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Mayor Gross  
C/O The City of Port Phillip Council Chambers  
Private Bag 3  
St Kilda VIC 3182

CC: Peter Smith, CEO

Dear Mayor Gross,

We write to you in regard to various matters that have been the subject of discussion between your officers and members of the Albert Park Bowls Club Board during the last 3 years.

These matters relate to:

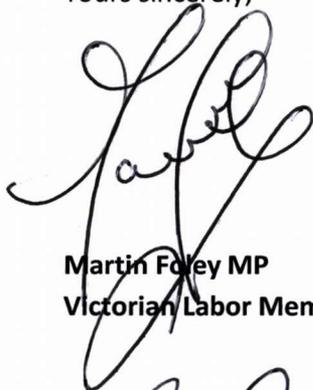
- The need for the replacement of the club's green carpet playing surface as a result of vandalism and wear and tear with the passage of time.
- The upgrade of the clubhouse, which is substandard relative to those clubs with whom Albert Park Bowls Club compete for membership and who have received significant government and council support in recent years.
- The club seeking an extension to their lease which is due for renewal in 2023.
- Acceptance that, in order for the club to spend capital on the facility, it needs security of tenure and night time security of the green.

As you are probably aware club officers are currently consulting with council officers (as well as state government officials) regarding the green replacement which is scheduled to occur between mid-June and end July this year. The club has already submitted a traffic management plan to the council and is currently seeking clarification of the planning permit requirements for the "like for like" replacement of the green (new carpet and supporting subsurface refurbishment).

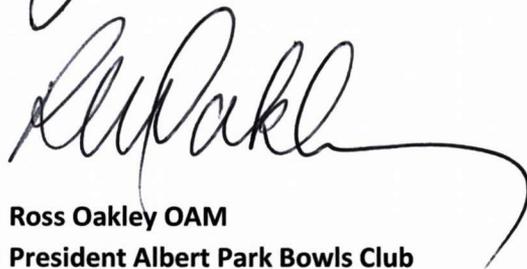
We are therefore very keen that these matters be resolved in the near future so that the green replacement can go ahead as planned, particularly the issue of lease finalisation. The club is also keen to engage with your officers regarding the plans for renovation of the clubhouse and, as previously discussed, have a project manager and architect appointed so that we can resolve what renovations are agreed and how they can be progressively implemented.

We would both like to meet with you to resolve these above matters so that work can be commenced on the green replacement to have it ready for next season, and the clubhouse renovation plans can be agreed. We would appreciate your early advice regarding a meeting date suitable to all parties.

Yours sincerely,

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**Martin Foley MP**  
**Victorian Labor Member for Albert Park**

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**Ross Oakley OAM**  
**President Albert Park Bowls Club**

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### VAJEX Australia

Victorian Association of Jewish Ex & Servicemen & Women Australia Incorporated  
ABN 14 865 393 515 | Incorporation number A0052033S  
Founding Member: General Sir John Monash GCMG KCB VD  
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Patron: Mr Jack Smorgon AO



Cr Marcus Pearl, and

[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
T: 03 9209 6705  
St Kilda Town Hall  
99a Carlisle Street, St Kilda,  
Victoria 3182

Dear Marcus and [Redacted]

Re potential support for VAJEX Remembrance Service – Burnett Gray Gardens, Ripponlea

Since we have established our memorial to Victorian Jewish service men and women who paid the supreme sacrifice in the service of our country in the Burnett Gray Gardens, in Ripponlea, we hold our annual Remembrance Service there, the first Sunday after Remembrance day.

To do this we bring in a portable flag pole, hire an audio system, which unfortunately failed on its batteries last year, and hire chairs; with our veterans now mid 90's to over 100 we will also hire a marquee to help protect them from light rain or provide shade if very hot.

I believe there has been some discussion, but I am unfamiliar with your budgetary and events grant programs. I would appreciate any advice that you can give to potentially enable us to apply for consideration of the following:

1. Port Phillip to supply a permanent flagpole at the memorial. We would then be able to use it at our events at the site, instead of a portable
2. The possibility that Port Phillip may be able to assist with providing us with your audio system, some chairs and a marquee at you annual commemoration event in the park. I believe that you may be able to assist with staff to setup, close down and manage these for us. Failing you having facility to assist directly, you may have a suitable events grant program.

Thank you for in anticipation of your advice and any support that Port Phillip can provide.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

President.  
VAJEX Australia

17.4.19



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
PORT PHILLIP COUNCIL  
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<b>CITY OF PORT PHILLIP</b>	
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SUBMISSION.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

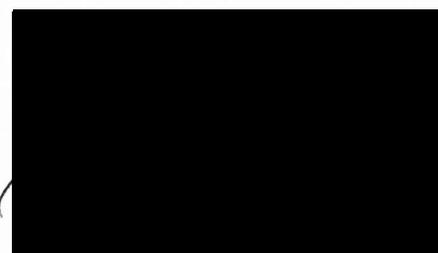
AS A LONG STANDING RESIDENT IN MIDDLE PARK I  
WISH TO EXPRESS MY DISMAY AT THIS COUNCIL'S RELIANCE  
ON 'EASY' REVENUE FROM RATE PAYERS. I DO NOT BELIEVE  
THIS MODEL IS FAIR, OR WORKABLE LONG TERM.

MORE ENERGY & CREATIVE EFFORT TO GENERATE FUNDS,  
LESS ADMINISTRATIVE WASTE FROM THIS - OUR -  
COUNCIL WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN  
OUR COMMUNITY. THE RECENT SURVEY ALREADY  
IDENTIFIED AREAS IN WHICH RATE PAYERS FEEL  
UNACKNOWLEDGED, UNREPRESENTED AND THAT  
COUNCIL ACTION IS LACKING. PLEASE RESTRUCTURE.  
RETHINK.

THIS SUBMISSION IS TO REGISTER MY DISSATISFACTION  
AND OUTRAGE AT THE RATE INCREASE.

SINCERELY,

[Redacted signature]



[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 18 April 2019 11:32 AM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget  
**Subject:** Draft Council Plan and Budget for 2019/20

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: Draft Council Plan and Budget for 2019/20**

I am a ratepayer of COPP and write to submit my disappointment and concern over the proposed significant increase in rates for the 2019/20 year. As quite possibly the lowest per sqm land owners of any council region in the country, the level of rates payable is exorbitant and unreasonable. Compared to other regions, this means that there are many more land owners in the same physical area, leading to many more \$'s collected in rates. This is on top of the higher rate levels that we pay in the region, for no added benefit compared to other regions.

In fact, I believe the level of service received in COPP is actually less than in other regions. Some regions include resident parking in the rates, whereas in COPP this in addition to the excessive rates already paid. At a very minimum, this needs to be addressed.

I hope you are able to review the level of rates and services in COPP and find a more equitable and comparable balance between rates charged and service delivered.

Regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Albert Park

[Redacted]

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 4 April 2019 4:35 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget  
**Subject:** FW: Re Lighting at netball courts

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Date:** 3 April 2019 at 12:33:59 pm AEDT  
**To:** Bernadene Voss - Mayor <[Bernadene.Voss@portphilip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Bernadene.Voss@portphilip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Re Lighting at netball courts

Hi Bernadene

Thanks for the chat re the lack of lighting at Port Melbourne Netball Club at RF Julier Reserve.

As you know we have over 250 young girls training on these courts on a weekly basis with many of them training after dark.

We have currently put up our own spotlight on the edge of the clubhouse as an interim security measure but are very concerned with the low visibility and lack of supervision we are able to provide after 7pm.

Due to the lack of availability of courts in the area for the girls to train, we have no choice but to have teams on the courts with poor visibility.

I have recently had the opportunity to venture to Knox Netball Centre and Macedon Ranges Netball Centre - both have incredible facilities, purpose-built clubhouses and lighting that ensures visibility for early morning and evening training plus safety for the girls and their belongings.

Can you please give me an update of the City of Port Phillips plans to cater for the enormous growth of netball in our area and the commitment they have made to investing in girls sport in particular?

I will also be contacting Minister Foley to see how we may be able to work together to firstly ensure lighting and adequate clubroom facilities at our current location, and where we can plan to build more netball courts and facilities to cater for future growth of netball.

It would be great to sit down with you so we can map out some timelines in order to reassure our members that there are plans in place to cater for our girls and their love of netball.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

on behalf of the Port Melbourne Netball Club

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 14 May 2019 3:59 PM  
**To:** Dick Gross - Mayor  
**Cc:** Katherine Copsey - Councillor; Andrew Bond - Councillor; David Brand - Councillor; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: BUDGET AND TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN WEST ST KILDA

A reason for again raising this issue is that the Revised Budget is in the process of being completed. A fear we have is that unless there is funding in the budget any changes will again be postponed!!

Cheers,

On 13 May 2019, at 11:56 am, Dick Gross - Mayor <[Dick.Gross@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Dick.Gross@portphillip.vic.gov.au)> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

Thanks very much for this. I have referred this to our Councillor Helpdesk for assistance in getting an answer for you.

Dick

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 10 May 2019 8:54 PM  
**To:** Katherine Copsey - Councillor <[Katherine.Copsey@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Katherine.Copsey@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)>; Dick Gross - Mayor <[Dick.Gross@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Dick.Gross@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** BUDGET AND TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN WEST ST KILDA

We seek your action, including the provision of funding in the Revised Budget, to resolve the problem of evening peak traffic congestion in West St Kilda.

Our Association is constantly hassled by residents who want to know 'what is happening with the traffic problem?' Given that this has been a problem that was raised with Port Phillip over five years ago, and frequently since, you can understand residents' frustration.

It is now over 12 months since the public meeting of West St Kilda residents discussed the worsening traffic congestion and, over 10 months since Council unanimously endorsed a set of actions:

- Signalisation of Fitzroy Street & Park Street intersection - subject to blackspot funding, consultation and deliverability.
- Pier Road/Beaconsfield Parade signal review and turn bans - subject to VicRoads approval.
- Canterbury Road/Fitzroy Street/Grey Street signal remodelling - subject to VicRoads approval.
- Left turn ban trial subject to monitoring of traffic flow from all streets into

Beaconsfield Parade between Kerferd Road and Fitzroy Street at three and six month intervals after the signalisation of Fitzroy/Park not showing evident improvements, and subject to community consultation.

- Ongoing liaison with State authorities regarding identified issues on State roads to facilitate evening peak flows of traffic on Beaconsfield Parade-Jacka Boulevard and Canterbury Road, subject to Council's road user hierarchy.

We note that the **only action** to be completed so far is an agreement to take no action on one of the items (the Pier Road signal review and turn bans). Peter Smith has notified WSKRA that lack of action by VicRoads and lack of funding are reasons for the lack of action. However, Jaala Pulford, the Minister for Roads, has written that the concerns raised by WSKRA are centered on local roads managed by Port Phillip City Council and that Council has a plan of action to resolve these concerns. Clearly there is a lack of communication between various government authorities!

The result is that, twelve months from Council's adoption of its action plan, residents have seen no action to address the traffic congestion. Now, it seems that in the proposed budget for the next twelve months, there is no allocation for implementation of Council's action plan!

We seek your support to include funding in the Revised Budget and to help resolve the bureaucratic morass in which each authority seems to be pointing the finger at one or a number of others, with the result that West St Kilda residents see no effective remedial action at all - nor even any plans for such action.



*President, West St Kilda Residents Association*

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 13 May 2019 2:42 PM  
**To:** Helpdesk - Council Plan & Budget <[helpdeskabbp@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:helpdeskabbp@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>; Bernadene Voss - Councillor <[Bernadene.Voss@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Bernadene.Voss@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>; Ogy Simic - Councillor <[Ogy.Simic@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Ogy.Simic@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>; Marcus Pearl - Councillor <[Marcus.Pearl@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:Marcus.Pearl@portphillip.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** submission to the COPP Draft Plan and Budget 2019/20.

Hi there,

My name is [REDACTED] and I reside at [REDACTED] Port Melbourne. I wish to lodge an objection to the Draft Council Plan and Budget for 2019/20.

As per your plan, of the TAX RATE increase of \$4.074,000, 62% will go to pay Salaries.

TOTAL EMPLOYEE COST \$95,866,000

TOTAL EMPLOYEES: 879

Average Cost/employee: \$109,000

I find the above pay rate is unjustifiable, considering at the moment COPP employees are paid higher than employees doing the same or similar jobs within the Private and Not for Profit sectors. For example: my wife [REDACTED] worked as a Community Support Worker with the City of Port Phillip, on a Casual contract during the 2018/19 period. Her pay rate with the COPP was what it currently is at over \$34 per hour plus Super. According to job ads for the SAME POSITION, over the last two months on websites such as Seek and Indeed, the Casual pay rate in the Private/Not for Profit sector is approx \$27-28 per hour plus Super. How do you justify paying Casual Community Support workers over \$34 per hour plus Super, when the COPP employees job scope is less than their counterparts in the Private/Not for Profit Sector? At the moment an COPP Support Worker on \$34 per hour would not hoist clients, would not prompt clients to take their medications, and would not take clients to Doctors Appointments as the Support Workers in the Private/Not for Profit sector currently do. Furthermore, when my wife was employed at the COPP, she used to often get paid to attend weekly 30 minute meetings with her Team Leader, even when neither party had nothing to add. This is a waste of Rate Payer money. My wife was not given the option of cancelling these meetings as she got into trouble for doing so. She was unjustly terminated by the COPP, and up until her last day, she was terribly busy for someone you didn't need. Whatsmore, getting rid of someone that is needed to do the work meant you would've had to pay for resouces to interview and recruit new candidates.

Also as per the enterprise agreement, Bands 1-8 salaries show how annual increments of 3.5% and 3.75% lift the employee costs up the bands as well, making longer term employees more expensive. I find your budget is a waste of money. Employees should be payed market rates, not 20-25% more than the rest of the workforce. And any further rewards should be about performance, not length of service. I don't understand why you need 879 employees.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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15003	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>Section 2.7 Ordinary Meeting of Council 17 April 2019 states that "Additional evidence of Councils prudent fiscal management is that rates increases in the past 3 years have remained within the Victorian Government prescribed rates cap. Section 4.40 further outlines for the year 2017/2018 a rates increase of 2%. How can you justify increasing my rates for this period by a staggering 30%? As a City of Port Phillip resident for 50 years, I demand to see how such a blatant money grab could be justified, but delving into the budget, it is obvious, with circa 900 council employees sucking at the teat of the rate payer by collecting an average salary of \$109,000 compared to the nation's median salary of \$60,000. 62% of council's revenue to be used to fund the council's fat cats.</p> <p>Council has time and time mismanaged it's one track revenue stream, with cost blow outs funded by what can be deemed rate increases outside of the Victorian Governments prescribed rates cap and not what is claimed in Section 2.7 Ordinary Meeting of Council 17 April 2019.</p> <p>Once again, what can be seen by the below figures is the fastest way to waste \$100m+, thank you council.</p> <p>(a) \$23 million for Customer Experience Program (provide better and more Customer Service delivering a more efficient enterprise)</p> <p>(b) \$43 million to implement Act and Adapt Sustainable Environment Strategy</p> <p>(c) \$34 million to implement Transport Strategy (Move Connect Live)</p> <p>(d) \$21 million, Don't Waste it Strategy (2019-2022) includes \$17.5 million for a Sustainability Hub</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-04-25 15:08:47	[REDACTED]	

	<p>(e) \$14 million, Creative and Prosperous City Strategy (Art and Soul)</p> <p>I am for inclusion and diversity, but to spend \$28,000 to paint a street in St Kilda with the rainbow colours of the LGBTI community could have been spent more wisely, maybe going towards housing some of the homeless? just a suggestion council.</p>					
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15011	<p>Please ignore my earlier submission - it included mistakes</p> <p>I have reviewed the council budget and Council plan and to be honest it just makes me angry.</p> <p>After rate increases of about 17 for each of the last 2 years I think the council needs to change strategic priorities to drive reductions in rates, by narrowing the focus of council activities to achieving value-for-money delivery of core services.</p> <p>The number one strategic goal should be changed to delivering rate decreases. My suggestion is for year-on-year rate decreases of 2.5% for the next 5 years. Which in a low inflation environment only represents efficiency savings of about 4% pa. I would like to see some value-for-money benchmarking versus local councils e.g. costs per resident, employees per resident, etc. I would not be surprised if benchmarking indicated that my suggested rate reductions are not ambitious enough. The only mention of benchmarking I saw in your papers is when it was used to justify increasing fees. In summary, I think the council needs a total change of direction towards reducing the cost burden on its ratepayers and other stakeholders.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-04-29 11:54:33	[REDACTED]	

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15043	<p>Rates in 2019/20 Financial Year will increase \$4,074,000.</p> <p>- This is ridiculous ... we have more residents and yet Council want to increase our rates ... When is there going to be a thorough investigation of Council spending and what 879 staff actually do? We believe City of Port Phillip is over-staffed and Council could deliver the same services with significantly fewer employees. Why is Council employing 100 people to operate Council run childcare services - duplicating services provided by Federal and State Governments eg Isn't transport, childcare services and affordable housing a responsibility of the Federal and State Governments? We are being taxed three times to fund the same services and demand the Council stop the wasteful spending and have more respect for the ratepayers and residents.</p> <p>\$23 million for Customer Experience Program (provide better and more Customer Service delivering a more efficient enterprise) - The total number of Council employees is 879 and Council wants \$23M for better Customer Service. This cost is not justified because the Budget papers indicate only 4.1% of people surveyed used customer services and only 11.8% said customer service is important to them. According to the Council's website the Customer Service Program 'aims to improve the experience of residents, businesses, visitors and rate payers every time they contact us'.</p> <p>I am totally aghast at the ratepayer's money that COPP spends rather than eliminating expenditure and looking at ways to lower the rates, Council seems to spend more on unwanted and unjustified services.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-01 16:11:06	[REDACTED]	

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15050	<p>Please allocate some of the budget investment towards the footpaths and traffic islands at the Junction Oval end of Queens Road, between Union Street and Lorne Street.</p> <p>This area should be a vibrant southern entry point to our city, but it has been a dated eyesore for at least 15 years. The footpaths are cracked, stained and uneven. The traffic islands are neglected year-round, going dry and sandy in summer and overgrown with weeds in winter.</p> <p>It's time for updated paths and new shrubbery in the traffic islands.</p> <p>This corner of Port Phillip has one of the council's fastest growing populations, and that means more and more ratepayers. It is unacceptable that we repeatedly get overlooked for local amenity, and we repeatedly watch in dismay as Council does yet another revamp of Fitzroy Street or the foreshore.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-01 17:00:36	[REDACTED]	

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15056	we need more money for vegetable gardens. Can we have plant boxes along Bevan St, I'll look after them!	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-01 19:13:19	[REDACTED]	

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15066	<p>Dont change Inkerman Street, the residents will hate you, and cyclists already have enough traffic lanes closed for their use only, yet they still ride 5 abreast in front of cars and ignore the cyclist lanes all over port phillip. stop pandering to cyclists that dont park for car permits, parking fines or arent registered.</p> <p>I'm over them grabbing onto my side mirrors on my car, at the red lights, so they can keep their balance. If I say 'hey dont touch my car, I get called an "f+ c++ ", verbal assault. The cyclists have enough wide bike lanes, yet will still block traffic.</p> <p>And then abuse law abiding motorists in a very offensive manner.</p> <p>If you want to make Inkerman st a street parking free space, you need to start charging cyclists for the privilege of the infrastructure. They need to be registered or some kind of e-tag attached to their bikes.</p> <p>I ride a bike too, but off road on defined bike tracks, but I do not appreciate the feral behaviour and sense of entitlement of St Kilda and Bayside aggressive and threatening cyclists.</p> <p>Don't give them anymore. The council has done enough. Im a carer and do meals on wheels as a volunteer. How can I park, if you remove free street parking? its discrimination.</p> <p>You will be sued, and the community will win. Stop this social engineering, and get your recycling sorted it. People are getting disheartened when they waste all their time making an effort to separate papers/plastic and landfill, and you guys dump the lot in the landfill anyway.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-01 23:14:59	[REDACTED]	

forget closing inkerman street to road side parking and concentrate on sorting out your rubbish collection, THAT is a key council role that the rate payers pay you for. They dont pay rates to get limited parking options outside their own home.

just stop it, this council will end up being dumped and disbanded and labelled incompetent if you waste ratepayer money, doing something the ratepayers DO NOT WANT

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15106	The level of rates and rate increases for the CoPP are outrageously high. I am a very keen supporter of the views put forward by the "Ratepayers of Port Melbourne" organisation and would like to see spending kept to a minimum	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-02 17:39:59	[REDACTED]	

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15209	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 13:27:59	[REDACTED]	

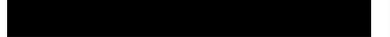
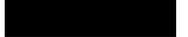
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15210	<p>As a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. During Winter my daughter has to train with two other teams on one undersized indoor basketball court that has no netball rings - due to there being no court lights at PMNC. Accordingly I support the cub's I request to CoPP to make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 13:31:10	[REDACTED]	

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15211	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 13:33:14	[REDACTED]	

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15212	<p>Members,</p> <p>Please show your support for the PMNC budget submission for lighting at RF Julier Reserve by going to the CoPP Have Your As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club and a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 13:34:29	[REDACTED]	

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15213	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club and a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 13:37:54	[REDACTED]	

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15214	As a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 13:39:25	[REDACTED]	

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15215	<p>As local resident and parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female members) to participate in a sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.</p> <p>Regards,  </p>			2019-05-14 13:40:43		

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15216	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 13:41:15	[REDACTED]	

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15217	As a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 13:48:05	[REDACTED]	

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15218	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 13:48:17	[REDACTED]	

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15219	As a member (and volunteer coach) of Port Melbourne Netball Club and a parent of a daughter playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter (which diminishes the ability of coaches to train, educate and develop their teams) and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget. Kind regards. [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 13:58:48	[REDACTED]	

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15220	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 14:05:24	[REDACTED]	

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15221	<p>As founder of the Port Melbourne Netball Club, past president, current player, coach and mum of 3 local children who also love Netball (and basketball).I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.</p> <p>Please consider If the current lighting project could be extended to cover RFJulier reserve courts.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 14:07:47	[REDACTED]	

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15222	As a current under 17 player, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 14:09:10	[REDACTED]	

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15223	As a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 14:09:11	[REDACTED]	

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15224	As a father and husband of a passionate local Netball family, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 14:10:35	[REDACTED]	

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15225	As a current PortMelb under 15 player, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 14:12:05	[REDACTED]	

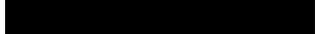
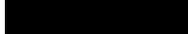
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15226	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 14:17:48	[REDACTED]	

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15228	As a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 14:29:38	[REDACTED]	

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15229	As a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 14:34:04	[REDACTED]	

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15230	<p>As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.</p> <p>Thank you [REDACTED]</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 14:34:53	[REDACTED]	

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15232	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 14:54:10	[REDACTED]	

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15234	<p>As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget."</p> <p>Kind regards,  </p>			2019-05-14 15:07:38		

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15236	<p>As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget."</p> <p>I thank you for your support and hope as many of our members as possible can rally to help us with much needed lighting.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 16:02:24	[REDACTED]	

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15237	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 16:18:48	[REDACTED]	

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15238	As a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 16:26:59	[REDACTED]	

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15239	As a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 16:28:12	[REDACTED]	

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15240	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 16:54:53	[REDACTED]	

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15241	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club and a coach for some talented 13 year old girls that I would like to give every opportunity to continue participating in sport, would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 16:56:48	[REDACTED]	

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15242	<p>As parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget. It really is vital - all people, especially young girls, need to have facilities that are safe and welcoming. Netball is a huge part of the community, and my daughter joined Port Melbourne after finishing at St Kilda Primary last year. They have just had to change training to another venue because of this very issue.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 17:00:56	[REDACTED]	

