7 Presentation of officer reports

7.5 Public Submissions on the Proposed Budget 2022-23

Executive Summary

<u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the details of the public submissions received in relation to the proposed Budget 2022-23 and provides for the hearing of submissions in accordance with legislative requirements and Council's Community Engagement Policy 2021-26.

Background

The proposed Budget has been prepared with a focus on responsible financial management and is in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989, Local Government Act 2020* and *Australian Accounting Standards*. Boroondara's financial risk rating remains at satisfactory levels according to the Victorian Auditor General's Financial Sustainability Risk Assessment Criteria. A full description of the risk assessment criteria is listed in Council's 2022-23 Budget document.

Adherence to the Boroondara Planning Framework has ensured that the proposed Budget is closely aligned to the Boroondara Community Plan and is an accurate reflection of the services and initiatives that will be resourced in the next financial year to contribute to the strategic objectives as identified in the Plan.

The Budget has been developed in-line with Council's commitment to sustainable budgeting, responsible financial management and the Victorian Government's rate cap for 2022-23. It will ensure Council continues to deliver those facilities and services identified through the extensive consultation undertaken to develop the Boroondara Community Plan.

Key Issues

The proposed Budget 2022-23 received a total of 39 submissions during the public exhibition period, copies of all submissions are included in **Attachment 1**. Thirteen submitters have indicated their intention to speak in support of their submission at the Council Meeting on Monday 6 June 2022.

Submissions are summarised in **Attachment 2** along with officer comments on each submission. Where extensive commentary of a general nature has been made this has not been replicated in the officers' responses attachment.

Attachment 3 provides a snapshot of the proposed Budget 2022-23 feedback survey results which was collected as part of the proposed Budget exhibition for future reference.

Next Steps

All submissions and officer comments to be noted by Council with the the final Budget 2022-23 being presented for adoption, with or without modification, at the Council meeting on the 27 June 2022. Each of the submitters will receive a written response to their submission post the adoption of the Budget 2022-23.

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Officers' recommendation

That Council resolve to

- 1. Receive and note written and oral submissions in relation to the proposed Budget 2022-23 as included in **Attachment 1**.
- 2. Note the officer comments provided in relation to the submissions as outlined in **Attachment 2**.
- 3. Note the Budget survey feedback results in **Attachment 3** to be used for future reference.
- 4. Note the final Budget 2022-23 will be presented for consideration by Council, with or without modification, at the Council Meeting on Monday 27 June 2022.

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Responsible director: Phillip Storer, Chief Executive Officer

1. Purpose

This report includes details of public submissions received in relation to the proposed Budget 2022-23 and provides for the hearing of submissions in accordance with legislative requirements and Council's Community Engagement Policy 2021-26.

2. Policy implications and relevance to community plan and council plan

The proposed Budget has been prepared in accordance with Council policies and the Victorian Government's rate capping legislation.

This report is consistent with the Boroondara Community Plan 2021-31 which incorporates the 10-year Community Vision, the Council Plan 2021–25 and the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021–25. In particular, the theme of Leadership and Governance, Strategic Objective 7 - "Ensure decisions are financially and socially responsible through transparent and ethical processes".

3. Background

The *Local Government Act 2020* provides that a Council must:

- Prepare and adopt a budget for each financial year and subsequent 3 financial years – Section 94(1);
- Ensure that the budget contains financial statements, a general description of the services and initiatives to be funded in the budget, major initiatives identified as priorities in the Council Plan and the total amount to be raised by rates and charges Section 94(2)(a)-(e);
- Develop the budget in accordance with the financial management principles and Council's Community Engagement Policy Section 96(1).

Part 8A - Section 185D of the *Local Government Act 1989* provides for the Minister to set a rate cap by General Order.

The proposed Budget has been prepared with a focus on responsible financial management and is in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989, Local Government Act 2020* and *Australian Accounting Standards*. Boroondara's financial risk rating remains at satisfactory levels according to the Victorian Auditor General's Financial Sustainability Risk Assessment Criteria. A full description of the risk assessment criteria is listed in Council's 2022-23 Budget document.

Adherence to the Boroondara Planning Framework has ensured that the proposed Budget is closely aligned to the Boroondara Community Plan and is an accurate reflection of the services and initiatives that will be resourced in the next financial year to contribute to the strategic objectives as identified in the Plan.

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The Budget is in-line with Council's commitment to sustainable budgeting, responsible financial management and the Victorian Government's rate cap for 2022-23. It will ensure Council continues to deliver those facilities and services identified through the extensive consultation undertaken to develop the Boroondara Community Plan.

The proposed Budget 2022-23 is largely based on a post COVID-19 recovery of normal activity levels. There has been a continued reduction in some services, primarily in user fees and statutory fees and charges, which are anticipated to return to normal activity levels by July 2023. Due to the dynamic health and economic crisis created by the global COVID-19 pandemic, Council will continue to monitor the impacts and be responsive to the city's changing needs with the latest advice and guidance being received from State and Federal Governments in relation to the management of COVID-19.

As part of the development of the Budget, Council works diligently to balance the competing priorities and needs of our residents to provide appropriate infrastructure and services that will contribute to delivering community priorities and place our customers at the centre of everything we do.

The proposed Budget 2022-23 has been developed based on the ideas, aspirations and feedback we heard from our community through consultation in the renewal of the Boroondara Community Plan 2021-31.

4. Outline of key issues/options

In total 39 submissions were received, copies of all submissions are included in **Attachment 1**. Thirteen submitters have indicated their intention to speak in support of their submission at the Council Meeting on Monday 6 June 2022.

Submissions are summarised in **Attachment 2** along with officer comments on each submission. Where extensive commentary of a general nature has been made this has not been replicated in the officers' responses attachment. Each of the submitters will receive a response in writing post the adoption of the Budget 2022-23.

Attachment 3 provides a snapshot of the proposed Budget 2022-23 feedback survey results which was collected as part of the proposed Budget exhibition period.

5. Consultation/communication

Council endorsed the proposed Budget 2022-23 for public exhibition and community consultation in accordance with requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Community Engagement Policy 2021-26 on Tuesday 26 April 2022. Public exhibition commenced on 28 April and concluded on 25 May 2022.

The Communications Strategy led to a range of activities which have been underway to promote the proposed Budget as follows:

- 'Have Your Say' article on the Engage Boroondara webpage which included relevant information, an electronic version of the proposed Budget, a Budget feedback survey and the ability to upload a submission.
- Printed copies were made available at Council's Camberwell Office, 8 Inglesby Road, Camberwell.

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- Articles in the May edition of the Boroondara Bulletin.
- Various promotions through Council's website and social media.

In many cases the feedback provided by the community relates to matters which are being undertaken as a matter of course through the proposed budget. Where this is not the case officers have provided their analysis of the feedback received and indicated whether a change to the budget is required.

6. Financial and resource implications

The financial and resource implications of the budget can be found in the proposed 2022-23 Budget document.

7. Governance issues

The implications of this report have been assessed in accordance with the requirements of the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities.

The officers responsible for this report have no direct or indirect interests requiring disclosure.

8. Social and environmental issues

The allocation of resources in the proposed Budget reflect Council's commitment to community wellbeing. The services and initiatives proposed to be funded in the budget will deliver social and environmental benefits to the community.

9. Conclusion

The proposed Budget 2022-23 is in-line with Council's commitment to sustainable budgeting, responsible financial management and the Victorian Government's rate cap for 2022-23. The Budget will ensure Council continues to deliver those facilities and services identified through the extensive consultation undertaken to develop the Boroondara Community Plan.

The public exhibition period has also provided an opportunity for additional information to be received from the community. Community members may also address Council in support of their submissions.

Manager: Amy Montalti, Chief Financial Officer

Report officer: Leanne Brain, Administration Coordinator

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Copy of Public Submissions Proposed Budget 2022-23

Attachment 1



From: To: Subject: Date: noreply@boroondara.vic.gov.au

Budget Boroondara

Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey Form Submission
Thursday, 28 April 2022 2:03:05 PM

Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey Form **Submission**

There has been a submission of the form Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey through your Engage Boroondara website.

What is your connection to Boroondara?

I live in Boroondara

Theme 1: Community, services and facilities

Theme 2: Parks and Green Spaces

Theme 3: The Environment

Theme 4: Neighbourhood Character and Heritage

50

Theme 5: Moving Around

698

Theme 6: Local Economy

50

Theme 7: Leadership and Governance

You have now allocated your \$1,000 across the community plan themes. Looking at your response, is there a specific suggestion for the draft Budget 2022-23 you would like to recommend to help Council deliver the Boroondara Community Plan?

Public amenities along the walking paths would be most helpful. And alternate bike paths purpose built for riders only so they stop clipping us walkers continuously and blaming us for being in their way even though they never ring their bell to warn us they are behind us.

First name

Jacinta

Surname

Fernandez

Do you wish for your name to be included with your submission?

Yes, I consent to my name becoming part of the public record

If needed, how would you like to be contacted?

Email

Do you wish to speak to Council in support of your submission at the Council Meeting on Monday 6 June 2022?

No

From: To: Subject: Date: noreply@boroondara.vic.gov.au

Budget Boroondara Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey Form Submission Thursday, 28 April 2022 2:20:12 PM

Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey Form **Submission**

There has been a submission of the form Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey through your Engage Boroondara website.

What is your connection to Boroondara?

I live in Boroondara

Theme 1: Community, services and facilities

400

Theme 2: Parks and Green Spaces

Theme 3: The Environment

Theme 4: Neighbourhood Character and Heritage

200

Theme 5: Moving Around

100

Theme 6: Local Economy

100

Theme 7: Leadership and Governance

You have now allocated your \$1,000 across the community plan themes. Looking at your response, is there a specific suggestion for the draft Budget 2022-23 you would like to recommend to help Council deliver the Boroondara Community Plan?

