of Understand (MOU) with Victorian Government for program of renewal of Public Housing Estates in Port Phillip to increase the supply of social housing. Prioritise Dorcas Street Housing Estate, offering potential for housing and wider neighbourhood benefits (community & health facilities, public space, business innovation hub). \$0
- 28 Temporary common ground facility- lease former backpacker accommodation in St Kilda to keep rough sleepers in supported housing \$250,000
- 29 Permanent common ground facility- partner with DHHS to deliver permanent supported housing for persons from Council’s By-name list / transitioning from ‘pop-up’ to reduce rough sleeping. \$25,000
- 30 Port Phillip Zero project - continue funding to achieve a coordinated service response to homelessness (collective impact approach). Includes CoPP ‘By-name list’ updated fortnightly \$50,000
- 31 Government stimulus package funding directed at discounted purchase of community housing units by Registered Agencies – Advocate to State and Commonwealth governments for stimulus funding to apply to, negotiation of new development approvals, purchase of units in approved development and purchase of vacant apartments. Review all existing Fishermans Bend development approvals with affordable housing conditions to consider ‘amending’ form of contribution to discounted purchase. \$0
- 32 Delivery of affordable ‘Build to Rent’ housing – through incentivising private investment in rental housing for low and moderate-income earners through rental subsidy’s \$0





**South Port Community Housing Group Inc. (SPCHG)**, is a not-for-profit, charitable, community based, registered housing provider operating exclusively in the City of Port Phillip (<http://www.spchg.org.au/>). We provide long term rental housing exclusively to people on the lowest incomes and vulnerable to recurring homelessness. We have been in operation since 1983 and share long historical ties to the Council: our founding organisations were the Cities of Port Melbourne and South Melbourne and the local Uniting Church.

Primarily as a contractor to the State Government via leases and services funding agreements, we run two programs:

- community housing management involving 283 tenancies across 27 distinct buildings; 15 of which are multi-unit 1-bedroom or studio apartment buildings and 12 of which are houses and flats accommodating family units (ex St Kilda Rental Housing Co-op). Two of the multi unit buildings are owned by the organisation; 13 are leased from the State Government via General Leases in which SPCHG is responsible for all building management issues except for fire safety equipment which is the responsibility of the State.
- A Specialist Homelessness Service providing case managed support services to young people aged 16-25 experiencing homelessness.

We have recently been successful in achieving financial support from the State's Social Housing Growth Fund to the amount of \$9.2 million for a redevelopment of the site at 15 Emerald Street, South Melbourne, to provide 45 long term rental housing units for people on very low incomes and aged over 55 years.

It is important to highlight that SPCHG is, by choice, registered with the State Government as a Housing Provider, not a Housing Association. We focus on meeting the need for secure housing by people who are on the lowest of personal incomes and who have experienced homelessness and are at risk of recurring homelessness. Our tenant referrals come exclusively from homelessness agencies. As a Housing Provider, we do not receive some of the financial head-starts of the Housing Associations. For example, we have never had title to a government housing asset transferred to us as most of the Housing Associations did. We do not have permission to charge a rent in excess of 25% of tenant's income. The Associations do. We allocate a significant proportion of our income to supporting our (mostly very vulnerable and socially isolated) tenants and developing a community that encourages social connection and participation in group activities.

As a result of financial factors related to our tenant profile and our net income, having a supportive local Council who value our commitment and our efforts to house the most vulnerable and do so in a way that can build connections and community, is vital. SPCHG has worked very closely with the Council over many years and are keen to maintain that close involvement.



We note that the Council Plan and Draft Budget contain a Council role in:

- planning mechanisms for affordable housing
- supporting the renewal of public housing estates, particularly Dorcas Street, South Melbourne
- establishing temporary and permanent Common Ground facilities in the municipality
- an advocacy role with the State about its proposed stimulus program of discounted housing purchase for community housing agencies including amending Fishermans Bend planning permits to allow purchase.
- a co-ordination role with the Port Phillip Zero project which identifies by name people who are sleeping rough (another new and non-traditional role and expense).
- Delivery of build to rent housing

**We strongly support the Council's leadership role in advocating for increased social housing.**

We have been a grateful beneficiary of Council's Community Grants Program, Community Festivals Grants Program and a Social Meals Program to benefit our tenants.

We see strong benefits in working with Council's planning personnel on achieving worthy outcomes from an inclusionary zoning scheme and in influencing rules relating to Fishermans Bend developments especially those that relate to the floor uplift incentives.

We have assisted in the development of the various Council Housing Strategies over the years. We note that the *'In Our Backyard – Growing Affordable Housing in Port Phillip 2015-2025'* program is still listed as a priority in the Council Plan. However we note there is no discussion of this program or obvious budget allocation to facilitate its policies. There is no mention of the promised packaging of Council properties with supporting cash contributions of \$500,000 per year for the purpose of assisting local registered community housing organisations to leverage finance for the delivery of projects (page 26 *In Our Backyard*) or the Expression on Interest process that was to give "preference to local registered community housing organisations (PPHA, St KCH and SPCHG)" (p 27).

**We submit that Council should implement and fund the actions contained in Policy 1 of *In Our Backyard*.**

**We submit that Council honour its commitment to provide grants to any Registered Housing Agency applying to build and operate social housing in Port Philip (Council motion 6 March 2019).**



From our participation in Council's *In Our Backyard Action Plan Community Forum*, we became aware of Council plans to dispose of some of the Council sites in the *In Our Backyard* pipeline to consolidate funds to acquire a larger site suitable for the Common Ground initiative however there has been no consultation about this process.

We also note that the establishment of temporary and permanent Common Ground facilities appear as new initiatives in the Council's Draft Plan/Budget, appearing unexplained under the heading of Economic and Social Recovery Programs.

While we are supportive of Council taking an active interest in local homelessness, particularly as it will be affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, the budget documents provide no clear justification or rationale for Council to spending significant funds on Common Ground initiatives. It is unclear why Council has chosen a Common Ground model as the appropriate response. Our understanding of the purpose of the Common Ground model is that it:

- provides long term housing to people who have experienced recurring homelessness and have significant support needs, particularly health support needs and
- that such support is provided on site and
- that the housing development is typically mixed between the above target group and a higher income group seeking affordable housing and
- there is a 24-hour concierge/security service at the front door of the building.

We assert that the outcomes from a Common Ground approach do not need to occur in one large high-density residential building. The outcomes of a Common Ground response could equally, and we think even better, be provided via a dispersed model with scattered housing and support/health services in a particular locality. Eg Emerald Hill, South Melbourne. Additionally, we believe that there would be advantages to this model *not* operating in a single, high-density residential building. Security issues would be reduced.

SPCHG's model of supported tenancy management provides outcomes very similar to those proposed in a Common Ground proposal.

**We submit that Council should, in the spirit of Council's *In Our Backyard*, explore if local housing organisations may be more able and appropriate to manage this housing and provide these services.**



While Council has consulted the community on a number of proposed budget initiatives which are new and documented such consultation, (eg discontinuing funding for St Kilda Legal Service and ceasing printing of Diversity magazine), it appears not to have done so about the Common Ground proposals.

**We submit that Council undertake consultation, including with local housing organisations and services, about the most appropriate response to homelessness in the municipality. This consultation must occur prior to any allocation of funds or decisions made by Council.**

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Chairperson

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CEO

17 July 2020



July 2020

## **This is a time for leadership**

### **Progressive Port Phillip Submission to the 2020-21 City of Port Phillip Draft Budget**

#### **1. Progressive Port Phillip**

Progressive Port Phillip is a grassroots movement of hundreds of local people from all walks of life, including many with experience in advocating for more effective services in areas like child care, the environment, housing, heritage, planning, transport, women's rights, LGBTIQ rights, education and more.

Progressive Port Phillip thanks Council for the opportunity to comment on the draft Budget and respectfully requests to be able to speak to Council at the appropriate time.

#### **2. This Budget is being framed at an unprecedented time.**

We are in the midst of a once in a century global pandemic crisis.

This is a time for leadership.

Actions by governments at all levels at this time do matter. Not to put too fine a point on it, these are matters of life and death.

During this pandemic, Council has taken really important steps to redeploy staff and provide funding to supply food and other essentials to residents doing it tough; provide rate and rental relief packages to businesses and residents; and directly support artists and their work among other measures.

But this is the time to step up further.

There is evidence that Australians' perceptions of government have improved during the crisis. The highly respected Australian Leadership Index reports that 'on the back of their handling of the COVID-19 pandemic, public perceptions of Federal, State and Local Governments are positive for the first time since measurement began' and significantly in advance of public perceptions of private sector leadership.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.australianleadershipindex.org/portal/ExecutiveSummary.aspx>

We are in a better position than many other countries because of Australia's sustained investments in high quality public health, education and effective government-led stimulus measures. This not an accident: it is due to prolonged public investment in crucial services using a variety of mechanisms and tools.

It is also a time for flexibility and preparedness to adapt as circumstances change. It is likely that this Budget will need to be amended and adjusted as the pandemic runs its course. Councillors and staff need to be open to community concerns and be responsive to challenges as they arise.

### **3. This is not a time for smaller government or austerity**

Much as we might hope otherwise, the pandemic will be with us for some time and its social and economic effects will be profound and permanent. The relationship between Council, businesses and residents will inevitably be changed.

Now is the time for a more expansive vision of our City, not a time to shrink. The old solution of cutting expenditure will not get us out of this continuing crisis but will only deepen it.

The Grattan Institute says that for the next two years, stimulus rather than austerity should be the priority.<sup>2</sup>

And you can see why. Our community has relatively few COVID-19 cases but it is hurting:

- The number of people on Newstart and Sickness Allowance in the electorate of MacNamara has risen from 3052 in December 2019 to 9428 on JobSeeker Payment in May 2020.<sup>3</sup>
- The number of young people on Youth Allowance (Other) has risen from 136 to 421 over the same period.<sup>4</sup>
- The number of businesses applying to access the JobKeeper Payment in the City is alarming: 1689 in Port Melbourne; 1594 in South Melbourne; 1394 in St Kilda; 819 in East St Kilda; 781 in Elwood and 646 in Albert Park and Middle Park or close to 7,000 businesses in total.<sup>5</sup>

In response to this crisis, the Grattan Institute calls on governments to give priority to small-scale infrastructure spending and maintenance and to fund local councils to bring forward new projects, or to ramp up maintenance spending. Funding should be allocated based on transparent criteria. It notes more than \$1.1billion was made available to local government for local community infrastructure projects during the GFC. Nearly 71 per cent of projects were completed by mid-March 2011.<sup>6</sup>

### **4. This is a time to invest in people, services and communities**

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<sup>2</sup> Daley, J., Wood, D., Coates, B., Duckett, S., Sonnemann, J., Terrill, M., Wood, T. and Griffiths, K. (2020). *The Recovery Book: What Australian governments should do now*. Grattan Institute, p40

<sup>3</sup> Klapdor, M and Giuliano, G., *The Impact of COVID-19 on JobSeeker Payment recipient numbers by electorate*, Research Paper Series 20-21, Parliamentary Library of Australia, 14 July 2020

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

<sup>5</sup> Source: ATO and Australian Treasury

<sup>6</sup> Daley, J., et al, op.cit.

Therefore, Council should proceed with all of its planned capital works program rather than deferring elements.

Council should reverse its proposed cuts to services, especially in libraries, Council assist services, health and early childhood services, streetscaping and tree planting. These services are needed now more than ever.

Council must work closely with trader organisations to ensure that retail shopping strips in the municipality pull through this crisis. These streets are central to the character of neighbourhoods across the municipality and to the well-being and livelihoods of many. This could involve a combination of rate and fee relief as well as co-investment in pop-up activities and collaboration with traders and owners to identify long-term anchor tenants offering services relevant to local residents.

Council should further consider targeted rate relief for residents and businesses in receipt of JobKeeper and JobSeeker payments.

Council should be vigorously advocating with all local governments in Victoria about the way the sector has been left without sufficient support to deal with the hit to revenues and services caused by the pandemic.

Specifically, Council should be highlighting the fact that:

- The Commonwealth Government has deliberately excluded local government from the JobKeeper program
- The State Government has not offered a sector specific support or relief package to local government beyond indicating that local government can borrow in order to meet current challenges.

## **5. This is a time to plan for and build the future**

The City of Melbourne has brought forward a number of projects in its 20-21 budget, borrowing \$200m over four years at a cost of \$7.3m in interest charges over this period. This is part of a \$463m package of investment that aims to fast track some significant capital works including creating more public open space, renew parks and gardens, enhance recreation and community facilities, and improve waste collection, roads, cycling lanes, laneways and footpaths.<sup>7</sup>

With historically low interest rates, Council should use this moment to plan and undertake work to meet immediate and longer-term challenges, including steps to address climate change; housing affordability; transport congestion and connectivity; demographic change; open space and population growth.