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15243	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 17:19:05	[REDACTED]	

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15244	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 17:50:57	[REDACTED]	

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15245	As a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 17:53:14	[REDACTED]	

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15246	Hello, As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 18:13:01	[REDACTED]	

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15247	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 18:15:19	[REDACTED]	

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15248	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 18:20:34	[REDACTED]	

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15249	<p>As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities.</p> <p>As a mother of 3 girls who play at PMNC, I want my girls to feel safe when using the courts. Currently due to the lack of lighting at the courts my youngest daughter trains in one indoor court with three other teams making training crowded and basically useless while the PMNC courts sit idle due to lack of lighting.</p> <p>Come on CoPP, you can do better than this. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 18:21:04	[REDACTED]	

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15250	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 18:34:58	[REDACTED]	

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15251	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 19:09:29	[REDACTED]	

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15252	<p>As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.</p> <p>Thanks</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 19:25:34	[REDACTED]	

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15253	As a parent of a child coaching for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 19:28:33	[REDACTED]	

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15254	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 19:37:08	[REDACTED]	

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15255	As a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 19:56:41	[REDACTED]	

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15256	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club and a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 20:01:33	[REDACTED]	

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15257	<p>I am a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club (PMNC). I fully support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe for my daughter to use and reduces the availability PMNC has to use the facilities in winter. This reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget. This will assist in PMNC actively facilitating and promoting sport to young people (in particular girls) in our area.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 20:24:44	[REDACTED]	

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15258	<p>Hi</p> <p>As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.</p> <p>Regards</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 20:40:32	[REDACTED]	

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15259	<p>Hi</p> <p>As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 20:41:29	[REDACTED]	

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15260	<p>As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget."</p> <p>I thank you for your support and hope as many of our members as possible can rally to help us with much needed lighting.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 21:31:25	[REDACTED]	

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15261	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club and a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-14 21:38:02	[REDACTED]	

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15262	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 07:14:16	[REDACTED]	

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15264	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 08:54:14	[REDACTED]	

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15265	<p>As a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club PMNC), I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Since becoming involved with PMNC at the start of last year, I have been incredibly impressed by the care &amp; vision for a community based netball club by the club's committee.</p> <p>Without court lighting at RF Julier Reserve, the teams training in the late afternoon/early evening on week days have needed to find alternative training locations. This dilutes the benefit of playing in a community club as crossover time with other PMNC teams &amp; committee members is reduced + plus the sense of a club 'place' is somewhat lost.</p> <p>So please can CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 09:55:51	[REDACTED]	

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15266	<p>I am a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, and strongly support the Club's submission to include lighting at RF Julier reserve in the 2019/20 Budget.</p> <p>The lack of lighting means the new courts cannot be used in the evening for a large part of the year, and could also pose a health and safety risk if used when inadequately lit.</p> <p>The Club supports girls' participation in sport and being able to use the courts all year round would increase participation rates in alignment with Council's Strategic Direction 1 - We embrace difference, and people belong.</p> <p>I request Council extend its current public lighting projects to make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/20 Council budget.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 10:35:24	[REDACTED]	

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15267	<p>As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club and a player(myself) + parent of a child playing and a player for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget. Thanks.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 11:07:51	[REDACTED]	

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15268	As parent of a child playing and coaching for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 12:08:57	[REDACTED]	

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15269	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 12:15:48	[REDACTED]	

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15270	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 12:24:28	[REDACTED]	

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15271	For safety, i would like to see lights installed at Julier Reserve. It would make the facility more useful and extend training times for our children. Please support this project to help our community.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 12:49:14	[REDACTED]	

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15272	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 13:41:36	[REDACTED]	

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15275	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 15:21:06	[REDACTED]	

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15276	<p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>I am a RESIDENT/WORKER/VOLUNTEER in PORT PHILLIP SUBURB OF ST KILDA EAST. The EcoCentre has been important to me because...I go there to compost my food scraps/waste, and I volunteer at the gardening group. I have met new friends at the EcoCentre and feel part of the local community. I learn new things from other volunteers and staff at the EcoCentre. The gardening group program and other programs at the centre are vital to councils sustainability goals.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 17:26:40	[REDACTED]	

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15277	We must keep funding the eco centre and more like it in our region	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 17:45:21	[REDACTED]	

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15278	<p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>I am passionate about the bay and would like to see the work of the ecocentre expanded upon.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 18:20:43	[REDACTED]	

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15279	<p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. The local community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially at this point in time, politically and environmentally.</p> <p>I do not live in Port Phillip but am a volunteer at the Elwood St Kilda Neighbourhood Learning Centre. I volunteer within your council area because of the values that I view your council as espousing. The EcoCentre has been important to me and my family for many years because of the programs it runs and the environmental resource it provides.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 18:28:47	[REDACTED]	

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15280	The Port Phillip Eco Centre needs an increase in funding to enable it to continue doing the great job it is currently doing in providing a fantastic educational program for so many students. I have taken many school groups to the Eco Centre and I am always very impressed with the quality of the programs and the dedication and knowledge of the staff. I would like to see this program enhanced and expanded.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 18:32:16	[REDACTED]	

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15281	I am a resident in Melbourne, St Kilda Rd. The EcoCentre has been important to me because it has taught, represented and displayed many ways for sustainability to exist in our community. It has brought a diverse range of people together from our community to work together on many different projects. It is one of the primary "go to places" for people with questions relating to the environment and sustainability. I look forward to seeing it's capabilities continue and grow into our future.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 19:15:09	[REDACTED]	

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15282	<p>Please expand your support to the Port Phillip Eco Centre as they are one of the greatest assets to our community and environment. The education, community building, environmental protection and research the Eco Centre provides are invaluable to me and thousands of other residents, businesses, students, elderly and young people in our community! It's time to provide them with the well-deserved funds they need to keep doing their brilliant work. Thanks.</p> <p>Also please keep funding other 2 amazing services such as the Adventure Playgrounds as they are a unique asset to our community. All families who live in the COPP love the Adventure Playgrounds and we want our children's children's and all future generations of little people to be able to access these untouched childhood paradises. Thank you!</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 19:56:57	[REDACTED]	

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15283	I am a teacher at a primary school in the Port Phillip Council, in my role as an educator I teach the students about sustainability. With the great education programs provided by the Port Phillip Eco center our school and other students are given a great chance to learn about their local area and ways to protect the planet. The programs and support provided by the eco center is in-measurable. Students can learn at the center or the educators will come to your school with many hands on resources. They support teachers and students of all ages. The school sustainability festival is the best opportunity for students to show their leadership amongst peers. The learning experiences are endless.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 20:01:19	[REDACTED]	

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15284	Please support the Port Phillip Eco Centre. It's a great resource. We live outside of the area at Williamstown and visit to participate in activities, like a snorkelling session for kids. Here we paid for parking and bought lunch and shared via social media all the great things we saw. Great resource and so much to see and learn!	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 20:14:33	[REDACTED]	

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15285	<p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>As a resident, I have participated in a variety of activities to learn more about the ecology of our local area, including citizen science projects. For me it's very important to be part of positive environmental change and Port Phillip Eco Centre is a leader in this area.</p> <p>As a teacher on the Adult Migrant English Program at the Prahran campus of Melbourne Polytechnic TAFE, I have introduced recently arrived migrants and refugees to the Eco Centre as part of their local orientation showcasing opportunities to volunteer and participate.</p> <p>I have learnt so much through my association with the Centre, and think we are incredibly lucky to have such a dedicated and knowledgeable team working there. It certainly gives me hope as we face the challenges of climate change and pollution.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 20:27:06	[REDACTED]	

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15287	<p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>I am a resident in South Yarra. The EcoCentre has been important to me because of their enthusiasm, dedication and the great work they do in fostering a better environment for us all.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 20:37:10	[REDACTED]	

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15288	<p>1. Take direct action to expand trial council efforts to reduce cigarette butt litter throughout the municipality: portable butt bins, education campaigns in all public places and enforcement of no smoking and litter laws/by laws.</p> <p>2. Fully fund the master plan for the Port Phillip Ecocentre rebuild. As a resident and environmental volunteer, I see close up the impact that the Ecocentre has in education and environmental research. The data collected by its professional team as a knowledge base for our region; the programs it delivers lay the foundation for citizen science and formal education for so many participants.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 20:37:53	[REDACTED]	

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15289	Support the eco centre to enable sustainable programs to keep running for the community to learn & participate in.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 20:44:47	[REDACTED]	

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15290	<p data-bbox="237 151 887 367">Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. The community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p data-bbox="237 406 887 798">I am a resident in PORT PHILLIP and I live in Elwood The EcoCentre is very important to me because I volunteer there regularly in the garden on Fridays and this program provides a great opportunity to learn about sustainable gardening but also brings a broad group of people together who provide friendship and support for each other. In this day and age of increasing social isolation and mental health problems, programs like this are vital. The centre also is a shining light in the area of education and awareness raising about the environment</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 20:49:22	[REDACTED]	

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15291	<p>Regarding the Port Phillip EcoCentre</p> <p>I am the coordinator of the Coastcare Victoria program which supports community to protect Victoria's coastal and marine environments, including education and engagement. The EcoCentre is a fantastic supporter and partner of this program. The staff provide a wealth of knowledge and information to volunteers and the community. The EcoCentre is also a driver of important, innovative and long term projects e.g. ecological data collection and community education. The centre plays the critical role of establishing and coordinating projects which involve the community in coastal management. Recently the EcoCentre undertook a project to engage young multicultural people as coastal ambassadors, and will soon present at an upcoming statewide marine and coastal forum to share their learnings with other community groups and land managers.</p> <p>The EcoCentre is a reliable and important partner for our program. Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 20:52:59	[REDACTED]	

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15292	<p>I am a resident in the City of Port Phillip and I live in the area known as Melbourne 3004.</p> <p>The Eco Centre has been important to me because it keeps up to date with sustainability issues and interprets them both practically and by informing residents how to live a sustainable life in their homes but also in local streets, parks and buildings.</p> <p>I have personally adopted ideas that I have heard about at the Eco Centre.</p> <p>My husband and I used the Eco Centre to diagnose and repair two household electrical appliances so we can now use them rather than send them to landfill and then spend time and money replacing them.</p> <p>Bay watch activities are important for cleaning beaches and local waterways and informing residents and visitors of the wonders of local nature and the responsibility to care for it. We use Port Phillip beaches from time to time and appreciate the nature of sea, clean water and sand and local plantings of indigenous flora.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 20:56:03	[REDACTED]	

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15293	<p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>I am a resident in Elwood. The EcoCentre has been important to me because it is a great community resource that provides information, education a space for people to connect on issues that matter to them. Exactly what community is all about. Please help support this invaluable organisation.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 21:04:28	[REDACTED]	

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15294	<p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>I am a resident and work in South Melbourne. I dance in Port Melbourne and volunteer at The EcoCentre. The EcoCentre has been important to me because they provide much needed environmental education and research such as the Clean Bay Blueprint which I'm a citizen scientist for and the Sunscreen project. In addition the community garden, compost, school education, bush kinder, local walks and planting, plus so much more. They offer the community opportunities to engage with each other, learn from nature and connect. The space is a hub of activity for experts as well as university students from all around the world and local community members like myself. We are so fortunate to have EcoCentre around and it would be brilliant to expand your support of EcoCentre and all their world changing and community building initiatives!</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 21:04:34	[REDACTED]	

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15296	<p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>I am a worker, frequent shopper and visitor to St Kilda and Balaclava. The EcoCentre has been important to me because it helps research and educates people on the importance of adaptation to climate change. With knowledge the EcoCentre then offers meaningful and empowered actions help protect our biodiversity and protect our environment for the future.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 21:38:53	[REDACTED]	

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15297	<p>The Eco Centre needs Council financial support. The budget allocation is needed to not only continue it's great environmental programs &amp; projects but to expand its services to meet increasing education &amp; citizen science demands.</p> <p>The EcoCentre is unique by operating Bay wide and therefore works collaboratively with many individuals and groups. They are a wonderful resource for those us needing information on a range of marine issues including marine debris, plastics &amp; storm water drains. They well &amp; truly deserve to be adequately funded which I am sure Council recognises.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 22:05:11	[REDACTED]	

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15298	<p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. The Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>I am a VOLUNTEER at the EcoCentre. The EcoCentre has been important to me because I live in a Bayside suburb &amp; the EcoCentre provides me with an opportunity to do something to address a few of the environmental concerns that I feel need action, such as the project on auditing the street litter that flows into Port Phillip Bay or the possible effect on marine life of the use of sunscreen.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 22:26:36	[REDACTED]	

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15299	please increase your funds for our wonderful Eco centre! They have been leaders in enviro education long before current exposure of marine/Bay degradation & we need to widen this awareness to preserve the species that rely on us- as we do on them :the interconnected ness of ecosystems! They make wildlife FASCINATING!	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 22:28:58	[REDACTED]	

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15300	<p data-bbox="235 153 898 331">Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p data-bbox="235 371 898 504">I am an owner of a property in St Kilda The EcoCentre has been important to me because it is a friendly , knowledgeable resource for environmental action in the municipality</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 22:29:38	[REDACTED]	

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15301	As a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 22:55:50	[REDACTED]	

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15302	<p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>I am a resident in St. Kilda. The EcoCentre has been important to me because it provides my family and myself a practical avenue into understanding sustainability. There are many programs that the EcoCentre delivers that provide locals with tangible assistance in living a low carbon life. It also provides a community meeting place.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-15 23:55:24	[REDACTED]	

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15303	<p>Hello! My name is [redacted] and I used to work as a volunteer at Port Phillip Eco Center and I think their work are so important and impressing. Their aim is to inform young people and adults how important the environment are to us. I live in Sweddn now but I will always remember the passion the staff had for improving the environment by having educational workshops for classes on the beach, in the classrooms etc. Please do not stop supporting them. Who else are doing this great job for the environment, for the people in Melbourne and outside? Kind regards [redacted]</p>	[redacted]	[redacted]	2019-05-16 04:22:45	[redacted]	

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15304	<p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>I am a Resident in Elwood. The Eco Centre is important in ensuring an awareness of the environment particularly the state of our bay and rivers. The environment is at the centre of Everything we do as all our actions affect it. We are all part of it.</p> <p>I was interested to hear recently of the eco centres important program with scouts where they audit the levels and sources of Rubbish in their areas. This is grass roots action at its best with the next generation involved and gaining awareness of the world around them.</p> <p>Please also allow sufficient funds for more heritage reviews. Our city is fast losing its heritage buildings particularly in St Kilda and Elwood.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-16 07:36:01	[REDACTED]	

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15305	<p>Please expand your support for Eco Centre programs. Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the Eco Centre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>I am a resident of Blairgowrie. Following my official retirement as a marine tourism and education business owner/operator for over three decades, I have maintained very strong links with Port Phillip Eco Centre, their scientists and their educators. This organisation, including the Bay Keeper, generously provides well-researched information and resources allowing for invaluable citizen science programs around the bays, rivers, streams and tributaries that directly impact our waterways. The programs are engaging, entertaining and empowering in educating students especially, as well as adults and teachers. The science gathered is entered in to a data base to inform coastal policy and hopefully, to result in proactive legislative changes. The Eco Centre has been important or rather, vital to me, to eco -tourism operators and to students. Our educational programs have developed under the collective 'Canopy of Care'</p> <p>The Canopy of Care is a collective of like-minded organisations that provide educational resources and on-site experiences that inform students about some key environmental issues facing our coasts and waterways. Through these we hope to provide inspiration and support for our young adults to take action at a community level.</p> <p>The concept and philosophy of the Canopy of Care was developed by Judith Muir OAM who was motivated by the need to link reliable educators and operators together to provide students and teachers with high</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-16 08:24:55	[REDACTED]	

quality educational experiences and citizen science programs. Accordingly, "By entertaining greatly whilst educating gently students are encouraged and resourced to become custodians of their own futures. Conservation through education is essential. "

Please seek to understand the scope and reach of the Eco-Centre's roles and responsibilities. The organisation is fuelled by extraordinary people who give far in excess of that by those engaged in most work places. Sylvia Earle the world's most acclaimed marine scientist states that 'Now is the right time to act..... but there may never be another right time'

The eco-centre needs space, it needs adequate funding to consolidate its' invaluable data and it needs to be freed from the 'cap-in-hand' begging for this funding. PLEASE allow the organisation to continue its' enormous contribution to society, your society,

Sincerely  
[Redacted Signature]

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15306	<p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Our community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>I am a resident in West St Kilda. The EcoCentre has been important to me because it provided us with information and support when we were researching about solar panels for our house. Into the future we need a proactive and informed resource to take us forward with developing solutions to address the needs for electric cars for so many residents that do not have off street parking. We need to develop systems to share solar generated power across the community. Climate change will affect our food, our water, our air, our health. The City of Port Philip needs to be a leader!</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-16 08:25:47	[REDACTED]	

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15307	I am a resident and also a volunteer based in Port Melbourne. The EcoCentre has been important to me because it provides a range of much-needed programs focussing on sustainability and improving our local environment. The facility also provides support for the broader community, undertakes important research programs and offers volunteers valuable work experience. It is a treasured place within the COPP - and broader -community.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-16 08:27:14	[REDACTED]	

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15308	PCC needs to look for revenue stream urgently and not focus on cutting costs	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-16 08:36:20	[REDACTED]	

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15309	<p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>I am a Resident. The EcoCentre has been important to me because..it connects and relates to me, my family and supporters of a balance environment caring people in the City of Port Phillip</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-16 08:42:28	[REDACTED]	

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15310	<p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>I am a resident in South Melbourne. The EcoCentre has been important to me because it's the only place in Port Phillip that gives the community a place to focus on anything other than consumption. They offer vital education opportunities for residents and the next generation, as well as sustainability resources not available to high density residents, such as composting facilities. The latter I use regularly - at least once, sometimes twice a week - and my council bin usage has dropped by about 3/4, which is massive.</p> <p>We live in a council area of people who are very community minded, and the Port Phillip EcoCentre plays a greatly valued part in reaching out to residents and bringing them together in causes that affect each and every one of us - the future of and health of our green and outdoor spaces, that are a vital part of the bayside lifestyle and what makes people want to live in Port Phillip.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-16 09:47:04	[REDACTED]	

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15311	<p>Please expand your support for the EcoCentre programs. The community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>I am a resident of Port Philip, and have lived in Port Philip since 1982. The EcoCentre is important to me for many reasons. It provides a place for people to gather, to meet, to learn, and to see new things. It is a very important part of the Port Philip community.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-16 09:53:28	[REDACTED]	

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15312	<p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>I am a new mum in St Kilda and have recently joined the EcoCentre Committee of Management because I believe our world needs its work now more than ever. It is stretched to capacity and Council needs to financially back its crucial programs. Port Phillip Council has a reputation as progressive and environmentally aware, it needs to put its money where its mouth is and support the critical work of the Port Phillip EcoCentre in the 2019-20 budget and council plan.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-16 10:06:54	[REDACTED]	

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15313	<p>I have been both a volunteer and a participant at Port Phillip EcoCentre activities for a few years now. It is very important to me as an example of what can be done to live more sustainably and as an enabler for me to take action to care for the environment.</p> <p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Our community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-16 11:06:36	[REDACTED]	

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15314	<p>As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting.</p> <p>Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-16 11:38:11	[REDACTED]	

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15315	<p>I am a resident in Balaclava, and regularly visit the St Kilda Botanic Gardens and the Port Philip EcoCentre. I love dropping in on the EcoCentre gardening plots, visiting the blue-tongues, finding out what programs they're running and what they've discovered in research programs that they have run in partnership with the local, and broader community and interns. I always look forward to reading their e-newsletters. I also really like Repair Cafe, which is a fantastic program to learn how to fix stuff and cultivate a more sustainable reuse, rather than use-and-throw culture.</p> <p>Please support the EcoCentre to expand their programs! I think the EcoCentre has well and truly demonstrated their effectiveness and benefit to the Port Philip community. Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-16 12:04:49	[REDACTED]	

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15316	I am a resident and volunteer in the city of Port Philip (St Kilda). The EcoCentre has been important to me because it gives me the opportunity to give so much back to the environment and local area. It also offers a great way to help and educate the next generation and build friendships along the way.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-16 12:14:18	[REDACTED]	

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15317	The PPEC provide the most important keystone bridging our Bayside marine education groups.. They have led the way for many of us, and continue to do so. Their work will have significant long term benefits to local environmental health matters, which will become increasingly valuable and politically charged, over the years ahead.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-16 13:18:31	[REDACTED]	

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15318	Stop wasting money like grass plantings and boardwalks at Elwood where the grass has died and the boardwalk will always require constant repairs. Give some money to the community group that does proper plantings and proper clean ups as they are the real community and have far more nous and knowledge than council	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-16 13:32:25	[REDACTED]	

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15319	<p>I would like Council to note the need to support as much as possible the work done by the Port Phillip EcoCentre in the areas of environmental education, community development , environmental on-ground (and on-water) action to improve the local environment, acting as a community hub for various local groups to meet, discuss and work on environmental issues. It also provides opportunities for the less able members of our community to gain skills, respect and confidence through their activities provided by and at the Centre. The cross fertilisation of ideas through the Centre's affiliates program generates better programs and outcomes for all involved. The Centre provides a great outcome from the funds provided.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-16 14:20:51	[REDACTED]	

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15320	<p>As the Coastcare Victoria facilitator for Port Phillip and Westernport; Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning since 2002, I work closely and support many events and programs delivered by and through the Port Phillip EcoCentre.</p> <p>I have calculated their reach and effectiveness is beyond 1 in 9 ratio of dollars in versus in-kind contribution and value out. I therefore support an increase in base funding for this team and the activities they champion.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-16 15:03:51	[REDACTED]	

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15321	<p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>I am a Volunteer in St Kilda and have become increasingly aware of the important work the EcoCentre does. It has a group of very knowledgeable people who are always positive and helpful. As my awareness of our present unsustainable lifestyles has grown, so my family's ability to live more sustainably has benefited greatly from the EcoCentre's wisdom. We appreciate their very sensible advice and just love the way they bring community together at all their events. In short, they are truly inspirational. Please respect their contribution to all our lives and help them to help more people.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-16 15:56:57	[REDACTED]	

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15322	<p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>I am a volunteer at the Port Phillip Eco Centre. The EcoCentre has been important to me because it provides education for children about the environment and creates opportunities for adults to come together for a common productive purpose. Working together in a volunteer capacity gives us many benefits and helps the community too. I feel strongly that the Eco Centre should be supported by local and Victorian governments to be able to continue their good work.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-16 16:21:12	[REDACTED]	

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15324	I belong to a volunteer group which works weekly in Albert Park Reserve. I admire the contribution to the city's environment made by the St Kilda EcoCentre and wish to urge the Council to increase its general recognition and financial support for this organization. . (Our volunteer group has no connection with the EcoCentre)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-16 17:13:04	[REDACTED]	

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15325	<p>As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting.</p> <p>Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-16 18:20:38	[REDACTED]	

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15326	<p>To whom it may concern, as a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration,</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-16 19:09:21	[REDACTED]	

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15327	As a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-16 19:30:34	[REDACTED]	

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15332	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget."	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-16 21:41:23	[REDACTED]	

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15338	<p>I would like to see lighting at Julier Reserve for the netball club. My wife and daughter use the facilities, and it upsets them when they can't train there over winter due to the lack of lighting.</p> <p>Please remember it is a community sporting facility that locals use, and although some nearby residents may prefer no lighting, the greater good is promoting an active, healthy and vibrant community.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-16 21:59:30	[REDACTED]	

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15339	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-16 22:20:09	[REDACTED]	