Community services are critical elements of local government. I don't see why good governance requires extra \$\$\$\$ - should be implicit in everything you do. Do you mean without extra resources you won't deliver good governance??????

As for other options, I observe unnecessary or poorly thought out projects - eg ST Jane's Park, rocket, Pridmore Park, Glenferrie parking stations etc.

First name

Miriam

Surname

Faine

Do you wish for your name to be included with your submission?

Yes, I consent to my name becoming part of the public record

If needed, how would you like to be contacted?

Email

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No

noreply@boroondara.vic.gov.au

From: To: Subject: Date: Budget Boroondara

Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey Form Submission
Thursday, 28 April 2022 3:15:30 PM

Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey Form **Submission**

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What is your connection to Boroondara?

I live in Boroondara

Theme 1: Community, services and facilities

50

Theme 2: Parks and Green Spaces

Theme 3: The Environment

100

Theme 4: Neighbourhood Character and Heritage

50

Theme 5: Moving Around

200

Theme 6: Local Economy

80

Theme 7: Leadership and Governance

You have now allocated your \$1,000 across the community plan themes. Looking at your response, is there a specific suggestion for the draft Budget 2022-23 you would like to recommend to help Council deliver the Boroondara Community Plan?

I have allocated \$500 to open parks but this is NOT for ovals or playing fields. Over the last 3 years with covid lockdowns and WFH I walk every day through a number of local parks. Of those I use the Maclay/Myrtle park the most. In this park NOT ONE NEW TREE has been planted. Many have been cut down and removed. Lots of money has gone to ovals and pavilions, yet the vast majority of park users are not on the ovals, but the 'true locals' who walk around the tracks morning, noon and night EVERY day of the week. Every day council trucks come into service the ovals, but RARILY is there work on the areas where the majority of the park is used. Tracks need maintenance and hundreds of new trees need to be planted to create avenues of sun shelter and to replace many old and dying trees. I read in the bulletin about how this council loves trees, but the talk is empty, your actions speak louder than your words. 9 trees were cut down and grubbed out of the Hilda Street reserve over 2 years ago, and not ONE new tree has been planted. I would expect 2 new trees for every one this council salivated at cutting down. And while all these trees are being cut down and removed, and NO new trees being planted, this concrete and steel obsessed council is building new playgrounds in Hilda St reserve, adding yet more buildings to an already overly large pavilion in Maclay Park, have just spent hundreds of thousands if not millions of dollars on 2 ovals at Maclay Park, but they can't even repair the damage to the walking tracks outside of these ovals much less plant more trees. And now the council want to cut down and remove even more trees on the northern side of Maclay/Myrtle Parks to install more concrete and steel for a bike freeway creating further irreputable and permanent damage to the only area of the park with an avenue of tree foliage and large mature trees on either side of the walking track. And this bike path will cross right over a major walking route for hundreds of school children coming in and out of the southern gate of Balwyn High School thereby creating a new safety hazard. And at least when bikes do come down along the tracks you can hear them coming on the gravel although I have yet to hear a safety bell chime as these bikes and silent electric bikes race past. At my age I don't jump too quickly so I trust this council will have lots of insurance for claims for a stupid situation of their own making. There are plenty of nearby roads available for safe bike paths, such as Maud Street. Look after the 'true locals' first, as they are the ones not using their cars to visit a park and stay healthy, yet they are the ones most left out but a poorly managed council pandering to sporting groups where large numbers of visitors have to drive to parks. If you are healthy enough to play a sport on any of these ovals and are a true local, why do you need to drive there? And lastly why does this council never keep storm water drains clear much less suck out the clogged drains of leaves and endless rubbish that is never picked up? I also allocated the second largest amount of the budget to moving around. This has long been a pet

hatred from me to the mismanagement of local traffic parking. The state government spent millions of dollars to widen Balwyn Road down to Canterbury some years ago for 'Bike Paths'. The day the work was finished it was instantly filled with parked cars thereby instantly relegating these bike paths useless. How many of you would let your children ride down Balwyn Road, say from Whitehorse Road to Canterbury Road and they have to go out and around all the cars parked in the bike lanes? It's barely wide enough for two cars and you have to play 'chicken' to drive down this road (because that's how Boroondara Council like it), and what's the point of having bike paths that are so dangerous? And that's just one road of many. Simple: "CLEAR THE ROADS". I've argued with your traffic management team about the way this council allow Netball users park so close at the top end of Hilda Street, Balwyn near Belmore Road that they are adjacent to the unbroken white line at the intersection of Hilda St and Belmore Roads. Hilda Street vehicle users can't get to the top of the street to get out onto Belmore Road, and often vehicle users on Belmore Road can't enter Hilda Street. If the netball families are fit enough to play competition netball, surely they are fit enough to walk from 10 metres back if they had to park that little bit further down Hilda Street??? So many simple, common sense solutions to a plethora of problems of this councils own mismanagement and poor priorities. I hope my input can shift or change the funding to better look after the 'true locals' and be more proactive in keeping them safe and healthy, and to be able to enjoy true bushland in our local parks rather than having to get in a car to get to better managed parks beyond Boroondara.

First name

Michael

Surname

Daly

Do you wish for your name to be included with your submission?

Yes, I consent to my name becoming part of the public record

If needed, how would you like to be contacted?

Email

Do you wish to speak to Council in support of your submission at the Council Meeting on Monday 6 June 2022?

Yes

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Budget Boroondara Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey Form Submission Friday, 29 April 2022 10:09:30 AM

Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey Form **Submission**

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What is your connection to Boroondara?

I live in Boroondara

Theme 1: Community, services and facilities

200

Theme 2: Parks and Green Spaces

200

Theme 3: The Environment

Theme 4: Neighbourhood Character and Heritage

Theme 5: Moving Around

200

Theme 6: Local Economy

50

Theme 7: Leadership and Governance

You have now allocated your \$1,000 across the community plan themes. Looking at your response, is there a specific suggestion for the draft Budget 2022-23 you would like to recommend to help Council deliver the Boroondara Community Plan?

Moving around. Mini bike parts have sections that require cyclists to dismount. Planning should be undertaken to have the sections removed so that cyclists are not being required to dismount. This will make cycling as a method of getting around using the boat parts far more affective.

Parks gardens and the environment. Boroondara is lucky to have great parks in and around the area; however, they require constant maintenance which should be a priority to ensure these public spaces which during the lockdowns were essential for people's mental health are maintained at the highest level And meet the Public's need.

First name

Matthew

Surname

Morrison

Do you wish for your name to be included with your submission?

Yes, I consent to my name becoming part of the public record

If needed, how would you like to be contacted?

Email

Do you wish to speak to Council in support of your submission at the Council Meeting on Monday 6 June 2022?

Yes

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Budget Boroondara Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey Form Submission Friday, 6 May 2022 8:42:04 AM

Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey Form **Submission**

There has been a submission of the form Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey through your Engage Boroondara website.

What is your connection to Boroondara?

I live in Boroondara

Theme 1: Community, services and facilities

1000

Theme 2: Parks and Green Spaces

1000

Theme 3: The Environment

Theme 4: Neighbourhood Character and Heritage

Theme 5: Moving Around

1000

Theme 6: Local Economy

750

Theme 7: Leadership and Governance

You have now allocated your \$1,000 across the community plan themes. Looking at your response, is there a specific suggestion for the draft Budget 2022-23 you would like to recommend to help Council deliver the Boroondara Community Plan?

Visiting library services.

First name

Stephen

Surname

Phillips

Do you wish for your name to be included with your submission?

Yes, I consent to my name becoming part of the public record

If needed, how would you like to be contacted?

Email

Do you wish to speak to Council in support of your submission at the Council Meeting on Monday 6 June 2022?

No

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Budget Boroondara Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey Form Submission Friday, 6 May 2022 8:42:16 AM

Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey Form **Submission**

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What is your connection to Boroondara?

I live in Boroondara

Theme 1: Community, services and facilities

100

Theme 2: Parks and Green Spaces

100

Theme 3: The Environment

Theme 4: Neighbourhood Character and Heritage

Theme 5: Moving Around

100

Theme 6: Local Economy

50

Theme 7: Leadership and Governance

You have now allocated your \$1,000 across the community plan themes. Looking at your response, is there a specific suggestion for the draft Budget 2022-23 you would like to recommend to help Council deliver the Boroondara Community Plan?

Theme 4: moratorium on moonscaping, i.e. pulling down servicable houses and removing all green vegetation; introduce and enforce reduced maximum ratio of house footprint to size of block; overshadowing also to be taken into consideration; reintroduce independent building surveyors to vet the quality of new housing, i.e. stop the building of instant slums which we are seeing arise in our neighborhoods; develop and maintain a database of unoccupied houses, old and new, and empty blocks which quickly become a blight on our neighborhoods, and apply the tax penalty for empty properties which I believe was introduced a number of years ago;

include in the plans consideration for ALL neighborhoods of Boroondara, not just high profile "heritage" areas

In short: protect our amenities and neighborhoods from further erosion by individuals who seem to have little appreciation for what our suburbs are all about and are being allowed to change them beyond recognition

First name

Surname

Do you wish for your name to be included with your submission? No, I would prefer to make my submission private

If needed, how would you like to be contacted? Email

noreply@boroondara.vic.gov.au

From: To: Subject: Date: Budget Boroondara Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey Form Submission Friday, 6 May 2022 8:42:16 AM

Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey Form **Submission**

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What is your connection to Boroondara?