Council should undertake these key steps:

It should address ageing social and physical infrastructure services: upgrade community and Council child care centres to ensure they remain fit for purpose; upgrade and renew libraries, footpaths and drainage – all on the drawing board - through a significant program of investment in these services over the next two years. This is exactly the type of fast-track, easily doable and necessary small project and maintenance work that the Grattan

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<sup>7</sup> City of Melbourne, *Annual Budget and Plan, 2020-21*

Institute is calling for. And such a program will add to the value of Council's balance sheet over time.

It should invest in new social infrastructure:

- Working with local community housing providers across the City, State and Commonwealth Governments to build new affordable housing
- Improvements to waste collections and recycling, including procurement strategies
- Greater connectivity and reduced congestion through accelerated implementation of Council's Bike Lane program and safer, better maintained foot paths.

It should invest in a suite of measures to better prepare Port Phillip for climate change:

- A major program to increase tree canopy cover so as to reduce summer urban heat
- A major program to improve permeability across the City which would be so crucial at times of extreme weather
- Energy efficiency investment to accelerate the retrofit of Council and community assets to drive further reductions in energy costs over time
- Leverage Council's know-how & influence to secure renewable energy purchasing agreements with benefits for commercial and industrial sectors
- Continued support for the Eco Centre and its building renewal.

## **6. We are all in this together**

If we get things right locally, we can contribute to a better state and country. If we realise the obligations we have from one to another, we will all be stronger for that.

With interest rates at historical lows, especially for AAA government rated agencies, Council faces an important choice. Not to prudently borrow now, in ways that can strengthen Council's balance sheet, will leave future generations with massive climate, infrastructure and social debts.

*As Per Capita points out: As we emerge from this crisis and start to rebuild, we must focus not on the debt we have taken on, but on the opportunity that lies before us: to remake our society in a way that leaves no-one behind, and ensure that our children have a future to look forward to, rather than to fear.<sup>8</sup>*

There is no magic money tree, however. Council must invest prudently and manage resources wisely as a steward for the community.

To help respond to these challenges and to invest for the future we propose:

- Strategic borrowing and use of reserves
  - Council has a strong balance sheet that can enable it to grow inter-generational assets at a time when interest rates are at record lows
  - Council has built reserves over a number of years to be prudently deployed for the long-term benefit of the City and for use at times of crisis. These reserves have been replenished recently through asset sales. While it must and should retain very significant firepower as the pandemic unfolds, Council should also consider a modest allocation from reserves to help ameliorate the crisis that communities in Port Phillip are facing right now

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<sup>8</sup> Per Capita, *Some Facts about Debt*, Melbourne, April 2020, p18



- Advocacy to the State Government for a new local government loan pipeline through Treasury Corporation of Victoria, especially given State Government encouragement to meet obligations in this way during the crisis.
- Consideration in future of longer-term infrastructure asset financing options, specifically Australian Superannuation Infrastructure Investment Vehicles, a plan supported by the Financial Services Council<sup>9</sup>
- Cutting the 2021 St Kilda Festival
  - This saving could be re-purposed to both reverse many of the service cuts proposed in the draft budget and support a significant new municipal-wide live music and arts event program across 2021
- Cuts to reduce the use of external consultants which could be used to build in-house expertise and knowledge and deliver longer term structural savings
- Senior management wage and bonus freeze in FY21
- A practical, no-frills independent efficiency and effectiveness review [i.e. excluding major consultancies] to cut excessive management and ensure alignment with and delivery of the post-Election Council plan.

Council must be flexible and responsive as the pandemic unfolds and communicate deeply with Port Phillip communities about the Budget challenges it faces.

## **7. Conclusion**

This is a time to build trust, connections and communities.

It is not the time to trim services or delay capital spending.

We cannot assume business will return to usual. This pandemic has exposed too many fault lines in work, schooling, child care, housing, arts, retailing and opportunity to go back to that. We must bounce back better.

It is not the time to be nervous.

It is the time to invest in services, facilities and assets that communities across Port Phillip need now and that our children and their children will use, enjoy and treasure into the future.

**Submitted for Progressive Port Phillip by**

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<sup>9</sup> Financial Services Council, *Accelerating Australia's Economic Recovery*, June 2020

[REDACTED] Elwood

[REDACTED] Balaclava

CBR-297

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 23 July 2020 2:27 PM  
**To:** Bernadene Voss - Mayor <[Bernadene.Voss@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Bernadene.Voss@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Lighting in Hester Reserve, Port Melbourne

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

Hi Bernadene,

I am reaching out to you as a last resort. I have been speaking with council, approx 4-5 different people over 4 years to have lighting installed in Hester Reserve, Port Melbourne.

I am now frustrated at the lack of care/response to my ongoing requests as it is a matter of security. Can you please tell me what I need to do/who I need to talk to, so that someone actually does something.

Several years ago we had an attempted robbery while we were home (with our babies asleep) and the offender got away through the (dark) park and was nowhere to be found. There is a police presence in Hester reserve this morning after an incident through the night.

God knows what goes on there during the night - it is pitch black. I believe Something much more sinister will happen there if lighting is not installed.

Thank you for your time & I look forward to your response - any help will be much appreciated.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

# 'Have your Say' Submissions

Submission No.	Submitter name	Suburb	Submission
CBR-024	[REDACTED]	Keysborough	Thank you for supporting the Port Phillip Eco Centre all the best for 2020.
CBR-025	[REDACTED]	Balaclava	Please put health as number one on your expenditure and fix the public toilets in St Kilda. With health being so at risk if you need to visit a facility in St Kilda from degradation to dirt and grime. Please do this quickly. It is offensive to rate payers and tourism will be affected. Make a pleasant environment and people will come to your locality. Bringing spending money to your area. See the reviews, very negative, of St Kilda over this issue online.
CBR-026	[REDACTED] The left handed chef	South Melbourne	As a business owner in Port Phillip for 8 years and with the current climate difficulties I think businesses shouldn't pay for footpath trade. During summer next year it will Be our opportunity to try and gain some money we are losing through this whole time.
CBR-027	[REDACTED] Bingo Industries	City of Port Phillip	We would like to request that council give bin providers the opportunity to pay for on ANNUAL skip permit fee to cover unlimited placements within City of Port Phillip. The following councils already do so and this makes applications much easier, as we do not need to continually request cover; - BRIMBANK - CASEY - DAREBIN - DANDENONG - MANNINGHAM - MORELAND - MORNINGTON PENINSULA - WHITTLESEA
CBR-028	[REDACTED] Bodhi and Ride	Port Melbourne	Hello I am a small business owner on Bay Street Port Melbourne and have been hit hard by the pandemic. Your plan for the 20/21 budget should not include a 2% increase in council tax. Why should there be an increase? We don't earn 2% more or get paid 23% more. In fact, our revenues have dropped by 75% compared to this time last year, and this is likely to continue. Why did you not decrease council tax while many businesses were forcibly shut down? It's not I ke we used the garbage collection, or were aided by any local business assistance, or any community outreach by the council. In fact, nothing was done. All we could do was defer our council tax payments - thank you! that's hardly going to help struggling businesses.  Just take a walk down Bay Street Port Melbourne. It's the only street where Chemists move out, and Vinnies moves in.  do more to help struggling businesses and stop taking our money for services we didn't utilize in the 3 months of lockdown.

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CBR-029	[REDACTED]	A bert Park	<p>My question relates to pay within the council. How with a declining revenue base, the whole community taking pay cuts or losing jobs, business struggling, can the council agree with pay rises across the board? How can they justify these increases whilst increasing rates to a struggling community? How can the council office of the CEO justify keeping all staff when their staff levels across the rest of the council have fallen?</p> <p>The pay across every area on average has increased:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2019/20</th> <th>2020/21</th> <th></th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th>FTE</th> <th>AVE</th> <th>FTE AVE INCREASE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Office of Chief Executive</td> <td>68</td> <td>\$125,074</td> <td>68 \$130,632 4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community &amp; Economic Development</td> <td>284</td> <td>\$83,658</td> <td>259 \$94,764 13%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Infrastructure &amp; Amenity</td> <td>232</td> <td>\$94,082</td> <td>221 \$100,765 7%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Customer &amp; Corporate Services</td> <td>150</td> <td>\$120,807</td> <td>149 \$123,886 3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>City Strategy &amp; Sustainable Development</td> <td>117</td> <td>\$104,718</td> <td>108 \$119,556 14%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>I cannot see that there is an increased benefit to the community to remotely justify this increase.</p>		2019/20	2020/21			FTE	AVE	FTE AVE INCREASE	Office of Chief Executive	68	\$125,074	68 \$130,632 4%	Community & Economic Development	284	\$83,658	259 \$94,764 13%	Infrastructure & Amenity	232	\$94,082	221 \$100,765 7%	Customer & Corporate Services	150	\$120,807	149 \$123,886 3%	City Strategy & Sustainable Development	117	\$104,718	108 \$119,556 14%
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CBR-030	[REDACTED]	Port Melbourne	<p>I live in the Ingle street, Port Melbourne development. All the residence in this development including myself pay a body corporate to collect our weekly waste and fortnightly recycling, manage our roads and street lamps, and PI insurance etc... we also do not have access to hard rubbish collection and need to pay to dispose of our hard rubbish. We pay over \$2k per year to the body corporate. This was not our choice but a decision by the council. We also pay the full council rates. This is over \$4k per year which is a strain on household bills factoring all other living expenses. We were informed over 2 years ago that the council was working to find a solution to remove the waste collection costs from our council rates given this is not a service that is provided to us at all. This has not occurred. I would ask that you please consider this as part of this years budget and council rates calculation. I don't think it is fair or reasonable for us to be paying for a service that is not provided to us by council particular when this is not our choice.</p>																												
CBR-031	[REDACTED]	St Kilda West	<p>A lot of stats but I see little funding in regards to older generation and not enough fees to johnny come lately. Not enough increase fees to outside visitors, new developments and festivals. Increase rates on generations of people who have lived in the area for decades - long before it became a trendy suburb. Subsidies should be granted to people who have especially occupied the property for well over 50 years. Pensioners cannot eat their bricks and Governments want people living in their homes for as long as possible however your rates are pushing them out of somewhere where they have lived all their lives. Extremely annoyed and I expect council should have something in their policies etc for rebates for long standing residents who have paid rates to your Council probably longer than half of you have been alive !!!!</p> <p>Fees should charged or be increased substantially for all festivals and events such as music concerts, triathlons as most of these are not for locals and local trades do not get business from these events as they are usually in house catering or they come, block our streets, create noise and then leave. No benefits to the area whatsoever.</p>																												
CBR-032	[REDACTED] Ratepayers of Port Phillip	St Kilda East	<p>This budget is irrespons ble. Very little effort has been made to make substantial savings to return the budget to surplus. Raiding the general reserve funds to cover up the enormous deficit is fiscally irrespons ble. I strongly oppose the budget in its current form and would suggest that competent management is required to make wholesale changes to the council in order to provide value for ratepayers.</p>																												
CBR-033	[REDACTED]	St Kilda	<p>Hi, I am strongly opposed to council raising rates in the current environment, I know many older residents who have lived in the area for decades, it is a huge struggle for them to Just make ends meet. Frankly, I am staggered that you would even consider it.</p>																												

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CBR-034	[REDACTED]	St Kilda East	<p>Your proposed budget includes near zero funding for improved bicycle facilities within the City of Port Phillip. How do you expect people to move around post covid without improved cycling facilities? Why do you allow so many death zone (door zone) bicycle lanes in CoPP?</p> <p>The demand for cycling has skyrocketed since the covid pandemic began and you have proposed ZERO funding to support this transition</p>
CBR-035	[REDACTED]	St Kilda	<p>All efforts should be made to avoid any raise in rates. Council need to focus on delivery of core responsibilities to rate payers and reduce frivolous spending such as access to Ripponlea house, landscaping in front of Palais Theater, etc.</p>
CBR-038	[REDACTED] SouthPort Community Centre	St Kilda	<p>Dear Port Phillip Council,</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support of our City of Voices Inclusive Theatre Company program and South Port Community Centre. With Council's support, our group has been running since 1992 and has made a hugely positive impact on the lives of all who have participated.</p> <p>Many of our members are vulnerable and socially isolated - elderly people, people on low incomes, and/or people living with disabilities. But, during the COVID pandemic our group has looked out for one another, moved its weekly sessions to Zoom and provided much needed friendship, connection and creative expression during what is a difficult period for many people. The uptake of technology previously seen as 'too hard' has been a real bonus for some of our members too, allowing them to connect virtually with one another for the first time.</p> <p>As one participant, 'Peter', said:  "City of Voices has meant a lot to me. I wouldn't have thought three months ago I'd know how to use Zoom, but now I do. And without that, I'm a single person living alone, and the COVID 19 is very very...it's been hard, being isolated. But looking forward to City of Voices every week, I learn a new skill every week, get to catch up with everyone. Everyone's fantastic, they've sort of become a second family to me, and without it I don't know where I'd be."</p> <p>City of Voices is one of 12 SPCC council-funded programs that serve more than 300 participants each week.</p> <p>Research indicates an active healthy, resilient, well-informed, connected community will recover more quickly from disruptions like COVID-19 and your support makes that possible. Our little theatre group is an example of this in action, connecting people with one another through a shared interest and increasing social networks, health and happiness.</p> <p>So, thank you Port Phillip Council. We appreciate your support and hope that it can continue into the future.</p>
CBR-039	[REDACTED]	St Kilda	<p>Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because it enables me contribute to the Port Phillip Community as well as making a positive impact on the environment. The Eco Centre enlightens me on what I can do better for not only the local community but on the environment too. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p>