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15345	<p>I am a Volunteer at the Port Phillip EcoCentre in St Kilda. The EcoCentre has been important to me because their community had taught me a lot about the important role of maintaining a healthy climate and engaging positively with local people in driving change!</p> <p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to give the council feedback. I look forward to seeing what changes.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-17 08:18:09	[REDACTED]	

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15346	<p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>I am a teacher of young children and the EcoCentre has been important to me because it was able to offer knowledge and support to me and other early childhood educators in Professional Learning modules which were both informative and inspiring.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-17 09:19:21	[REDACTED]	

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15348	<p>As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club Committee and a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-17 09:34:46	[REDACTED]	

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15350	<p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>I am a long term term supporter of the Ecocentre through coporate volunteer programs. The EcoCentre has been important to me because it connects people with the communtiy they work and live in .</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-17 10:08:56	[REDACTED]	

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15351	<p>WRivA is a member of Landcare Australia and supports 'Landcare Communities – Australia's Future', which calls for an ongoing commitment and reliable funding by government to communities undertaking local action.</p> <p>WRivA has been involved with the EcoCentre since 2007. In that time we have been involved with their programs on climate change, microplastics, beach profile surveys, litter research and many networking opportunities.</p> <p>WRivA has been conducting discussions with the EcoCentre for some time on our own growth as an organisation, taking good advice from them with regard to business planning and community engagement. In particular we have been very appreciative of their mentorship and guidance in financial management.</p> <p>WRivA's work centres on the right of people to have healthy waterways, adding \$3.6 million worth of value to the community in the west of Melbourne over the last three years as a result of its work, which offers increased natural benefits to children, adults and wildlife and encourages safe passive and active recreation.</p> <p>The EcoCentre has contributed to our success and we respectfully request that the City of Port Philip continues their support for the EcoCentre programs.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-17 10:12:22	[REDACTED]	

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15352	I am a resident i n StKilda West. The EcoCentre has been important to me because I firmly believe that we need to do more about sustainability and the ecocentre helps that awareness raising. Please fund it better			2019-05-17 12:20:13		

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15353	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-17 12:59:10	[REDACTED]	

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15354	<p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>I am a volunteer iN St Kinda. The EcoCentre has been important to me because an acheivable and efficient way to make meaningful change to many aspects of the Port Phillip area- my home.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-17 13:15:15	[REDACTED]	

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15355	<p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>I am a Science / STEM teacher in a school neighboring Port Phillip Council. Having recently attended a teacher professional development program run from the EcoCentre. I am absolutely convinced that it is an extremely valuable educational resource for schools in this region and that there are great benefits for our community in engaging students such as the girls and boys at my school in our local environment.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-17 14:24:43	[REDACTED]	

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15356	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club whom is currently coaching for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-17 15:18:36	[REDACTED]	

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15357	<p>1. COUNCIL'S total revenue of \$228M is funded by rates of \$125M of that total for 2019-20 - far too great a reliance on ratepayers.</p> <p>2. Rates are proposed to increase by \$4 million in the 2019-20 budget - though ratepayers will not receive extra services they need and the value of properties is stagnant or falling.</p> <p>3. Council spends every dollar of its revenue without reservation and as if it was a gift from ratepayers.</p> <p>4. Council wastes millions on its pet projects, irrelevant spending, poor asset management, and with no apparent regard to fiscal responsibility for ratepayers.</p> <p>5. Council has too many employees and is paying too much for its staff, consultants and contractors. Why has Council budgeted for 879 employees at a cost of \$96m when comparative councils employ fewer people and have lower labour costs?</p> <p>6. It is highly offensive for Council to suggest that ratepayers can reverse mortgage their home to pay rates and Self Funded Retirees could defer rates indefinitely at a penalty interest rate 5% if they are not able to pay the rates.</p> <p>7. The rate increase is not justified because the City is already spending too much on services that are: not required by ratepayers and residents or not statutory obligations of local government</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-17 16:06:25	[REDACTED]	

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15358	<p>My rates increased by \$930 this year. We are retired living in a three bedroom apartment with our pension decreasing. Is the Council trying to turn us out of our homes? What do we get for the our rates. Filthy streets, pavements, filthy bins. There is absolutely no cleaning in our area only more high rise buildings and traffic congestion.</p> <p>It is an absolute disgrace from the Council whose duties are to keep streets, bins ect. Clean. Where is our money being spent, I have seen, on rubbish.</p> <p>I would like an investigation or Royal Commission into all Councils especially Port Phillip and City of Melbourne.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-17 16:20:04	[REDACTED]	

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15359	As a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-17 16:36:07	[REDACTED]	

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15362	Given the size of rates in Port Phillip it is incumbent on the Council to zero base their budgeting and work to how they can get our rates down Let us make choices on what we want Council to spend our money on rather than continuing to collect and spend M view would be do the basic well and forget the rest	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-17 19:14:54	[REDACTED]	

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15364	<p>As a parent of two children playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. After having invested in our great courts it would be nice if we could use them all year round.</p> <p>I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-17 20:43:32	[REDACTED]	

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15366	<p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Community desperately needs the education and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>I am a volunteer in the EcoCentre on St Kilda and it has been important to me because when I arrived to Melbourne and was complete stranger in big city this was the place where I always felt accepted and welcomed. EcoCentre gave me new friends and knowledge about local community, nature and culture. I think they are doing a lot both for us foreigners in this city and for locals as well. They are offering "services" that can not be paid for.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-17 20:57:39	[REDACTED]	

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15367	<p>As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club I would like the Council to include in the 2019/2020 budget lighting for the netball courts at Julier Reserve. The club is a very young club. Starting in 2014/5 with only 6 junior teams in 2015. In 4 years we have grown to 24 junior teams in 2019. We appreciate the funding received to upgrade the courts in 2017. We had 16 teams just prior to the resurfacing, since the new surface we have increased our team numbers to 24. This increase in numbers it has made organising training time slots very challenging. Our training is limited to after school hours as we are developing junior coaches as well as players. With 24 teams training over 5 days and 2 courts we require 3 hours of court time to enable all of our teams to train. We need to start at 4.30pm to allow for all of our children to arrive from different schools (plus parents have to leave work early to transport children). Therefore we generally train 4.30pm to 7.30pm. This works during daylight saving but becomes ineffective during the main season (ie: winter) when the sunsets around 5.30pm. We have been sourcing other local venues but these are limited as they are focussed on basketball (see attached photo). We have many talented children and have averaged 5 representative players each year. We have also been recognised by Netball Victoria for our NET SET GO commitment for developing young players. We are not looking for stadium lighting, we are requesting lighting to enable effective training. We would like to continue to grow our club and sports participation however we are limited due to insufficient training facilities. We would be able to work with you on sourcing a suitable solution.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-17 21:00:53	[REDACTED]	

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15368	As a coach and parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-17 22:04:56	[REDACTED]	

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15370	<p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>I am a resident in StKilda. The EcoCentre has been important to me because I regularly compost my food waste scraps there in the amazing communal and FREE composting setup. Imagine if we could expand THAT and get more folks on board!</p> <p>More support for food waste solutions for apartment dwellers would be excellent in general.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-18 11:09:04	[REDACTED]	

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15372	<p>I would like to lodge an objection to the Draft Council Plan and Budget for 2019/20</p> <p>In particular I object to the millions allocated to councils pet projects to benefit minority groups at the expense of us the ratepayer.</p> <p>Recent excessive rate increases were purely born by residents in houses (9% increase) and none by apartments (0%). This allocation is completely arbitrary and bears no relation to housing prices or valuations. Outrageous!</p> <p>Recent excessive rate increases were purely born by residents in houses (9% increase) and none by apartments (0%). This allocation is completely arbitrary and bears no relation to housing prices or valuations. Outrageous!</p> <p>Council "valuations" show my property value increasing by 24% in the previous year, whilst average Melbourne property prices have decreased over the last 2 years by an estimated 20%. How does this correlate?</p> <p>Property valuation as a basis for rates is a fundamentally flawed basis for allocation. How does a property's valuation bear any relevance to the cost of council for services to that property? Number of residents, number of cars, size of bins would be much more relevant factors for allocation. We have 1 car, 3 persons, minimal environment footprint, but pay double the rates of an apartment with 3 cars and 5 persons.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-18 16:43:18	[REDACTED]	

Since 2007 my rates have increased from \$1,199 to \$2,878; a 240% increase! This outrageous gouging needs to stop and CoPP needs to be held accountable for their financial mismanagement.

Total Expenses: \$224,466,000 for 2019-20  
Employee Costs: \$ 95,866,000 up \$2,532,000 from 2018/19

Of the TAX RATE increase of \$4,074,000, 62% will go to pay Salaries

TOTAL EMPLOYEE COST: \$95,866,000  
TOTAL EMPLOYEES: 879  
Average Cost/ employee: \$109,000

We refer your attention to the detail in the Budget Documents to

- (a) \$23 million for Customer Experience Program (provide better and more Customer Service delivering a more efficient enterprise)
- (b) \$43 million to implement Act and Adapt Sustainable Environment Strategy
- (c) \$34 million to implement Transport Strategy (Move Connect Live)
- (d) \$21 million, Don't Waste it Strategy (2019-2022) includes \$17.5 million for a Sustainability Hub
- (e) \$14 million, Creative and Prosperous City Strategy (Art and Soul)

Council wastes ratepayers money on Issues outside its basic role of roads and rubbish.



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15374	<p>Please continue, or perhaps even expand, your support for the EcoCentre. They are a great resource for climate change issues, health of the bay, and for education about things like native edible plants. Their volunteers are doing a great job at the Repair Cafe sessions too.</p> <p>I am a St Kilda resident.</p> <p>Thanks.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-19 11:50:30	[REDACTED]	

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15375	<p>Hi. I think the budget needs to be revised. Overall there are lots of extravagant expenses and not thinking about the \$rate the tax ratepayers has to cough up yearly and it is getting unaffordable high. I would like to see the council review all the below objections and try to reduce the yearly rate I am paying.</p> <p>What is the justification for the South Melbourne Market Solar installation \$770,000 (page 64) when CoPP is purchasing 100% renewable electricity? We understands CoPP has signed a contract with Melbourne Renewable Energy Program (MREP) to purchase 100% renewable electricity from a windfarm near Ararat from 2019-20 (page 59).</p> <p>Memberships (\$300,000) – there is no need for CoPP to be members of other organisations when the value to ratepayers is non-existent. The cost of the Inner Metro Sustainability Hub business case and land acquisition that is costed at \$18.9 over 4 years in the Budget. What is the Hub and is this Hub required due to the required closure of the Resource Recovery Centre in South Melbourne? Will the proceeds of the land be used to offset the cost of the new facility? What is the estimated cost of the land? Is this a part of the Fisherman’s Bend development?</p> <p>CoPP are wasting ratepayers money on consultants who undertake research studies, surveys and reports. Many reports are written by consultants that are never implemented. For example traffic study at the South Melbourne Market. It is difficult to identify expenditure amounts in the Budget that relate to research and reports.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-19 12:38:11	[REDACTED]	

Cost of resealing roads per square meter is \$65 in Port Phillip which is 5X more for all councils and twice for similar councils. The Council Officer's explanation is roads need to be thicker in Port Phillip due to higher rates of traffic is not plausible. We have been advised by a civil engineer that this is nonsense.

'Fisherman's Bend Funding Gap' is a 'Catastrophic Risk' with an 'Almost Certain' probability (pages 146-148). The total infrastructure bill is \$376 million and costs are planned to be shared between Vic Gov, Melbourne City Council and CoPP. Fisherman's Bend is a looming problem for CoPP but the draft Budget does not present a strategy for dealing with the issue. What plans are CoPP undertaking to manage this almost certain catastrophic risk?

CoPP has paid \$13.4 million to construct Kirrip Park at the Ferrars Street Education and Community Precinct as a part of the Fisherman's Bend Major initiatives (Strategic Direction 4 – page 72). CoPP must stop spending on infrastructure when it is not the responsibility of ratepayers to fund infrastructure in Fisherman's Bend. Developers should be asked to contribute to the cost of infrastructure.

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15376	<p>I am a resident in Port Melbourne. The EcoCentre has been important to me because it runs essential environmental programs and advocates for climate action on many levels locally.</p> <p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-19 16:06:04	[REDACTED]	

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15377	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-19 17:55:16	[REDACTED]	

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15378	Please increase your support for Port Phillip EcoCentre programs. Our community urgently needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre. This is especially so in a world that needs creative, positive, inclusive and achievable practical solutions to global warming. I am a worker and volunteer in St Kilda. The EcoCentre is important to me because it inspires me to personally grow through social contact. My life is enriched through the programs they offer. I belong to Port Phillip BUG which meets there monthly, I go to repair café, I buy books from their office, purchase herbs and vegetable from their community garden. Without the EcoCentre, I would be lonelier and sadder.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-19 19:06:03	[REDACTED]	

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15379	I strongly object to the council's plan to increase rates. Rates per capita are already well above similar councils (Bayside, Glen Eira, Stonnington) and the number of staff employed and funds allocated to useless projects within our area are a total waste of our money. You should be spending our money carefully, not throwing it around like it is the property of the council. I would object to any council proposal other than a proposal that significantly reduces rates. You will be judged accordingly at the next council election.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-19 20:58:12	[REDACTED]	

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15380	As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-19 21:24:58	[REDACTED]	

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15381	I work within the Port Phillip footprint and take seniors to the Ecocentre for educational and inspirational days when they have them on. The older clients love the place, the staff and the atmosphere. It is very welcoming and reminds them that they have a place/garden to go to if they don't have their own or cannot maintain their own any longer. It is vital to keep these programs going into the future. Thank you.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-20 09:04:08	[REDACTED]	

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15382	<p data-bbox="235 156 925 331">Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p data-bbox="235 371 925 539">I am a resident in Elwood. The EcoCentre has been important to me because it provides a great space for gardening work shops, community interaction and education on sustainable living, which is very important to me.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-20 09:36:05	[REDACTED]	

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15384	<p>Dear Coucil,</p> <p>As a resident and local business owner within the CoPP and a member of the RoPP Group, I provide the following comments regarding the Council's draft Budget:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. As I understand it, CoPP is purchasing 100% renewable electricity. Thus why would council need to spend \$770,000 on the South Melbourne Market Solar installation. Furthermore, what proportion of this investment will be funded by the local traders that reside in the building pay towards this proposed Solar installation? Ratepayers do not see the value in one, subsidising businesses or two, paying for this one Council has already agreed to an alternate power source.</li> <li>2. Why is Council spending \$240,000 on electric charging stations. Surely car manufactures should be approached to install such charging stations throughout the municipality. It is not acceptable for Council to waste such money on providing a "want" rather than a "need." Council does not pay petrol costs for ratepayers, so why on earth would Council contribute to paying for a minority service for people to drive their electric car.</li> <li>3. CoPP has paid \$13.4 million to construct Kirrip Park at the Ferrars Street Education and Community Precinct as a part of the Fisherman's Bend Major initiatives. CoPP must stop spending on infrastructure when it is not the responsibility of ratepayers to fund infrastructure in Fisherman's Bend. Developers should be asked to contribute to the cost of infrastructure.</li> <li>4. It is extremely disappointing to see that CoPP are not achieving better market rental rates for so many of its assets and hence ratepayers are bearing the burden. Any additional funds raised can be used to maintain Councils assets. Many small businesses in</li> </ol>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-20 10:27:35	[REDACTED]	

the area are paying \$20K for a space that's the size 30 sqm, yet the entire massive St Kilda Marina area pays a fraction for its sheer land size. Council MUST earn more income from its assets. These include the West St Kilda Bathing Pavilion, Sth Melbourne Town Hall, Schiavello Group and Café Watersedge.

5. Gasworks Arts Inc, Linden New Art and ANAM pay a combined total of \$1,208 in rent. This is an extremely generous gift from ratepayers. Whilst Art and Culture is important to the vibrancy of the City, the rent payable surely must be more than the measly than \$2pw or \$20pw. At least an increase in rent would contribute to asset maintenance.

6. Whilst its nice for council to run Child Care Services and I have been a user on the past, its not really a Council is not ultimately responsible for providing such a service and it should seek to remove itself over the coming years as the private sector has proven that is can effectively manage this service.

7. Cost of resealing roads per square meter is \$65 in Port Phillip which is 5X more for all councils and twice for similar councils. The Council Officer's explanation is roads need to be thicker in Port Phillip due to higher rates of traffic is not plausible. We have been advised by a civil engineer that this is nonsense.

Thanks for your time.

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15385	<p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>I am a resident in St Kilda West. The EcoCentre is a vital source of learning and inspiration regarding the environment and the actions that all of us can take to reduce and mitigate the impacts of climate change and to make our world a better place to live.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-20 11:27:58	[REDACTED]	

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15386	<p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Our community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre to provide positive, inclusive and practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>I am a resident in St Kilda East for the last 15 years and have already seen positive changes made by the City of Port Phillip. The EcoCentre has been important to me because it is an active and inclusive organisation, engaging and 'leading by teaching' community members how everyone can make behavioural changes to fulfill our sustainability goals as a community. I believe the EcoCentre reaches far into the diversity of the community which is reflected in the large number of their volunteers - a good indicator for broader community engagement and commitment to education.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-20 11:59:31	[REDACTED]	

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15388	As a Parent of Children that are members of Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-20 13:45:38	[REDACTED]	

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15390	<p>I would like to see the budget address security and public safety concerns in St Kilda and Balaclava - in particular around Carlisle street and Acland street. I choose to no longer shop for my family (of 5 - including 3 little children) in these precincts due to safety and lack of convenience.</p> <p>I imagine that I am not alone in unfortunately not shopping locally as much anymore due to lack of safety. The carparks in both areas I have mentioned do not feel safe.</p> <p>Additionally - I would like to see more in the Budget/Council plan..including "Outcomes by 2027" an emphasis on families/children - considering this is such a significant demographic - I am surprised in the lack of mention of this group. I would like to see housing for domestic violence victims and single parents as a focus of this council - rather than general, "affordable housing"</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-20 14:58:05	[REDACTED]	

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15391	There seems to be little focus on safety of residents and visitors to our wonderful community. I would like to see more focus on cleaner streets so as to make it appealing to locals and visitors and hopefully we will see less empty shops and hurting businesses.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-20 15:07:35	[REDACTED]	

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15392	<p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs. Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>I am a parent and employee in St Kilda/Balaclava. The EcoCentre has been important to me because it contributes immensely to the education of my children and supports numerous fantastic initiatives in Port Phillip Bay and beyond. They have educated them at school through fantastic programs, supported the efforts to improve sustainability in the area at events and through seminars and raises awareness about climate issues.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-20 16:15:12	[REDACTED]	

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15393	Budget does not provide enough for senior people to come to the area. Too many drug young people around, Too many young people created trouble and security is so bad. Very disappointed for such a good area. It is becoming like Richmond area.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-20 16:24:34	[REDACTED]	

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15394	<p>Please expand your support for Sports programs. Community desperately needs better facilities to allow its citizens to be more physically active, in times where diabetes is a country problem issue an immensely important issue. It also builds character and social skills like teamwork, cooperation and leadership, develops higher self esteem and a positive body image and teaches how to handle winning and losing while being a good sport. Particular an indoor gymnasium is desperately needed, which could also be used for events, thereby supporting the fantastic art scene in Port Phillip Bay.</p> <p>I am a parent in Balaclava. Better sports facilities are important to me because it contributes to higher levels of self-esteem and self-worth, particular in young children. Sport and recreation clubs are the hub of community life and it also helps to sustain the environment through protecting open space and natural areas.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-20 16:24:57	[REDACTED]	

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15396	<p>The Eco Centre badly needs yr expanded support to continue doing the excellent work they do for CoPP in the area of Climate Change. This includes educating our locals, continuing their much needed research &amp; driving forward their wonderful volunteer programs. I am a long term CoPP resident &amp; was also there @ the Opg of the original Eco Centre.</p> <p>The growth &amp; range of the Eco Centre's work is truly inspiring &amp; must be enabled to continue.</p> <p>Many thanks, [REDACTED]</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-20 17:50:50	[REDACTED]	

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15397	<p>Would love to see the child care restraint fitting/check returns. It was there and got swallowed up and forgotten. This should be put in child services not other departments budgets.</p> <p>Household green bins. People are paving and concreting backyard and front yards to avoid mowing and gardening do to no green waste pick up. This is limiting people's outdoor and nature experience especially children.</p> <p>Online permits access for concrete pours and other building permits. Why? Because I have to call to understand if the builders have permits, I should be able to see this. Sadly you cs centre don't understand that builders can't work on public holidays and get confused with residential noise, so I think a big uplift is needed</p> <p>An ability for residents to have cars booked without an officer. I think it is glen eira that does this.</p> <p>A oh ampler that is given to all buildings within 50 metres of a demolition or building site. This phamlet sets out rights and what to do, such as call council for all building works out of hours and that you need to tell the call centre you want a local laws officer. Also done info in cknfreye trucks and what is permitted. Most people don't call council about concrete tricks as they don't know that the builder should have permits for these and foot path and traffic permits. I also have other ideas.</p> <p>Investment in support childcare, kinder and playgroups. Investment to start up special needs playgroups.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-20 19:46:07	[REDACTED]	

<p>All playgrounds should have mostly nature elements and use nature to make the playground. Reduce use of hard plastic playgrounds. Support bush, beach and nature play groups</p> <p>Set up as family day care as like many councils including glen eira, or lean of them to build into area, great mini businesses in city of port Phillip!</p>					
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15398	<p>I would like to register my concerns regarding the draft Budget 2019/20 and Year 3 of the Council Plan.</p> <p>Whilst the Councils proposal to increase rates by \$4 million in 2019-20, may seem small relative to the \$125 million allocated to revenue, the total amount is in excess of 54% of the total \$228 million revenue to be raised, with every cent to be spent. Council should be seeking at every opportunity to build efficiencies, reduce its overheads and seek to establish other sources of revenue.</p> <p>Examples of areas where the Council should be focusing its efforts include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Current workforce FTE's (879 employees at a cost of \$96 million) - reducing FTE numbers to be comparable to other Councils within neighbouring area.</li> <li>- Discontinuing the development of a bespoke Customer Service program. Similar programs must already be in development or have been finalised by other councils, and may be adapted at lower levels of expenditure.</li> <li>- Stop spending on infrastructure and programs that are not the responsibility of Council, e.g., Kirrip Park at the Ferrars Street Education and Community Precinct as a part of the Fisherman's Bend Major initiatives</li> <li>- Securing commercial returns on council assets rather than continuing to accept small nominal amounts of rents, eg, St' Kilda Marina, and South Melbourne Town Hall.</li> <li>- Stop the installation of electric charging stations for electric cars - current uptake of electric cars in Australia is low, and whilst demand is likely to increase in the coming years, this is a program</li> </ul>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-20 20:29:29	[REDACTED]	

which should be part of a broader national initiative, funded by either State and/or Federal Governments, not in isolation by a single Council.

I also strongly object to the idea that residents who are unable to pay their rates can establish reverse mortgages in order to fund the payments. This is a ridiculous idea, that assumes that residents, who have chosen to live in this municipality are all wealthy and are prepared to take on additional debt.

I believe that the proposed increase in rates is not justifiable, and that Council should reconsider its draft plan to focus on reducing its overheads, delivering efficient services for all residents, and seeking alternative revenue streams to reduce its dependence on rate increases as its only mechanism to generate additional revenue.