I live in Boroondara

Theme 1: Community, services and facilities

142.85

Theme 2: Parks and Green Spaces

142.85

Theme 3: The Environment

Theme 4: Neighbourhood Character and Heritage

Theme 5: Moving Around

142.85

Theme 6: Local Economy

142.85

Theme 7: Leadership and Governance

142.85

You have now allocated your \$1,000 across the community plan themes. Looking at your response, is there a specific suggestion for the draft Budget 2022-23 you would like to recommend to help Council deliver the Boroondara Community Plan?

Cant understand why anyone would waster \$4m on Tuck Stand, I would have thought there might be a mention of any cost of Freeway Golf Course redevelopment but could not find any.

First name

Surname

Do you wish for your name to be included with your submission? No, I would prefer to make my submission private

If needed, how would you like to be contacted? Post

Do you wish to speak to Council in support of your submission at the Council Meeting on Monday 6 June 2022?
No

From: To: Subject: Date:

noreply@boroondara.vic.gov.au Budget Boroondara Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey Form Submission Saturday, 7 May 2022 11:47:14 AM

Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey Form **Submission**

There has been a submission of the form Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey through your Engage Boroondara website.

What is your connection to Boroondara?

I live in Boroondara

Theme 1: Community, services and facilities

130

Theme 2: Parks and Green Spaces

130

Theme 3: The Environment

Theme 4: Neighbourhood Character and Heritage

Theme 5: Moving Around

Theme 6: Local Economy

160

Theme 7: Leadership and Governance

You have now allocated your \$1,000 across the community plan themes. Looking at your response, is there a specific suggestion for the draft Budget 2022-23 you would like to recommend to help Council deliver the Boroondara Community Plan?

Think you're doing a good job though do regret fact that all blocks are totally cleared when redeveloping so tree cover greatly reduced and area allocated for permeable land so small. Suggest minimum of 1 tree to grow above roof height for all properties should be considered. My only suggestion is for future consideration of underground power so that, ultimately, tree pruning will be a reduced cost and suburbs will look better. Totally understand this is enormous cost but there have been several missed opportunities as when cables placed.

As an aside, money has been wasted on footpaths in Wentworth Avenue because different council sections have re-surfaced same parts in a relatively short time a few years ago. Specific sections by one department then entire length with some new crossovers a few months later!

Thanks for listening and sorry can't come to meeting because away. Annie James.

First name

annie

Surname

james

Do you wish for your name to be included with your submission?

Yes, I consent to my name becoming part of the public record

If needed, how would you like to be contacted?

Email

Email

Do you wish to speak to Council in support of your submission at the Council Meeting on Monday 6 June 2022?

No

From: To: Subject: Date:

noreply@boroondara.vic.gov.au Budget Boroondara Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey Form Submission Tuesday, 10 May 2022 4:14:13 PM

Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey Form **Submission**

There has been a submission of the form Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey through your Engage Boroondara website.

What is your connection to Boroondara?

I live in Boroondara

Theme 1: Community, services and facilities

250

Theme 2: Parks and Green Spaces

Theme 3: The Environment

250

Theme 4: Neighbourhood Character and Heritage

Theme 5: Moving Around

250

Theme 6: Local Economy

Theme 7: Leadership and Governance

You have now allocated your \$1,000 across the community plan themes. Looking at your response, is there a specific suggestion for the draft Budget 2022-23 you would like to recommend to help Council deliver the Boroondara Community Plan?

The main issue for me is social housing. I understand this is a Federal, State and Municipal issue but I want to see more of the budget allocated to social housing for families and individuals. I am lucky enough to own my own flat in Hawthorn East. Across the road the sporting pavilion in Rathmines Reserve has been totally rebuilt as has the complex in Victoria Road, at huge cost......I respect the need for sporting infrastructure but people need homes to give them a secure, safe base to build a life. Shopping precincts are also important but where are your priorities. I only filled in the above so I could express my priority.

First name

Louise

Surname

Mitchell

Do you wish for your name to be included with your submission?

Yes, I consent to my name becoming part of the public record

If needed, how would you like to be contacted?

Email

Email

Do you wish to speak to Council in support of your submission at the Council Meeting on Monday 6 June 2022?

No

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Budget Boroondara

Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey Form Submission
Wednesday, 11 May 2022 5:37:15 PM

Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey Form

Submission There has been a submission of the form Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey

through your Engage Boroondara website.

What is your connection to Boroondara? I live in Boroondara

Theme 1: Community, services and facilities

Theme 2: Parks and Green Spaces

Theme 3: The Environment

200

Theme 4: Neighbourhood Character and Heritage

100

Theme 5: Moving Around

150

Theme 6: Local Economy

100

Theme 7: Leadership and Governance

You have now allocated your \$1,000 across the community plan themes. Looking at your response, is there a specific suggestion for the draft Budget 2022-23 you would like to recommend to help Council deliver the Boroondara Community Plan?

Theme 5. Moving Around.

Lot of street lights are old and its dark during winter times. Do you have plans to change them to LED and evenly distribute the light poles?

And importantly, I don't understand why we create Bike lanes and cars are parked in there. Examples are Mont Albert and Balwyn Road. Both are single lanes one way and cars parked in the bike lanes are obstructing Cyclists and cars/ traffic. Its really risky and many accidents can be avoided.

First name

Vjjay

Surname

R

Do you wish for your name to be included with your submission?

Yes, I consent to my name becoming part of the public record

If needed, how would you like to be contacted?

Email

Email

Do you wish to speak to Council in support of your submission at the Council Meeting on Monday 6 June 2022?

Yes

From: To: Subject: Date:

noreply@boroondara.vic.gov.au Budget Boroondara Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey Form Submission Wednesday, 11 May 2022 9:57:16 PM

Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey Form **Submission**

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What is your connection to Boroondara?

I live in Boroondara

Theme 1: Community, services and facilities 1000

Theme 2: Parks and Green Spaces

Theme 3: The Environment

Theme 4: Neighbourhood Character and Heritage

Theme 5: Moving Around

Theme 6: Local Economy

Theme 7: Leadership and Governance

You have now allocated your \$1,000 across the community plan themes. Looking at your response, is there a specific suggestion for the draft Budget 2022-23 you would like to recommend to help Council deliver the Boroondara Community Plan?

It is truly disappointing to see that the council are proposing to spend \$17 million upgrading the Kew library. I love libraries, but strongly believe they should be considered and used as a community hub and meeting place. This is achieved more effectively by locating libraries in existing community centres. For example Knox council are building their library in the Knox shopping centre, Yarra Ranges have a library in the Box Hill Tafe Lilydale campus.

Before simply upgrading the existing Kew library, consider relocating the library to a location we're community are already based, for example locating the library in the new Kew Recreation centre, or as an addition to the kindergartens or maternal child health centres owned by the council. This outside the square and use the funds more effectively.

First name

Kerrie

Surname

Jordan

Do you wish for your name to be included with your submission?

Yes, I consent to my name becoming part of the public record

If needed, how would you like to be contacted?

Email

Email

Do you wish to speak to Council in support of your submission at the Council Meeting on Monday 6 June 2022?

No

From: To: Subject: Date:

noreply@boroondara.vic.gov.au Budget Boroondara Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey Form Submission Friday, 13 May 2022 10:44:13 AM

Draft Budget 2022-23 feedback survey Form **Submission**

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What is your connection to Boroondara?

I live in Boroondara

Theme 1: Community, services and facilities

100

Theme 2: Parks and Green Spaces

200

Theme 3: The Environment

Theme 4: Neighbourhood Character and Heritage

Theme 5: Moving Around

210

Theme 6: Local Economy

200

Theme 7: Leadership and Governance

You have now allocated your \$1,000 across the community plan themes. Looking at your response, is there a specific suggestion for the draft Budget 2022-23 you would like to recommend to help Council deliver the Boroondara Community Plan?

Themes 2, 5 and 6 are particularly important to me.

I agree with the greening/tree planting initiatives.

For the moving around option we definitely need more on road cycling options that are not completely useless because of parked cars. Burwood road, glenferrie road, auburn road, and riversdale road are roads that completely are very important for getting around Hawthorn but they have no or very little useful bike infrastructure. I would like to buy a bike but I know I wouldn't be able to get anywhere without getting directly in these roads amongst the traffic and slowing down honking drivers. I think cycling would increase significantly if arterial like those mentioned above had physically separated (bolards, curbs) bike paths that cars could not park in.

And for point 6 I like initiatives to bring in outdoor dining, and reduce noisy car traffic on major shopping roads that make it hard to cross roads, walk around, etc.

First name

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Theme 1: Community, services and facilities

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Theme 2: Parks and Green Spaces

Theme 3: The Environment

Theme 4: Neighbourhood Character and Heritage

Theme 5: Moving Around

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Theme 6: Local Economy

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Theme 7: Leadership and Governance

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Anniversary Trail needs major work. At Ashburton cyclists ride at street speed. They do not "dismount" at pedestrian areas and demand right of way on the footpath of High Street. Don't use "dismount" as noone knows what it means. Use Get off your bike. Speed humps would fix the speed danger and would be ok for pedestrians who are the poor cousins in the shared path. Or have zigzag channelling fencing

First name

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Theme 2: Parks and Green Spaces

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Theme 3: The Environment

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Theme 4: Neighbourhood Character and Heritage

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Without knowing more about Council costs, I find it impossible to suggest how funds should be allocated across the community plan themes. My concern/feedback about the budget is better explained in the attached file.

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Yes

Comments on Boroondara Council's Proposed Budget 2022-23

By Ian Penrose,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Council's proposed budget 2022-23.

The document states in its introduction that as "our population grows the demand for services increases"; then in the first paragraph of its executive summary that there are "additional demands placed upon Council by a growing population"; then on page 60 "population is a key driver of a Council's ability to fund the delivery of services to the community."

Clearly, population growth is a challenge for the Council. But it also impacts adversely on residents' amenity, quality of life, and the natural environment. It is arguably not possible to stabilise the city's environmental footprint (a prerequisite of sustainability) if its population continues to grow.