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CBR-040	██████████ Port Phillip EcoCentre	St Kilda	Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because it is a welcoming place that allowed me to connected to like-minded people in my community for the first time back in 2012. As a migrant, the EcoCentre has helped me integrate into community and expand my sustainability knowledge and skills that I can pass on to other members of the community. Five years after connecting through the community garden, the EcoCentre has become my workplace and a vehicle to pursue my purpose to create sustainable, inclusive and resilient communities. Our programs are valuable for all demographics: children, young professionals, families, seniors and multicultural communities. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-041	██████████	Ripponlea	Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because I am a teacher at Albert Park Primary School and utilise their expertise and guidance on meeting the learning and curriculum needs of our students. I am also a parent of children at two local schools who also access the EcoCentre for numerous programs. As an individual, I access the EcoCentre to provide me with inspiration to keep participating in actions that make a difference to the people and our precious places. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-042	██████████ Marine Education Science and Community inc (MESAC)	Cheltenham	The growing public awareness of our environmental concerns, has been largely engendered by deeply committed organizations like the Eco Centre, whose reasoned educational leadership, around the top of the Bay has been a key factor. I would hope that Council recognises this and continues its funding for this admirable group.
CBR-043	██████████	Port Melbourne	I wish to advise that the Assist Desk staff at the Port Melbourne Town are an invaluable source of information and help to residents. In particular the elderly and infirm. Many members of the community are unable to use the internet and/or internet banking. The service provided by these friendly and helpful Council staff is one of the only face to face interactions that ratepayers have with our Council. This is a very important aspect of Local Government.
CBR-044	██████████ Karen Hopkins Art	Melbourne	Please continue to support the EcoCentre and their essential education, research, and volunteering programs, I feel these are absolutely VITAL in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because I have learned so much about the environment and been able to gain support and connect with others in practical and supportive activities. Please continue to prioritize the amazing EcoCentre programs its staff and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-045	██████████	Elwood	Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is an important part of my life and it is where I would normally go on Friday afternoons to garden with the friends that I have made since I joined in early 2019. It is a focal point for people to organise around and it helps to legitimise collective action towards preventing potential environmental collapse which, if it occurred, may be a disruptive event on a larger scale than what we are currently experiencing. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.

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CBR-046	██████████ Volunteer at the EcoCentre	St Kilda	<p>Thank you so much for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. Please continue to do so.</p> <p>I am a dedicated Volunteer at the EcoCentre because it is vital to my personal well being and the health of our Port Phillip Areas. Both the Bay and the Gardens.</p> <p>During this Covid-19 time, I visit as a member of the Community, I check on the worms, admire the gardens and harvest fresh food. Now that is an uplifting heavenly walk.</p> <p>Day changer. It is the opportunity to care, to be touched by beauty and to receive good tucker.</p> <p>May we prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p>
CBR-047	██████████	St Kilda	<p>Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because the grassroots programs help gain and disseminate valuable information about local issues in the Port Phillip area. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p>
CBR-048	██████████	St Kilda	<p>Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is a very important part of the local community for me.</p> <p>As a TAFE teacher I have taken adult English language students on excursions to the Eco Centre. This generated everyday English language learning activities, facilitated discussions about what people have done, do now, and can do as we make the necessary changes for a sustainable culture, and also introduced students to new possible social contacts and activities for themselves and their children.</p> <p>Through the Eco Centre, I have also learnt a lot about our local environment, and taken part in activities and citizen science projects.</p> <p>We are incredibly lucky to have this Centre and its knowledgeable staff in our local area.</p> <p>Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p>
CBR-049	██████████	St Kilda	<p>Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because it does so many wonderful things so economically. As well, it is a beacon of integrity, hope and inspiration, practically and educationally. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p>
CBR-050	██████████	Elwood	<p>I have been involved with the EcoCentre for many years and wish to thank COPP for supporting the EcoCentre and their outstanding education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because they are a local, effective, enthusiastic and talented organisation - marvellous staff and committee of management who have achieved extraordinary outcomes over many years. They continue to make effective and inspiring connections in the municipality which create opportunities for young and old to learn more about our local environment and how we can contribute to environment protection and action to mitigate and adjust to climate change.</p> <p>Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets</p>



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CBR-051	[REDACTED]	St Kilda	<p>Dear Mayor, &amp; Cr Gross,</p> <p>I am writing to you as a local resident in St kilda for over thirty years and as a resident of Victoria all my life. I ask you to stop supporting any additional funding and expansion of the Eco Centre, located within the grounds of the St Kilda Botanic Gardens. For too long this group has had exclusive occupation of a facility which should be part of the botanic gardens, a public asset, open to all. The eco centre whose messages I support, operates to duplicate educational services which are already offered by the State of Victoria's public education system. The eco centre is not operated as a community or public resource but rather functions as an exclusive group on a publicly funded stipend. I note the 2019 media release from Minister Neville outlining funding for the Kids Teaching Kids which is a national peer education program about sustainability. This I humbly suggest and other "in school" education programs is where State and local government spending and funds for sustainability are best directed and managed.</p> <p>I have observed for years how the eco centre has gradually physically isolated itself from the gardens (partly to screen the ugly mess it generates on the grounds it uses) and constructs sheds and structures inappropriately across the site it occupies to the exclusion of the general public. The centre would be more accessible and useful if re-located elsewhere and the land returned to become part of gardens which it once was. It operates as a club for a few and is highly funded by state and local government in an elitist compound. I humbly ask that you not consider any future funding to this group and that current and future funding is directed to the quality and professional services open to all Victorians offered by the education and sustainability programs operated by state government departments. Any money from state and local government would be better spent trying to keep the trees and gardens in the botanic gardens alive rather than in the perilous state of decline many are in.</p> <p>Please do not fund the expansion and development of the Eco Centre as outlined in the draft budget.</p> <p>I look forward to hearing your views on this matter. Yours respectfully,</p>
CBR-052	[REDACTED]	St Kilda East	<p>The EcoCentre is important to me because it brings our community together and gives us hope for the future by empowering us to tackle climate change in our own backyard. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p>
CBR-053	[REDACTED]	Elwood	<p>Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because it's doing something very practical about the local environment, not just talking about it. It's also engaging the community in its efforts, which I feel is worthy in itself.</p> <p>Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets. I'm proud to live in the city of Port Phillip knowing it supports such valuable projects.</p>
CBR-054	[REDACTED]	South Melbourne	<p>Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because as a volunteer there, I have seen the incredible work that EcoCentre do with helping build community, protecting the Bay and surrounds areas, building awareness and educating about the local habitat and animals. Also to support EcoCentre in the incredible research they conduct with citizen scientists such as the Clean Bay Blueprint (microplastics) and Sunscreen Project. Lastly, the opportunities EcoCentre provide through education for our future generation, opportunities for university students to gain experience, workplaces and large organisations to get hands on volunteering and giving back to the environment and more. So please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets to ensure a regenerative future together as a community!</p>

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CBR-055	[REDACTED]	St Kilda	<p>Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change.</p> <p>The EcoCentre is important to me because I have learn so much and built much more knowledge from attending sessions online and in person about native an indigenous plants and their importance in our ecosystem. I am so privileged that I have had the chance to interact with like minded members of the community in relation to the eco center.</p> <p>Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p>
CBR-056	Australian Landcare International	St Kilda East	<p>I know that the Council has supported The EcoCentre for many years with great results. Thank you for that. The EcoCentre has been important to me over many years as a source of community knowledge and drive on environmental issues for many parts of the local communities. Being involved in Landcare at a local and international level, I have found the Staff of the EcoCentre very active, generous with their time and knowledge, and helpful on a wide range of issues. Please continue to support their work, and their needs for redevelopment to expand their work when you are assessing your on-going Council programs.</p>
CBR-057	[REDACTED]	Brighton North	<p>Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change.</p> <p>The EcoCentre is important to me because it provides a physical presence to help the community focus on the environment in these busy times. For adults, it's an oasis in a sea (mixed metaphor?) of hustle and bustle. And, most importantly, it both establishes and demonstrates a much needed vision of hope and care to so many children.</p> <p>Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p>
CBR-058	[REDACTED]	St Kilda	<p>Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because it gives the opportunity to connect with the land and learn sustainable practices. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p>

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CBR-059	[REDACTED]	Blairstown	<p>I write to explain the importance of the Eco Centre and the vital roles it fulfills in public education and change. Thank you for your support for the Eco Centre in not only its powerful education programs but for the scientific research it undertakes. Without its' firm volunteer base and vital Council budget contributions, this necessary community work would diminish.</p> <p>The ongoing support of Port Phillip Council, its' funding and collaboration make the Eco Centre a leader in the field of community involvement.</p> <p>I represent a student education program 'The Canopy of Care'. We use and contribute to the citizen science programs of the Eco Centre and Bay Keeper. The Canopy of Care is a collective of like-minded organisations that provide resources and on-site experiences that inform students about key environmental issues, particularly those that are facing our coast and waterways. The key focus is to engage our young adults in an entertaining and interactive manner and to provide inspiration and support to enable them to take action at a community level. Students are encouraged and resourced to become custodians of their own futures. Conservation through education is essential. Collaboration with the Eco Centre is indeed a centre-piece.</p> <p>Please prioritise Eco Centre in its programs and in its redevelopment. It is a jewel in the crown of Port Phillip; its' importance cannot be underestimated and its future must be assured. Every dollar is an investment in this age of climate change and uncertainty. Its' true worth is in the hope and positivity it provides to all-comers who really do become actively and powerfully engaged in determining a better future for Port Phillip especially, and beyond.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>
CBR-060	[REDACTED]	Elwood	<p>Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because it is such a unique organisation and is a treasure in Port Phillip. I am a regular volunteer in the garden and so many people have become a really connected community through this activity. The worth to us all cannot be measured. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p>
CBR-061	[REDACTED] Australian Landcare International; CoPP Biolinks Group; Westgate Biodiversity; Bili Nursery & Landcare	South Melbourne	<p>Port Phillip councillors</p> <p>Thank you for continuously supporting the EcoCentre and its essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change.</p> <p>The EcoCentre is very important to me because Australian Landcare International, of which I am deputy chair, has met there for years; it encourages young environmentalists; it strongly supports local Landcare groups and activities; it has helped me and colleagues foster, with CoPP staff in support, a biolinks information network; and it encourages recycling, local artists and eco-friendly construction. Moreover it intensifies community spirit.</p> <p>Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre's programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p> <p>Thanks again</p>
CBR-062	[REDACTED]	South Melbourne	<p>Keep the South Melbourne Market Neff Market Kitchen Open.</p> <p>Market would be not the same without cooking class. This is so a institutions in our community</p>
CBR-063	[REDACTED]	Elwood	<p>I have been a volunteer for 2 years at Port Philip Community Group. I have assisted with Intake, special events such as Homelessness Week and Christmas community lunches, fresh food relief, reception, technology education, and social housing community lunches. I am now assisting with the new Share the Food Program.</p> <p>Please, put the needs of our most vulnerable first in this crisis. This is a Council obligation that has been committed to in Social Justice statements of policy.</p>

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CBR-069	[REDACTED]	Burwood	Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because we work together to educate the public about our critical local bay ecosystems and the threats that they face. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-070	[REDACTED]	St Kilda	Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because it provides us with invaluable opportunities to engage with and support our Understanding of the environment, adds to the experience of the Blessington gardens, helps increase and support biodiversity in our city, and creates the opportunity for a like-minded community. The current team is amazingly effective. For all those reasons, please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets
CBR-071	[REDACTED]	Ripponlea	Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me as they have been instrumental in assisting and mentoring our Green Team at St Columba's, enabling us to achieve our sustainability goals, including our 5 star Resource Smart rating, significant successful grant applications and numerous awards. Aside from the many opportunities they have provided for education and research for my children through school, my family have also benefited from their numerous programs that have encouraged them to be engaged in their local environment in a very positive and meaningful way. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-072	[REDACTED]	St Kilda	Back to basics please
CBR-073	[REDACTED]	St Kilda	Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because it enables me to feel a part of a community and has helped me learn to lead a more sustainable life, as well as giving me the confidence to share what I have learnt. I learnt how to compost correctly at the eco centre and then set up a shared compost for the units in my apartment block, and at the eco centre I have been taught about indigenous plants and their uses. I have also had the opportunity to share my knowledge of worm farming. I have reduced my use of plastic since by learning alternatives at the eco centre. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment programs. Regards
CBR-074	[REDACTED]	St Kilda East	Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because learning to live sustainably and protect our natural environment is so vital for the future of our local area. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.