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15399	I am a new parent living in the Port Phillip suburb of St Kilda East. The EcoCentre is important to me because it provides opportunities for city kids to connect with nature, which is vital in today's world. Their work in biodiversity protection, waste reduction and community education is truly inspirational. I want my child to grow up in a safe, clean community and the EcoCentre shares that vision. Please fund them according to their worth, for me and for future generations. Thank you.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-20 20:46:16	[REDACTED]	

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15400	I am a new parent living in the Port Phillip suburb of St Kilda East. The EcoCentre is important to me because it provides opportunities for city kids to connect with nature, which is vital in today's world. Their work in biodiversity protection, waste reduction and community education is truly inspirational. I want my child to grow up in a safe, clean community and the EcoCentre shares that vision. Please fund them according to their worth, for me and for future generations. Thank you.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-20 20:48:32	[REDACTED]	

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15401	<p>Hello friends w babies! If you, like me, are feeling a little hopeless after the federal election result, here's something small and local you can do for you, your bubba and all of us who care about our world and it's future.</p> <p>I am a member of the Management Committee at Port Phillip EcoCentre (ever wondered what that wooden building in the corner of St Kilda Botanics Gardens is? Behind the veggie patches? It's your local EcoCentre!). The EcoCentre is a small and amazing organisation full of passionate staff and volunteers. It's a non-profit, community-managed environment group that promotes biodiversity, environmental sustainability &amp; community action. It has wonderful programs for kids, like Nature Play and Alive Outside, that I'm sure our little ones will love to get involved with very soon.</p> <p>The EcoCentre receives some funding from Port Phillip Council but not enough to fund this crucial work.</p> <p>But you, as local parents living in the City of Port Phillip, can help!</p> <p>GO TO <a href="http://www.haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au">www.haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au</a></p> <p>CLICK ON 'Draft Budget 2019/20 and Year 3 of Council Plan'</p> <p>WRITE IN THE COMMENT BOX (copy and paste this or write your own version):</p> <p>I am a new parent living in the Port Phillip suburb of INSERT SUBURB NAME. The EcoCentre is important to me because it provides opportunities for city kids to connect with nature, which is vital in today's world. Their work in biodiversity protection, waste reduction</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-20 20:58:24	[REDACTED]	

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15404	<p>I wish you will consider to implement your support for EcoCentre programs. Ecocentre is a very important place for our Community and is doing a great job in terms of education, research and volunteer programmes.</p> <p>I am a volunteer in St Kilda. The EcoCentre has been important to me because I can share, learn, meet, enjoy, help. The sense of Community is strong. I love Ecocentre!</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-20 23:12:43	[REDACTED]	

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15405	I support Port Melbourne Netball Club's submission for lighting on their courts. The addition of lighting would make the game more accessible to the players that can't attend very early training sessions and thus either give up the game or end up moving to another club.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-21 08:26:43	[REDACTED]	

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15406	<p>This year, the Port Phillip EcoCentre has again requested that City of Port Phillip increases our Funding Agreement for services from \$243,000 in FY18-19 to \$408,000 per annum, in order to maintain our service level to a growing community.</p> <p>For every \$1 invested by CoPP, EcoCentre raises \$3 and generates \$14 economic value. However, a 2018 strategic financial review of the EcoCentre demonstrated that our current Funding Agreement (designed in 2004) covers just over half the delivery costs for our Council service partnership, creating dependency on cross-subsidy through grants and unsustainable volunteering. Two papers in the attached PDF (originally submitted in March and April 2019) include further information regarding relevant costings, rationale, and the substantial service cuts for community and Council that will occur without adjusted funding. The EcoCentre is matchlessly cost-effective and strategic, while achieving 99.7% satisfaction; and aim to provide continued service level of expertise to Council officers and those who live, work and volunteer in Port Phillip.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-21 09:19:39	[REDACTED]	

## Request to align funding to service costs in City of Port Phillip's 2019-2024 EcoCentre Funding Agreement

### Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to provide information to Council to seek an increase in the EcoCentre's annual administrative funding, and to provide information to support the request.

### Background

1. Port Phillip EcoCentre ('the EcoCentre') was established by City of Port Phillip (CoPP) and continues to work in accordance with the terms of our Lease, Funding Agreement, and Education Funding. Currently EcoCentre is expected to *encourage awareness and actions for sustainable living, to operate as a resource for groups, individuals and the business community* and to provide specific education programs to schools and Early Years. Further, Council expects the EcoCentre to manage the Council-owned building, provide information to Botanic Garden visitors, and to work with Council to champion and make progress in the community toward Council's environmental goals.
2. The EcoCentre values the longstanding, significant and successful partnership of City of Port Phillip including facilities, operational funding and strategic collaboration to empower a sustainable community. We are particularly grateful for Council's support toward EcoCentre Redevelopment and provision of \$3.2m for fit-for-purpose facilities, subject to matching funding.
3. City of Port Phillip funds an annual service agreement that increases by CPI, currently at \$153,150; and annual fixed Education Programs funding at \$40,000. In addition to managing the delivery of services and outcomes for Port Phillip, the EcoCentre leverages this seed funding to secure further grants, consulting, education work and donations.
4. In 2018, following an internal financial review, the EcoCentre presented a Council Budget submission demonstrating the misalignment between the costs to the EcoCentre of delivering Council-contracted services, and current funding levels. Our Council Funding Agreement covers just over half the delivery costs for our service partnership.
5. In response, Council allocated a one-off funding variation of \$50,000 for FY 2018-19.
6. In 2019, the EcoCentre's 15-year Funding Agreement with Council is due for renewal. For the new 5-year Funding Agreement (drafted as of Feb 2019), we again request funding that reflects the true costs of delivering quality outcomes for Council.
7. The next 5 years will include temporary venue relocation and related service adjustments. In 2017-18, through a generous bequest from a Port Phillip resident, the EcoCentre achieved an extraordinary surplus of \$985,000. The intention is to create a long-term investment fund that will ensure project delivery in a reliable and professional manner throughout the uncertainties of redevelopment, and:
  - a. help protect the organisation from unexpected shortfalls in financing, of the type experienced in previous years and which have resulted in urgent staff reductions and restricted functionality.
  - b. provide some potential investment income for otherwise underfunded operational requests and proactive services such as Port Phillip Baykeeper.

8. The attached costing table has been prepared to reflect a staff structure to achieve the City of Port Phillip's requirements. It shows current costings and includes the following positions that are necessary to deliver our Council-contracted outcomes:
  - a fulltime manager
  - a systems/IT back up (1/2 day per week)
  - an educator 3 days per week
  - the equivalent of two fulltime support staff to provide: community volunteer engagement/coordination/education 7 days, and part-time admin support
9. Other than payroll costs, which are based on SCHCADS Award plus super, the figures shown in the table are based upon prior year actual and current year annualised expenses. Expenses listed are limited to CoPP-related services.

## Discussion

10. The EcoCentre is now recognised as a centre of excellence in the community and the preeminent community environmental organisation specialising in Port Phillip Bay and Greater Melbourne. Our work has been recognised with 38 Victorian, Australian and international awards since 1999 and we achieve 99.7% user satisfaction.
11. We believe CoPP appreciate the EcoCentre establishing this connected and credible reputation and being a regular award recipient. The close partnership between the two organisations means that the EcoCentre contributes to the City of Port Phillip's reputation as a leading local Council in the environmental sustainability field.
12. Although we undertake many activities and projects at the weekend, we do not currently have the adequate operational Council funding to have EcoCentre doors open regularly for general walk-in visitors on weekends. We believe this reduces our ability to support predominantly local residents and provide sufficient community based activities to meet the needs of the residents who work on weekdays. As a result of Council's \$50,000 once-off allocation toward the funding gap this year, we have supported 31 weekend activities and new evening volunteer inductions, which previously could never have run or unsustainably relied on staff volunteering.
13. The analysis of the costings indicate that the COPP funding grant is now outdated and does not recognise the full cost of managing and delivering the quality services and outcomes contracted by and expected of the EcoCentre by Council. **Currently the service agreement including education contract and one-off allocation (total \$243k) cover just over half of the costs involved (\$408k).**
14. Overall, we receive approximately 25% of our funding from Council, but over 60% of all program benefits are distributed to City of Port Phillip residents and environments (noted by 2017 Strategic Business Case). The EcoCentre's ability to secure third-party resourcing has meant that grants often cross-subsidise the cost of services contracted for Council. However, this is an inherently unstable business position, which incurs significant risk for our operations and stress for all those involved in the organisation. This is an unsustainable situation.

## Recommendation

**That City of Port Phillip re-align funding to match service costs, and for the 2019-2024 EcoCentre Funding Agreement that Council increases the amount provided for Council services from \$243,000 in FY18-19 to \$408,000 per annum, increasing at CPI.**

Prepared by EcoCentre Committee of Management, February 2019

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**Port Phillip EcoCentre annual underlying costs  
for delivery of Council services as at Feb 2019**

(All figures in \$000's)

Expense Description	Current annualised costs	Actual 2017-18
<b>Payrolls incl super:</b>		
Manager	\$113	\$103
Systems Support (1 day per fortnight)	\$10	\$9
Schools (½ time educator)	\$54	\$50
Other (Admin/volunteer sup. fulltime)	\$81	\$80
Volunteer coord. (3 day weekend) ①	\$70	\$70
Sub total payrolls ②	\$328	\$312
<b>Other expenses:-</b>		
Workcover	\$8	\$11
Accounting & Audit Fees	\$20	\$14
Bank Charges & Merchant Fees	\$1	\$1
Cleaning	\$6	\$6
Consumables & Office Supplies	\$7	\$7
Equipment Purchases Non IT	\$2	\$3
Insurance	\$3	\$4
IT Expenses	\$5	\$5
Marketing & Advertising	\$3	\$2
Other General Expenses	\$5	\$4
Photocopier & Printing Expense	\$4	\$4
Postage	\$1	\$1
Repair & Maintenance	\$1	\$5
Subscriptions	\$5	\$5
Telephone	\$2	\$3
Training	\$3	\$2
Travel	\$1	\$1
Utilities	\$3	\$3
Sub total other exps	\$80	\$81
Total running costs	\$408	\$393
<b>COPP contribution:-</b>		
- Annual admin funding	\$153	\$151
- Additional admin funding	\$50	\$0
- Education fundin	\$40	\$38
Total	\$243	\$189
Equivalent to % of running costs	59.6%	48.1%

Note ① This is currently partially staffed.

② the staff complement includes education for schools and ELC in CoPP, plus 7 day per week volunteer coordinator and a half time admin support



## BACKGROUND

On 1 March 2019 Port Phillip EcoCentre submitted to Council a *Request to align funding to service costs in City of Port Phillip's 2019-2024 EcoCentre Funding Agreement*. In that paper, the EcoCentre requested an increase from \$243,000 to \$408,000 per annum, to appropriately resource community services and programs contracted by Council. Below the impacts of not receiving this extra funding are outlined. It is recommended that this paper is read in conjunction with the initial paper.

## IMPACTS

Without the extra funds, we will not be able to employ **2 FTE** engagement and strategic staff, reducing our critical ability to leverage Council's support and fundraise further, in turn **cutting over 400 programs** and impacting **7700 users plus students at 9 schools, slashing our public open hours by 60%** and local **volunteering by 5000 hours**. This impairs Council Directions 1 and 3.

### *Actual statistics and projected scenarios and impacts without adequate funding*

Statistics → Categories of impact ↓	FY 16-17 (actual)	FY 17-18 (actual)	FY 18-19 (extrapolated) @ \$243k	FY 19-20 (projected) @ \$200k	FY 19-20 (projected) @ \$408k	Net impact w/o added funding
Staffing	7.1 FTE	5.9 FTE <sup>1</sup>	7.1 FTE	7 FTE	9 FTE	2 fewer staff
Volunteer hours	11,700	16,327	15,799	15,000	20,000	5000 fewer volunteer hours
Enquiries and referrals	4240	4120	4300	1000	5000	4000 fewer users <sup>2</sup> assisted
Community events & support	920 <sup>3</sup>	894 <sup>3</sup>	850 <sup>3</sup>	500	900	400 fewer events run and supported
Strategic advice & consultation	350 hours	443 hours	400 hours	50 hours	450 hours	400 fewer advisory hours
Schools	11/17 schools	17/17 schools	15/18 schools	9/18 schools	18/18 schools	9 schools not supported
Youth (age 12-25)	1,328 youth	995 youth	2360 youth	700 youth	1400 youth	700 fewer young people
Opening hours (public)	50 hours per wk	50 hours	50 hours	20 hours	60 hours	estimated 3000 fewer locals

- **Enquiries and referrals:** Residents, business, tourists, schools and community groups seek our technical, place-based and organisational mentoring advice via walk-in, phone, email, and direct referral by CoPP
- **Community events & support:** Presentations to or meetings with groups in the community, and our practical/educational/social inclusion public events calendar
- **Schools:** Reduced training and programs for teachers, students and families
- **Strategic advice and consultation:** Participation on advisory boards, consultative committees and workshops with CoPP and regional bodies affecting CoPP

The EcoCentre is matchlessly cost-effective and strategic, while achieving 99.7% satisfaction. 69.5% of activities are located in Port Phillip. **For every \$1 invested by CoPP, EcoCentre raises \$3 and generates \$14 economic value<sup>4</sup>**. Our diverse team delivers strategically-aligned services at considerably less cost to Council than Council direct provision, with powerful community reach and higher user satisfaction.

## REQUEST

**We request that in the 2019-2024 EcoCentre Funding Agreement, City of Port Phillip increases the amount provided to EcoCentre for Council services from \$243,000 in FY18-19 to \$408,000 per annum, increasing at CPI.**

<sup>1</sup> Lower FTE was dependent on volunteer time that is no longer available

<sup>2</sup> 49.85% of our service users are in CoPP, however this category is ~90% those who live/work/play in City of Port Phillip

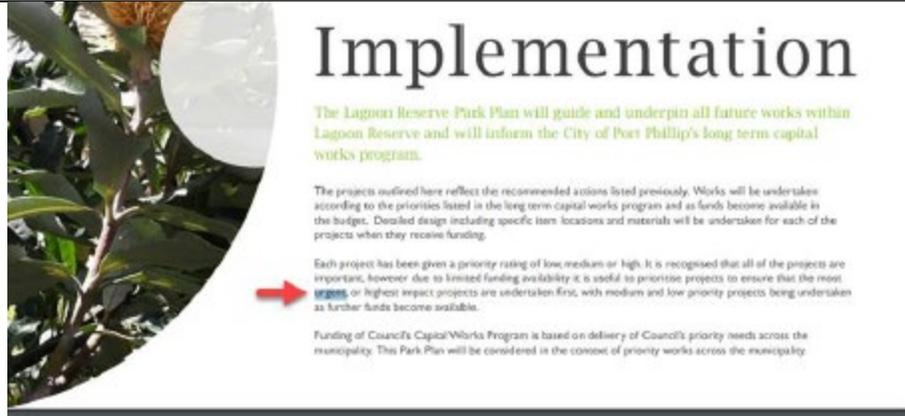
<sup>3</sup> Run and/or supported by the EcoCentre

<sup>4</sup> \$228,000 in CoPP contracts → leveraged → \$3.2m direct economic value (Essential Economics, 2019)

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15407	<p>I am a member of and frequent visitor to the EcoCentre. It is a superb, efficiently run institution and a focus for many in the community, within and beyond CoPP. My connection is via local projects - bird surveys, habitat improvement projects, Westgate Park Landcare activities - and for ten years meetings, events and administration of a volunteer-run overseas Landcare program via Australian Landcare International, which I chaired for a decade until late 2018. (It includes a fund that over five years has raised +\$42 000 for some 50 projects in 19 countries.</p> <p>We are invariably treated well at the EcoCentre, and when there I am always pleased to see so many coming and going: students, tourists, mums with prams, backpackers, older people teaching or learning, activists, artists, gardeners.</p> <p>Moreover, it houses the venerable and highly effective Port Phillip Baykeeper, [REDACTED].</p> <p>Port Phillip EcoCentre is therefore a huge force for good, thanks to its location, community ethos and low cost management.</p> <p>As it has not had a funding boost for many years, I urge CoPP budgeters to reward the centre with an increased allocation. [REDACTED]</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-21 10:13:18	[REDACTED]	

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15409	<p>Re Lighting at Netball Courts - RF Julier Reserve</p> <p>“As a member of Port Melbourne Netball Club / a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club’s budget submission for court lighting.</p> <p>Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.”</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-21 10:34:56	[REDACTED]	

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15410	<p>To Whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am writing to you regarding the current proposed budget for the next 3 years. We currently occupy the Lagoon Reserve on Weekends and Wednesday nights for training through summer and winter months. Port Phillip Spiders have used the Lagoon Reserve as their home ground since inception in 2000. With the shape the Lagoon reserve has been in over the last decade we propose that the funds for the new pavilion lights and oval redevelopment be moved forward a year for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12,000 kids are missing out on sports in Victoria <a href="https://twitter.com/9NewsMelb/status/1097403931334852608">https://twitter.com/9NewsMelb/status/1097403931334852608</a></li> <li>• Port Phillip doesn't have the sports ground capacity for any more teams. Teams have been turned away.</li> <li>• Lighting for night training through the winter months</li> <li>• Uneven surface with next to no lighting results in high risk of injury</li> <li>• Oval lighting for safety with everything that has gone on in recent times in and around Melbourne's parks</li> <li>• No facilities for female changing rooms <a href="https://www.sbs.com.au/news/women-s-sport-gets-150m-change-room-boost">https://www.sbs.com.au/news/women-s-sport-gets-150m-change-room-boost</a></li> <li>• With the government also pledging \$750,000 for a permanent home for the scouts, we could combine all the funds and build a nice multiuse community facility</li> </ul> <div data-bbox="235 1013 542 1401" style="background-color: #e1f5fe; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Other local pledges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1 million to improve transport links between Fishermans Bend and the CBD</li> <li>• \$200,000 to help Council plan and design a new Port Phillip EcoCentre</li> <li>• \$200,000 for the Marlborough Street social housing project</li> <li>• \$700,000 to find and build a permanent home for Port Melbourne Scouts </li> </ul> </div> <p>Here is an extract from a 2013 Lagoon Reserve community research paper</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-21 10:43:31	[REDACTED]	



No.	Project	Theme	Priority - low, medium, high
1	Upgrade the sports field to provide a level playing field, including appropriate soil remediation works to stabilise the subsoil and cap the contaminated soil.	Sports facilities	High
2	Upgrade the existing irrigation system in conjunction with the upgrade of the sports fields.	Sustainability and water security	High
3	Investigate the need for a shared bike/pedestrian path through the reserve to link to the bike/pedestrian network within the area.	Entrances and path network	High
4	Upgrade the service entry and path on Lardner Street and ensure service vehicle access to key areas within the reserve via a dual purpose service vehicle/pedestrian path.	Entrances and path network	High
5	Install a perimeter path constructed with porous materials connecting entrances and the existing path.	Entrances and path network	High
6	Upgrade and relocate the existing barbeque and picnic facilities to the new location. Add additional barbeque and picnic facilities near the eastern entrance from Graham Street. Upgrade the existing water fountain and install an additional water fountain near the corner of Graham Street and Baylands Way, local additional seating in locations as marked.	Reserve facilities	High
7	Install sustainable safety lighting along the key pedestrian path connecting Lardner Street and Graham Street and at key entrances to the reserve as required to supplement street lighting.	Lighting	High
8	Develop a Vegetation Management Plan that lists the current vegetation, provides recommendations for tree planting for shade, as features linking the streetscape and the reserve, and as part of a buffer along the perimeter of the reserve, and that provides a list of vegetation appropriate to the reserve to guide future planting.	Vegetation	High

he above items have been identified with the residence consulted and an agreement reached. We just need to get it done. There are many high and urgent items that have been on the list since 2013 which needed rectifying many years before. If the community needs to wait another 3 years it will be well over 10+ years that Lagoon Reserve has been neglected for. Please also consider the current water budget to include the Lagoon Reserve since the club and local residence had to spend their own money and time to keep any sort of grass surface. We have submitted above many ways in which the council can get more money for the project if needed, to get this project started sooner rather than later.

Thanks in advance Port Philip Spiders

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15411	 <p>Level 4, Tower 4, World Trade Centre 18-38 Siddeley St, MELBOURNE, VIC 3005 Phone (03) 8698 9800</p> <p>20 May 2019</p> <p><b>SUBJECT: CITY OF PORT PHILLIP DRAFT BUDGET - LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR PORT PHILLIP ECOCENTRE</b></p> <p>Dear City of Port Phillip,</p> <p>The Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group (MWRRG) supports Melbourne's 31 metropolitan councils to work with their communities to minimise waste and maximise resource recovery.</p> <p>MWRRG has undertaken a number of litter prevention initiatives to support metropolitan councils, businesses and communities to reduce litter in their local areas. This included Melbourne's first extensive plastic litter data collection and monitoring program <i>Turn off the tap: catchment to bay litter prevention &amp; monitoring</i> delivered by the Port Phillip EcoCentre. This was a very successful project that identified microplastic litter (plastic fragments that are less than 5mm in diameter) accounted for 79 per cent of litter collected during the study. Over 2000 participants from City of Port Phillip and greater Melbourne were involved.</p> <p>The <i>Turn off the tap</i> project also led to the recognition of microplastic litter in the Victorian Government's Litter Report Card as one of the top five litter issues to take action on.</p> <p>More recently the Port Phillip EcoCentre uncovered that at least 828 million litter items flow into Port Phillip Bay annually from the Yarra and Maribymong rivers.</p> <p>The Port Phillip EcoCentre's data collection and research plays an important planning role in helping local communities to take action on reducing plastic litter and its impacts.</p> <p>MWRRG recognises the work the Port Phillip EcoCentre has achieved, including establishing and maintaining strong partnerships and connections with the local community whilst delivering positive environmental and improved amenity outcomes. The Port Phillip EcoCentre's work has won awards from Premier's Sustainability Awards, Keep Australia Beautiful National and Keep Victoria Beautiful.</p> <p>MWRRG is supportive of the Port Phillip EcoCentre continuing their education, research, volunteer programs, and taking action on microplastics in our waterways.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-21 13:46:29	[REDACTED]	

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15412	<p>I would like to comment briefly on the Council's Plan and Budget 2019/20: Release of Draft Document for Public Consultation.</p> <p>1) I object to the proposal to increase rates by \$4million in this budget. The City of Port Phillip's total revenue is \$228M. Rates are \$125M of that total for 2019/20.</p> <p>I note the 'Rates Assistance' section in which it is suggested that self-funded ratepayers can defer their rates indefinitely at a penalty interest rate of 5% if they are unable to pay their rates. I object to this suggestion.</p> <p>A rate increase is not justified because the City is already spending too much on services that are not required by ratepayers and residents and are not statutory obligations of local government. I object to such expenditure without reservation.</p> <p>2) With regard to some of the projects for which expenditure is itemised, I question a) the expenditure of \$23M for Customer Experience Program (investment in technology). Papers indicate a very small percentage of people surveyed used Customer Services. Clearly this is not important. And where is the evidence to support the claim that this expenditure will deliver \$35M of a tangible improvement in efficiency?  b) Fisherman's Bend Funding Gap. What plans does the City have to manage this? With regard to spending on infrastructure in this area, surely it is not the responsibility of ratepayers to fund infrastructure.  c) Don't Waste it Strategy –\$21M. What is a Sustainability Hub at \$17.5M of this? Does this</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-21 15:45:16	[REDACTED]	

expenditure fall under the obligations of local government?

3) Why has the Council budgeted for 879 employees at a cost of \$96M when comparative Councils employ fewer people and have lower labour costs?. Why does the City of Port Phillip employ consultants and contractors and pay them substantial fees accordingly? Are all the studies, surveys and reports ever implemented?

In conclusion, I object strongly to the proposed expenditure on projects that are not relevant to ratepayers and the proposal to increase rates to fund these.