The forecast growth from last year of about 1% is perhaps modest and manageable. But it is occurring year after year so, for every one of the above impacted areas, it is a "death by a thousand cuts". For these reasons, **the population assumptions in the budget warrant a clear explanation and discussion.** However, I can find neither.

The only relevant reference I can find is in the associated document, the *Boroondara Community Plan 2021-31*, where the population is forecast to rise from an estimated 183,023 in 2020 to 197,734 in 2031, an increase of 8%. The forecast was provided by Id Consulting (2021), not by the community and in no way reflects the community's wishes. According to Id Consulting's web pages, "The addition of dwellings to the housing stock is a major driver of population growth"; and "Id's forecasters worked with Council planners" to forecast the increase in dwellings and thus the increase in population.

Thus, in effect, the city's population growth is being driven by the development industry. It is not being driven by the wishes of the broader community nor the Council. In fact, as argued above, the community and Council both suffer from the growth. To reinforce this unsatisfactory situation in the budget is not the forward thinking and leadership that the community expects of its council.

I don't want to halt residential renewal, but I do challenge the presumption that the city's population and number of dwellings should continue to grow, especially when that growth is not in the best interests of the community. Here are my suggested changes to the budget document.

- 1. State clearly the budget's population forecast and its derivation, then explain that any population growth makes it more difficult for the Council to fund its important services, makes it more difficult for the city to maintain, let alone reduce, its environmental footprint, and that it decreases the green space per capita, increases traffic congestion, creates more conflict over the protection of streetscapes and heritage ... the list goes on. Therefore....
- 2. State that one of the Council's objectives is to stabilise the city's population.
- 3. The Victorian and Commonwealth governments have control over population at their levels, but Council in NOT impotent at the city level. It has direct control over planning approvals of residential developments, the major driver of population growth, and should commit to firmly apply those controls to achieve this strategic objective.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment. I welcome further discussion.

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Theme 2: Parks and Green Spaces

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Theme 3: The Environment

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Theme 4: Neighbourhood Character and Heritage

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Theme 5: Moving Around

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Theme 6: Local Economy

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Theme 7: Leadership and Governance

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Dear council,

In regards to Theme 4, I am concerned about our character and heritage and how it is rapidly shifting.

For example, I am concerned at the gradual decline in street appeal and cultural shift of Balwyn shopping strip and Balwyn/ Deepdene in general. There are multiple Chinese shops, of little appeal, where English is often not spoken/understood. This detracts from the character of Boroondara and is not inclusive to all residents. Recently, a 'live seafood shop' has opened, which is unappealing on many levels. Signage on shopfronts should be in English.

The area has seen a cultural shift over the years and I don't think it's improving Boroondara. WHAT CAN BE DONE TO ENCOURAGE A CULTURAL BALANCE? Speaking for myself, I am concerned Boroondara may become more and more like Box Hill Central or Victoria Road, Richmond. Whislt I love visiting these areas, is this the direction coucil envisages for our area too?

The landscaping and art work near the newsagent is comendable- however the rest of the strip needs much improvement particularly on the right hand side if traveling towards Box Hill.

Glenferrie Road, particularly on the right hand side travelling toward Malvern, around train station needs some attention with cleaning and landscaping.

Kind regards,

Teresa Ewart

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Theme 6: Local Economy

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I think council should install an electric vehicle charging station at each of its suburban shopping strips and major playgrounds. This will provide a service for the community while helping the environment. EVs take 90 minutes to charge so this will encourage the use of green spaces and local shops while drivers wait and encourage visitors to the area. It will also show council leadership in encouraging sustainable choices in the community.

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Theme 2: Parks and Green Spaces

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Theme 3: The Environment

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Theme 6: Local Economy

Theme 7: Leadership and Governance

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I have prioritized Parks and Green Spaces as I believe council should be purchasing and greening new parks instead of just maintaining existing ones. An ever increasing population and many living in new high rises with no gardens creates an obvious need. Mental health, fitness and general well being and socializing needs more parks and gardens. I am not meaning more sporting facilities as they are already well catered for. I would add that last year at the Community Forums this was constantly brought up. Council has not mentioned this. Covid has highlighted how important public green open space is.

Regarding the environment theme I would caution council that planting many new trees is only part of the job. Maintaining a future canopy tree requires dedication over a minimum of 7 years which needs to be part of this budget. Being more vigilant of existing trees so they are not lost would be fiscally prudent also as it would contribute positively to the environmental credentials of council in a meaningful way.

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Submission 18 First name Surname Wilkinson Do you wish for your name to be included with your submission? Yes, I consent to my name becoming part of the public record If needed, how would you like to be contacted? Email Email Do you wish to speak to Council in support of your submission at the Council

Comments on Draft Budget FY 22-23 Boroondara Council

Prepared by: Resident Tim Wilkinson

Comments of a General Nature

- 1. It is difficult to make meaningful comments about the budget when responses at not received from BCC to questions raised in writing seeking an explanation as to the scope of work/activities that will be covered by specific line item expenditure. The written request was submitted after requesting assistance by phone as to how I could seek this information. Whilst happy to make a written submission ,what surprised me that the individual I spoke to had no access to or knowledge at a high level of what was included in in particular capital projects. My request was submitted on May 19 and at14h28 on 20 May I had response from only 50 percent of my queries
- 2. Question two seems irrelevant to me and needs more explanation . For this reason I have not included a meaning full answer. ie there is a need for communication improvement on its purpose.

Theme One

Projects such as the Canterbury Community Precinct are filling a gap that BCC should be congratulated on and I for one support this project whole heatedly.

What is missing however is meaningful communication to the community at large and community groups impacted by the facility on decisions that have been made around operational matters.

Further, from my lifetime work experience, I know that design and planning before entering project execution are the key to successful project delivery. This appears to be missing on this project. Maybe there are some lessons her for future project delivery!

Theme Two

Another theme on which BCC are congratulated and I am supportive of.

Suggestions for improvement under this heading are;

- Make decisions to support existing facilities better whilst at the same time save money maintaining existing infrastructure. [The best example I can give to demonstrate this are the long established garden beds in the Maling road precinct including Theatre Place. None of these gardens have readily available BCC watering points available. As a result in the past year we have seen trees die in the parquet opposite 80 Maling road and plantings in a number of the beds] The solution in this case should be obvious provide water outlets which in the medium to longer term will not only save costs but enhance the existing streetscape.
- Make better use of volunteer groups to support garden maintenance and development teams under the BCC volunteer program

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Comments on Draft Budget FY 22-23 Boroondara Council

Ensure plantings are protected from vandalism particularly expensive trees. A key
example of this was problems experienced in 2021 which was resolved by introducing
risk management solutions including bette vandalism protection during installation and
on going monitoring.

Theme 3

The initiatives undertaken to date are commended

Opportunities should be taken by BCC to take every step they can to facilitate achievement of sustainable commercial and industrial practices within the Council area.

Theme 4 Neighbourhood Character & Heritage Theme 6 Local Economy

The delivery of the Maling Road Place Plan [MRPP] by BCC several years ago is commended and I for one am a strong supporter of this initiative.

We have seen a number of good initiatives such as the Heritage facade maintenance, postal lane upgrade and shortly to be implemented initiative of a mural at 80 Maling road. Information on the mural design has been restricted over the preceding years despite repeated requests for additional information. Despite significant input be a number of community members to the design, the community was only presented with fait accomplice 11 days before implementation commenced. This reflects poorly on BCC implementation of Theme 7 and has caused angst among some community members.

We have also seen initiatives involving Theatre place garden upgrade completed under the auspices of the BCC volunteer program and work around the Canterbury Station undertaken by Canterbury stationers volunteer a group sponsored by Canterbury Community action group. Water to support these gardening works has relied on water supplied by traders but supply of water should be the responsibility of BCC. A request has been made via our councillor for assistance on this matter.

Despite these gains, I have been surprised to see that only 234 K has been allowed over the next four financial years for implementation works. This delay reflects poorly on BCC given the commitment to implementation implied from the MRPP prepared by BCC

Comments on Draft Budget FY 22-23 Boroondara Council

Whilst I understand that eventual MRPP implementation will include streetscape changes ,more could be done in the short term by providing water outlet adjacent to existing gardens and BCC facilities such the parklet at 80 Maling road. Provision of water would benefit street ambience with more vibrant gardens and save money to BCC caused by loss of trees and other vegetation of which tree loss in the parklet is a key example.

Comment on the line item for expenditure of a further \$250 on working with Maling road precinct traders cannot be commented on as I have been unable to obtain information on what is planned.

Theme 5 Moving Around

Undoubtedly the lighting upgrades are needed.

The extent of expenditure under this heading on development works appears minimal from documentation available on the engage Boroondara page.

I would be supportive of better cycle path coverage which would allow pedestian/cyclist separation.

Theme 7: Leadership and Governance

This area needs to be a key focus for BCC and Councillors if this strategic objective is to be achieved as opportunity exists for significant improvement.

My current experience is that within the executive team there are many examples of people who are ensuring that service deliveries are met whilst others do not. Similarly the same exists for Councillors.

A significant issue is the existence of silo's within Council which sometimes need the input of Councillors to resolve.

As mentioned earlier there are some BCC communication gaps such as those referenced under Themes 4 and 6. The impression that one gains is that this is a deliberate strategy on the part of some individuals participating in the communication process and is certainly not what I would expect if the strategic objectives under this theme are to be met.