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CBR-075	██████████ Clarendon Children's Centre	South Melbourne	<p>Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change.</p> <p>As a childcare centre offering early education and care to some of our youngest citizens, we are committed to educating the next generation about sustainability, care for Country and the importance of protecting our environment. The EcoCentre has been an important resource that has supported our goals by providing valuable training and support to the educator team. We also routinely share information, resources and learning opportunities that the EcoCentre provides to our children and families.</p> <p>Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p>
CBR-076	██████████ Mammal Survey Group of Victoria	Melbourne	<p>Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because it has space for meetings for affiliated environmental support groups and community groups that helps us come together. They have a strong focus on participation for all ages and allow networking and the sharing of ideas. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p>
CBR-077	██████████	Fish Creek	<p>Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because it gives me a way to learn about and protect the Bay sea life that I love in an area I frequently dive and snorkel. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p>
CBR-078	██████████	Brighton	<p>THANK YOU for supporting the ECOCENTRE in its wonderful education, reseach &amp; volunteer work in these troubled times. Even tho i live in the neighbouring Bayside suburb of Brighton, i am a fervent supporter, member &amp; volunteer because of its very worthy programs, please continue to support it in this &amp; future budget considerations.</p> <p>Thank you once again</p>
CBR-080	██████████	Hoppers Crossing	<p>Dear Port Phillip Councillors,</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support of the ARCS - Applied Reception/Customer Service Training Program and SouthPort Community Centre.</p> <p>ARCS is an ongoing 21 week vocational training program, catering to those who are under-employed or experiencing barriers to employment.</p> <p>A recent survey showed that 91% of ARCS graduates go on to either further study, skilled volunteering or paid work.</p> <p>During this COVID-19 epidemic, the ARCS program continued via the online platform, Zoom with 12 participants successfully graduating last week.</p> <p>The ongoing support of Port Phillip Council will continue to make this happen, helping others successfully embark on their journey from unemployment into the world of work.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>

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CBR-081	[REDACTED]	Port Melbourne	<p>It is important to continue to invest in vital public services. The services provided by council are vitally necessary, probably more during this time of Covid19 than in any other time. Some of the vital services provided by Council that must be continued include childcare; Maternal &amp; Child Health services; cycling infrastructure; libraries; parks and public spaces; housing; waste and rubbish management; supporting the Eco-Centre; and responding to the challenges of the Climate emergency.</p> <p>Childcare services should be provided by Council for people living in the city. Publicly owned and affordable child care is a vital service. Council should increase the amount of child care services provided; the council run child care services must be of high quality, and affordable.</p> <p>The Maternal &amp; Child Health (MCH) services are a vital service to families in the community, and must be continued.</p> <p>We need better facilities for bicycle riders. More people will cycle if they feel it is safe to do so, and they will feel it is safe if there are separate bike paths and bike lanes. Since the restrictions resulting from Covid 19 there has been a significant increase in people cycling, and there needs to be better facilities for these increased numbers of cyclists. The best facilities for cyclists are separate bike paths, where there are no risks from cars, and no risks to pedestrians. I would like to see separate bike paths all along the sea shore, including along St. Kilda beach. Having cyclists and pedestrians together, as along the St Kilda beach, and along South bank of the Yarra, does not work. Pedestrians and cyclists get irritated by each other. It would be better to have a separate bike path.</p> <p>We also need separate bike paths and bike lanes in other parts of the city. The bike lanes that exist are good, but we need more of them. We also need more bike parking racks.</p> <p>Libraries are a great community resource and Council must continue to fund these great resources.</p> <p>Parks and public spaces are a great resource in the city. We need more of them. Council should consider where it is possible to close roads and convert them to bike paths, parks and open spaces. Council must continue to fund tree planting and care for trees and parks in the city. These are vital public places; particularly during Covid 19 when many people are working from home or not working, they are using parks and public spaces. Parks and public spaces are good for both mental and physical health of residents and visitors to the city. The Eco-Centre, in the St. Kilda Botanical gardens, is an excellent educational public resource, and must be maintained.</p> <p>Covid 19 has hit homeless people hard, and Council should work with other levels of government, housing providers and developers to provide high-quality social housing to help people who need it most.</p> <p>Rubbish and waste management must continue to be funded and managed by Council. As waste management becomes more problematic, Council must investigate further opportunities for recycling, and be innovative in relation to waste management. Residents must be strongly encouraged to dispose of rubbish and waste responsibly.</p> <p>We are living in a Climate emergency. Perhaps some people are more focussed on Covid 19, but we must not forget that Summers are getting hotter, bushfires are getting worse, and that extreme weather events are going to become more frequent. The Climate emergency is continuing. Council must continue to reduce carbon emissions, promote renewable energy, and educate residents about responses to the Climate emergency. Putting solar panels on the roof of the South Melbourne market was an excellent Council initiative, and there should be more investment in renewable energy. Council should investigate putting solar panels on the roofs of all Council owned properties, and providing solar power for all its facilities</p> <p>We need to ensure that we continue these essential services in our city, to meet the demands and needs of all residents.</p>

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CBR-083	[REDACTED]	Albert Park	<p>Dear Port Phillip Councillors, Thank you for your continued support of the ARCS - Applied Reception/Customer Service Training Program and SouthPort Community Centre.</p> <p>ARCS is an ongoing 21 week vocational training program, catering to those who are under-employed or experiencing barriers to employment.</p> <p>A recent survey showed that 91% of ARCS graduates go on to either further study, skilled volunteering or paid work.</p> <p>During this COVID-19 epidemic, the ARCS program continued via the online platform, Zoom with 12 participants successfully graduating last week.</p> <p>The ongoing support of Port Phillip Council will continue to make this happen, helping others successfully embark on their journey from unemployment into the world of work.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>
CBR-084	[REDACTED]	Elwood	<p>Dear Council</p> <p>I would like to express my thanks to you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially as global climate change is such a major issue needing urgent attention by us all. The EcoCentre is important to me as it offers options and solutions that will help us all protect and sustain our planet, starting at an individual and local level - we can all contribute. Please continue to prioritise their programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p> <p>I would also like to see promotion of EcoCentres across all councils and have them working together where possible.</p>
CBR-086	[REDACTED]	St Kilda	<p>Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre through many years, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me and to the community, providing a valuable focal point for education, research and volunteering programs for all age groups. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p>

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CBR-087	[REDACTED]	St Kilda	<p>Dear Port Phillip Councillors, Thank you for your continued support of the ARCS - Applied Reception/Customer Service Training Program and SouthPort Community Centre.</p> <p>ARCS is an ongoing 21 week vocational training program, catering to those who are under-employed or experiencing barriers to employment.</p> <p>A recent survey showed that 91% of ARCS graduates go on to either further study, skilled volunteering or paid work.</p> <p>During this COVID-19 epidemic, the ARCS program continued via the online platform, Zoom with 12 participants successfully graduating last week.</p> <p>The ongoing support of Port Phillip Council will continue to make this happen, helping others successfully embark on their journey from unemployment into the world of work.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
CBR-088	[REDACTED]	Melbourne	<p>Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because of their significant value to connect locals, residents and those in the wider catchment to care for Country, highlighting values of Boon Wurrung People. Connecting people to their land and waterways of City of Port Phillip in particular is more important now than it ever has been due to this extraordinary year. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets. They have desperately outgrown their facilities for the quality of educational, research, and community connectedness that they deliver.</p>
CBR-089	[REDACTED]	Albert Park	<p>Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change.</p> <p>The EcoCentre is important to me because it provides resources for the community, and it has been helpful to me for clarifying environmental issues and actions that I can take. I think we're extremely lucky in Port Phillip to have such a place.</p> <p>Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p>
CBR-090	[REDACTED]	St Kilda	<p>I'm writing to thank you for supporting the City of Voices choir and say how much joy I have had from watching their shows over the years. My sister is in the group and she loves it. The connections she has made there have enhanced her life in lots of ways, both in the time she spends with the group and with the people she has met through it. It is inclusive in the best possible way and I really see it as at the heart of what a community is and should strive to be. Please continue to support it!</p>



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CBR-091	[REDACTED]	Ferntree Gully	<p>Dear Port Phillip Councillors, Thank you for your continued support of the City of Voices Inclusive Theatre Group and SouthPort Community Centre.</p> <p>City of Voices (COV) is an inclusive theatre company operating as a program of SouthPort Community Centre. Ours is one of 12 Council-funded programs run by SPCC that serve more than 300 participants each week.</p> <p>At City of Voices, our mission is to give all people, regardless of age, ability or socio-economic status, the opportunity to engage in the creative arts.</p> <p>Established in 1992, COV has been creating original theatrical work for the local Port Phillip community for over 25 years. The majority of our participants live, work or study in the City of Port Phillip.</p> <p>During this COVID-19 epidemic, City of Voices has continued to meet on Zoom, supporting each other, reducing loneliness and isolation, and keeping our minds creative and active during what have been difficult times. We are not just a theatre group but a 'second family' for our members, many of whom are from vulnerable and isolated groups.</p> <p>Research indicates that an active, healthy, resilient, well-informed and connected community will recover more quickly from disruptions like COVID-19. City of Voices is an example of that community connection in action. Port Phillip Council - your support makes that possible.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Thanks everyone for taking action! The more voices thanking Council for their support, the better! x COV</p>
CBR-092	[REDACTED]	St Kilda West	<p>Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change.</p> <p>The EcoCentre is important to me particularly as an educational resource, having attended some local field trips and lectures on Port Phillip intertidal zone ecology, local flora/fauna/indigenous plant walks.</p> <p>Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p>

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CBR-121	<p>██████████ General Manager View Hotel</p>	Melbourne	<p>Dear Lord Mayor, We are an independent 206 room Hotel with 80 staff located at 562 St Kilda Road in the Gateway Ward.</p> <p>Our business is experiencing ongoing hardship due to a reduction in revenue; arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic. To date we have drained our resources having tipped in our reserves of \$500k to keep the business afloat. Now, the financial obligations of the business have become a sensitive focus-point, in particular, as to how we can manage those obligations in a way that ensures our continued operation during and beyond the current uncertain and challenging environment. One financial commitment of our business which is currently under strain is the obligation to pay Council rates and charges. These are approximately \$150k per year and we have been a dutiful rate payer since 1985. I acknowledge that the council has refunded some registration fees which to my knowledge equates to approximately a mere \$317.</p> <p>We are writing to request that Council consider providing us with a part waiver, part deferral of rates and charges to assist us with continuing our operations and surviving the pandemic. We propose that Council provide us with a 50% waiver of rates and charges over the pandemic period with the remainder to be deferred and repayable by equal monthly installments over a 24 month period following the end of that period. We would be grateful if Council could consider our proposal and contact us to discuss as soon as possible, with a view to reaching agreement on a way forward which is acceptable to both parties.</p> <p>In addition I would like to address the absence of support for the many businesses along St Kilda Rd. The council marketing online appears to be focused on the three main precincts of Port Melbourne, South Melbourne Markets and St Kilda foreshore. As a hotel along the St Kilda council border we provide a facility that serves the community and business and we have never asked for any support. We need it now. In normal conditions we market the hotel and acquire guests from the Victorian, Interstate and International markets spending upwards of \$350k to achieve this. These guests actively contribute to the community of Port Phillip spending money on the St Kilda foreshore and retail precincts.</p> <p>I have been very impressed with the support that has been provided by the City of Melbourne whilst the City of Port Phillip has been woeful in engaging with businesses in need. Subsequently I am assembling a body that will represent all the major hotels in the City of Port Phillip area. This is to ensure the Accommodation Hospitality sector is fairly represented and recognised as a major provider for employment and community. We have been forgotten.</p> <p>I look forward to engaging with you further. Kind Regards,</p>
CBR-124	██████████	Middle Park	I would like Council to support the Port Phillip Enviro Centre. The work it does is more important than ever and is a tangible way of tackling critical environmental issues
CBR-125	██████████	St Kilda East	I wish to submit a Council look at greatly increased levels of both internal economy, and also look at making all departments compliant with both their empowering legislation but also with the broader Legal Requirements. As the Council's operating environment has much high value land which results in high rate levels and also low levels of new infra-structure spending
CBR-126	██████████	South Melbourne	I agree with the proposed support from the City of Port Phillip for the EcoCentre and its work, especially in a world so challenged by climate change. And also support the fact Council recognises this climate emergency. The EcoCentre is important to me because its research helps us to understand the impact of how we can improve the environment and affect climate change for the future, and it involves many volunteers which is an important benefit for our community and young people. As a resident of the CoPP since 2004, I ask you to please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.