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15415	As a parent of a child playing for Port Melbourne Netball Club, I would like to support the club's budget submission for court lighting. Inadequate lighting makes the courts unsafe to use, reduces the availability our club has to use the facilities in winter and reduces the ability for our 220 club members (over 90% female) to participate in sporting activity. I request CoPP make provision for court lighting at RF Julier Reserve in the 2019/2020 council budget.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-21 16:45:57	[REDACTED]	

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15416	<p>Annual outcome of at least one 10 star affordable housing project.</p> <p>Update Community Bus timetables and increase public awareness of this service.</p> <p>Increase from currently at least 3 public (2 al fresco!) community meals in Port Melbourne given ageing and low # person households.</p> <p>Decrease the planting of saplings before 'Autumn' rains.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-21 16:47:40	[REDACTED]	



Contribution ID	Please provide your comments on the draft Budget 2019/20 and Year 3 of the Council Plan	Name	Email Address	Submitted Date	IP Address	Notes
15417	<p>Hi there</p> <p>Please expand your support for EcoCentre programs! Community desperately needs the education, research and volunteer programs delivered by the EcoCentre, especially in a world that requires positive, inclusive, practical solutions to climate change.</p> <p>I am a St Kilda resident and EcoCentre volunteer. The EcoCentre has been important to me because of its impact on the community generally and my personal experience learning from and meeting my local community members at the EcoCentre!</p> <p>Thank you for considering my submission.</p> <p>Best regards</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2019-05-21 17:00:30	[REDACTED]	

Contribution ID	Please provide your comments on the draft Budget 2019/20 and Year 3 of the Council Plan	Name	Email Address	Submitted Date	IP Address	Notes
Email	<p>Dear Sirs</p> <p>Further to your official advice on the 18 th April, I make the following submission on behalf of myself, and more generally the local community including “ dog walkers “ that utilise Lagoon Oval ( Reserve ).</p> <p>1. Lagoon Reserve</p> <p>A. 2019/20 budget includes an amount of \$125 K for both “Renewal” and “Upgrade”, of \$63 K each ( presume rounding error of \$1,000- normal accounting practice is to round one up , and one down ) Can you please advise what is included in both items ?</p> <p>Presume one is “Project Management “ for the proposed Oval and Pavillion upgrades budgeted in each of the following 2 years of \$2 m and \$4 m respectively .</p> <p>And the other amount “General Cap Ex”.</p> <p>B. It is great that you have embraced the Lagoon Oval and Pavillion upgrade of a total of \$6 m, that we and others have pushed so hard for over the years , and especially over the last year .</p> <p>Unfortunately it is spread over two financial years; 2020/21 and 2021/22. Advice previously provided by yourselves was that it was more efficient to undertake the works together.</p> <p>I would submit best done as early as possible in 2020/21.</p> <p>C. No detail of the breakup, even broad specs, is provided. If one is available can you please forward.</p> <p>For example I believe a less “disruptive“ and much cheaper earthworks option is possible , despite the sub soil contamination ; could be \$1 m rather than \$2 m.</p> <p>In such an event could you also confirm any savings are allocated to the Pavillion.</p> <p>D. Please confirm the current minor capital works ( or are they being classified as maintenance ) are being costed , accounted for in the current year of 2018/19.</p> <p>Eg .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sport training and dog walking and safety lights upgrade (refer seperate Petition of over 200 signatures) .</li> <li>• water meter relocation</li> <li>• sprinkler works around Cricket nets and SE corner.</li> </ul>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	20 May 2019 11:33 AM		

E. I note the Port Melbourne Scouts have recently been allocated \$750 K, but have been unable to find it in the budget. Can you please advise where it is?

Or is it being paid this financial year (2018/19)?

It would seem sensible for the scouts to utilise the upgraded Lagoon Oval Pavillion , with an additional and seperate area built by adding their funds to the current proposed budget . Much more cost effective and efficient, with them receiving significantly more benefits than “going it alone “and or “greenfield“.

### 2. Catani Gardens Sprinklers

I understand Council has received several independent Irrigation expert reports advising that a complete upgrade will be required now, or shortly in the future, for some \$500 k to \$1 m, yet there is NO budget allocation for the forward 5 years capital works.

Please advise if I have missed it in the extensive budget documentation? Or have the “Open Spaces “team simply overlooked it? Or conveniently ignored it?

### 3. Maintenance Monitoring

Given the clearly inadequate monitoring of the main Open Spaces contractor CityWide , can you please confirm there are sufficient resources allocated for this purpose in the budget ?

Especially “on the ground“ and not more office administrators and paper shufflers .

Eg

- Catani sprinklers (simple maintenance - refer my previous email communications on the subject).
- Tree watering; refer emails on the “under-utilised “or non utilised plastic watering pods
- Pruning (see Montague street - thanks for finally getting to Kerford Road plane trees).
- Street Scapes (eg Victoria Ave Albert Park footpaths and verges - nearly as bad as Fitzroy Street).
- Tree pruning for electricity wires being done shoddily (eg Danks Street ).

Happy to receive clarification prior to the public hearing on June 4 th, for efficiency sake.

Also happy to provide more detail if required.

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Email	<p>I would like to submit the following as feedback to council on the budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We question CoPP's expenditure on \$22.3 million for Customer Service (\$10 million in 2019-20) plus 30% contingency (page 52). This cost is not justified because the Budget papers indicate only 4.1% of people surveyed used customer services and only 11.8% said customer service is important to them. We understand the \$22.3 million Customer Service program aims to change processes and automate a number of manual systems. We challenge CoPP's claim that the program will deliver \$35 million efficiency gains over the 10 years. Where does this efficiency translate in actual \$ savings in Expenditure. There is no evidence in the Budget papers of a tangible improvement in efficiency when the number of employees and labour costs increase from \$93.3 million in 2018-19 to \$126 million in 2028-29.</li> <li>• We also question why CoPP require a bespoke Customer Service program when surely the ratepayer can reasonably expect all 74 Councils in Victoria to be using the same systems and processes. There must be an off the shelf solution that all Councils can use and the cost savings should be given back to ratepayers as a dividend.</li> <li>• What is the justification for the South Melbourne Market Solar installation \$770,000 (page 64) when CoPP is purchasing 100% renewable electricity? RoPP understands CoPP has signed a contract with Melbourne Renewable Energy Program (MREP) to purchase 100% renewable electricity from a windfarm near Ararat from 2019-20 (page 59).</li> <li>• Why is CoPP budgeting to spend \$2.8 million on the EcoCentre redevelopment (page 63)?</li> <li>• Installation of electric vehicle charging stations (\$240,000) – how can this be justified (page 63)? How many electric vehicles are expected to use the facility and who pays for the charging? Is this the responsibility of local government?</li> <li>• Cost of resealing roads per square meter is \$65 in Port Phillip which is 5X more for all councils and twice for similar councils. The Council Officer's explanation is roads need to be thicker in Port Phillip due to higher rates of traffic is not plausible. We have been advised by a civil engineer that this is nonsense.</li> <li>• 'Fisherman's Bend Funding Gap' is a 'Catastrophic Risk' with an 'Almost Certain' probability (pages 146-148). The total infrastructure bill is \$376 million and costs are planned to be shared between Vic Gov, Melbourne City Council and CoPP. Fisherman's Bend is a looming problem for CoPP but the draft Budget does not present a strategy for dealing with the issue. What plans are CoPP undertaking to manage this almost certain catastrophic risk?</li> </ul>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	18 May 2019 2:40 AM		

- CoPP has paid \$13.4 million to construct Kirrip Park at the Ferrars Street Education and Community Precinct as a part of the Fisherman’s Bend Major initiatives (Strategic Direction 4 – page 72). CoPP must stop spending on infrastructure when it is not the responsibility of ratepayers to fund infrastructure in Fisherman’s Bend. Developers should be asked to contribute to the cost of infrastructure.
- Memberships (\$300,000) – there is no need for CoPP to be members of other organisations when the value to ratepayers is non-existent.
- The cost of the Inner Metro Sustainability Hub business case and land acquisition that is costed at \$18.9 over 4 years in the Budget. What is the Hub and is this Hub required due to the required closure of the Resource Recovery Centre in South Melbourne? Will the proceeds of the land be used to offset the cost of the new facility? What is the estimated cost of the land? Is this a part of the Fisherman’s Bend development?
- CoPP are wasting ratepayers money on consultants who undertake research studies, surveys and reports. Many reports are written by consultants that are never implemented. For example traffic study at the South Melbourne Market. It is difficult to identify expenditure amounts in the Budget that relate to research and reports.
- CoPP have many under performing assets which should be raising additional revenue and reducing the pressure on ratepayers and residents (page 95-96). For example St Kilda Marina, West St Kilda Bathing Pavilion, Sth Melbourne Town Hall, Schiavello Group and Café Watersedge. What can CoPP do to improve the dividend for ratepayers and residents?
- Rent from the St Kilda Marina is \$172,000 when an independent property analyst has valued the market rent should be an \$800,000 p.a. (not \$276,000 disclosed in the Budget). We cannot understand why Council approved a 3-year interim lease agreement with the current tenant after leasing the marina for a peppercorn rent over 50 years. Why were the terms of the agreement put to the community for consultation and Councillor’s approval when the deal was already done. CoPP voted to tender for the operation of the St Kilda Marina in 2016 and in 2019 CoPP still have not called for a tender proposal. What can CoPP do to improve the dividend for ratepayers and residents?
- South Melbourne Town Hall Renewal and Upgrade (\$7.1 million over 4 years) – this is an under performing asset due to the pepper corn rent received from the current tenant, Australian National Academy Of Music (ANAM) – what plans does the CoPP have to recover the costs of the upgrade? The Budget papers state the market rental of the Sth Melb Town Hall is \$450,000 when the current tenant pays rent of \$1,000 p.a. and \$120,000 for building outgoing costs but this amount does not cover the cost of electricity, gas, cleaning, lift maintenance etc. The lease delivers a substantial financial

subsidy to ANAM from CoPP. Why are the ratepayers of this city being asked to subsidise a National Academy with students from not only around Australia, but also overseas? We understand that ANAM receives a major grant from the Victorian Government. What attempts have been made / should be made to receive a grant from the Vic Gov to assist in the Town hall repairs / upgrades? The responsibility for adequate funding rests with the Federal and State governments, not CoPP.

- CoPP has disclosed they have a problem with the cost of running the Council operated childcare centres. The Council has stated in their childcare policy document that “increasing cost of providing childcare services is not sustainable under the current service model”. RoPP supports a more financially sustainable service model in which “Council ceases operating Council run childcare services and transition services to community run /not-for-profit providers”. Council have also disclosed that the subsidies are not targeted to assist disadvantaged families and essentially CoPP is providing middle-class welfare.
  - RoPP advocates for a Council initiative that will deliver a win-win for ratepayers and residents. RoPP members are users of both Council run and Community operated childcare services and we know from experience that the community operated services are superior to the Council run services. We are therefore, confident that transitioning to Community operated services is likely to improve services while saving \$2 million p.a. An additional \$2.6m in capital costs required to upgrade aging facilities can be avoided if this option is adopted.
  - Port Phillip Council have also disclosed they are at risk of not complying with the National Competition Policy and are at risk of being sued by private service providers unless Council reduces its level of subsidies and/or increase fees to cover the subsidised amount. This is not a hypothetical risk because Hobsons Bay Council was sued for this very same thing.
  - Finally, most of us are being taxed three times in relation to childcare. We pay income taxes to the Australian Government, indirect taxes that go to the Victorian government and rates to the local government. Childcare is not the responsibility of local government and many other Councils have stopped subsidising childcare.
- The Diversity magazine costs \$200,000 p.a. and is not wanted by many people in our community. Why can't Diversity Magazine be subscribed to by email instead of printed media. It is a cost that is completely unnecessary. If you want to help elderly residents who don't have internet access then you can make the Magazine available at Libraries and you can reduce their rates and stop forcing them to reverse mortgage their home or taking an equity position in their properties.

- Why are CoPP producing a large number of annual/monthly/quarterly reports, the size content and the number of pages which are just too large to consume?

#### Summary of Cost Savings over 4 years

Budget Item	Cost savings
Customer Service Program	\$10,000,000
Diversity magazine	\$200,000
Memberships	\$300,000
Transition to Community run childcare	\$4,600,000
South Melbourne Town Hall Upgrades	\$7,100,000
EccoCentre redevelopment	\$2,800,000
Solar installation for Sth Melb Market	\$770,000
Electric vehicle charging stations	\$240,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26 million</b>

#### Comparative data for your understanding

Council	Port Phillip	Bayside	Glen Eira	Stonnington
Coverage area (square km)	21	37	39	26
Population	110,942	102,882	140,900	103,832
No. of Residential properties	64,261	42,014	65,649	57,125
Total No. of residential, commercial, industrial	72,126	45,209	65,675	63,533
General rates (\$)	124,479,184	74,160,052	92,145,000	89,865,000
Total Rates & Charges (\$)	124,899,470	95,416,000	109,328,296	113,932,000
Total Income (\$)	221,456,000	130,747,000	182,320,000	187,212,000
Total Expenditure (\$)	220,419,000	111,145,000	163,660,000	149,373,000
Staff numbers (FTE)	875	432	831	650

**Source:**

**COPP:** [http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/ICP\\_2017-27\\_Y2%20\\_Spreads.pdf](http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/ICP_2017-27_Y2%20_Spreads.pdf)

**Bayside:** [https://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/facilities\\_and\\_venues/bayside\\_adopted\\_budget\\_2018-19.pdf](https://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/facilities_and_venues/bayside_adopted_budget_2018-19.pdf)

**Glen Eira:** <https://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/Council/Our-organisation/Publications-and-reports/Budget>

**Stonnington:** <https://www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/council/council-budget/adopted-2018-19-budget.pdf>

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Email	<p>I submit below my concerns re the upcoming 2019/2020 CoPP Budget.</p> <p><b>Overview of the Draft Budget</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CoPP total revenue \$228M, of which rates are \$125M of that total for 2019-20.</li> <li>2. Rates are proposed to increase by \$4 million in the 2019-20 budget.</li> <li>3. The CoPP spend every dollar of that revenue without reservation.</li> <li>4. Council wastes millions on pet projects, irrelevant spending, poor asset management and with no apparent regard to fiscal responsibility for ratepayers.</li> <li>5. Council has too many employees and is paying too much to consultants and contractors. Why has Council budgeted for 879 employees at a cost of \$96m when the comparative Councils employ fewer people and have lower labour costs (see Comparative Table below).</li> <li>6. I object to CoPP's suggestions that ratepayers can reverse mortgage their home to pay rates and Self Funded Retirees to defer rates indefinitely at a penalty interest rate 5% (half of normal penalty) if they are not able to pay the rates.</li> </ol> <p>I believe the rate increase is not justified because the City is already spending too much on services that are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Not required by ratepayers and residents or</li> <li>b) Not statutory obligations of local government</li> </ol> <p><b>Note: no Comparative Table submitted with submission</b></p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	20 May 2019 2:29 PM		

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Email	We also look forward to speaking at the Special Meeting of Council on 4 June 2019. Please advise the format for the evening and any time constraints at your earliest convenience.	[REDACTED] Principal Planner Meydan Group	[REDACTED]	20/05/2019 2:48 PM		

### RE: Draft Budget 2019/20 and Year 3 of the Council Plan

The Meydan Group, the owner and operator of the Cosmopolitan Hotel on Carlisle Street, St Kilda, respectfully requests that the City of Port Phillip's Draft Budget 2019/20 be revised to prioritise the revitalisation of St Kilda, by allocating funding towards a strategic plan for the St Kilda precinct.

#### What do we want?

The Council Plan lists among its priorities to 'Develop a strategic plan for the St Kilda precinct, including a strategy to revitalise Fitzroy Street' (June 2018 Revision: p 1-79; April 2019 Draft: p69). While there is no certainty as to when this will be undertaken, we understand from Council officers that the project is intended to be funded through the 2020/2021 budget.

The 2019/2020 Draft Budget appears to direct strategic planning funding towards South Melbourne, with \$200,000 allocated to the South Melbourne Precinct Planning and Design Controls over the next three years. An equivalent sum of money (\$70,000 in the first year) would be very well spent on a strategic plan for the St Kilda precinct, such as through the preparation of a St Kilda Activity Centre Structure Plan.

It is a relatively small investment in comparison to the almost \$1.5 million Council has recently invested in the Acland Street project, which turned the road and parking space into the Acland Plaza. Undertaking the Structure Plan would assist in consolidating that infrastructure investment, and ensuring its benefits are realised within the broader area. In addition to providing St Kilda with much needed support, the Structure Plan could enable the redevelopment of the Cosmopolitan Hotel, which would assist Council in achieving its objectives – particularly as set out in the Art and Soul – Creative and Prosperous City Strategy 2018 – 2022 (refer to Attachment 1).

#### Why do we want it?

The St Kilda Activity Centre, encompassing Fitzroy Street and Acland Street and nearby commercial strips has suffered in recent years, in terms of both reputation and retail trade. A visible sign of this is the number of vacant tenancies. It is also acknowledged by the Council plan, which identifies the need to 'revitalise' Fitzroy Street. While the redevelopment of the Esplanade Hotel is a good news story, the decline in trade and vacancy rates signal a concern. This will not be helped by the closure of the Novotel Hotel which will result in the loss of approximately a quarter of St Kilda's hotel rooms. It can be expected that the resulting loss in tourism expenditure will be of considerable detriment to the local economy and amenity.

**How do we get it?**

Given the identified need to revitalise the St Kilda precinct and imminent loss of the Novotel Hotel, we submit that strategic planning for St Kilda should be prioritised over South Melbourne Precinct Planning and Design Controls, with the budget adjusted accordingly.

However, it may not be necessary to allocate funds for St Kilda in preference to spending on South Melbourne. There may be a mechanism by which both projects can be progressed.

Rather than waiting to the 2020/21 budget (and the final year of Council's four year plan), the St Kilda Activity Centre Structure Plan could be progressed through a contribution from the Acland Street Village Special Rate and Charge Scheme.

Through the Cosmopolitan Hotel, the Meydan Group is a contributor to this special fund which raises approximately \$195,000 per annum. The Cosmopolitan Hotel pays its levy to help with the marketing, advertising, promotion and business development of the Acland Street Village. In return, the hotel stands to benefit from trade created by the events and activities that are funded by the levy.

The Meydan Group suggests there may be a benefit in a portion of the funds being returned to Council to meet some of the costs of the impost of bringing forward an expenditure sum into the 2019/2020 budget. A contribution would help defray an added expense of \$70,000 (our estimate of the year one cost of work on the Structure Plan) in the budget.

To quote the report to Council when considering this Special Rate and Charge Scheme, *"Local activity centres are reliant on the local economy and beyond supporting those centres by shopping and recreating there"*. The Acland Street Village Business Association and traders could anticipate the longer-term economic return, benefiting from an improved centre as a result of the Structure Plan. There would also be direct economic benefits from a Structure Plan which enabled the redevelopment of the Cosmopolitan Hotel.

**The case from the submitter's perspective**

Bringing forward work on the Structure Plan is expected to set a planning base for the necessary redevelopment of the Meydan Group owned and operated Cosmopolitan Hotel. The current planning controls need to be varied by a planning scheme amendment to facilitate the hotel's redevelopment. The Structure Plan is a vehicle that assists.

Council officers have agreed in-principle that a planning scheme amendment would be desirable to enable the Cosmopolitan Hotel to be redeveloped to serve St Kilda. However, we are advised that resource constraints prevent this from occurring.

It is also generally agreed that it would be appropriate to consider the planning controls that apply to the site as part of a broader strategic review of the area. We understand that resources are due to be allocated to the St Kilda Structure Plan in the 2020/2021 budget – potentially paving the way for a change in the controls to the site in three to four years.

**The economic benefit from the budget change**

The Cosmopolitan Hotel is due for redevelopment and presents the prime opportunity to replace the Novotel. However, current planning controls stop the redevelopment plans from being implemented because of changes to the General Residential zone in 2017 that were implemented across the State, without consultation.

The comprehensive plans for redevelopment of the Cosmopolitan Hotel will:

- progress rejuvenation of the St Kilda Activity Centre;
- bring an annual retail spend of at least \$9 million to local businesses;
- revitalise a gateway site of 3,500 square metres next to the intersection of Acland Street and Carlisle Street;
- upgrade this 3½ star, 86 room hotel to approximately 220 rooms at 4½ stars;

- help offset the loss of the Novotel from the St Kilda hotel market;
- provide local jobs during construction and 30 direct full time jobs plus as many indirect jobs once the hotel is in operation;
- improve the presentation of the hotel building on all of its three street frontages; and
- bring a site responsive design that reduces built form impacts on nearby residents.

**The downside to not making the budget change**

To minimise this impact of the closure of the Novotel on St Kilda, and to maximise opportunities associated with revitalisation of St Kilda and prevent further down turn, we strongly encourage Council to bring forward the St Kilda Activity Centre Structure Plan.

A Structure Plan takes time to prepare and implement, and for subsequent development to occur. Bringing forward the budget allocation provides a chance to match a plan with a development. This unusual combination should be jumped at. Otherwise, from an economic position, St Kilda cannot wait the long time to outcome.

We understand the view has been formed that adequate hotel rooms are coming online to fulfil the void that will left by the Novotel hotel. What needs to be considered, however, is that:

- There is already a shortage of hotel rooms in St Kilda;
- Planning permits do not all translate to construction;
- Permitted hotels are in secondary locations in comparison to the Cosmopolitan Hotel; and
- Further delay may cause the Meydan Group to investigate alternate development opportunities for the Cosmopolitan Hotel site and that may mean the loss of more hotel rooms to the disadvantage of St Kilda.

**Presenting the case to Council**

We look forward to an opportunity to elaborate on this submission through a presentation to Council on 4 June 2019.

As always, we would also welcome the opportunity to discuss the proposal in the meantime. For further information or contact, please call the undersigned.

# Cosmopolitan Hotel Redevelopment

## Councillor Brief

May 2019

Meydan Group is seeking the support of Councillors to change the planning controls that apply to the Cosmopolitan Hotel, St Kilda. The preferred mechanism to achieve this is through the preparation and implementation of a Structure Plan for the St Kilda Activity Centre.

The Cosmopolitan Hotel provides one of the few hotel accommodation options serving Acland Street, St Kilda. It is due for redevelopment, however the planning controls that apply to the site favour its development with dwellings at a conventional or medium density. This has not been a strategic decision, but rather an unintended consequence of broader planning processes and a lack of specific consideration.

Redevelopment of the hotel will provide numerous benefits for the City of Port Phillip. However, to realise this, Council support to change the planning controls is required. Supporting the redevelopment of the hotel will assist Council achieve the objectives set out in its strategic documents, some of which are identified below.

### 1. It will support the local event and festival industry.

Council's Art and Soul Strategy sets out how Council will support creative industries, including through events and festivals<sup>1</sup>.

Currently, the Cosmopolitan Hotel books out when there is a large music event at local venues, including the Palais and the Esplanade, and a significant event within Melbourne. Providing additional accommodation at the site will increase its ability to cater to this market, and in turn support the local event and festival industry.

### 2. It will help maintain or increase the number of visitors to the City.

Council is seeking to increase the visitors to the City of Port Phillip<sup>2</sup>.

The pending closure of the 211 room, four-star Novotel hotel creates a risk that the number of overnight visitors to the City of Port Phillip will decrease. Timely redevelopment of the Cosmopolitan Hotel from 86 rooms to 220 can assist in ensuring this does not have a negative impact visitor numbers to the City; although it is noted that there will still be a net loss of hotel rooms.

In the event that the Novotel continues to operate, the redevelopment of the hotel will assist in increasing the number of visitors to the City by providing attractive accommodation, with an international brand in an exceptional location.