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Theme 6: Local Economy

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Theme 7: Leadership and Governance

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Accessible public transport in Boroondara is essential. The tram network has almost no accessible tram stops yet has low floor trams on Route 109 and possibly elsewhere. Upgrading key stops with platforms is difficult and costly but also requires local urban design planning. There are no active plans underway. Council should collaborate with State Govt to develop a Strategic Plan for all stops in the Municipality now, and get on with implementing most of them over the next 5 years. There are many successful design options available now. The State can fund most of them with Council contributions.

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I am glad to see a focus on active transport in section 5. Three specific suggestions to make sure that this priority is effectively carried out, would be:

Off-road bike paths need to be improved for drainage. On the Gardiner's Creek trail, recent widening works between Burke Road and Great Valley Road have ineffective drainage, and the section between Burke Road and Toorak Road is especially badly drained. Silt removal works last year at the Toorak Road underpass were ineffective, and do not address the fundamental design flaw, that the creek widens, reducing flow velocity at the precise spot that the bike path is vulnerable to siltation. This needs to be readdressed with a permanent and effective solution, so that the bike path is not inundated after small rain events.

The first priority for new and existing on-road bike lanes should be for them to be protected by physical barriers from the road. Paint on roads does not provide protection from cars, and often encourages cyclists to ride in the most dangerous part of the road, where they are sandwiched between parked car doors, and moving traffic. This type of bike lane does not empower unconfident cyclists to take up bike riding as an active transport option.

Road surface quality in bike lanes should be a top priority. Bikes are particularly vulnerable (compared to cars) to potholes, and debris, which is frequently strewn at the side of the road, where bike lanes are. Improving road surfaces in existing bike lanes is therefore important. A particular example of where these surfaces are grossly inadequate is the section of Burwood Rd and Camberwell Rd between Power St and Camberwell Junction. (This section does not have a bike lane, but is used by bike riders, and has some road markings suggesting that, such as bike boxes at intersections.

First name

Linus

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Safety and inclusivity are mentioned in Themes 1 and 5. The emphasis on developing 'shared paths' in parks and reserves is at odds with this, however. 'Shared paths' are dangerous for pedestrians and should be phased out, not increased. Adult cyclists travelling at speed are rarely policed, and so undermine pedestrians' safety and relaxation.

I would also like to see a ban on owners/gardeners blowing leaf debris onto roads. This ends up in drains and waterways, and also increases risks of drains becoming blocked. Money allocated towards drainage upgrades could be decreased if this simple initiative was implemented.

Planting trees is important (Theme 2), but more needs to be done to stop trees being removed on private properties. This could include much higher penalties for illegal tree removal, more legal protection of period homes and gardens, and greater incentives given to owners to protect their homes and gardens. An established tree (which has stood the test of time and has many benefits to wildlife in terms of food and shelter) is worth much more than a young tree. In addition, there needs to be less encroachment on our parks and green spaces through the development of carparks, shared paths and lighting. These reduce the amount of space available to wildlife, and increase the amount of disturbance. This would seem to be incompatible with Council's commitment to biodiversity. As well, the choice of trees being planted in parks needs to be more diverse in terms of both species and size. Too often, parks have a 'lollipop' design - where stand-alone eucalyptus trees and grass dominate. This allows for easy maintenance, but does not enhance biodiversity. The problem 'Noisy Miner' bird species, for example, thrives in this habitat, and its success is driving out smaller birds and hence impacting on biodiversity. Greater consideration needs to be given to connected canopies and shrubby understoreys.

Addressing climate change (Theme 3) should not just be about renewables - it needs to address the fact that the ongoing demolition of our period homes and established gardens is contributing substantially to greenhouse gas emissions and hence climate change. Greater legal protection of these assets needs to be given. The 'greenest' properties are, in fact, the ones we already have. Greater penalties for the illegal removal of trees also need to be given.

I agree with most of the initiatives in relation to Neighbourhood Character and Heritage (Theme 4). I would like these to be much stronger, however. Something is clearly not working if, as I understand it, Boroondara had the highest number of demolished properties in metropolitan Melbourne last year. The fact that period homes and gardens are also effective 'weapons' in the fight against climate change could also be included here (when demolished, greenhouse gases are released; landfill is increased; and greenhouse gases are used in construction of new building, etc). Such an argument should be used to implement more planning controls and heritage protection, both within Council and through advocacy to the State Government. I would also like to see more money allocated to providing incentives to owners to conserve their period home and garden rather than demolishing it. I would also suggest allocating some of Council's budget to acquiring a property which illustrates the 'green' credentials of period homes and gardens - such as verandahs, eaves, pitched roofs, thick insulating walls, established gardens - which could be visited by members of the public and schools, and thereby play an educational role.

In terms of Theme 7, I welcome more transparent and ethical processes, as well as an improvement in turnaround time to customer requests. Whilst I have found the 'Keep Boroondara Beautiful' initiative to be excellent, emails and phone calls to Council have rarely the same efficient response. Council officers take a long time to respond to emails, for example, and when they do they often don't answer the question fully. If you want this response clarified, you are then sent to the end of the queue again, or sometimes don't get a reply at all.

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I want a heritage department to be set up which could:

- develop and implement long term heritage conservation and promotion strategies
- review heritage Gap study results and identifying further work to be done
- support the Heritage Advisory Committee
- develop communication strategy for heritage to residents, business owners and visitors
- review and make recommendations to change the planning scheme to improve conservation of heritage places and precincts
- develop long term conservation strategies for important local heritage precincts
- liaise with community to facilitate efficient and effective community nominations
- liaise with local community to implement activities to further develop understanding and appreciation of our local heritage
- develop submissions to government and DELWP for refinements to heritage regulations
- develop and implement a heritage plaques and marker plan
- bench mark with other councils with best practice heritage approaches to develop the above
- A need to set aside enough funds to fully implement the 2016 Heritage Action plan

First name

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Allen

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See attached submission (noting the full submission with appendices have been submitted directly to Mr Storer and Ms McClean

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Budget Submission South Oval Upgrade Victoria Park Kew 24 May 2022.pdf

First name

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Yes



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Dear Phillip

Boroondara City Council 2022-2023 Draft Budget

The Kew Football Club is pleased to provide the following written submission following a detailed review of the City of Boroondara Council 2022-2023 Draft Budget.

Background and Context

As Council would be aware, the Kew Football Club entered in an Agreement with the Australian Government Department of Health, which included the following project activities:

- Improvement to facilities to allow for increased usage of the club by junior and senior women's AFL teams.
- An upgrade of the upper oval including increasing the length to meeting minimum ground size requirement for women's AFL matches, new oval surface, new perimeter fence, and drainage works.

The Department of Health Agreement provided Kew Football Club a grant of \$250,000.

Since the project's inception in December 2019, the Kew Football Club has been working closely with Boroondara City Council, which has included community consultation, fortnightly project team meetings with numerous Council officers and co-engagement of various contractors and experts.

Kew Football Club

Victoria Park, Kew has served as the home of the Kew Football Club (established in 1876) since 1889. The venue continues to be the home of the Kew Football Club for home matches and training.

The Club specifically refers to the importance of the venue and its playing facilities in its Strategic Plan as part of the Club's commitment to:

Providing a strong, safe and inclusive environment for both men's and women's football, which
allows players, coaches, administrators, sponsors, volunteers and supporters to enjoy the game
and achieve their sporting goals in a community club environment.

The Club founded its women's program in 2014 and since its inception, hundreds of females have represented the Club.

In the current 2022 season, the Club is fielding 2 female and 4 male teams. Future years we expect this will grow to 3 female and 5 male teams.



Both the male and female programs compete within the Victorian Amateur Football Association (**VAFA**), with the female teams playing in the VAFA Premier competition.

Project Vision

The vision of the project is:

 Increase female participation in sport and to make Victoria Park South Oval the premier home of woman's football within the VAFA.

Through consultation with the VAFA, Council and fellow Victoria Park South Oval tenants (Kew Comets Junior Football Club and Kew Cricket Club), it was acknowledged that the size and shape of the oval was not conducive to premier womens football, and therefore to achieve the project vision in line with the funding Agreement, the scope of works associated with the project was to increase the field of play.

Scope of Works

Specifically, the proposed works are primarily located around the southern perimeter of the oval and include:

- Increase the field of play by approximately 1,000 square metres, which represent a little over 1% of the available land at Victoria Park.
- Removal of the existing bluestone retaining wall (which represents a safety risk in its current condition).
- Ancillary works to include new fencing, goal posts, drainage and irrigation.

The scope of works also has benefits to the fellow tenants and the wider community.

Importantly, in respect to the bluestone retaining wall, the Victoria Park Concept Master Plan (adopted by Council in 2007) notes the following (page 38):

Design Objectives	Issues	Recommended Actions
Secondary Oval - Ensure that any oval meets the needs of the sporting clubs using the facility. - Provide for community use of oval outside of club use requirements	Irregular fence location and alignment safety issues related to proximity of retaining wall to playing surface	 Protect mature trees along oval boundary. Assess safety issues with existing retaining wall and determine action.

To date, Council have been unable to advise, what, if any, works have been undertaken to resolve the issue identified above.

The oval design is attached at **Appendix 1**.

Works Undertaken to Date, funded by the Kew Football Club

To date, the following works associated with the project have been undertaken and successfully completed:

- Arboricultural assessment
- Geotechnical assessment
- Irrigation pressure and flow analysis
- Layout design and concepts
- Utility investigations

Community Consultation

The project underwent community consultation in July 2021.

The feedback received by Council was overwhelmingly positive, and Council officers provided Council's in-principal support for this important community project to proceed.

Cost of Works

The total cost of the project was originally \$240,517 and therefore within the scope of the funding provided by the Agreement with the Federal Government.

As part of the ongoing evolution of the project, detailed design, the significant escalation in construction costs brought on by the global pandemic, the cost of the project is now \$365,553.

The cost of the project has been resolved in consultation with Council officers, with an opinion of probable cost as reviewed included as **Appendix 2**.