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CBR-127	[REDACTED]	A bert Park	Thank you to the City of Port Phillip for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world so challenged by climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because this environmental organisation has provided vital education and community resources not only to my four children and their network, but to countless other individuals—as an educational hub and as an all-important volunteer centre. The Eco Centre's programs empower the community to become involved in the development of a sustainable future for all of us. As a long term resident of the CoPP I ask you to please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-128	[REDACTED]	Port Melbourne	I am a resident of the Ingles St development and my submission is asking for a review into the calculation of rates that the Council of Port Phillip levy on myself and other residents of this development. As a resident we pay both rates and body-corporate fees and both include fees for the collection & removal weekly waste and fortnightly recycling. The Council has divested itself of responsibility but it still charges for, and collects money, for a service it does not provide. Accordingly, I ask that the Council review the elements that go into its calculations of rates for residents of Port Phillip and make the relevant adjustments to its invoicing and budgets.
CBR-129	[REDACTED] Kids In Nature Network and Port Phillip EcoCentre	Elwood	Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change.  The EcoCentre is important to me because it was the first place in Melbourne where I connected with my local community when moving to Melbourne. This is the place where I learnt everything about our unique local environment and the bay. It is a super welcoming place and a very special community centre that really gets things done for nature, sustainability, our climate and community capacity building. I now count myself lucky enough to work as education manager in their staff team.  Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets. The City of Port Phillip community is extremely lucky to have a local environmental and sustainability hub like this. Continued support for its programs and the redevelopment of the premises will enable the organisation to maximise its reach and the collaborative and collective impact for the entire community, in particular young people, in a time where climate action and community cohesion and resilience are vitally important, both for the current and future well-being of us all.
CBR-130	[REDACTED]	Elwood	Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because It provides a leading light for all of us who care about our living home(our planet), to follow and to connect cohesively as a community. write 1-2 sentences on your connection with the EcoCentre and our programs]. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.

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CBR-131	██████████ South Port Community Centre	Caulfield North	<p>Dear Port Phillip Councillors,</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support of the ARCS - Applied Reception/Customer Service Training Program and SouthPort Community Centre.</p> <p>ARCS is an ongoing 21 week vocational training program, catering to those who are under-employed or experiencing barriers to employment.</p> <p>A recent survey showed that 91% of ARCS graduates go on to either further study, skilled volunteering or paid work.</p> <p>During this COVID-19 epidemic, the ARCS program continued via the online platform, Zoom with 12 participants successfully graduating last week.</p> <p>The ongoing support of Port Phillip Council will continue to make this happen, helping others successfully embark on their journey from unemployment into the world of work.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>
CBR-132	██████████	Elwood	<p>Thank you for re-instating at least partial funding in the new financial year for the redevelopment of PP Ecocentre, a pivotal, leading facility in local and regional environmental research and education. Its impact on improving our local and regional environment, on bringing community together, teaching skills and supporting individuals and organisations to transition to a more sustainable future cannot be understated.</p> <p>I endorse the priorities for social housing and caring for the vulnerable, as well as supporting the creatives who continue to struggle in C-19 times. I would hope that Council can make strong moves towards Zero emissions in this new FY. The Climate Emergency is upon us and cannot be left unaddressed.</p> <p>Funds spent on educating the community intensively to accurately manage household and business waste streams will save CoPP money on the landfill levy. Better education of the public in regards to public littering and more effective infrastructure, such as dedicated butt bins for cigarettes, will also greatly improve public amenity. There is so much to do in this regard.</p> <p>I am disappointed that funds for partnering with Bayside regarding Elsterwick Nature Reserve and Greening projects seem to have been postponed, if I am not mistaken. Green spaces have proved vital for community health as so many other activities have been limited. International research verifies the positive impact of public green spaces on community and mental health. Greening initiatives would give high value for small investments, so I urge council to revisit these aspects of the new budget.</p>
CBR-133	██████████ South Port Community Centre	Port Melbourne	<p>Dear Port Phillip Councillors,</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support of the ARCS - Applied Reception/Customer Service Training Program and SouthPort Community Centre.</p> <p>ARCS is an ongoing 21 week vocational training program, catering to those who are under-employed or experiencing barriers to employment.</p> <p>A recent survey showed that 91% of ARCS graduates go on to either further study, skilled volunteering or paid work.</p> <p>During this COVID-19 epidemic, the ARCS program continued via the online platform, Zoom with 12 participants successfully graduating last week.</p> <p>The ongoing support of Port Phillip Council will continue to make this happen, helping others successfully embark on their journey from unemployment into the world of work.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>

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CBR-134	[REDACTED]	Elwood	Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and its essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because it is a hub for vital work to support the environment. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-135	[REDACTED]	Balaclava	As a City of Port Phillip resident and member of the community group, Balaclava Environment and Street Trees, I want to say thanks for Council's support of the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs. The EcoCentre does excellent environmental education and community engagement work and is doing a great job of keeping the community connected through Melbourne's COVID-19 lockdowns. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future CoPP budgets.
CBR-136	[REDACTED]	Balaclava	Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because of the joy that it provides my kids and my friend's kids. They learn so much there!! Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-137	[REDACTED]	St Kilda West	As part of the updated Council Plan and draft Budget 2020/21, I urge the Port Phillip City Council to prioritize the implementation of a network of protected, separated bike paths throughout the Port Phillip area. I urge the council to install temporary protected bike lanes as soon as possible, to take advantage of the decrease in motor vehicle traffic and the increase in bicycle traffic arising from the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. Such temporary bike lanes should, in due course, be replaced by permanent protected bicycle lanes. Having reliable, safe bicycle infrastructure promotes cycling in the city. This provide numerous benefits, including a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and a smoother, safer flow of traffic (both motor vehicle and bicycle). It would also help to make Melbourne one of the world's great "green," environmentally-sustainable cities, with an impressive and well-developed network of cycling infrastructure.
CBR-138	[REDACTED]	Elwood	I am a resident of Port Phillip with three primary school aged children. I'd like to thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education programs. These are incredibly important in the world we live in today - a world of uncertainty where the one certain is that we are experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre plays such an important role in our lives - we love visiting it on our weekend strolls through the gardens; we enjoy and learn from their engaging events; we benefit from their vital research; and my children get so much out of their environmental education programs run at our local primary school. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.

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CBR-139	[REDACTED]	St Kilda West	<p>It is totally inappropriate, and tone deaf, to be increasing rates in a year where most ratepayers have taken a major financial hit due to covid. Are we in this together, or does the Council see itself as not needing to care? That, plus the fact that PP's key metrics, compared to neighbouring councils, highlight extravagant spending and inefficient/bloated management, suggests that either the council needs to take a good hard look at itself, or resign and let some fresh blood do it.</p> <p>At a minimum: Compared to Bayside, Stonnington, and Hobson's Bay your spending is extravagant, your staffing levels indicate gross inefficiency, and spending 33% of income on mgt is further indication of a council out of control. Further, you clearly treating single residences as cash cows, for they are being the brunt of the increases each year.</p> <p>What needs to happen: 1. Cut staffing by 20% to bring PP in line with the councils listed above. Mgt &amp; admin to take the highest hit. 2. Cut spending by 30%, to progressively bring PP in line with those council. 3. Collect market-rated rental from council-owned businesses and properties. 4. Cut this year's rates by 5%, compared to last year. 5. Introduce term limits in councillors, ie bring in fresh thinking, which is focussed on the needs of ratepayers, not the councillors.</p>
CBR-140	[REDACTED]	Elwood	<p>Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because it provides a unique "portal" for locals and visitors to appreciate the connection of humans to the rest of the natural world in this place. The EcoCentre has provided me with an indepth understanding of the land and the sea and how best to perform my civic duties in relation to both those things. Not a lot of councils have an EcoCentre that does that. The centre works to create a resilient and caring community through all the work it does and as a resident of this municipality, this is vital to my identifying with my "place". Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p>
CBR-141	[REDACTED]	St Kilda East	<p>What are you doing to support cycling in the City of Port Phillip and lead a 'post-covid' change in transport patterns. You need to build infrastructure to support people who want to make this mode shift, and there is ZERO budget for sustainable transport improvements within this budget</p>
CBR-142	Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre Inc	Hobson Bay	<p>Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to us all because we need to keep connected to the natural environment and each other especially during this pandemic and into the future.</p> <p>I am the Chair of the Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre that aims to connect people to nature in western Melbourne. We have been working with the EcoCentre for the last few years to share programs, ideas and community activities. They are a vital source of knowledge and inspiration for our Centre and for all Victorians to help us protect and look after our natural environment. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p>

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CBR-143	[REDACTED]	St Kilda East	<p>Dear Port Phillip Councillors,</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support of the City of Voices Inclusive Theatre Group and SouthPort Community Centre. City of Voices (COV) is an inclusive theatre company operating as a program of SouthPort Community Centre. Ours is one of 12 Council-funded programs run by SPCC that serve more than 300 participants each week. At City of Voices, the mission is to give all people, regardless of age, ability or socio-economic status, the opportunity to engage in the creative arts. I first encountered the City of Voices production company performing an amazing show at the EcoCentre's 20th birthday Community EnviroFest - the joy and pride was absolutely contagious.</p> <p>During this COVID-19 epidemic, City of Voices has continued to meet on Zoom, supporting each other, reducing loneliness and isolation, and keeping our minds creative and active during what have been difficult times. Like other community-based organisations (I wrote about the EcoCentre in a separate submission), there is a unique benefit from familiar faces and shared passions to provide a cascade of benefits.</p> <p>Our municipality is known for its creative arts - thank you for supporting this signature program that ensures the arts reach everyone, especially when the power of creative connection is most starkly needed for our wellbeing.</p> <p>Research indicates that an active, healthy, resilient, well-informed and connected community will recover more quickly from disruptions like COVID-19. City of Voices is an example of that community connection in action. Port Phillip Council - your support makes that possible. Thank you.</p>
CBR-144	[REDACTED]	St Kilda West	<p>I am so glad you are supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs. There is so much happening at both a community level and a global level, particularly regarding climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because it empowers me within my community to be able to learn how to tackle climate change at a local level. I also have made connections within the community that I would never otherwise have made. And without the EcoCentre the COPP would lose an extremely valuable resource in the coordination, education and empowerment of its citizens when making a difference re climate change. COPP is much stronger with the EcoCentre. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p>