<sup>1</sup> Art and Soul – Creative and Prosperous City Strategy 2018-22 (City of Port Phillip)

<sup>2</sup> Art and Soul; p25; Outcome 1, Measure 2.

### 3. It will assist in reducing commercial vacancies.

Council is seeking to reduce commercial vacancies within the City<sup>3</sup>.

The Cosmopolitan Hotel is located on the doorstep of the heart of Acland Street. It is estimated that the 220 room redeveloped hotel would generate retail spending of \$9 million annually in local business; an uplift of an estimated \$5.5 million on the retail spending by the current Hotel<sup>4</sup>.

### 4. It will support local employment opportunities.

Council is seeking to increase the proportion of people employed in the top five industries as a proportion of total employment<sup>5</sup>. 'Accommodation and food services' and 'Retail trade' are the third and fourth highest employing industries within the City respectively<sup>6</sup>.

The redevelopment will create an additional 28 jobs in St Kilda and 25 in the wider economy, primarily within these industry sectors. In comparison to other industry sectors, a relatively high proportion of workers in the accommodation and food services industry in the City also live locally (25%). The same is also true for retail trade (20%).

### 5. It will generate significant private investment.

Council recognises part of its role as being to attract investment from the private sector<sup>7</sup>. The Meydan Group is prepared to invest in the order of \$50 million to redevelop the hotel, which will continue to bring benefits to the City as set out above.

### 6. It will limit the amenity impacts of visitors on the residential community.

Across a number of strategies, Council seeks to carefully manage the impacts of visitors on the residential community.

Redevelopment of the Cosmopolitan Hotel will assist in achieving this due to the site's location, configuration with three street frontages, and existing use. Without the redevelopment of the Cosmopolitan Hotel, the visitor demand for accommodation may be taken up in another location less suited to hotel accommodation, or dispersed through the City with AirBnB or other online platforms.

### 7. It will improve activation of Carlisle Street and local amenity.

The Cosmopolitan Hotel currently does not provide activation to Carlisle Street, which is part of a major activity centre, and fails to integrate with the residential heritage streetscape of Havelock Street, its secondary frontage. Redevelopment of the hotel provides an opportunity to significantly improve the site's contribution to the built environment and the places around it.

<sup>3</sup> Art and Soul; p7.

<sup>4</sup> Essential Economics (October 2018) *Cosmopolitan Hotel Redevelopment, St Kilda: Economic Benefit Assessment* (p11).

<sup>5</sup> Art and Soul; p29; Outcome 2, Measure.

<sup>6</sup> idcommunity; City of Port Phillip Economic Profile; Employment by industry; <https://economy.id.com.au/port-philip/employment-by-industry?EndYear=2016&IndKeyNcic=22700> (Accessed 5 November 2018)

<sup>7</sup> Art and Soul; p21.

## 1 Cosmopolitan Hotel

The Cosmopolitan Hotel site is located near the intersections of Carlisle Street and Acland Street in St Kilda; within 500 metres of Luna Park, O'Donnell Gardens and the St Kilda Foreshore (Figure 1).



Figure 1: Location

It has a total area in excess of 3,500 square metres and three street frontages; Carlisle Street, Albert Street and Havelock Street.

Currently, the majority of the site is used and developed as the Cosmopolitan Hotel. The hotel offers 86 rooms in a variety of sizes. It also provides a 50 seat function centre that is used as a conference facility.



Figure 2: Configuration

Numbers 5 and 9 Havelock Street, which are surrounded by the existing hotel, each contain a single dwelling (Figure 2).

## 2 Proposal

The Meydan Group of companies own and operate the Cosmopolitan Hotel and properties at 5 and 9 Havelock Street.

The Meydan Group proposed to redevelop the hotel site to provide in the order of:

- 220 rooms;
- 4 – 4.5 stars;
- 300 square metre conference facility;
- 40 seat restaurant;
- 80 seat café;
- 250 square metre retail tenancy; and
- 160 car parks.

Techne Architecture + Interior Design have been engaged to prepare concept plans to illustrate how the hotel could be redeveloped. Techne has a strong track record in the City of Port Phillip, with recent projects including The Esplanade, Village Belle Hotel and Jimmy Grants.

In responding to the brief, Techne has carefully designed to respond to the site's very different contexts: the activity centre frontage to Carlisle Street, and the heritage residential streetscape to Havelock Street.

The design themes are drawn from St Kilda's distinct character.

The Meydan Group would welcome an opportunity to present the concept to Councillors.

## 3 Planning Controls

### 3.1 Existing

The site is in the General Residential Zone – Schedule 1. It is also subject to the Heritage Overlay and Special Building Overlay.

Unanticipated Ministerial changes to the General Residential Zone in March 2017 (VC110) introduced:

- A mandatory minimum garden area requirement; and
- A mandatory maximum building height.

Applied to the site, these controls result in:

- 35% (1,250m<sup>2</sup>) to be set aside as garden; and
- New buildings (excluding replacement buildings) to have a maximum height of 11 metres (3 storeys).

This significantly impacts on the site's ability to deliver on its strategic potential for the provision of tourist accommodation. (Arguably, they would not provide a good

outcome for the site given its size and location adjacent to an activity centre even without the hotel use).

The controls were designed for use and development more typical to the General Residential Zone.

### 3.2 Alternate Controls

There are a number of alternate planning controls that could be applied to the site to enable the redevelopment of the hotel. The preferred control, however, should be guided by Council's strategic vision and preference for the area.

Options include:

- Introducing a Schedule to the General Residential Zone that excludes the site from the mandatory height and garden area requirements;
- Rezoning the site to a Mixed Use Zone;
- Rezoning the site to a Residential Growth Zone; or
- Rezoning the site to a Special Use Zone.

To provide certainty as to the form of development of the site, Council may opt to combine one of these zones with a Development Plan Overlay.

## 4 Meydan Group

The Meydan Group is a family investment group with a diverse range of business interests in textiles, finance, software, hospitality and property.

We have owned and operated the Cosmopolitan Hotel since 2002. Shortly after acquiring the hotel, the Meydan Group invested in a major refurbishment. In recent years, the opportunity has been taken to purchase 5 and 9 Havelock Street, completing the site's three street frontages and providing the opportunity for a comprehensive redevelopment.

The Meydan Group intends to retain the hotel site and is prepared to invest in its redevelopment.

The Cosmopolitan Hotel plays an important role in St Kilda's economy and community. It supports the live music and entertainment industries by providing accommodation for patrons, it provides employment for locals, and a place for visiting friends and relatives to stay.

The Meydan Group frequently seeks out opportunities to contribute to the community both directly through our businesses and through the Meydan Family Charitable Trust. Established in 2011, the Trust has contributed to medical, educational and social organisations. Many members of the Port Phillip community also benefit from the Meydan Group's Hamerkaz Shelanu community centre in Elsterwick, which serves the Israeli and Jewish community by providing a multi-purpose prayer space, function facilities and childcare centre.

Contribution ID	Please provide your comments on the draft Budget 2019/20 and Year 3 of the Council Plan	Name	Email Address	Submitted Date	IP Address	Notes
Email	Please find attached a submission for \$100,000 to be allocated in Council's Budget for a Business Case for the St Kilda Triangle.	[REDACTED] Secretary unChain Port Phillip	[REDACTED]	20/05/2019 4:57 PM		

### The St Kilda Triangle: Budget Submission

20 May 2019

I propose that the Council allocate \$100,000 towards a Business Case for the St Kilda Triangle in this budget.

This could come out of the \$1.3 million proposed for the Palais in the draft budget.

Now is the time to strike as the successful local candidates in the recent 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 a new Masterplan. The next step is to undertake a Business Case. Council has committed a significant amount of funds to this project.

In the 2018 election campaign Martin Foley, promised to work with the City of Port Phillip during this term of government. He said (see attached) *'Regarding the future of the Triangle are, 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 (see attached)

*'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).'*

I attach a brief history of the Triangle that Councillors may find useful.

## 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 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] 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.

16/11/2018

President  
unchain Port Phillip  
Via email:

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the future of the St Kilda Triangle and the St Kilda foreshore area.

The history and demands of the St Kilda Foreshore precinct requires an ongoing partnership between all levels of government and the community.

The Andrews Labor Government is proud of its record delivering for all Victorians, including the people of St Kilda and the Albert Park District. But there is more to do.

We have demonstrated our ability to deliver projects in line with community expectations and in partnership with the local council - such as our work to save the Palais Theatre.

And now I am able to share with you exciting news about what comes next for our area.

A re-elected Andrews Labor Government will deliver \$50.3 million to rebuild the St Kilda Pier in line with the community preferred option arising from the Parks Victoria consultation and community engagement process.

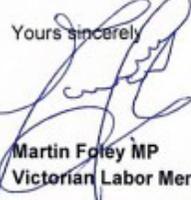
This includes protection for our unique penguin population on the breakwater, and a reinvigoration of the landslide park around the current Pier entrance.

The Pier will be linked to the nearby Catani Gardens in a way that improves our important green open space. In discussions with the Minister for Women, this space may provide an opportunity to incorporate a refreshed memorial to Mirka Mora in recognition of her significant contribution to our community.

Regarding the future of the nearby Triangle area, 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 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.

I look forward to the opportunity of continuing to deliver on these and other important projects for our local community should we be re-elected on 24 November.

Yours sincerely  
  
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Victorian Labor Member for Albert Park

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Secretary, UnChain Inc  
via email: [redacted]

Dear [redacted]

Thanks for your correspondence about the St Kilda Triangle precinct. The controversy over this precinct has been running for many years, and its resolution is basically a matter for local and state government.

As a candidate for the seat which takes in St Kilda, however, I naturally have an interest in seeing it resolved quickly, amicably and in a way which meets the needs of the local community.

I have a strong view that the future of the Triangle area must be as a place primarily for the use of the local community, and not for commercial interests.

St Kilda is Melbourne's premier entertainment destination, and I want to see that continue. But it is also home to 20,000 residents, and they have a right to see their amenity protected. I will be opposed to any plan which sacrifices local amenity to high-rise development or any other commercial interest.

If elected, I will work with my friend and colleague the Member for Albert Park, Martin Foley, and with Port Phillip Council, to find a resolution to this question.

If the plan that is eventually adopted for the Triangle precinct serves the interests of the local community, and has the support of that community, I will happy to use my good offices to secure whatever assistance may be available from a federal Labor government.

I hope this is helpful to you,



Josh Burns  
Labor Candidate for Macnamara

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Email	<p>Please find attached a submission on the Draft Budget and Plan, submitted on behalf of the Albert Park Community Sporting Tenants Association, a group of community sports clubs based in Albert Park Reserve and largely comprising CoPP ratepayers and their families.</p> <p>I would like the opportunity to address Council/the administration on relation to this submission.</p>	<p>[REDACTED], South Melbourne District Sports Club Secretary, Albert Park Community Sporting Tenants Association</p>	[REDACTED]	21/05/2019 10:41 AM		

## SUBMISSION TO PORT PHILLIP CITY COUNCIL RE DRAFT COUNCIL BUDGET 2019/20 AND UPDATED COUNCIL PLAN 2017-27

### Introduction

This submission is made on behalf of the Albert Park Community Sporting Tenants Association (APCSTA or 'the Association'). The Association represents some 24 community sporting clubs who are based in Albert Park Reserve ('the Park'). These clubs have a combined estimated membership in excess of 5,000, the great majority of whom are CoPP ratepayers and their families. Given that the CoPP draft budget estimates that there are more than 20,000 sports club members in the municipality, this suggests that approximately a quarter of them are members of clubs based in Albert Park.

### Summary of Submission

This submission:-

1. notes the lack of Council financial support in the 2019/20 budget for ratepayers who use Albert Park Reserve for sport and recreation activities, despite the major contribution this open space makes to the achievement of a range of Council's stated strategic objectives to enhance the health and welfare of the Port Phillip community, and to the recreation priorities of the Council Plan;
2. seeks an explanation from Council about why it has continued to effectively discriminate against ratepayers who use Albert Park Reserve in this budget by failing to support their activities in any way; and
3. requests Council to
  - a. make a firm and immediate in-principle commitment to recognise the strategic importance of Albert Park Reserve to its own goals and policies
  - b. add direct support for sport and recreation activities within the Park as a Priority into the Council Plan
  - c. commit to finding ways to begin to financially support community activities within Albert Park Reserve in the 2019/2020 budget and subsequent years.

### What are the 2019/20 Draft Budget's priorities for sport and recreation?

The priorities in the Council Plan for recreation include the following.

1. Plan and deliver a long-term program of sports field and pavilion upgrades to enhance capacity and broaden community participation in sport and recreation including JL Murphy Reserve, RF Julier Reserve, Lagoon Reserve, North Port Oval and Peanut Farm. (Plan p37)
2. Provide funding to groups and organisations that support local networks, encourage community participation and support access and inclusion. (Plan p38)

The Council has also set a performance target to increase participation per capita in formal sport and recreation activities by more than 25% in the next 2 years (i.e. from 19% in 17/18 to 24% in 20/21)

(source: 2019/20 Draft Budget Service Profile, p14)

*Comment: Albert Park community sporting clubs directly qualify for or support the delivery of these priorities and targets. It is illogical and inequitable for Council to fail to recognise their contribution, and to support them as it does other similar organisations.*

### What does the Budget propose to spend on sport and recreation overall?

The Council plans to spend c.\$7.5m on capital expenditure for recreation in 2019/20, and the same again in 2020/21. It spent in excess of \$11m in this category in 2018/19. It also plans to spend \$2m on operational expenses for recreation in 2019/20.

*Comment: The Council's commitment to sport and recreation is significant – and apparently well in excess of Parks Victoria's expenditure in Albert Park by every measure. Ratepayers playing community sport in Albert Park desperately need some support from Council!*

### What does the Draft Budget propose to spend in or for Albert Park Reserve?

\$50,000 in Capital funding is allocated for working with third parties to complete a design for of stormwater harvesting at Albert Park Lake in 2019/20.

No other expenditure related to Albert Park Reserve is listed.

Albert Park community sports clubs are eligible to apply to several small-scale grant programs run by the Council. It is estimated that the annual value of this funding across the two dozen clubs may be up to \$50,000 p.a.

*Comment: These figures and others demonstrate that Council is continuing to turn its back on Albert Park Reserve, and thus discriminating against a large group of its own ratepayers.*

### Why should the Council contribute to ratepayer sport and recreation activities in Albert Park Reserve?

1. The Council's overall commitment to sport and recreation is evident. For example, the first five highlights of the previous year out of eight listed in total in the Mayor's Message in the Plan are sport and recreation activities. (p6). The absence of Albert Park from this large category of activity and expenditure is glaring, but without recognition or explanation.
2. The Plan notes that Albert Park Reserve is an asset not owned / managed by Council. However the Council has extensive policy and strategy commitments which are directly supported and advanced by community sport and recreation activities in Albert Park, and documented in the Plan and Budget.
  - a. Council has integrated the requirements of the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan into this Council Plan, noting that "Integrating our plans in this way ensures we are working to protect, improve and promote public health and wellbeing in everything we do." (p21)
  - b. The six strategic directions of the Council Plan "ensure we play our role in achieving the State vision of 'a Victoria free of the avoidable burden of disease and injury, so that all Victorians can enjoy the highest attainable standards of health, wellbeing, and participation at every age.'" (p21)
  - c. The Council has set a performance target to increase participation per capita in formal sport and recreation activities by more than 25% in the next 2 years (i.e. from 19% in 17/18 to 24% in 20/21) (p45)

**Council is absolutely dependent on Albert Park Reserve and its community sporting facilities and clubs to meet these commitments and deliver these goals.**

3. The Plan also identifies working “with Parks Victoria on key projects, including use of Port Phillip Bay and Albert Park” as an Engagement and Partnership priority supporting Strategic Direction 4. (p70) Other than the Stormwater project, there is no evidence in the Plan of any planned or budgeted activity demonstrating active engagement with Parks Victoria.
4. The inequity of the significant overall expenditure on Sport and Recreation in the Plan and Budget for ratepayers who play sport at Council facilities, and those who play sport in Albert Park Reserve is both dramatic and obvious.
5. Community sporting clubs located in Council facilities pay nominal rents for use of grounds and buildings and for the preparation of sporting facilities. By contrast, community sporting clubs located in Albert Park Reserve are paying considerably higher licence fees to Parks Victoria, for both buildings and grounds. So not only are CoPP ratepayers getting little to no return from their rates in terms of support for sport and recreation activities, but they are also currently paying more to pursue their desired recreational activities, simply because they happen to do them in Albert Park Reserve rather than at a Council-owned facility.
6. Council’s Sport and Recreation Strategy 2015-2024 lists the following among its actions:-
  - a. Action 1.3.1 Develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that clearly defines the expectations of each party between Council and the following organisations: - State Sports Centres Trust (SSCT), - Life Saving Victoria (LSV) - Parks Victoria (PV)
  - b. Action 3.2.1 Develop a range of policies to provide clear and transparent guidelines for decision making regarding sport and recreation in Port Phillip: ... Albert Park (Parks Victoria) infrastructure.

We are not aware of any progress towards delivering any of these actions since the Strategy was adopted, and there is no reflection of them in the 2019/20 Budget or Council Plan. Why not??

7. While it is sometimes stated that the Council will not commit capital to community facilities that it does not own, such as those in Albert Park Reserve, the truth is that the Council has on occasions made capital grants towards worthy projects within the Park; and is currently considering significant financial support at least one such project. We applaud the Council for identifying the value to the Port Phillip community that these projects bring. We simply ask that the Council apply this policy approach consistently and equitably across all community sporting activities within Albert Park Reserve, in the same way as it does outside the Reserve.

**We request the opportunity to meet and address Council and/or its representatives in relation to this submission.**

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Email	<p>We are writing in response to the release of the draft budget for the City of Port Phillip.</p> <p>We note that funds have been allocated for the upgrade of Lagoon Reserve field and pavilion in 2019/20 - 2021/22.</p> <p>We are grateful for Albert Park College's use of this reserve during school hours, and strongly support the upgrade of this facility.</p> <p>We note, however, that the construction of the pavilion upgrade is not budgeted until the 2021/22 financial year.</p> <p>Albert Park College is willing to consider a significant financial contribution towards this project, provided that its delivery is brought forward by a year and it incorporates a space of approximately 120sqm available for use by the school during school hours. We note that this space would also be ideally suited for use by community groups outside school hours, such as a scout group.</p> <p>We hope that this proposal may be of interest to you and look forward to your response.</p>	<p>[REDACTED] Foundation Principal &amp; [REDACTED] School Council President</p>	<p>[REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p>	21/05/2019 2:55 PM		

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Email	<p>We understand that Council has undertaken a traffic survey of Post Office Place, and is currently preparing concept options for its redevelopment to provide a community open space. Albert Park College continues to strongly support this initiative.</p> <p>We seek clarification as to whether the implementation of the Post Office Place redevelopment has been budgeted for in the draft amendments to the Council Plan 2017-27.</p> <p>We also seek the early implementation of this project to support the ongoing use of our adjoining Bay Street campus by the community - both by school students and others attending events held at the campus.</p> <p>The Bay street campus has been established as a community hub and is now regularly used by community groups, most recently as a polling centre in the recent federal election, and we would welcome any redevelopment that added to its community amenity.</p> <p>We look forward to your response.</p>	<p>[REDACTED] Foundation Principal &amp; [REDACTED] School Council President</p>	<p>[REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p>	21/05/2019 2:51 PM		

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Email	<p><u>Port Phillip Council Budget Submission 2019/20</u></p> <p>I have reviewed the Council's budget and make the following comments and assessments for consideration by the Council and Councillors.</p> <p>We live in challenging times with many cost pressures on people and also expectations of services that are ever increasing. This places challenges on the Council to craft a budget that provides the services that are expected in a world of limited resources and rising costs. While this is a challenge it is also highlights the questions that the Council and indeed the community need to be asking themselves; what is the role of the Council and what are the core services that it should provide?</p> <p>The Council cannot be all things to all people and so must evaluate all of the services it offers and ask itself if this is really its role. The Councillors are answerable to their ratepayers and the rate payers are being asked to continually fund higher and higher budgets with questionable focus that results in rates that are growing unsustainably and out of alignment with neighbouring Councils.</p> <p>The following are some of the areas I believe the Council needs to reevaluate, eliminate and improve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Customer Service initiative on the face of it is a good initiative however when only 4.1% of people surveyed used customer services and only 11.8% considered it important, it is a very large expenditure. It aims to automate manual systems and the Council claims it will deliver \$35M of efficiency gains over 10 years. The difficulty of this claim is that there is no evidence of the efficiency gains in the budget. Furthermore it is a bespoke program which are generally more expensive and cost more for future updates. Surely there is a system already in operation in other Councils?</li> </ol>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	21/05/2019 3:19 PM		

2. The budget requests \$2.8M for an EcoCentre development. This led me to look into the EcoCentre further. While my understanding is that the election result means this request is no longer required, the following is the vision of the EcoCentre:
  - a. "...supporting people to mitigate and adapt to climate change and to reduce waste and curtail consumption. We believe all citizens should have equitable access to clean air and water, viable soil, and renewable energy. We know that enhancing biodiversity is critical to a functional urban ecosystem.
  - b. How the EcoCentre achieves its vision. "...we use the physical world as our classroom to connect people with their natural world. Each of our programs are tailor-made through a local lens and focus on collaboration and community connectedness. We work as part of a wide network of individuals, groups and organisations and our collective impact since 1999 has transformed the way Melbourne understands wildlife, waterways and wellbeing in the age of climate change".

Why is the Port Phillip rate payer funding Melbournians to understand wildlife, waterways and wellbeing? I believe this organisation currently receives \$243k of rate payer funding and in April requested this increase to over \$400k. This funding increase should be denied and as this is very clearly not a service the Council should be providing, all funding should cease.
3. The diversity magazine costs \$200k and is not read by many in the community. Make this an online magazine and put hard copies in various local locations.
4. Management of assets where the council can raise revenue to relieve the pressure on the rate payers is poorly managed. How is it that an asset like the

South Melbourne Town Hall is rented for a peppercorn rent of \$1k pa, doesn't recover outgoings and Port Phillip rate payers are subsidising the Australian National Academy of Music? Not only are we not receiving market rent revenue but the council now wants to spend \$7.1M upgrading the asset. How does the Council plan to recover this cost, via rates? St Kilda Marina and West Beach Bathing Pavilion are other assets the council is not receiving adequate rent from.

- 5. Childcare. Why is the Council still operating child care centres when the cost is not sustainable, the assets are ageing and require \$2.6M to be upgraded when there are other alternatives like the NFP sector?

These are just a few of the areas the Council could review and cut costs. The Council needs to have a laser focus on core services and cost efficiencies. Hard decisions need to be made as the forecasted \$75M rates funding gap cannot reasonably be expected to be funded by the rate payers who face continual cost of living pressures and shouldn't be deterred from living in this amazing part of Melbourne because the rates are prohibitive.

If this seems like a daunting task for the Council they need not look too far for the answers or assistance. Glen Eira Council has a larger square kilometre area to manage, approximately 30k more people to service, similar number of residential properties and has a total expenditure of \$163M verses Port Phillip Council of \$220M. It requires \$39M less income and manages all this with only 831 staff verses Port Phillip Council staff of 875. Stonnington Council also have a larger area to manage, only 7k less people, 7k less residential properties and has a total expenditure of \$149M and a staff of 650. I am sure there are considerable opportunities for the Port Phillip Council to investigate and reduce expenditure.