Submission on Draft Budget

To assist in the delivery of the important project, the Kew Football Club is willing to make a co-contribution to improve Council's asset and the Kew Football Club respectfully requests the allocation of \$115,000 within the upcoming 2022-2023 Council budget to facilitate the completion of this project for the 2023 women's football season.

More specifically, the provision of funding for the project is considered appropriate for the following reasons:

- This is a once in a generation opportunity to improve Council's asset given the significant funding that has been contributed by the Federal Government. To which, the Club has an obligation to deliver the best outcome under the Agreement.
- As the project has progressed through various site investigations and detailed designs, one of the original concept designs has been recognised as a sub-standard outcome. The final design represents a significantly better outcome for not only match days, as well as importantly provides a greater training area for <u>all</u> the tenant clubs (not just football), who utilise the ovals almost every day of the week for training multiple sides at once all year around.
- Relevantly, when the ground is not being used for training or on match days, the increase in oval size presents more opportunities for community activities, which is otherwise currently largely unusable space for the community.

- A significant amount of work has already gone into the project, including various iterations of the
 project scope, project team meetings with Council officers and community consultation. To that
 end, there is now certainty on the total project cost and that the project can be delivered for the
 upcoming 2023 season.
- The project scope aligns with key objectives of Council and will complement female-friendly facilities that have recently been installed at the oval and throughout the Municipality.
- The investment in facilities will assist in improving the physical and mental health of Boroondara constituents through access to open space and the continued growth of the Kew Football Club.
- Importantly, the request for funding aligns with Theme 1 (Community, services and facilities) and Theme 2 (Parks and green spaces) as outlined within the Draft Budget.
- The request for funding will not unreasonably impact the Council budget (noting an estimate \$10.64 million surplus) and can be accommodated within "Sportsground reconstruction program" whereby \$1,051,000 has been allocated.
- The scope of the project has been supported by the Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA), who recognised that the oval in its current state does not cater for the needs of the Club and includes a safety risk (bluestone retaining wall). See attached **Appendix 3**.
- Completion of this project will cater for the continued increase of local women's football
 participants at an <u>existing</u> Council asset when there are high demands on other AFL ovals in the
 municipality.
- Finally, completion of this Project will permit Council's other planned separate upgrades at the South Oval to finally occur (likely contemporaneously), including new perimeter fencing and new coaches boxes.

Conclusion

The Kew Football Club remains incredibly thankful for the continued support provided by the Council officers, and we look forward to continuing to work together to achieve the vital project and complete the scope of works after 3 years of collective effort in readiness for the upcoming 2023 womens football season.

If you have any questions in relation to this submission, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Cochrane at

Yours sincerely





APPENDIX 1 – Project Design



APPENDIX 2 – Opinion of Probable Cost & OPC reviewed by Council Officers



APPENDIX 3 - VAFA letter of support

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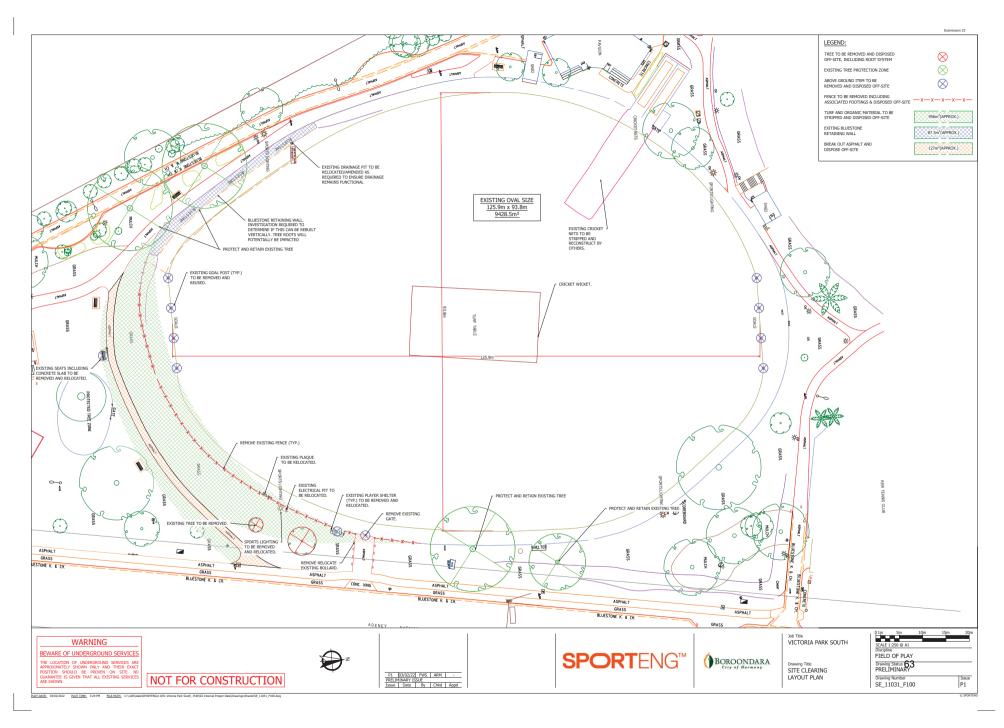
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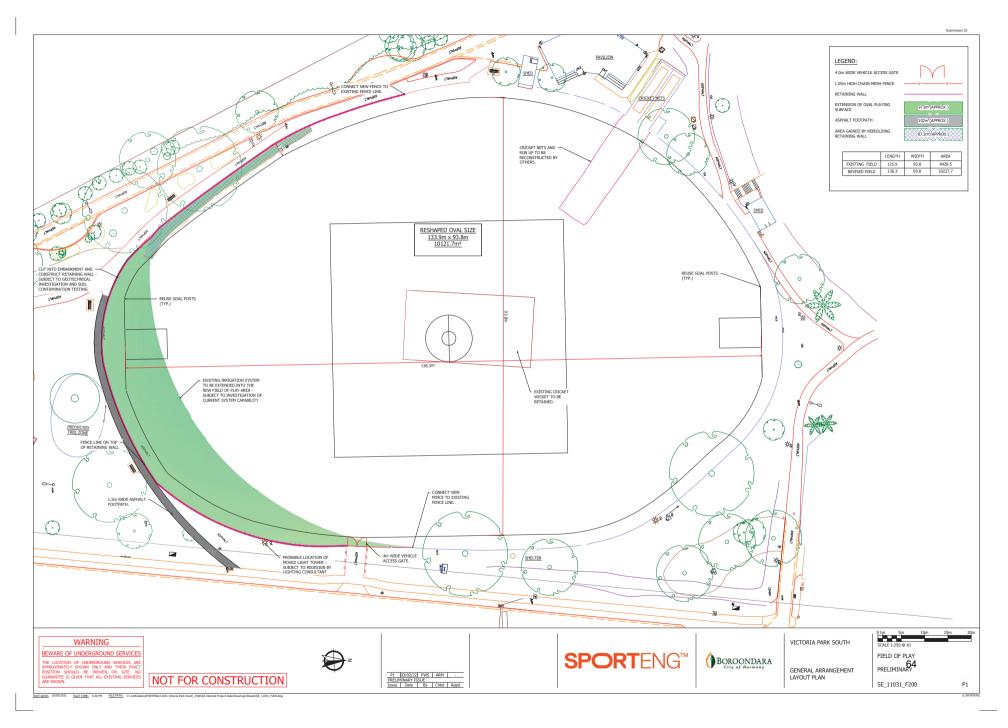
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OPINION OF PROBABLE COST

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VICTORIA PARK - Southern End Extension

AUTHOR: FWS REVISION: A 3/02/2022

Item	Description	Amount (\$)	
1.0	PHASE 1 PRELIMINARY FEASIBILITY INVESTIGATION	\$	7,470.00
2.0	PHASE 2 DETAILED SITE INVESTIGATION	\$	5,545.00
		\$	25,565.00
3.0	PHASE 3 DETAILED DESIGN	\$	14,005.00
4.0	PHASE 4 CONSTRUCTION	\$	280,371.45
	Total Complete (excl. GST)	\$	13,015.00
	Total Outstanding (excl. GST)	\$	319,941.45
	Contingencies 10 %	\$	31,994.15
	Total Cost including contingencies (excl. GST)	\$	351,935.60

QUALIFICATIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS

- The Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) is based on:
 - Standard civil rates supplied by Rawlinson's Australian Construction Handbook, 37th Ed. 2019
 - OPCs from proprietary product suppliers (e.g. synthetic surface, sports equipment etc.)
 - SPORTENG project experience, where similar in nature to the proposed development, and adjusted to accommodate factors known at the time the OPC was prepared.
- 2. Rates will be subject to variation depending on a range of factors including timing, competitive bidding, market conditions, labour and material costs, all of which are outside the control of SPORTENG.
- 3. The OPC is based on quantities derived from the design at the time of issue.
- Unless otherwise indicated, the OPC excludes:
 - GST
 - Escalation to completion
 - Interest costs
 - Holding fees
 - Legal fees
 - Flora/fauna or heritage conservation
 - Soil contamination
- 5. The OPC is supplied only for the guidance of the Client, and represents SPORTENG's best judgment as a design professional. SPORTENG does not guarantee the accuracy of the OPC as compared to actual bids or cost to the Client
- 6. This OPC assumes the following:
 - No detailed design has been completed
 - $\hbox{-} \ \mbox{Adequate electrical supply is available for the proposed development and no major upgrades are required.}$
 - Existing underlying pavement has suitable bearing capacity and settlement characteristics for the proposed development.