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CBR-145	[REDACTED]	St Kilda East	<p>In a year of economic challenges, many social and environmental services are at risk. Valuable investments such as the Port Phillip EcoCentre, however, stand to deliver deeper return on investment during such times -- the EcoCentre is able to pivot nimbly, and provide trusted and expert outreach to residents, their members and volunteers including digital programs, using their database to provide kind check ins by phone, and providing referrals to wraparound services for food access, mental and physical health care. All this while seemingly not slowing down their team's ability to design and deliver quality, evidence-based and inspirational enviro programs such as their Thursday night seminars and workshops, new formats of education programming (even though no schools have standardised tech requirements!), and citizen science that has been adapted for safe solo data collection while still feeling connected to the shared purpose and community network.</p> <p>I therefore write to applaud the Council's continuing investment in EcoCentre programs, and redevelopment (a standing commitment, only expended upon securing matched funding... though many community members would wholeheartedly endorse its 100% investment by Council due to being a community-led organisation delivering equal or stronger benefits than surf lifesaving clubs or sporting pavillions built in the last 5 years).</p> <p>The model and track record of the EcoCentre provide a strong endorsement for the Council's partnership in what will clearly be a dynamic, multifaceted, far-reaching and innovative approach to keeping community and the environment well during and beyond this pandemic.</p> <p>As a frontline health worker (in public psychiatry, with a catchment overlapping Port Phillip), I can testify to the preventative, therapeutic and recuperative benefits of a hub like the EcoCentre in our community. Council's EcoCentre funding makes an incred ble triple bottom line return - economic, social and environmental - and although much of that is not captured in spreadsheets, or may involve sensitive health data that can't be part of the EcoCentre headlines, the ripple impacts of this centre should not be underestimated.</p> <p>Please continue to invest in our community by funding the EcoCentre in this budget and future budgets.</p>
CBR-146	[REDACTED]	St Kilda	<p>More than happy to discuss with council rep or present with time...</p> <p>Having reviewed the Draft plan, it is outstanding at the lack of Security upgrade's occurring across the council namely St Kilda where there seems to be large scale issues with the security of our owners, patrons, lessors, and tenants. There is a lack of support for immediate security upgrades across St Kilda and it is surprising that the council seems to have discounted the need for general security upgrades to allow for the redevelopment.</p> <p>The redevelopment will serve no purposes if the community does not feel safe to leave there place to visit(just review social media- it is ACTUALLY DISGUSTING) this precinct and be viable in the area, as it once was, we are rate payers and need to be safe!</p> <p>Further to the above, the significant decline in occupancy rates will only continue to drive council budgets through the floor and not providing for future upgrades and will only take longer to get back to the normal ST KILDA we all want.</p>
CBR-147	[REDACTED] Port Phillip Community Group	Caulfield South	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Thank you for supporting the Port Phillip Community Group (PPCG) to continue to make a positive difference to the financial, physical and psychological well-being of individuals and families on low income, experiencing disadvantage or in financial hardship. PPCG provides programs and services, such as casework, financial counselling, education and skills development, volunteering, social meals to rooming houses, and recreational and creative activities to promote social inclusion and well-being. The work of PPCG is important to the community because for many years it has provided amazing assistance to those members of our community who for whatever reason have found themselves in very difficult situations. This group "punch far above their weight" in the amount of people they help with the limited resources that they have . Please continue to prioritise funds and support to the Port Phillip Community Group in this and future budgets.</p>



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CBR-148	[REDACTED]	St Kilda East	I strongly encourage Council to continue to support the Port Phillip Community Group (PPCG) and to increase its funding commensurate with the increase in demand for its services following the economic devastation wrought by Covid-19. As a finalists of the Victorian Training Awards, 2019, there is no question as to its efficacy and such efforts should be financially rewarded. PPCG is important to the community because it provides such a breadth of services, both directly and by referrals, making an outsized contribution to the community. As a long-time resident and Board member of PPCG, I urge you to prioritise funds and support to the Port Phillip Community Group in this and future budgets with an increase in funding of at least 12.5%.
CBR-149	[REDACTED] Port Phillip Community Group	Kew	Thank you for supporting the Port Phillip Community Group (PPCG) to continue to make a positive difference to the financial, physical and psychological well-being of individuals and families on low income, experiencing disadvantage or in financial hardship. PPCG provides programs and services, such as casework, financial counselling, education and skills development, volunteering, social meals to rooming houses, and recreational and creative activities to promote social inclusion and well-being. The work of PPCG is important to the community because it helps connect people who may otherwise be disconnected, it helps members of our community develop skills in areas that will support them improve their lives and sometimes provides advocacy for people who don't have a voice. Please continue to prioritise funds and support to the Port Phillip Community Group in this and future budgets.
CBR-150	[REDACTED] Port Phillip Community Group	St Kilda	Thank you for your continued support to the Port Phillip Community Group. As a support worker at PPCG, I see every day just how important it is for the local community to have a space in which to access information, referral and support; education; financial counselling; emergency relief; social meals and recreational programs. I feel the work of PPCG has been especially important throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Please continue to prioritise funds and support to the Port Phillip Community Group in this and future budgets.
CBR-153	[REDACTED] Libertarian Productions Pty Ltd	Balaclava	<p>Parking Permits for William Street, Balaclava.</p> <p>A permit system that would allow residents to park outside or near their homes at all times. And on the park side of the street have all day or 2 hour parking available for people using the playground/park or catching the train from Balaclava Station.</p> <p>We have no back entrances so unpacking shopping and getting children out of cars safely is very difficult when the parking is taken up by people from elsewhere.</p>
CBR-154	[REDACTED]	Caulfield South	<p>It's a tribute to Port Phillip Council that it provides funding for the EcoCentre. I note that the draft budget includes funding for the redevelopment of the centre but it's also vital that the EcoCentre can continue to engage with the broader community through its outreach activities, educational programs, research collaborations. As a volunteer with the EcoCentre I have seen the value of these initiatives firsthand and, at a personal level, understand and appreciate the opportunity it provides many people for valuable skills acquisition and development.</p> <p>One can only speculate on how important the Port Phillip EcoCentre's approach to community engagement on all these fronts will be as we negotiate our way through both the COVID and climate crises.</p> <p>Thanks again to Council for its vision in continuing to support the EcoCentre.</p>

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CBR-155	██████████ Foresight Education & Design	Bega	Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because it provides comprehensive programs and events in the areas of education, research and citizen science. The EcoCentre is a champion of protecting the local environment. Intelligent and motivated staff deliver unique programs for the community. A major reason that the environment of Port Phillip is in better condition today is because of all th good work done by the EcoCentre. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-156	██████████	Footscray	Pls continue to support the port Philip eco centre. They are undertaking amazing work to bring about critical awareness of just how important the bay and marine eco system is to this city.
CBR-157	██████████ Albert Park Primary School	South Melbourne	Thank you for your contributions to the EcoCentre; their work in promoting leadership amongst students greatly benefits the confidence children have about their future. Working with the EcoCentre to positively influence the environment helps them manage anxiety about climate change.
CBR-158	██████████	St Kilda West	<p>Dear Council</p> <p>I write on behalf of my family: 5 voters and different ratepayers. We wish to record our support for all the good work of Council and in particular, our support for:</p> <p>Well resourced local government: red tape is safety tape and we need strong well resourced public services, particularly in the covid time. We are now seeing and suffering the fallout of deregulation of public institutions: with loss of expertise, corporate knowledge and governance in the long term public interest. We need to increase or at least maintain rates to support proper governance.</p> <p>Support for our kindergartens and childcare: these centres are vital for building community and supporting families, women in particular. Relationships between children and their families, across the municipality, are the building blocks for engagement and belonging. Many of the worlds most prosperous and successful governments (german, scandinavian) give greater support, recognising access to childcare and education for families to be essential for fair and happy society.</p> <p>More support for environment and climate change initiatives: local residents have repeatedly voted for strong environmental initiatives, with very high votes for environment parties at all levels of government. Even among lifetime liberal voters, we see strong support for action on environment and climate change and protection of "the Garden State". The is what the community want and it is what our experts say we need to do.</p>
CBR-159	██████████	Middle Park	<p>With the Corona Virus gradually getting a foothold in Port Phillip, in this FY budget some reduction in expenditure is required. All funding for the arts/events and "could have" type services should cease.for 2020/21. If the gallery cant open or the event is cancelled then it does not require ratepayers funding. However core function like rubbish collection, street cleaning, maintenance of infrastructure like paths, roads, drains and parks should continue.</p> <p>Note: surely a submission require the submitter address and not just a suburb? This submission link does not have provision for an address. Proof of residence in Port Phillip or if you are a Port Phillip ratepayer is essential when talking about spending of our high rates. Only funding for the benefit of residents and ratepayers should be proposed. Please add address to this survey form.</p> <p>Addendum: Further council should not be funding and planning event in 2021 that won't happen, like sadly, the St Kilda Festival. Recently the St Kilda Film Festival had to go online when St Kilda theatres and the town hall could not be used.</p>

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CBR-160	[REDACTED]	Port Melbourne	<p>Thank you for your continued support of the City of Voices Inclusive Theatre Group and SouthPort Community Centre.</p> <p>City of Voices (COV) is an inclusive theatre company operating as a program of SouthPort Community Centre. Ours is one of 12 Council-funded programs run by SPCC that serve more than 300 participants each week.</p> <p>At City of Voices, our mission is to give all people, regardless of age, ability or socio-economic status, the opportunity to engage in the creative arts. Established in 1992, COV has been creating original theatrical work for the local Port Phillip community for over 25 years. The majority of our participants live, work or study in the City of Port Phillip.</p> <p>During this COVID-19 epidemic, City of Voices has continued to meet on Zoom, supporting each other, reducing loneliness and isolation, and keeping our minds creative and active during what have been difficult times. We are not just a theatre group but a 'second family' for our members, many of whom are from vulnerable and isolated groups.</p> <p>Research indicates that an active, healthy, resilient, well-informed and connected community will recover more quickly from disruptions like COVID-19. City of Voices is an example of that community connection in action. Port Phillip Council - your support makes that possible.</p>
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CBR-162	[REDACTED]	Port Melbourne	<p>Dear Councillors. I would like to thank you and all the Councillors since 2000 for supporting City of Port Phillip Friends of Suai/Covalima and all the vital programs that have been undertaken over the past 20 years. The friendship that has been built between the community of Suai/Covalima and the residents of Port Phillip not only provides much needed support to our friends in Timor Leste but has deepened and strengthened our own community's awareness of the importance of our nation's relationship with our neighbours. In a country where our national security is so often discussed this program provides a model of how important community to community and people to people relationships are in securing our long term future as a respected and committed member of the Asia Pacific region. It also show how when local government and the community work together it is possible to manage an extremely cost effective program and to achieve remarkable results with limited resources.</p> <p>I respectfully ask that you continue to include the City of Port Phillip Friends of Suai/Covalima in this and future budgets.</p>

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CBR-164	██████████ LIVE - Locals Into Victoria's Environment	Middle Park	<p>For 15 years I have participated in EcoCentre events. They employ excellent people and attract scores of volunteers to help with their projects. Council funding has enabled them to provide this excellent community service. Council is effectively outsourcing these services at a very modest cost. EcoCentre staff need a decent place to work. Their current accommodation is appalling. Are they not as worthy of suitable accommodation as was funded for the Lifesaving Clubs? Please give them the accommodation and the funding they need to continue their good work.</p>
CBR-165	██████████	Windsor	<p>Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because it keeps me informed locally which is where it all needs to start. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p>
CBR-166	██████████ CAPP, PECAN, Extinction Rebellion.	Elwood	<p>The reconstruction of the EcoCentre building in the Blessington St Gardens is long overdue and needs to be regarded by Council as a critically urgent priority for allocation of finances to commence the actual rebuilding without further delay in this time of publically declared climate emergency. Council needs to find the funds within its own capacity, as it can surely do, without making its own contribution contingent on the State Government committing funds beforehand. Commencing the rebuilding now would add greatly to the effectiveness of the EcoCentre as a hugely welcome leader in promoting and supporting community-based action to remediate the inadequacies of knowledge, resilience, and targetted programs and projects for improving the sustainability of our ecologically challenged urban environment</p>

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CBR-167	[REDACTED]	St Kilda	<p>To Whom it May Concern.</p> <p>I would like to add my voice to 'chorus' of voices that are supporting funding for the Ecocentre in the COPP 2020 budget.</p> <p>I was on the original Ecocentre Committee about 20 years ago when it was converted from a gardener's cottage to one of the first model sustainable buildings in Melbourne. -Solar power, grey and black water recycling, composting of garden waste, outreach programs-I have seen the Ecocentre grow and evolve until it has become a remarkably important cog in the City's effort to become more sustainable. I am sure you have read the Ecocentre's excellent monthly newsletter and have been as amazed as I am by the size and level of involvement of their program.</p> <p>I therefore ask for two things.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Allocate money for the necessary redevelopment works which will mean that the Ecocentre's programs can be expanded by a factor of three. Government</li> <li>2. Advocate for Ecocentre funding to State government with as much strength as possible.</li> </ol> <p>Yours Sincerely.</p>
CBR-168	[REDACTED] Werribee River Association	Wyndham	<p>I wish to support a call for continued funding of the Port Phillip Ecocentre.</p> <p>The Werribee River Association has been involved with the EcoCentre now for some years, using the EcoCentre and its staff as a mentor and adviser with regard to business operations, management, planning and professional development, much of that on-site. We have also actively worked with the EcoCentre on Port Phillip Bay programs out in the field such as litter, microplastics, seashell and beach profile research, as well as school connections, grant management and collaboration with water authorities and others. We hope you can continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets as the centre has meant so much to us in our growth out west of Melbourne.</p>
CBR-169	[REDACTED]	St Kilda	<p>I thank you for supporting the EcoCentre with the funding that it needs and deserves, to deliver their services to the community. The EcoCentre is important to me because its programs are pivotal in mitigating climate change and empowering the community to collaborate on this issue. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p>
CBR-170	[REDACTED] Greensong/EcoCentre	Melbourne	<p>Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre Programs and the building a new larger building. They do not have the space needed to run the amount of programs our community would like and our environment needs.</p> <p>The EcoCentre is important to me because I volunteered there for a year and a half when moving from overseas to Melbourne and found a really caring and nurturing community, not only got the environment but for our community. Later I joined the EcoCentre as coordinator of the garden group and on various projects and the education team. I found my tribe, people who work tirelessly because they believe we can make a positive difference in the lives of those we work with and our environment.</p> <p>Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets. The education, research and volunteering programs are peacemaking so that people connect on a deep level to their local place and develop love and care for it. This is essential in a world experiencing climate change and the predicted challenging near future scenarios.</p> <p>The EcoCentre fosters engagement that offers so much more than educational programs and research, it connects people to each other and our local natural world in meaningful ways. We need the sense of community and resilience of individuals, community and environment to survive the challenges ahead.</p>