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Email	<p>CoPP appears to have never shown RESTRAINT.</p> <p><b>This Budget delivers more of the same, Increase in Rates TAX, Increase in CoPP Expenses.</b></p> <p>CoPP has only ever shown the inclination to Tax more and spend it all, no doubt under pressure from Residents self-interest groups.</p> <p>Ratepayers historical apathy has allowed rampant Rate growth and taken little interest in how its spent.</p> <p>Its time CoPP gave something up to get something in return.</p> <p><b>Imagine the support CoPP would get from the community if it were to reduce Rates Tax by \$10M.</b></p> <p><b>And match that reduction by reducing expenses by the same amount \$10M.</b></p> <p><b>Shock horror, how would CoPP do this.....With Ratepayer Support it would be to a plan.... BUT ONLY AFTER CoPP GET AN APPETITE FOR RESTRAINT,</b></p> <p>The gouge and spending cannot go on for ever... I urge you to read the attached article.</p> <p>CoPP Plan is to raise over \$4M of extra Rate revenue 2019/20</p> <p>CoPP will immediately give \$2.5M of this increased revenue to staff.</p> <p>CoPP reduce Staff numbers by 7 and still spend more.</p> <p>CoPP plan to spend millions on Customer service and systems improvements and reflect nothing in actual reduction in expenses that will come from this. Statements which claim that efficiencies of \$35M will come through this capex spend ,just don't wash.</p> <p><b>Until the CoPP has an appetite for restrained spending you will never find a way to achieve it</b></p> <p><i>(The problem is that new technologies revolutionise not just the Banks, but the likes of BHP too. Telstra, accounting firms, law offices – almost the entire big organisation society. The biggest staff reduction potential is in the public service, but the public service unions will successfully fight it until the community simply cannot afford to pay administrative costs that are way out of line with the rest of society.)</i> <b>Robert Gottliebsen May 16 2019,</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.theaustralian.com.au/business/economics/new-government-will-have-to-deal-with-mass-retrenchments/news-story/740d4920cd088277b7e3fc1698b5cceb">https://www.theaustralian.com.au/business/economics/new-government-will-have-to-deal-with-mass-retrenchments/news-story/740d4920cd088277b7e3fc1698b5cceb</a></p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	21/05/2019 3:20 PM		

## New government will have to deal with mass retrenchments

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The banks and BHP have fired the starters' gun for the biggest white-collar mass retrenchment program in our history.

Major Australian enterprises have been slow to embrace some newer technologies, but a series of events will trigger a catch-up program.

*The Australian's* Margin Call has revealed that both [Commonwealth Bank](#) and [ANZ](#) are planning major retrenchment programs. The other big banks will be doing the same thing and will need to move or their costs will become hopelessly out of line with their rivals.

And the programs revealed by Margin Call indicate the initial steps being considered are up to 25 per cent of staff. That sounds big but unfortunately it's only about half way. The technology people in the banks know that over the next decade staff levels will be halved.

As Bill Shorten and Scott Morrison canvass capital city electorates, they never mention the biggest employment problem the new government will face. Indeed it's the biggest for a generation.

The problem is that the new technologies revolutionise not just the banks, [but the likes of BHP too](#). Telstra, accounting firms, law offices — almost the entire big organisation society. The biggest staff reduction potential is in the public service, but the public service unions will

successfully fight it until the community simply cannot afford to pay administrative costs that are way out of line with the rest of society.

But the flow on goes deeper. I recently had occasion to spend and extended time in a suburban Westpac branch. I was helping an Australian living overseas with his banking tangle. The branch had abundant space and well-appointed facilities. But there were token numbers of customers, and, as a result few staff. I had made an appointment and was well looked after.

At one time the view was that these branches would be turned into investment advisory centres. Westpac, along with other banks are now exiting that business. So bank branches in suburban shopping centres will close in big numbers, thus further reducing property values for landlords and the lifestyles of those who own this type of real estate.

The bank branch change is simply about people doing their banking online and the banks slashing the amount loan processing they undertake in branches in favour of mortgage brokers, who now have 60 or cent of the market. Of course brokers will need retail space, but at nowhere near the level established by banks.

The brokers and the others are now moving into small business loans as the banks move from being massive retailers to providers of commodity products.

Accordingly their costs must be razor sharp or they will go out of business. And that means that their back offices must embrace the very latest technology.

And this technology will move from conventional systems into block chain.

In turn, that means that the enormous number of white collar teams that collect and collate data and information in banks, law firms, for accountants, manufacturers and just about every business are no longer required. With the help of artificial intelligence the technology creates systems that are akin to the robots currently used in manufacturing and distribution

At some time in the future (probably many years away) we will have driverless vehicles which will extend this white collar robot revolution into transportation.

All of this has been widely predicted and I have devoted part of my journalism to preparing people for this revolution. There will still be many jobs in large organisations but a much higher proportion of our children and grandchildren will need to devise enterprises that generate value for the new society. We can't tell them what those enterprises will be but we can help give them a better chance.

And so in this context, arguably one of the greatest achievements of any government in the last decade was the small business tax tribunal because people in the Australian Taxation Office were trying to turn the clock back by refusing ABN numbers and using their enormous powers to destroy legitimate small businesses and decimate selected research efforts.

The small business tax tribunal will be responsible to the court system (but will have limited lawyers) and not the ATO. We all have to hope that if the ALP wins government they will not be bullied into destroying it.

Scott Morrison has rarely mentioned this great achievement, which shows how out of touch the politicians have become to what is happening in the real world.

But thanks to small business minister Michaelia Cash and assistant treasurer Stuart Robert, the Coalition has also moved to enforce fair contracts and extend the rules to government, reducing payment times to 20 to 30 days and encouraging cash flow lending

These are all actions required to create an environment for people to develop new ideas. We need many more.

On the other side the ACTU wants to lift wages and provide greater job security. These are wonderful aims but in the current technology environment they just speed up the retrenchment process.

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	<p><b>PORT PHILLIP BICYCLE USERS GROUP SUBMISSION ON Port Phillip Council Plan 2017-27 Y3</b></p> <p>The Port Phillip Bicycle User Group (PP BUG) is a membership group that promotes cycling in our local community. Our goal is for cycling to be a highly attractive option for 8 to 80+ year olds – whether for fun, leisure, fitness or commuting to work or school, or a combination. We want people in our city to ride more often by making cycling an easy, safe and practical choice. As many trips are 5km long or less, this can also alleviate congestion.</p> <p>PP BUG applauds the Council’s commitment to supporting bike riding. We are pleased that cycling is recognised as a viable form of transport in the draft Council Plan, and that it will continue to be encouraged. We fully endorse the stated policy direction for ‘a connected city that is easy to move around’ – as cycling clearly does just that.</p> <p>We particularly support Council’s focus on building safe, separated bicycle lanes.</p> <p>Research shows that this is the best way to increase cycling, and make it available to the widest section of our community.</p> <p>Hence our main comment is for the implementation of Council’s Integrated Transport Strategy. However, we also remind Council that maintenance and improvement of the existing network is also important. Over the last year we have taken Councillors around their wards, showing many places where small improvements could make material differences. For example, the railing chicanes at the tram depot on the Sandridge trail are outdated, unsafe, and make this otherwise excellent route less attractive.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	21/05/2019 3:56 PM		

**ITS Bike Network Delivery.** The Integrated Transport Strategy proposed 11 bike routes to be completed in 10 years, with 4 to be completed by 2021/22.

So far, route 1 (Moray St) has been completed. We note that this lane is not fully separated, being only buffered in the southern section. We hope that this will be revisited in the later years of the the plan. Route 2 has been taken over by the State government under the Shrine to Sea project.

What is planned in the current budget:

Route 4 (Garden City, Swallow St to the Boulevard), commence construction.

Route 6 (Inkerman St), concept design and consultation.

Route 3 (Park St) design.

The plan appears to be on track so far, if construction on Park St and Inkerman St starts next year, as well as concept design and consultation for routes 5 and 7.

**We are concerned that the estimate for future spending on the bike lanes infrastructure is inadequate.**

The amount estimated for Park St is \$1.2m: this is one of the shortest links, at around 700m. This suggests a construction cost of around \$1.7m per kilometre. The remainder of the first round of routes to be built (routes 4 to 11) are around 16.8km in length. If they cost the same as the Park St route, this would be over \$28m, yet the forward estimate for bike infrastructure is only \$8.6m. It is very likely that the Park St route is uncharacteristically expensive, as this is one of the most built-up areas, but still the discrepancy is concerning.

Finally, as a community group we are indebted to the St Kilda Ecocentre for hosting our monthly meetings, and providing support to our programs.

**We support the Ecocentre's bid to increase its funding to expand its valuable role in our community.**

	We thank Council for its continuing support of people who ride bikes in our area, and its commitment to making it possible for more people to do so.					
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	<p><b>PPAS SUBMISSION ON DRAFT BUDGET, 2019/20</b></p> <p>PPAS wants to raise a number of concerns with the Draft Budget as far as progress on climate adaptation is concerned.</p> <p>First, a number of general comments.</p> <p>This submission is primarily directed to the Climate Adaptation Plan, which we understood until recently was due to be completed by June this year following a period of consultation. We have been informed recently that there will be no public consultation and that the Climate Adaptation Plan will be linked with the Water Sensitive City Plan in a Climate Response Plan to be completed by July 2019.</p> <p>We support the linkage of the two Plans as they are essential to each other. Heat mitigation is enhanced by WSUD measures. The rubric of Blue-Green Infrastructure refers to the way in trees and other vegetation depend on access to water, and in turn water features support and enhance the cooling impact of trees and other vegetation.</p> <p>PPAS has already made a submission on the Water Plan, and we would like to think that the Climate Response Plan will present a detailed and practical response to the way in which WSUD and a range of urban cooling measures are to be integrated across the City.</p> <p>However we can't find any funding commitments in the Draft Budget which suggest that this kind of response is in train.</p> <p>A further concern relates to problems with transparency and information flow from Council to community in respect of water planning issues and material broadly available on a range of adaptation measures. Heat-mapping together with sea-level rise and flood mapping material are not available on Council's website.</p> <p>And more broadly, there seems to be a real lack of urgency in the treatment of many of the issues under consideration – there are no timelines provided for any of the priorities listed for the next four years. There does not appear to be any funding for work on flood mitigation, coastal hazard issues or coastal inundation. Rather than just waiting on DELWP to complete its Coastal Hazard Assessment, Council should be already utilizing the considerable amount of material it has already accumulated, and bringing it together with the work it is doing in Fishermans Bend.</p> <p><b>URBAN COOLING STRATEGIES</b></p> <p>We all understand that our summers are getting hotter and drier, that Melbourne is having an increasing number of days of temperatures exceeding 40C, that cities have temperatures of 5C or more than surrounding areas, and that there are significant social and health impacts, including deaths, as a consequence.</p>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	21/05/2019 4:38 PM		

A good deal of heat mapping work has already been carried out in Port Phillip, particularly in conjunction with Monash University and the CSIRO. This work has examined local precincts over a long period and Port Phillip has some of the best UHI modelling available in Australia, identifying the localities producing greatest levels of heat vulnerability. Hopefully this material will be used in the Climate Response Plan; at the very least, in conducting modelling in a number of test sites where large numbers of people congregate, and helping identify the range of measures which produce optimum UTCI results.

The manual on Urban Cooling Strategies prepared by the CRC for Low Carbon Living identifies 7 key strategies: increased tree canopy cover, more green planting in public spaces and around buildings, using heat reflecting materials for roofs, paving and road surfaces, increased pavement permeability, adding shade materials in open spaces, and last but very important, integrating these measures with water management - rain gardens and water features located in areas subject to high levels of heat buildup.

**CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND THE DRAFT BUDGET**

A Climate Adaptation Plan should incorporate all these strategies. But if we look for appropriate responses in the Draft Budget, they can't be found.

First, on p60 of the draft Budget it is stated that within the next four years Council will develop a heat management plan. Its unclear how this can be reconciled with Council's Climate Response plan, to be completed by July 2019.

Assuming that the heat management plan is distinct from the current Climate Adaptation Plan, PPAS urges strongly that this work needs to be urgently brought forward. Waiting another four years for the development of measures which can mitigate the toll that hotter summers are producing year by year is not acceptable, and will impact most directly those with the fewest resources to protect themselves.

As we look at the key strategies described above, it becomes evident that there are no policy areas currently funded in the Draft Budget at a level which could in aggregate be considered an effective Climate Response or Adaptation Plan.

**Canopy Cover**

To take the most fundamental strategy first, that of tree canopy cover, targets formalised by Council just last year in Act and Adapt, were set at increasing the current canopy cover of 19% by just 2% to 21% by 2028. Compare this target to that of Melbourne increasing from 22% at present to 40% by 2040, or Ballarat, from 17% to 40% also by 2040.

The Draft Budget shows that the number of trees to be planted in the next two years will fall from 1519 in 2017/18, to 1200 in 2019/20 and 1055 in 2020/21. Further, there is no date fixed for review of the current Greening Port Phillip Plan 2017-2022 with its many inadequacies which PASS has previously pointed out. There has not been a

systematic review of more resilient tree species suitable to be incorporated into the Plan, nor the development of a location/species planting framework of the kind which has been effectively carried out by Melbourne City Council, nor any analysis of senescence rates across the current planted stock.

In short, current policy and Budget settings will not enable necessary canopy levels to be achieved in the medium or long term, and PPAS believes that these settings need urgent review. Draft Budget funding for Greening Port Phillip reflects a business as usual model. If current funding reflects a 2% canopy increase by 2028 to 21%, we believe that funding needs to be urgently increased to represent at least a 28% canopy cover by 2028.

**Cool building envelopes and paving**

On p60 of the Draft Budget, Council’s objective of facilitating the greening of our built environment through green roofs, walls and facades is expressed (3.1.B). However reference to SDAPP, Council’s Sustainable Design Assessment in the Design Process, indicates that under Clause 22.13 of Council’s Planning Scheme, key categories relating to environmental building design do not have to be addressed – building materials, sunshading, site permeability, green roof and walls, together with Environmental Sustainable Design Tools more generally. While Council does encourage applicants to consider these design measures, it seems that there is a significant gap in Council’s own Planning Scheme which does not require key environmental measures to be addressed in new building applications. Perhaps Council’s Sustainable Design and Policy Strategy from 2013 needs to be updated in the context of accelerating climate change.

Further, the measures relating to green roof design appear to need updating. Recent research shows that the benefits of green roofs (ie, soil and vegetation roofing) have been over-estimated, and high albedo roofs are more effective. Similarly high albedo facades and walls save energy and reduce heat buildup in cities. Council cites the example of New York City’s encouragement of high albedo roofing and the benefits it has bought, and it seems appropriate that this design measure should also be incorporated into the Planning Scheme

There does not seem to have been any consideration of high albedo paving materials in the municipality – it appears necessary that ongoing contracts relating to paving materials being used in the City are in need of review.

**Permeability and Depaving**

On p61 of the Draft Budget (3.4.B) a key objective is stated to be increasing ground permeability across public streets and spaces.

While this objective has been expressed over many years in Council material it is hard to find practical examples across the municipality. No targets or timelines have been set.

As permeability becomes more important with rainfall levels decreasing over time, conserving available water through increased permeability is more urgent, especially in providing water for street tree plantings. It not only increases soil moisture but also increases evapotranspiration with its important cooling benefits.

Increased permeability also brings significant benefits in terms of reducing waterborne pollution into Port Phillip Bay.

**SUMMARY**

The Draft Budget Identifies funding of \$1,755,208 over 4 years for WSUD, and \$2,280,000 for the Greening Port Phillip Strategy over the same period. These don't sound like adequate amounts to meet the requirements of a Climate Response Plan for Port Phillip in the context of accelerating climate change.

The WSUD funding once again represents a business as usual approach and PPAS believes that an effective response, in conjunction with additional tree planting, requires a substantial uplift in funding. In addition we think more emphasis should be put on WSUD measures in Elwood, Port Phillip's most flood prone locality

Nor is there any funding for increased permeability or depaving. Procurement policy and ongoing contracts around road and footpath maintenance need to be reviewed in respect of the opportunities they provide for permeability and depaving processes.

We think that the environmental measures at present excluded from the Planning Scheme should be incorporated into it. These exclusions encompass a range of design principles that have become more relevant in the context of a significantly hotter city.

The funds necessary to bring action into closer alignment with best practice are not excessive, especially for one of Victoria's wealthiest Councils with minimal borrowings and substantial reserves, but will have long-lasting impact for the benefit of all its residents and visitors. The alternative will be too little, too late.

May 2019

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Email	Please find enclosed RoPP's submission on the draft budget. We look forward to working with you to find a solution to stopping unsustainable increases in our rates while maintaining the character of the city of Port Phillip.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	21/05/2019 4:54 PM		

Ratepayers of Port Phillip, Inc.

## Submission on Draft Council Plan and Budget for 2019-20

20 May 2019

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### Executive Summary

The Ratepayers of Port Phillip Inc. (RoPP) are a community group who object to the amount of rates and the unsustainable increase in rates each year. We are concerned about the proposed increase in rate revenue of \$4 million for 2019-20 and request City of Port Phillip (CoPP) find cost savings as described in our submission to reduce the burden of rates on property owners or at the very least keep rates revenue at the 2018-19 level to stop rates from rising in the next financial year. The \$2.2 million efficiency gains in the Budget do not go far enough and to this extent we have identified a number of cost savings that are detailed in the following pages.

Rates are having a major impact on the community's cost of living when wages are not increasing and household debt is increasing. Council's hardship provisions for ratepayers who cannot pay are insulting when cutting rates is our preferred option to make rates more affordable. People should not be forced to reverse mortgage their properties or for self-funded retirees to defer their rates indefinitely at half the official penalty interest rate set by the Victorian Government (5% for 2018/19) when wasteful and unnecessary spending can be cut. Government have no right to access equity in ratepayers' properties.

We believe the rate increase is not justified because the City is already spending too much on services that are:

- a) Not required by ratepayers and residents
- b) Not statutory obligations of local government
- c) Are way out of line with equivalent councils

### Who are the Ratepayers of Port Phillip (RoPP)?

We are a concerned community group taking action to stop the Council's wasteful spending and reduce our annual rates. Our frustration stems from being charged with continual, and in many cases significant rate increases year on year and then to find and see the Council waste millions on pet projects, irrelevant spending, poor asset management and with no apparent regard to fiscal responsibility for ratepayers. The Council is a monopoly with poorly defined responsibilities and a voracious appetite for spending. We are now finding home owners who

can now longer afford to live in their home because of rate burden inflicted by Council over recent years, often under the guise of increased property values. An increase in property values does not result in an increase in the cost to run council services. Furthermore, property values have declined in the past 18 months but will rates be reflected accordingly?

### Financial Principles

The State Government's fair go rate cap has created the absurd and unintended situation that owners of commercial properties and apartments received on average a rate reduction in their last rates notice and owners of single dwelling houses got a rate increase when the average values of all properties in Port Phillip increased in the year to 1st January 2018. The same bias against single dwellings has been applied since the capping was introduced. We understand that CoPP has chosen to use the Net Annual Value method of calculating rates, and this means that it cannot apply differential rates in order to address the unintended consequences of the fair go rate cap. We would therefore ask that CoPP consider changing its rates calculation method to Capital Improved Value which would provide for differential rating.

For reference, the following table is provided:

Residence Type:	Average Change in Valuation (year to 1 January 2018):	Rate Change (2018-19):
Detached Houses	+23%	+9%
Commercial / Retail	+10.2%	-2.4%
Units	+8.9%	-3.5%

Source: <http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/valuations.htm>

The ability of ratepayers to pay high rates is constrained by their incomes not by the value of their properties and incomes are generally not growing at 9% p.a. There are many ratepayers paying substantially more than the average rate of \$1,500, with many paying over \$10,000 p.a. with double digit increases annually.

We understand that the current review of the Local Government Act may provide a method for addressing how rates are applied to different properties in addition to, or replacing, the current differential rating option. The nexus between rates (determined via property values) and income is dubious at best. Let alone the nexus between property values and the amount

of Council's goods and services consumed by each household. It is a poor solution in an attempt to implement a progressive tax system, that fails utterly. We would therefore seek the support of the CoPP in making a submission to the State Government to address this issue in the review of the Local Government Act.

### Rates and rate growth are not sustainable for ratepayers

Comparing CoPP with its our neighbouring municipalities, Port Phillip is similar in population, number of residences but is smaller in size. However, CoPP collects more rates and charges and spends more than neighbouring Councils. CoPP collects nearly \$30M more than Bayside, \$16M and \$11M more than Glen Eira and Stonnington, respectively. Why does Bayside spend 50% less than CoPP? On closer analysis it appears CoPP spends a disproportionately large amount on staff, contractors and consultants; many of whom are responsible for services that many of us do not want. Eg Integrated transport Strategy and Customer Experience & Business Transformation Program. Isn't transport a responsibility of the State Government? Should all 74 Victorian Councils be using the same systems? Why is CoPP spending \$22m plus 30% contingencies on new software systems? Should all 74 Victorian Councils be using the same systems?

Table comparing CoPP with similar Councils:

Council	Port Phillip	Bayside	Glen Eira	Stonnington
Coverage area (square km)	21	37	39	26
Population	110,942	102,882	140,900	103,832
No. of Residential properties	64,261	42,014	65,649	57,125
Total No. of residential, commercial, industrial	72,126	45,209	65,675	63,533
General rates (\$)	124,479,184	74,160,052	92,145,000	89,865,000
Total Rates & Charges (\$)	124,899,470	95,416,000	109,328,296	113,932,000
Total Income (\$)	221,456,000	130,747,000	182,320,000	187,212,000
Total Expenditure (\$)	220,419,000	111,145,000	163,660,000	149,373,000
Staff numbers (FTE)	875	432	831	650

Source:

CoPP: [http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/ICP\\_2017-27\\_Y2%20\\_Spreads.pdf](http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/ICP_2017-27_Y2%20_Spreads.pdf)

Bayside: [https://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/facilities\\_and\\_venues/bayside\\_adopted\\_budget\\_2018-19.pdf](https://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/facilities_and_venues/bayside_adopted_budget_2018-19.pdf)

Glen Eira: <https://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/Council/Our-organisation/Publications-and-reports/Budget>

Stonnington: <https://www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/council/council-budget/adopted-2018-19-budget.pdf>

We remind the Councilors of their statutory duty to represent the residents and ratepayers and we can't see how spending on unwanted and unjustified services benefits the community. We recommend the Councilors do not accept the draft budget and request the Council Officers to find cost savings of \$4m to stop rate rises for the 2019-20 financial year.

Councilors have voted on motions over the past few months that have resulted in wasteful spending and poor asset management. For example:

1. Memberships - \$300,000
2. St Kilda Marina - \$500,000 lost revenues (recent valuation of \$800,000 p.a. not in budget)
3. Donation to Housing First – up to \$1.5M

## General Comments

We were astounded to read that 'without action, the Financial Plan forecasts a cumulative \$75 million funding gap due to rate capping' on page 98 of the draft Budget. This is a breathtaking comment and highlights the ambitions of CoPP to deprive ratepayers of an additional \$75 million if it were not for the rate cap. We summarise the draft Budget as follows:

1. CoPP total revenue \$228M, of which rates are \$125M of that total for 2019-20.
2. Rates are proposed to increase by \$4 million in the 2019-20 budget.
3. The CoPP spend every dollar of that revenue without reservation.
4. Council wastes millions on pet projects, irrelevant spending, poor asset management and with no apparent regard to fiscal responsibility for ratepayers.
5. Council has too many employees and is paying too much to consultants and contractors. Why has Council budgeted for 879 employees at a cost of \$96m when the comparative Councils employ fewer people and have lower labour costs (see Comparative Table above)? RoPP expects CoPP can reduce its headcount without reducing services.

6. CoPP are wasting ratepayer's money on consultants who undertake research studies, surveys and reports. Many reports are written by consultants that are never implemented. For example, traffic study at the South Melbourne Market. It is difficult to identify expenditure amounts in the Budget that relate to research and reports.