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PHASE 1 PRELIMINARY FEASIBILITY INVESTIGATION

Item	Description	Unit	Quantity	Rate	Amount (\$)
1.10	<u>DESIGN SERVICES</u>				
A	Layout concepts, cost estimate	Item	1	\$ 7,470.00	\$ 7,470.0
				Subtotal	\$ 7,470.0
	PHASE 2 DETAILED SITE INVESTIGATION				
Item	Description	Unit	Quantity	Rate	Amount (\$)
2.1	INVESTIGATION SERVICES				
A	Quotes for investigation works	Item	1	\$ 755.00	\$ 755.0
В	Geotechnical investigation and report	Item	1	\$ 4,040.00	\$ 4,040.0
0	Soil contamination investigation and report - geotechnical ivestigaiton determined they is not required	Item	1	\$ -	\$
D	Utility Investigation	Item	1	\$ 3,164.00	\$ 3,164.0
E	Tree root impact analysis (non destructive exposure of roots)	Item	1	\$ 16,856.00	\$ 16,856.0
F	Irrigation audit including pressure and flow analysis	Item	1	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.0
					\$ 5,545.0
					\$ 25,565.0
	PHASE 3 DETAILED DESIGN				
Item	Description	Unit	Quantity	Rate	Amount (\$)
3.1	<u>DESIGN SERVICES</u>				
A	Field of play design (earthworks, playing surface, drainage and irrigation)	Item	1	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.0
В	Retaining wall structural design	Item	1	\$ 2,255.00	\$ 2,255.0
С	Goal post structural design	Item	1	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.0
D	Lighting design for relocated light pole	Item	1	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,750.0



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Subtotal \$ 14,005.00

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PHASE 4 CONSTRUCTION

Item Description		Unit	Quantity	Rate		
						Amount (\$)
4.1 <u>CONSTRUCTION PRELIMINARIES</u>						
A Site Establishment including construction of site access		Item	1	\$ 2,500.00) \$	2,500.00
B Provision for Traffic		Item	1	\$ 1,500.00) \$	1,500.00
C Survey, set out and monitoring of the works by a licensed surveyor		Item	1	\$ 1,800.00) \$	1,800.00
D Provision of Quality Plan, OH&S Plan and Environmental Management Plan		Item	1	\$ 300.00) \$	300.00
E Provision of "Work-as-Executed" drawings		Item	1	\$ 900.00) \$	900.00
F Establishment and maintenance of temporary erosion and water quality protection m	easures, including removal at the end of the contract	Item	1	\$ 900.00) \$	900.00
G Temporary fencing - 3 month hire		m	325	\$ 21.00	\$	6,825.00
H Provision of Quality Assurance processes (i.e. hold point documents, 3rd party indepe	endent assessments, etc.)	Item	1	\$ 500.00) \$	500.00
I Other preliminaries including supervision, insurances, dis-establishment, etc		Item	1	\$ 9,900.00) \$	9,900.00
				Subtotal	\$	25,125.00
Item Description		Unit	Quantity	Rate		Amount (\$)
4.2 DEMOLITION and EXCAVATION						
4.2.1 <u>Demolition</u>						
A Break out AFL goals and associated footings		Set (8)	1	\$ 2,500.00) \$	2,500.00
B Break out player shelter and retain for re-installation		Item	1	\$ 1,903.00) \$	1,903.00
C Break out light pole and associated footings. Retain pole and luminaires, dispose of f	poting off-site	Item	1	\$ 2,000.00) \$	2,000.00
D Break out trees including root system and dispose off-site		Item	2	\$ 1,200.00) \$	2,400.00
E Break out bollards and relocate		Item	1	\$ 200.00		200.00
F Break out gate, posts and associated footings and dispose off site		Item	1	\$ 500.00		500.00
G Break out fence and associated footings and dispose off-site		m	65	\$ 25.00	\$	1,625.00
H Break out redundant in-ground electrical services and associated pits and dispose off	-site	Item	1	\$ 3,410.00		3,410.00
I Break out bluestone retaining wall and dispose off site		Item	1	\$ 5,500.00		5,500.00
J Existing seat to be remove and relocated		Item	1	\$ 250.00	·) \$	250.00
K Break out concrete slab for existing seat		m²	5	\$ 150.00		750.00
4.2.2 Excavation			3	4 150.00	, 4	750.00
A 50 mm thick strip topsoil and organic top layer and dispose off site		m²	956	\$ 30.00	\$	1,434.00
B Break out asphalt surface and dispose off-site		m²	127	\$ 30.00		3,810.00
C Cut to subgrade level and dispose material off-site		m ³	218	\$ 35.00		7,614.25
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Item Description		Unit	Quantity		_	Amount
4.3 IN-GROUND SERVICES		Offic	Quantity	Nace		Amount
4.3.1 Electrical Services						
A Lighting poles relocation - footing, excavation and installat	99	Item	1	\$ 10,000.00		10,000.00
B Cabling and connection		Item	1	\$ 2,000.00		2,000.00
C Pit and conduits, includes trenching		Item	1	\$ 4,500.00		4,500.00
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_ 		m²	973	\$ 8.00		7.784.00
		m.	9/3	\$ 8.00	\$	7,784.00
Irrigation laterals incl. excavation and backfill						
Pop up rotary sprinklers						
Valves (solenoid, air release, gate and quick coupling)						
Supply and installation of all fittings including tees and	PIDOWS					
Control line and power supply to solenoid valves						

Subtotal \$ 24,284.00



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Item	Description		Unit	Quantity	Rate		Amount
4.4	PAVEMENTS & ANCILLA	RIES					
4.4.1	Natural Turf						
Α	200 mm thick	Rootzone sand	m²	973	\$ 1	10.00	\$ 21,406.00
В	Rootzone amendments		m²	973	\$	2.00	\$ 1,946.00
С	Santa Ana solid turf roll	s	m²	973	\$ 1	4.50	\$ 14,108.50
4.4.2	Asphalt Footpath						
Α	25 mm thick	Dense Grade Asphalt	m²	102	\$ 3	5.00	\$ 3,570.00
В		Primer	m²	102	\$ 1	0.00	\$ 1,020.00
С	200 mm thick	Class 3 crushed rock	m²	102	\$ 3	80.00	\$ 3,060.00
					Subtot	al	\$ 45,110.50
Item	Description		Unit	Quantity	Rate		Amount
4.5	MISCELLANEOUS WORK	<u>s</u>					
4.5.1	Fencing / Netting						
Α	1.05 m high	high chain mesh fence	m	177	\$ 1	60.00	\$ 28,320.00
В	4 m wide	vehicle access gate	item	1	\$ 1,5	35.70	\$ 1,535.70
4.5.2	Sports Equipment						
Α	Goal post footings		Set(4)	2	\$ 10,0	00.00	\$ 20,000.00
4.5.3	Shelters						
Α	Reinstate existing playe	rs shelter	item	1	\$ 2,5	00.00	\$ 2,500.00
4.5.4	<u>Other</u>						
Α	1 <u>m</u> <u>high</u>	Retaining wall - Concrete sleepers	m	166	\$ 6	00.00	\$ 99,600.00
					Subtot	al	\$ 151,955.70



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Item	Description		Amount (\$)
	Victoria Park South - Oval Extension Hybrid - Contractor Costs		
1	PHASE 2 - DETAILED DESIGN INVESTIGATION	\$	13,534.00
2	PHASE 3 - DETAILED DESIGN	s	23,235.00
3	PHASE 4 - CONSTRUCTION	s	285,466.31
	Total (excl. GST)	\$	322,235.31
	Contingencies 10%	\$	32,223.53
	Project Management Fees 5%	\$	11,094.70
	Total Remaining Project Cost including contingencies (excl. GST)	\$	365,553.55
	Total Budget	\$	250,000.00
	Expenditure (for phase 1 & 2 so far)	\$	21,500.00
	Surplus/Deficit (Surplus to be returned to the contingency)	-\$	137,053.55

PHASE 2 - DETAILED DESIGN INVESTIGATION

Item	Description	Unit	Quantity	Rate	Amount (\$)
1	Investigation Services				
A	Geotechnical investigation and report - Completed	Item	1	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -
В	Soil contamination investigation and report - Completed	Item	1	\$ 2,550.00	\$ -
С	Asbestos drainage pipe check - completed/ not required	Item	1	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
D	Determine if existing drainage can be altered to accommodate new layout - remove not required	Item	1	\$ 2,750.00	\$ -
E	Blus Stone Wall Prep - Complete	Item	2	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 4,600.00
F	Tree root impact analysis (non destructive exposure of roots) - Complete	Item	2	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 3,150.00
G	Glenn Waters - Club Arborist - Complete	Item	1	\$ 594.00	\$ 594.00
н	SportEng - Hybrid Option Site Investigation & Drawings - Complete	Item	1	\$ 3,690.00	\$ 3,690.00
ı	Irrigation audit including pressure and flow analysis - investigate if complete	Item	1	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
				Total	\$ 13,534.00

PHASE 3 - DETAILED DESIGN

Item	Description	Unit	Quantity	Rate		Rate Amour	
2	Design Services						
A	Field of play design (earthworks, playing surface, drainage and irrigation)	Item	1	\$	13,860.00	\$	13,860.00
В	Retaining wall structural design	Item	1	\$	2,255.00	\$	2,255.00
С	Goal post structural design - not required	Item	1	\$	500.00	\$	-
D	Lighting design for relocated light pole - TBC	Item	1	\$	7,120.00	\$	7,120.00
				Total		s	23,235,00

PHASE 4 - CONSTRUCTION

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Item	Description	Unit	Quantity	Rate	Amount (\$)	Contractor Rate	Contractor Price	
3	Construction Preliminaries							
A	Survey, set out and monitoring of the works by a licensed surveyor	Item	1	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,501.00	\$ 1,501.00	
В	Provision of Quality Plan, OH&S Plan and Environmental Management Plan - Contractor Plans	Item	1	\$ 300.00	s -	\$ 1,908.00	\$ 1,908.00	
С	Provision of "Work-as-Executed" drawings	Item	1	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 3,001.00	\$ 3,001.00	
D	Establishment and maintenance of temporary erosion and water quality protection measures, including removal at the end of the contract	Item	1	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 2,226.00	\$ 2,226.00	
E	Temporary fencing - 3 month hire	m	325	\$ 21.00	\$ 6,825.00	\$ 12.08	\$ 3,926.00	
				Subtotal	\$ 10,425.00		\$ 12,562.00	
3.1	Demolition							
A	Break out AFL goals and retained and associated footings	Set (8)	1	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 610.00	\$ 610.00	

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3.3 McGround Services - Electrical	С	Cut to subgrade level and dispose material off-site (including extra cut from batter 208m^3) - 200mm Thick	m³	426	\$	35.00	\$ 14,910.00	\$ 24.18	\$ 10,300.68
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In-Ground Services - Irrigation Irrigati	С	Pit and conduits, includes trenching	Item	1	\$ 4,5	00.00	\$ 4,500.00		\$ 4,500.00
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May 17, 2022

Michael Cochrane President Kew FC

Email: mcochrane@kqh.com.au

Re: Letter of Support for South Oval Upgrade - Victoria Park, Kew.