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CBR-171	[REDACTED]	Richmond	Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because the environment is important to me. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-172	[REDACTED] Poets Grove Children's Centre	Elwood	Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because they offer many opportunities for me to share with my children the importance of taking care of our environment. Why community is powerful and I like to encourage them to think about how they can be more sustainable. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets. [REDACTED]
CBR-173	[REDACTED]	Caulfield	Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because the health of our planet is vital and the EcoCentre is a bright light in our efforts to achieve this goal. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-174	[REDACTED]	Elwood	Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because it provides an excellent venue for training up Penguin Guide volunteers and also provides a welcoming and inclusive hub for the many diverse people of this area to connect and learn about a wide variety of things. It is staffed by friendly and knowledgeable people who are always willing to share their expertise and provide advice on numerous topics, including ways to lessen the effects of climate change and pollution at a local level eg empowering individuals and our community. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-175	[REDACTED]	Footscray	I am writing to thank the Council for continuous support of the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. I am an employee of the EcoCentre, but reside in a different municipality (Maribymong). Joining the EcoCentre staff at the beginning of this year was an exceptionally exciting advancement in my career, with a background in Environmental Science and Community Engagement. I have never known a Council to take environmental issues and concerns so seriously. This was one of the biggest motivators for my application to work with the EcoCentre - the possibilities are endless and embraced by those who have the authority to make things happen. Since joining the EcoCentre staff in January, I have continued to be impressed and inspired by my colleagues, our volunteers, the community, and the Council in our collective commitment to ensuring a positive future for our environment. We have however outgrown our humble building, and this will restrict us from taking our actions even further in the future. So I thank you, for prioritising the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.

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CBR-176	██████████ Reptile Encounters	Northcote	Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. I am an environmental science student and volunteering at the EcoCentre has been hugely beneficial and relevant to my education. This experience has opened my eyes to the importance of the work being undertaken at the EcoCentre. I have been heavily involved as a volunteer in the microplastic analysis research project which I consider to be essential in gaining insight into plastic pollution in the bay. This research wouldn't be possible without organisations like the EcoCentre. Another project I have been involved in is the research on sunscreen chemical prevalence in the bay. The samples and data collected in both of these projects facilitates many researchers and students at RMIT to conduct research providing important knowledge on the threats of pollution to the local marine environment. Five of my family members who reside in the Port Phillip area have taken great pleasure in assisting me with sample collection and hearing about the work being done in their area. This has even inspired interest in science from my 5-year-old niece. Of course my involvement only covers a small fraction of the work that is being done at the EcoCentre. Each time I visit I am in awe of all of the staff who work tirelessly on multiple projects at any given time. There is a huge amount of passion and dedication in the small team that keep the centre ticking over, and it is not surprising that this inspires a great number of passionate volunteers dedicating their time every week. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-177	██████████	St Kilda	I urge Council to maintain funding for the EcoCentre. It is an. Excellent institution of which CoPP can be proud, and to stunt its development would be a very false economy.
CBR-222	██████████ Port Phillip EcoCentre	St Kilda East	Thank you City of Port Phillip for your continued core funding of the Port Phillip EcoCentre, which the organisation then works diligently to leverage into many more funded programs, partnerships and outcomes for people and the environment in City of Port Phillip, and wider ecosystems in which our municipality is situated.  We look forward to delivering a creative, inclusive and adaptive suite of engagements in the year ahead that respond sensitively to COVID-19 challenges while continuing the important mission of sustainability and climate action. Please continue to partner in funding the EcoCentre programs, and capital expansion, in this and future budgets.
CBR-224	██████████ St Kilda Medical Group	St Kilda	Thank you for continuing to support the Ecocentre in the next council budget.  The Ecocentre is a leading Port Phillip organisation that promotes health, vibrancy, community and environmental sustainability in both our council area and beyond. In the time of COVID19, ongoing financial support for the Ecocentre and its proposed development will create jobs in the short term, as well as improved resilience to this pandemic, and future challenges such as climate change. We need to safeguard and strengthen our community, and the Ecocentre is doing just that.
CBR-225	██████████	St Kilda	Thank you for supporting the Port Phillip Community Group (PPCG) to continue to make a positive difference to the financial, physical and psychological well-being of individuals and families on low income, experiencing disadvantage or in financial hardship. PPCG provides programs and services, such as casework, financial counselling, education and skills development, volunteering, social meals to rooming houses, and recreational and creative activities to promote social inclusion and well-being. The work of PPCG is important to the community as a trusted outreach source - I have heard first-hand recipients discuss the significant impact for them of PPCG's programs. Please continue to prioritise funds and support to the Port Phillip Community Group in this and future budgets.
CBR-226	██████████	South Melbourne	As a 40 year resident of the City of Port Phillip would like the council to continue to support the EcoCentre in their forth coming draft budget. They do a terrific job in education as well as research and volunteering programs in a world challenged by climate change. Please assist them!

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CBR-227	[REDACTED]	Elwood	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I'm an Elwood resident and my children attend St Columba's Primary School.</p> <p>This year, the teacher who leads the school's wonderful sustainability program, Steph Young, was named Teacher of the Year at the Resource Smart Schools Awards, and the parent "Green Team" was named Volunteer of the Year.</p> <p>An essential part of the success of the school's sustainability/environmental initiatives has been the support provided by the staff at the Port Phillip Ecocentre. They do amazing work advising, encouraging and teaching the local community about the natural world, natural history, and care for the environment</p> <p>Please continue to support the Port Phillip Ecocentre to deliver their wonderful programs. The new purpose built centre will be an amazing asset for our community and I can't wait to see work begin!</p> <p>Thank you,</p>
CBR-228	[REDACTED]	St Kilda	<p>Thank you to the council for continuing to support the Port Phillip EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre has been an important hub for social connection and an enabling organisation for me to take charge of my environmental stewardship through its programs, education and its presence in our community. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets as its work continues to benefit our community and to have far reaching impacts. This is important now more than ever as we progress through the climate emergency and deal with the challenges of the coronavirus pandemic.</p>
CBR-229	[REDACTED]	St Kilda	<p>The Port Phillip Eco Centre is an exemplary environmental organisation. The Port Phillip Council is to be commended for having initiated the Port Phillip Eco Centre twenty years ago and for continuing to support it ever since. it is good to see the Council maintain its operational budget and contribute to the rebuilding of the Eco Centre which, as I understand is very much needed. From the Eco Centres annual report the Eco centre now attracts funds from many sources and the council's funding is in fact an investment in sustainability in the local community in many ways. Early this week the most recent climate modelling indicated the world is on track for 2 degrees warming by 2040 and above 7 degrees warming by the end of the century. In this alarming circumstances support for increased understanding and practical measures to address this unprecedented situation is imperative. More Eco centres are desperately needed across the country and our Eco Centre is an exemplar for others. Please make the most of the treasure we have in our midst and do not underestimate its extraordinary potential both for our community and others.</p> <p>Kind Regards</p>
CBR-230	[REDACTED] COV	Armadale	<p>Hi I was born with Polio I am a 68 yr old Male Living alone I was introduced to city or voices there three years ago COV Is a Inculsive organisation During this time of Covid our weekly meetings on Zoom who would have thought have been Invaluable Keeping us connected to like minded Group COV give as an opportunity to grow as a person without Fear or Judgment Always Encouraged I would like to thank the City of Port Phillip for there Funding which is Invaluable Being Isolated has been very Difficult Without COV I don't Know how I would have coped They have become my Second Family I look Forward to your. continued Support It means more much more to us all than U can Imagine</p>
CBR-231	[REDACTED]	St Kilda	<p>Thank you for continuing your support of the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing unprecedented climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because my kids love coming here and learning about local issues - the global things are too big for them. Think global act local !! Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets. This is a fantastic use of ratepayers' money.</p>



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CBR-232	[REDACTED]	Mont A bert	Thank you for the ongoing support of the EcoCentre, support which allows for the continuation of very essential programs in research and education so often involving the work of amazing volunteers in turn supporting a dedicated staff. As a Senior I am now restricted to being more of an observer than a 'do-er', and I observe most relevant and varied programs being carried out by a never-resting EcoCentre always 'keeping a finger on the pulse' of the Port Phillip area and generally facing the challenges brought about by this world experiencing climate change. I sincerely hope that in these challenging times the current and future budgets will continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment.
CBR-233	[REDACTED]	Preston	Hello, I have worked with City of Voices for the past 5 years. As a worker and community member I am immensely grateful for the support the council gives. Especially during this time of Covid, I feel as though, even though we are only communicating over Zoom and social media it is bringing the group closer than ever It is always a beautiful thing to check in with city of voices, each Wednesday night. I truly believe we are making a beautiful difference in these peoples lives. Thankyou once again,
CBR-234	[REDACTED]	St Kilda	I'm not sure if I've already done this (not great with computers). I am a ratepayer as is my mother, she is 84 and lives on the aged pension, she has very little savings after years spent raising three children on her own. Any increase in rates would profoundly affect her, she is too proud to complain so I will speak on her behalf. We are strongly opposed to any increase in council rates, thank you.
CBR-235	[REDACTED]	A bert Park	I am grateful to the City of Port Phillip for its support of the EcoCentre and its important education, research and volunteering programs, particularly having regard to climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because I consider we should all be concerned about climate change and the environment and the EcoCentre helps to inform people regarding these matters. I have lived in the CoPP for 30 years and would ask that you please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre in this and future budgets.
CBR-236	[REDACTED]	St Kilda	I was @ the official Opg of the Eco Centre as a new CoPP resident. We need the Eco Centre now, more than ever. PI continue to prioritise the Eco Centre programs & redevelopment in this & future budgets.  Thanks VERY much.
CBR-237	[REDACTED]	Middle Park	Thank you to the City of Port Phillip for supporting the EcoCentre and education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world so challenged by climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because it provides an essential service in these troubled times, and gives me comfort that someone is trying. . Climate change is real, and here to stay. The Ecocentre makes a major contribution for us all. As a long term resident of the CoPP I ask you to please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets

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CBR-238	██████████ Vice-Chair SouthPort Community Centre	St Kilda	<p>Dear Port Phillip Council,</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support of SPCC and our many council funded programs. This funding and the programs it provides has made a hugely positive impact on many lives each week.</p> <p>There are currently 12 SPCC council funded programs that serve more than 300 participants each week. Many of these programs actively support the most disadvantaged and isolated residents in our community, who are significantly affected by COVID19. Our workers and programs are actively involved in keeping our isolated and vulnerable residents/participants supported, informed, safe and connected during these challenging times.</p> <p>Hopefully as this COVID crisis begins to pass in the coming months, and thanks to your support, SPCC will be in a position to continue to support our community towards recovery.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>
CBR-239	██████████	A bert Park	<p>Thank you to the City of Port Phillip for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world so challenged by climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because it provides me with a sense of hope that someone in our community is thinking about and planning for the impact of climate change and als considering the power of the environment in city contexts.</p> <p>As a long term resident of the CoPP I ask you to please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p>
CBR-249	██████████	Balaclava	<p>Thirty years ago I sat in a room at what is now our EcoCentre as members of Earthcare discussed ways of protecting fairy penquins that were, incredibly, making the St Kilda breakwater their home. From a group of committed environmental volunteers and individuals sprang a multitude sustainable ideas, programs and then 20 years ago and bona fide EcoCentre. Over these many years, I, with tens of thousands of others, have flowed through this building and gardens, learning, sharing, connecting, researching, making community. This place, in my personal history, has housed our organic food co-op, was where I learnt to make my house more sustainable, to grow veggies, to compost, host public information sessions and is now a place where I learn and teach about indigenous plants (and this is a far from complete list!). The Ecocentre continues to expand in its influence, gravitas, function and value through its research, expertise and affiliates. It is very widely recognised and esteemed as a place that educates and serves its local and broader community on the most urgent issues of our time. It truly operates from micro to macro levels; from informing State legislation on plastic pollution in water, to individual online or telephone support to vulnerable volunteers during covid lockdown. It is a very successful model and now that we've 'returned to the village' during covid, its existence is more vital than ever, particularly dare I say, in a multi-pandemic world.</p>
CBR-250	██████████	St Kilda West	<p>Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because, as a health professional and active member of our community, I appreciate something of the vital importance of the physical environment on our wellbeing. This has been even more striking whilst trapped in our "liveable city" during Covid and realising how few green spaces we have available and how, whilst the media sphere is dominated by Covid, our impact on the environment is continuing unabated and out of the spotlight. I think we should all be focusing on planting trees under which we never plan to sit but instead we just focus on our lives now. Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p>