7. Cost of resealing roads is \$65 per square meter in Port Phillip which is five times more for all councils and twice for similar councils. The Council Officer's explanation is roads need to be thicker in Port Phillip due to higher rates of traffic is not plausible. We have been advised by a civil engineer that this is nonsense. We suggest that CoPP obtains independent advice on this matter rather than advice from its supplier/ contractor.

There seems to be a trend over the last decade or two of cost shifting, from the State and Commonwealth Governments to Local Governments. This, combined with the Council's clear propensity and voracity for spending every last rates dollar on services that are not core functions of local Government, has created the perfect storm that CoPP now faces: a budgeted spend much higher than necessary, and without the necessary reserves able to deal with emerging issues.

We ask that CoPP address the first issue by fighting back and not accepting cost shifting from other levels of Government. A clear example is CoPP subsidising the Australian National Academy of Muscis (ANAM) (see below). Other examples are CoPP's subsidies to childcare and affordable housing.

We ask that CoPP address the second issue by immediately adopting Zero-Based Budgeting (<https://www.investopedia.com/terms/z/zbb.asp>). This would enable CoPP to clearly identify which of its outputs are "core" (mandated by legislation or *universal* community expectation) and which are optional (nice-to-haves). This would increase transparency and accountability for the choices that CoPP makes when it comes to spending public ratepayer money.

On the topic of accountability and transparency, we would also ask that CoPP's finance department do two things:

1. Disclose non-market rental amounts in the budget figures themselves, not just in notes. We understand that an upcoming Accounting Standard change will soon make this compulsory for the Annual Financial Statements to reflect the financial impact of the non-market rents. However, in the interim, there is no reason that these figures should not appear in the budget papers against the relevant outputs. For example, subsidies by way of non-market rents charged to ANAM and Linden gallery should appear in the Arts & Soul budget figures. To not properly disclose these items gives the appearance of having something to hide.
2. Immediately implement Activity Based Costing in order to reflect the true cost of the outputs of the Council. It is unfathomable that in 2019 the City of Port Phillip does not already do this. It means that overhead costs are not assigned to the outputs of Council, resulting in a serious under-reporting of the true cost of the services.

## Detailed Analysis – Opportunities to reduce costs

### 1. Fisherman's Bend – Catastrophic failure of Local and State Government

- The Budget papers (pages 146-148) present 'Fisherman's Bend Funding Gap' as a 'Catastrophic Risk' with an 'Almost Certain' probability. The total infrastructure bill is \$376 million and costs are planned to be shared between the Victorian Government, Melbourne City Council and CoPP. Fisherman's Bend is a looming problem for CoPP but the draft Budget does not present a strategy for dealing with the issue.
- The draft Budget anticipates the ratepayers will fund this Catastrophic failure of Local and State Government. RoPP strongly object to rates revenues being used to fund the development of Fisherman's Bend. The developers not the ratepayers should be funding the costs for infrastructure and open spaces.
- CoPP must stop spending on infrastructure when it is not the responsibility of ratepayers to fund infrastructure in Fisherman's Bend. The Victorian Government and developers should be asked to contribute to the cost of infrastructure. CoPP has paid \$13.4 million to construct Kirrip Park at the Ferrars Street Education and Community Precinct as a part of the Fisherman's Bend Major initiatives (Strategic Direction 4 – page 72). CoPP must stop spending on infrastructure when it is not the responsibility of ratepayers to fund infrastructure in Fisherman's Bend.
- We are also concerned that CoPP is looking at purchasing land in Fisherman's Bend to construct a Sustainability Hub at a cost of \$18.9 million. What are CoPP's plans for the existing Resource Recovery Centre in South Melbourne? Will proceeds from the sale of land be used to fund the new Sustainability Hub? If not why not?
- RoPP expects CoPP to stop ratepayers' funds being wasted on the precinct when it is not the responsibility of ratepayers to fund infrastructure, especially when we understand that construction of apartments has been delayed due to the downturn in property values.

### 2. Council Run Childcare

- RoPP understands the Council's problem with the cost of running the Council operated childcare centres. Also the mayor expressed his concerns at a Council meeting on 20 march 2019 that some council run childcare centres are not fit for purpose. The Council has stated in their childcare policy document that "increasing cost of providing childcare services is not sustainable under the current service model".
- RoPP supports a more financially sustainable service model in which "Council ceases operating Council run childcare services and transition services to community run /not-for-profit providers". Council have also disclosed that the subsidies are not targeted to assist disadvantaged families and essentially CoPP is providing middle-class welfare.

- RoPP advocates for a Council initiative that will deliver a win-win for ratepayers and residents. RoPP members are users of both Council run and Community operated childcare services and we know from experience that quality of community operated services is similar to the Council run services. Considering that operating childcare is not a core service of Government, we support transitioning to Community operated services is likely to improve services while saving \$2 million p.a. An additional \$2.6m in capital costs can be avoided if this option is adopted.
  - Port Phillip Council have also disclosed they are not compliant with the National Competition Policy and are at risk of being sued by private service providers unless Council reduces its level of subsidies and/or increase fees to cover the subsidised amount. This is not a hypothetical risk because Hobsons Bay Council was sued for this very same thing.
  - Finally, most of us are being taxed three times in relation to childcare. We pay income taxes to the Australian Government, indirect taxes that go to the Victorian government and rates to the local government. Childcare is not the responsibility of local government and many other Councils have stopped subsidising childcare.
- ### 3. Customer service, people, culture and technology (Strategic Direction 6)
- Another area for cost savings is captured ironically under the Budget item "our commitment to you". The budget papers have allocated \$22.3 million for Customer Service (\$10m in 2019-20) plus 30% contingency. This cost is not justified because the Budget papers indicate only 4.1% of people surveyed used customer services and only 11.8% said customer service is important to them.
  - According to the Council's website the Customer Service Program 'aims to improve the experience of residents, businesses, visitors and rate payers every time they contact us'. The Council acknowledges in its website <http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/customer-experience.htm> 'Our customer satisfaction is declining' and revealed the following pain points:
    - Convenience and reliability of information
    - Poor communication and follow up
    - Complicated and unclear processes
    - Difficulty accessing Council services and information
    - Lack of accountability and empathy
    - Parking, rubbish and planning
  - There has been an assumption that customer dissatisfaction stems from their systems and processes when it could be that much of the dissatisfaction stems from the massive rates and annual increases and wasteful spending. Another key factor causing customer dissatisfaction is the culture at the Council which is abysmal as demonstrated by rude and dismissive responses to ratepayers and residents who make enquiries about their

rates and other matters. Customer dissatisfaction also arises when Council goes through the motion of consulting with the community then they do what they want. For example, the decision to provide an interim 3-year lease to the tenant of the St Kilda Marina after the existing 50-year lease expired, was made prior to the Council receiving seven community submissions that did not support the interim lease terms. The only supportive submission came from the tenant.

- We understand the \$22.3 million Customer Service program aims to change processes and information systems and the work has been outsourced to a 'Big 4' professional services firm who typically charge \$800-1000 per hour for this type of work. We question if a consultant who charges \$800-1000 per hour is good value for the ratepayers?
- We also question why CoPP require a bespoke Customer Service program when surely the ratepayer can reasonably expect all 74 Councils in Victoria to be using the same systems and processes. There must be an off the shelf solution that all Councils can use and the cost savings should be given back to ratepayers as a dividend.
- We question whether the program will deliver productivity improvements as claimed by the CFO at the Council Meeting on 17 April. The Council Officer stated the \$22.3 million Customer Service program will deliver a \$35 million efficiency gain over the 10 years of the Council plan. We have difficulty believing this because we do not see a \$35 million reduction in labour cost over the 10-year plan period. There is no evidence in the Budget papers of a tangible improvement in efficiency when there is an increase in the number of employees and labour costs increase from \$93.3 million in 2018-19 to \$126 million in 2028-29.

#### 4. Sustainability solutions (Strategic Direction 3)

RoPP supports programs to prevent flooding and waste management programs ie reducing waste and diversion from landfill, we question funding of the following initiatives:

- What is the justification for the South Melbourne Market Solar installation \$770,000 (page 64) when CoPP is purchasing 100% renewable electricity? RoPP understands CoPP has signed a contract with Melbourne Renewable Energy Program (MREP) to purchase 100% renewable electricity from a windfarm near Ararat from 2019-20 (page 59).
- Installation of electric vehicle charging stations (\$240,000) – how can this be justified (page 63)? How many electric vehicles are expected to use the facility and who pays for the charging? Is this the responsibility of local government?
- We understand the budget spend of \$2.8 million on the EcoCentre redevelopment was contingent on an election promise from the Australian Labor Party to co-fund the redevelopment if the ALP were elected to Government (page 63). Following the Federal

election result, we expect the \$2.8 million will be treated as a saving in the Budget and the dividend is passed to ratepayers to stop rate rises. We also note the CEO of the Eco-Centre requested an increase in CoPP funding at the Council meeting on 17. Ms April Seymore who is the Executive Officer of the Port Phillip EcoCentre based in St Kilda Botanical Gardens. Ms Seymore requested an increase in the current funding agreement from \$243,000 to \$408,000 to ensure that the Centre can continue to deliver the programs and sustain their volunteers. We question the justification for a 68% increase funding to \$408,000 p.a. for the EcoCentre.

- Inner Metro Sustainability Hub business case and land acquisition (\$18.9 million over 4 years) Is this Hub required due to the required closure of the Resource Recovery Centre in South Melbourne? Will the proceeds of the land be used to offset the cost of the new facility? What is the estimated cost of the land? Is this a part of the Fisherman's Bend development?

#### 5. Asset and Property Management (Strategic Direction 6)

- CoPP have many underperforming assets which should be raising additional revenue and reducing the pressure on ratepayers and residents (page 95-96). For example, St Kilda Marina, West St Kilda Bathing Pavilion, South Melbourne Town Hall, Schiavello Group and Café Watersedge. What can CoPP do to improve the dividend for ratepayers and residents?
- Rent from the St Kilda Marina is \$172,000 when an independent property analyst has valued the market rent should be an \$800,000 p.a. (not \$276,000 disclosed in the Budget). We cannot understand why Council approved a 3-year interim lease agreement with the current tenant after leasing the marina for a peppercorn rent over 50 years. Why were the terms of the agreement put to the community for consultation and Councillor's approval when the deal was already done? CoPP voted to tender for the operation of the St Kilda Marina in 2016 and in 2019 you still have not called for tender proposal. What can CoPP do to improve the dividend for ratepayers and residents?

#### 6. South Melbourne Town Hall Renewal and Upgrade (Strategic Direction 5)

- South Melbourne Town Hall Renewal and Upgrade (\$7.1M over 4 years, page 82) – this is an under performing asset due to the pepper corn rent received from the current tenant – what plans does the CoPP have to recover the costs of the upgrade? The Budget papers state the market rental of the Sth Melb Town Hall is \$450,000 when the current tenant pays rent of \$1,000 p.a. and \$120,000 for building outgoing costs but this amount does not cover the cost of electricity, gas, cleaning, lift maintenance etc). The lease delivers a substantial financial subsidy to ANAM from CoPP. Why are the ratepayers of this city being asked to subsidise a National Academy with students from not only around Australia, but also overseas? The responsibility for adequate funding rests with the Federal and State governments, not CoPP.

## 7. Diversity magazine

- The Diversity magazine costs \$200,000 p.a. and is not wanted by many people in our community. Why can't Diversity Magazine be subscribed to by email instead of printed media. It is a cost that is completely unnecessary. If you want to help elderly residents who don't have internet access then you can make the Magazine available at Libraries and you can reduce their rates and stop forcing them to reverse mortgage their home or taking an equity position in their properties.
- Why are CoPP producing a large number of annual/monthly/quarterly reports, the size content and the number of pages which are just too large to consume?

## Summary of Cost Savings over 4 years

Budget Item	Cost savings
Customer Service Program	\$10,000,000
Diversity magazine	\$200,000 p.a.
Memberships	\$300,000
Transition to Community run childcare	\$4,600,000
South Melbourne Town Hall Upgrades	\$7,100,000
EcoCentre redevelopment	\$2,800,000
Solar installation for Sth Melb Market	\$770,000
Electric vehicle charging stations	\$240,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26 million</b>

## Conclusion

To conclude, we recommend a number of services can be cut from the budget to reduce the burden of rates to property owners or at the very least keep rate revenue at \$125.2 M which is the forecast for 2018-19. By finding at least \$4m of cost savings means CoPP can avoid increasing rates when tax increases are unjustified and the cost of living is a major issue for this community. CoPP can easily avoid rate rises by accepting the cost saving for EcoCentre redevelopment and stop the unnecessary installation of the South Melbourne Market Solar and stop publishing Diversity Magazine.

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THE SOUTH MELBOURNE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA  
2019-2020 BUDGET (YEAR 3 OF 2017-2027 PLAN)

The South Melbourne Symphony Orchestra – part of the Emerald Hill precinct since its inception – seeks City of Port Phillip support for its relocation during the planned works to the South Melbourne Town Hall through a Funding Deed for the duration of the relocation.

#### Introduction

*“Visionary Councillors of the City formed the South Melbourne Symphony Orchestra in 1946 with a charter to promote music making and the appreciation of music in the South Melbourne area and to present public concerts of music by its members. In the seventy-one years since then the Orchestra has – with the generous support of all successive councils – been able to maintain a continuous record of concert performances in the South Melbourne Town Hall and with rehearsals in the same venue.”*

So began our submission to the 2017-18 budget process and 2017-2027 Draft Council Plan, which detailed the orchestra’s community involvement, opportunities for local musicians and soloists, beneficial and symbiotic relationship with ANAM, accommodation needs for rehearsals and performances, finances and which concluded with the request that the Council would continue to support the Orchestra on the same basis to enable it to continue to fulfil its charter to promote music making and the appreciation of music in the South Melbourne area and to present public concerts of music by its members.

The response to our submission showed that the vision present in the 1946 Council has not diminished in the intervening seventy-plus years but continues unabated in the current members.

The Mayor wrote that *“Council acknowledges the longstanding relationship and the Council support of South Melbourne Philharmonic Society Inc. in the use of the South Melbourne Town Hall. Its contribution to the arts and benefit to the general community is highly valued. Ways to continue the relationship in a formalised way are being explored. The intention is to ensure that the Society enjoys the current arrangements for the use of the main hall and under stage storage and not to impose any additional costs.”*

Since then we have worked closely with ANAM – as Council’s delegated managers of the South Melbourne Town Hall – to develop a formal Memorandum of Understanding around our use of the Hall. In turn, this has shown that Council’s entirely appropriate focus on both its duty of care to users and audiences and on OH&S needs requires the Orchestra to meet additional costs which would be difficult to sustain in the long term. Moreover, further charges will arise as a result of the Orchestra’s temporary relocation during the foreshadowed 18-24 month closure of the South Melbourne Town Hall should that maintenance project proceed as currently envisaged.

#### Finance

The financial position of the Orchestra is that it generally budgets for a small annual surplus of approximately \$2000, depending on factors such as the number of concerts with a soloist, how much music has to be hired and/or bought, audience size and so on, but the below provides a good picture of an average year prior to the requirement for an on-site security guard on concert days.

item	per concert	annual	notes
ticket receipts	2250	9000	average audience 150: 45 full-ticket; 90 concession; 15 no charge
members' subscriptions		6300	assume 50 players; 40 of whom pay the "early-bird" rate, 10 of whom don't
honoraria		-6800	
soloists' fees	-150	-450	assume 1 concert per year with no soloist
piano tuning		-200	
music hire	-400	-1200	assume 1 concert per year with no music hire required
printing	-450	-1800	
music purchase		-400	
APRA licencing		-90	
domain name renewal/hosting		-200	
Consumer Affairs Victoria		-90	
PO box rental		-100	
insurance		-900	
ANAM venue supervisor	-264	-1056	
surplus		2014	

Clearly, while the Orchestra is self-funding in terms of what could be called its internal activities above, it relies on the generosity and support of the City of Port Phillip for the continued use of the South Melbourne Town Hall, with its superb acoustic properties. In addition, the costs of the provision of items such as concert-day security, concert weekend rehearsal security and Council duty officers need to be considered.

Moreover, should the proposed maintenance work on the South Melbourne Town Hall proceed as currently advised to us, the Orchestra would need to source temporary storage for its music stands, tympani (kettledrums), bass drum, other percussion instruments, conductor’s podium, music library, PA system and other ancillary items which are currently located in the Orchestra’s dedicated storeroom under the stage of the South Melbourne Town Hall. Initial inquiries suggest that no appropriate Council-managed storage is available elsewhere.

In order to ensure that it can remain an active member of the City of Port Phillip arts community during the relocation, alternative rehearsal and performance venues have been found – the Port Melbourne Community Centre and Port Melbourne Town Hall respectively – which could be used during its temporary displacement from the South Melbourne Town Hall. These venues could be used from the fourth 2019 concert season for which rehearsals commence on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, with the concert being on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

At the 2019-20 published rates and assuming that the relocation proceeds as planned, notional and actual costs for one year would be as follows:

activity	July - Sept 2019 (\$)	Oct 2019 - June 2020 (\$)	2019-20 rates	Total (\$)
Rehearsals x 13 SMTH (Monday nights, 7:30-10:30)			(\$729/day)	-
Rehearsals x 28 PMCC (Monday nights, 7:30-10:30)		1,050	12.50/hr	1,050
Saturday rehearsals x 1 SMTH			(\$729/day)	-
Saturday rehearsals x 3 PMTH		1,791	\$597/day	1,791
Sunday concerts x 1 SMTH			(\$729/day)	-
Sunday concerts x 3 PMTH		1,791	\$597/day	1,791
Duty officer x 2 x 4 hours x Saturday x 4		1,726	\$71.90/hour	1,726
Security x 1 x 4 hours x Saturday x 4	337	1,010	\$84.20/hour	1,347
Rehearsal security guard (extra hour x 13 weeks SMTH)	654	-	50.30/hour	654
Duty officer x 2 x 5 hours x Sunday x 3 PMTH	-	2,157	\$71.90/hour	2,157
Security x 1 x 5 hours x Sunday x 4	421	1,263	\$84.20/hour	1,684
cleaning- concerts (standard event 6hrs + 1 hr kitchen)	561	1,683	\$437.16 + GST \$72.86 + GST (\$561)	2,244
ANAM venue supervisor x 1 x 4 hours x Sunday x 1	264	-	\$264/day	264
<b>total</b>	<b>2,501</b>	<b>12,471</b>		<b>14,708</b>
<b>Other relocation-specific</b>				
piano hire for piano concertos x 2 (no onsite piano in PMTH)			Allow \$2500/hire	5000
Temporary storage x 12 months			Allow \$400/month	4,800
<b>total</b>				<b>24,508</b>

To raise this revenue without Council support would require members' annual subscriptions to increase to more than \$600/person which would not be realistic. Inevitably, player numbers would decline and the breadth of the classical music repertoire which we have been able to perform for our audiences over the years would diminish.

We would be very reluctant to raise ticket prices from their current levels of \$20/\$15 – frozen since 2011 in a deliberate policy to ensure that the concerts remain accessible to all levels of the local community, whether residing in a two-storey terrace in St Vincent's Place or on the tenth floor of a tower in Dorcas St.

#### Conclusion

As thoughts turn towards the Orchestra's seventy-fifth anniversary in 2021 and centenary in 2046, the Orchestra would appreciate the Council's continuing support on the same basis as previously to enable it to continue to fulfil its charter to promote music making and the appreciation of music in the South Melbourne/Emerald Hill area and to present public concerts of music by its members.

Our suggestion is that this support could be formalised in a Funding Deed or Arts Grant, similar to those which Council currently has in place with a number of the Historical Societies in the municipality with both in-kind and cash contribution elements in order to cover the notional and actual costs outlined above.

We look forward to further discussions and to maintaining our long and – we believe – mutually beneficial relationship with the City of Port Phillip.

Contribution ID	Please provide your comments on the draft Budget 2019/20 and Year 3 of the Council Plan	Name	Email Address	Submitted Date	IP Address	Notes
Email	 <p><b>JAAG – Request for 2019-2020 budget</b></p> <p>The Junction Area Action Group (JAAG) would like to formally submit a request be included in Council’s 2019-2020 budget to upgrade the triangle reserve adjacent to the Astor Theatre.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Context</u></p> <p>Stage 3, the last stage of the Wellington Street, St Kilda upgrade project, includes widening the footpath to provide for a shared path from Chapel Street to Wellington Street, St Kilda, but there is no provision for landscaping to the open space area owned by VicRoads adjacent to the Astor theatre and which we understand is managed by Council under contract.</p> <p>This area forms part of a major and highly visible and congested gateway to our City (i.e. the intersection of Chapel Street, Dandenong Road &amp; Wellington Street), yet it has been totally ignored. Identified problems are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• Litter, as there is only one bin and it is not located close to the corner, or the only bench seat. Although not the main litter problem, the area is used as an outdoor smoking area by Astor patrons;</li> <li>• There are no bike racks for patrons attending the Astor theatre;</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	21/05/2019 8:21 PM		

What we would like to see:

JAAG requests that Council landscape the area, with consideration to replacing the dirt with a hard tiled surface, installing bike racks, providing more strategically placed bins, improving seating, removing the current trees (other than the mature gum) and providing appropriate replacement shade trees- perhaps similar to the landscaping completed by Stonnington Council at the entrance of the Windsor Station. We see this as a stand-alone project, completely separate to the Stage 3 Wellington Street upgrade.

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.

About JAAG

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

	<p>Alma Road. JAAG has over 300 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.</p>					
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Email	<p><u>Budget submission 2019-2020 from</u> [REDACTED]</p> <p>I would like to formally submit a request for Council's 2019-2020 budget to include the cost of preparing and implementing a plan to proactively manage street trees. I make this submission as a resident and ratepayer of some 40 years.</p> <p>Every year Council's spending, and my rates, increase. Yet I do not see a commensurate increase in either services or amenity. Rather, I see a bloated bureaucracy and lots of jobs with titles that give little indication of what their role is regularly advertised in Saturday's Age. Where is the effort to improve efficiency?</p> <p>While fully supporting the Ratepayers Association's submission, I make this very specific submission.</p> <p>The issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since council stopped pollarding the plane trees many years ago, their height, canopy and leaf drop has increased exponentially. The plane trees in Crimea street, already mature when we moved there 30 years ago, have nearly doubled in height</li> <li>• Tree roots are causing damage to footpaths which are, once again, in the process of being levelled and resealed</li> <li>• It is impossible to mow, or take any pride in a front nature strip because of the size of raised tree roots</li> <li>• Many houses in the street have suffered substantial damage to their fences, and in some cases, the house itself, caused by plane roots. Council seems content to wait until an owner lodges a claim before doing anything</li> <li>• The trees are now so tall that, in autumn, their leaves lodge in the gutters of houses, and even 3 storey flats. The blocked gutters and consequent water build up is not evident until it has caused damage to roofs and ceilings. It is unreasonable to expect owners to have to pay to have their gutters cleared when the only leaves in them are from street trees , especially when the height of buildings requires expensive scaffolding for safety reasons</li> <li>• The leaf fall increases each year. Council seems unable to clean the street properly because of the number of cars parked there during</li> </ul>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	24/05/2019 2:33 PM		

the day. When it rains heavily in autumn blocked drains cause the street to be flooded

- Plane tree branches growing over private gardens have turned gardens that received full or part sun into very shaded spaces and, when watering the garden in summer plane roots take much of the water

Would Council please budget for and prepare and implement a proper and pro-active strategy to manage street trees.

The substantial benefits of this request are a reduction in street cleaning costs and in the number and size of property owners claims for damage caused by street trees.