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CBR-251	[REDACTED]	A bert Park	I have found the EcoCentre programs very educational and useful. The online sessions have been particularly inspiring when things have seemed quite bleak. Being able to create sensory gardens & gardens for wildlife helps local plants& animals & creates cooler suburbs & reduces emissions.Thank you for continuing to support the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially as the climate disaster intensifies.
CBR-252	[REDACTED]	St Kilda	<p>Hello,</p> <p>As a home owner in St Kilda I would like to share my thanks for all your hard work especially quickly adapting to a COVID-19 world.</p> <p>I read the Updated Plan 17-27. Things I'm thrilled about and congratulate you on in the plan include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the mandatory affordable housing contributions as part of new private developments,</li> <li>- partnering with DHHS to deliver permanent supported housing to transition from 'pop-up' options to reduce rough sleeping,</li> <li>- leasing former backpacker accommodation in St Kilda to keep rough sleepers in supported housing.</li> </ul> <p>These are fantastic initiatives but could I please stress the need for a 24/7 security presence who will follow strict policy in supported housing options to ensure that they are safe and drug/alcohol free accommodation options so people who choose social housing over sleeping rough will be safe which is a big deterrent currently facing the choice of accepting social housing.</p> <p>If substance affected, then rough sleepers are very vulnerable and not of sound mind. They need to be taken to a facility to detox to be able to recover and make an informed decision, hopefully feeling confident to choose a safe supported housing option.</p> <p>It still feels incredibly unsafe in St Kilda, especially on unsightly Fitzroy Street. I try to avoid it whenever possible which is such a shame.</p> <p>To bring Fitzroy Street back to life and help small businesses we cannot rely on landlords to "potentially lower their rents so that creative businesses can come in" as per Port Phillip Mayor Bernadene Voss's aspirations in 2017. It was fantastic to try this tactic but things have not changed so now I would suggest a vacancy levy for shops in Fitzroy Street as a pilot initiative if it's vacant for six or more months. An empty shop levy exists in Darwin's CBD. It is also being considered by Stonnington Council who also has this issue (at a drastically smaller scale) to get landlords to meet the market.</p> <p>I believe implementing these three actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 24/7 security enforcing safe and drug/alcohol-free supported housing options</li> <li>2.enforced medical treatment for substance affected rough sleepers</li> <li>3 a shop vacancy tax pilot starting in Fitzroy Street, St Kilda</li> </ol> <p>will make a world of difference. It will revive St Kilda in preparation for the opening of the architectural masterpiece: Australia's first Pride Centre whose opening will be tainted by being surrounded by a slew of empty shopfronts/restaurants and people in desperate need of medical help who are not in sound mind to seek it.</p> <p>If you could also prioritise the planting of trees that will grow very big I would love it. You're doing an amazing job, all the best.</p>
CBR-253	[REDACTED]	Balaclava	Thank you for continuing to support the EcoCentre in the next council budget. The EcoCentre is a leading Port Phillip organisation that promotes health, community and environmental sustainability in both our council area and beyond. In the time of COVID-19, ongoing financial support for the EcoCentre and its proposed development will create jobs in the short term, as well as improved resilience to this pandemic, and future challenges such as climate change. We need to safeguard and strengthen our community, and the EcoCentre is doing just that.

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CBR-254	██████████ Stop Adani Macnamara	Elwood	I have been affiliated with the Port Phillip EcoCentre for the past three years. During that time I have been constantly impressed by the EcoCentre's many achievements in the areas of volunteerism, teaching and research. Much of this has been achieved through the establishment of long lasting partnerships, which reflect the imagination and quality of leadership within the EcoCentre. For example, I had no idea that a partnership with the Boy Scouts would result in the creation of a new Scout badge, achieved through environmental work, which has been awarded throughout Victoria! At the same time, the EcoCentre holds itself to the highest standards of professionalism, as seen through their impressive evaluation and monitoring program. On a personal level, I have valued the EcoCentre as a home base where it is possible to bring people together for discussion, receive advice and source material on critical environmental questions, make connections with like-minded people and their networks, and receive support and encouragement for new undertakings. In short, the EcoCentre acts as a fertile home base for the many diverse strands of the local environmental movement in Port Phillip.
CBR-255	██████████	St Kilda	I really want to thank the Council for supporting Friends of Suai/Covalima, Timor Leste. I appreciate their support and trust that it will be able to continue to do this in future budgets so that vital programs can be continued. I am a long time resident of St Kilda and having hosted a number of East Timorese from Suai over the last twenty years I can say that this relationship between CoPP and the people of Suai is remarkable and special.
CBR-256	██████████	Balaclava	Thank you to the City of Port Phillip for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world so challenged by climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because [write 1-2 sentences on the value of an environmental centre and anything you know about the EcoCentre and our programs]. As a long term resident of the CoPP I ask you to please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.
CBR-257	██████████	Port Melbourne	Forecast 2019/2020 - I notice \$ 22,500,000 has been removed from Term Deposits leaving balance on hand \$ 60,500,000, but it difficult for me to find any reference in the comprehensive income statement. BUDGET 2020/21 I am happy with council's desire to make a small profit however, I do not agree with your movement of profit into rate payers term deposit account. I firmly believe any profit in a year should be carried forward to the next year as a credit effectively reducing the next year budget amount. Based on previous years figures this could reduce budget amount for ratepayers by 5% to 6%. The rates split adopted 57 / 43 I believe should be 54 / 46 . NAV is based on CIV ( home + land) net rental less expenses or 5% of CIV. This is a very expensive rate for a charge of rental for land the property stands on and has appearance of being a tax on land for all property owners. I have often heard it said that NAV is the fairest way to allocate rate payments, but find this hard to believe when this year, the dearest general rate will be approx. \$2384 and lowest \$1278. (based on 2020% rates). Covid costs of \$ 22,500,000 taken up in 2020 figures suggests balance of \$ 10,000,000 less any offsets should be taken up this year , again from term deposits account.  Many \$ assistance being provided to others by ratepayers , but no word of, say a 10% discount to ratepayers to be paid from TERM DEPOSIT account which would still have \$ 30,000,000 plus earning 2% pa.

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CBR-259	██████████ The Prince Hotel	St Kilda West	<p>Partnering with Renew to lead the revitalisation of Fitzroy Street was a powerful initiative that stemmed from council's Place Making program. Council proposed paying half the annual funding (\$75K) and requested the State Government pay the other half. Unfortunately the state did not agree to contribute however the Fitzroy Street Business Association (FSBA) has agreed to match the council contribution and fund the other half.</p> <p>The current proposed council budget has now removed this promised contribution for Renew. I request council reconsider its position to take advantage of this co-funded initiative and take the opportunity to reinvigorate what is now one of the City of Port Phillips most depressing, and frankly at times, quite frightening commercial strips.</p>
CBR-260	██████████ Secretary Fitzroy St Traders Association	St Kilda	<p>RE: Renew Australia initiative for vacant spaces in Fitzroy Street. I believe the Renew strategy is a powerful initiative coming out of the council's Place Making program. Council proposed paying half the annual funding (\$75K) and requested the State Government pay the other half. The state did not agree to contribute. FSBA (Fitzroy Street Business Association) have agreed to contribute the required \$75K to bring the Renew project to fruition. The current proposed council budget removes this promised contribution for Renew. I request council reconsider its position to take advantage of this co-funded initiative.</p>
CBR-286	██████████ Port Phillip EcoCentre	St Kilda	<p>Dear Councillors,</p> <p>Thank you for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change.</p> <p>As a mum of a toddler and a volunteer member of the EcoCentre committee of management, the EcoCentre is important to me because it has a positive vision for the future and is working to make that a reality.</p> <p>Me, my family and the people of Port Phillip care about the air we breathe, the sea we swim in, the beaches and streets we walk on. Last year, an Ipsos poll showed that the environment was the top concern for Australians (Ipsos 2019), and over the last ten years the EcoCentre has helped translate that care into action. Since 2010 we have seen a 500-fold increase in young people engaging with our programs; a 660% increase in people taking action to restore their local environment; and our volunteer hours have increased to a record 20,000 per year in 2019. We do this work in service of the places we love: Port Phillip Bay, the Yarra River, Elster Creek, our beaches, from St Kilda to King's Cross and beyond. These special places belong to us all – we are their stewards. The EcoCentre is a place where ordinary people come together to care for the places we all love, and our local government can and should join us in this stewardship.</p> <p>Please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p> <p>Thank you so much for partnering with the EcoCentre to make a better world together</p>
CBR-289	██████████	St Kilda	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I am the owner of a commercial property on Fitzroy St, St Kilda.</p> <p>Things that would help in this current climate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- rates relief (I already have a very discounted lease and my tenant still cannot make the payments)</li> <li>- greater amount of free parking</li> </ul>

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CBR-291	[REDACTED]	St Kilda East	<p>Thank you for your on going support to The Friends of Suai/Covalima who help to provide vital programs to our Timorese friends. My interest in the Friends of Suai/Covalima stems from my fathers involvement in the army during WW2. He survived the war with help from the Timorese people. I have made friends in The City of Port Phillip and in East Timor because of this important connection.</p> <p>Please continue to support The Friends of Suai/Covalima.</p>
CBR-292	[REDACTED]	St Kilda	<p>To Whom it May Concern.</p> <p>I am a rates payer in port phillip, I own a hospitality business and we have been hit unbveiveably hard by the covid 19 pandemic. Our trade is less than 20% of what it usually is. I would like rates waived for businesses, and small business grants available to small businesses that are struggling right now. This virus and the subsequent collapse of the economy isn't going to go away and redeem themselves any time soon. Experts are saying it could take 30 years for the economy to recover from this.</p> <p>Please help us.</p>
CBR-293	[REDACTED]	St Kilda	<p>Thank you to the City of Port Phillip for supporting the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world so challenged by climate change. The EcoCentre is important to me because it supports and brings together many people from different walks of life to work on a worthwhile cause. I often wa k past on a Friday morning to hear the chat and laughter as volunteers work in the vegetable garden, and sit together eating lunch. It also teaches young children about the importance of caring for our helpless animals and our environment. Our children as primary students, (now adults) planted Noon plants from the Eco Centre at the St Kilda Pier for the penguins to nest in. As a long term resident of the CoPP I ask you to please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p>
CBR-294	[REDACTED]	South Melbourne	<p>As a long term resident of the CoPP I ask you to please continue to prioritise the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets. This initiative is excellent and will be of great environmental and social value t the CoPP and more broadly.</p>

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CBR-295	[REDACTED]	Elwood	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the budget. I note the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I am shocked that the Council will be raising rates. This is a challenging time financially for many rate payers and to increase rates puts further pressure on already stretched household budgets. Council notes that on average this will equate to \$32 for average resident rate payers. I currently pay \$7280 for my rates and assuming valuations remain stable I will be paying \$7426, which is significantly more than a \$32 increase. Rates are already excessive and should not be increased.</li> <li>2. When I compare the rates I pay with people in houses of similar value who reside in other council areas it always shows that I pay significantly higher rates. The increase will only make the gap bigger.</li> <li>3. Council attempt to justify the increase by noting it will be used to assist those most impacted by the pandemic. A better outcome would be not to increase rates and allow people to decide whether they can afford to help others. Taking money from rate payers, who already may be having financial difficulties, to redistribute as Council sees fit displays a disturbing belief that Council knows better than individuals how their money should be spent on assisting others.</li> <li>4. I was staggered to read that Council provides funds to East Timor (Suai/Covalima). International donations/support is not a local government responsibility and is an inappropriate use of rates.</li> <li>5. There is many areas Council could reduce costs. As an example festival expenditure could be reduced, What benefit does the St Kilda festival bring to residential rate payers? It seems to bring road closures, congestion and litter which are of no benefit to residential rate payers. If it is positive for businesses then they should pay for it via a levy.</li> </ol> <p>Once again thank you for the opportunity to submit my views.</p>