To whom it may concern

The Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA) supports Kew Football Club's submission to expand the field of play of the Victoria Park south (top) oval. Kew Football Club seeks the upgrade on the basis that it would allow for increased usage of the club by senior women's Australian Rules Football teams.

The latest scheme for the South Oval represents a significant improvement on the previous concept, and has the full support of the VAFA.

The oval in its current state does not provide an adequate size for the club's needs to cater for its women's football program. In its current state it also has concerning safetly issues regarding a retaining wall along the south west boundary.

As outlined previously, the VAFA continues to support Kew Football Club's endeavours for this project and also believe it is a necessary contribution to increase female participation in Australian Rules Football in Boroondara. Kew Football Club has a strong and vibrant women's football program that was established in 2014, and the latest scheme will cater for the current and future needs of Kew Football Club's growing senior women's football program by improving an existing Council asset.

The VAFA is committed to its responsibility to provide suitable and safe grounds for its clubs.

Regards

Matt Collister

General Manager Football and Umpire Operations

VICTORIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION ABN 81004811054

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Theme 1: Community, services and facilities

300

Theme 2: Parks and Green Spaces

Theme 3: The Environment

Theme 4: Neighbourhood Character and Heritage

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Theme 5: Moving Around

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Theme 6: Local Economy

You have now allocated your \$1,000 across the community plan themes. Looking at your response, is there a specific suggestion for the draft Budget 2022-23 you would like to recommend to help Council deliver the Boroondara Community Plan?

Heritage & Neighbourhood Character

Suggestion allocation of funds to enable Council to demonstrate its much publicised commitment to preserving the heritage and neighbourhood character of Boroondara. As residents live amongst the development resulting from successive State Governments zoning, planning and population policies there is a groundswell of support for Council to see heritage as an asset to be protected.

Suggestions include:

- IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HERITAGE ACTION PLAN. Boroondara should position itself as a leader in this field rather than being seen as a laggard. Work with the community to establish heritage walks that attract tourists and walking groups who will contribute to local business en route
- APPOINTMENT OF A FULL TIME PERMANENT HERITAGE OFFICER who has both professional experience in and a passion for heritage. He/she should be an advocate for heritage in planning decision-making and an educator for Councillors, Council officers and the public. Put an end to the annual tender and appointment of a part-time heritage officer to advise Council/residents on heritage considerations for property development.
- TRAINING for planners, planning decision-makers including Councillors on the value of heritage and the merits of its preservation. The debate at the Delegated Planning Meeting last week highlighted to Councillors the need the Council officers feel for greater resources: they sought a process to limit or possibly exclude community engagement because of their own resource constraint within planning. Put another way, Council, Council officers and the community could be working together to preserve heritage rather than community efforts being seen as "taking up valuable planning time"
- EXPAND HERITAGE CELEBRATION through use of plaques and street signs as Council does for programs such as the Kew, Darrebin Creek wetlands or the Outer Circle Railway Line.
- DEVELOP LONG TERM HERITAGE STRATEGY including changes to the Boroondara Planning Scheme that protect heritage areas in to the future.

Do you wish for your name to be included with your submission?

No, I would prefer to make my submission private

If needed, how would you like to be contacted?
Email

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Theme 3: The Environment

Theme 4: Neighbourhood Character and Heritage

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Theme 5: Moving Around

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Theme 6: Local Economy

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Theme 7: Leadership and Governance

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You need to have a heritage department and a department capable of fighting the State Governments and Developers.

At the moment you're presiding over the annihilation of beautiful homes and gardens so that an ant hill of Units can be constructed so some filthy developers can pocket a fortune aided and abetted by the likes of John Patrick Landscape Architects who go to vcat and argue that postage stamp gardens are adequate so he can get his big fat fee.

First name

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Surname

Sullivan

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Yes, I consent to my name becoming part of the public record

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What is your connection to Boroondara?

I live in and own a business in Boroondara

Theme 1: Community, services and facilities

Theme 2: Parks and Green Spaces

Theme 3: The Environment

500

Theme 4: Neighbourhood Character and Heritage

Theme 5: Moving Around

Theme 6: Local Economy

Theme 7: Leadership and Governance

You have now allocated your \$1,000 across the community plan themes. Looking at your response, is there a specific suggestion for the draft Budget 2022-23 you would like to recommend to help Council deliver the Boroondara Community Plan?

On behalf of the Ashburton Traders Association, which I am currently President of, I request that council in its budget make provision for electric vehicle charging stations at key points throughout the municipality. This would serve to promote their usage and assist in the transition over the next few years away from petrol and diesel cars. Our Association asks that as a start council locate a charging station in the major southern carpark in the Ashburton shops, next to the public convenience. Photo is attached. Shoppers could take advantage of this while doing their shopping in Ashburton village. Parking limit and usage of the charging station could be one hour or perhaps less if a fast-charging station is installed. This initiative would show the leadership of Council on this issue and encourage other Councils and bodies to follow its example. (Note that my division of \$1,000 above relates to this proposal.)

Alternatively, upload a file for your submission for Question 3 here.

• Possible Location of Charging Station.jpg

First name

Bob

Surname

Stensholt

Do you wish for your name to be included with your submission?

Yes, I consent to my name becoming part of the public record

If needed, how would you like to be contacted?

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Yes

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Theme 5: Moving Around

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Theme 6: Local Economy

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Theme 7: Leadership and Governance

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Funds put aside for a heritage dept

First name

julie

Surname

smith

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Theme 2: Parks and Green Spaces

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Theme 4: Neighbourhood Character and Heritage

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Theme 5: Moving Around

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Theme 6: Local Economy

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Theme 7: Leadership and Governance

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Development of a heritage department that could develop and implement long term heritage conservation and promotion strategies through a review of the heritage Gap study results, identifying further work to be done and by bench marking with other councils.

First name

Jamie

Surname

McKechnie

Do you wish for your name to be included with your submission?

Yes, I consent to my name becoming part of the public record

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No

From: neil mcphie

Sent: Tuesday, 24 May 2022 10:38 PM

To: Di Gillies <di.gillies@boroondara.vic.gov.au>

Subject: Boroondara Council: Commentary on Draft Budget

Good morning Councillor.

I am a rate paying resident located in Junction ward.

I have recently forwarded via the Council's website a response to the Council in relation to the draft budget document. (I tried to lodge my response via the Boroondara engagement page however it was not functioning and rejected my lodgement)

As my representative I felt it appropriate to provide you directly a copy of my response.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Regards

Neil McPhie

18th May 2022.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide commentary on the Council's draft budget.

In each of the the last 2 years I have provided detailed feedback on the full budget but with little impact. I acknowledge that the document is in draft format and as such the final version may have more inclusions.

This year I have focused on what I see as the main matter(s).

My comments focus on improving transparency. In particular I feel that residents should be advised more details about the proposed increase in rates, the Council's assets and the practice of not collecting rates on some properties.

PROPOSED INCREASE IN COUNCIL RATES.

This year the Council again intends to increase its revenue collected from land rates.

This increase is being proposed at a time when many Boroondara businesses and residents have been impacted by Covid closedowns, and both inflation and interest rates are expected to increase. Increasing council rates at this time obviously adds another impost to living/operating costs.

The information provided in the draft budget does not provide sufficient information to justify the reasons for the proposed increase.

In particular the draft document does not explore the alternatives to land rate increases that could be or have been considered.

Obvious alternatives include:

- disposing assets and utilising proceeds to fund Council operations
- reducing the operating costs of Council (staff, supplies etc)
- reducing the number of projects undertaken
- reducing the number of properties that do not pay rates but benefit from the Council's outlays (i.e. churches, private schools etc)
- borrowing funds on a short term basis to cover unexpected one off expenses.

The Council's draft balance sheet projects a net asset position of \$4billion. This is a very significant balance sheet that seems only destined to grow. A balance sheet strategy does not appear in the draft document so it is difficult to assess whether it is being managed well or otherwise.

In relation to the Council's net asset position the information provided in the draft document does not list Council's assets or provide any insight into the market value, utility or liquidity of each asset.

My suggestions are:

- 1: Provide a statement that sets out the strategy for managing the Council's balance sheet.
- 2: Provide a listing of all council's assets that are valued over a nominal amount of say \$1m and further state:
 - when each was last valued
 - the basis of valuation
 - the reason for holding each asset
 - the liquidity of each asset (ie if saleable, how long would it take to liquidate each asset)
 - whether Council has selected any individual property to be sold
 - the utility of the asset for the community.

3: In the rates section provide details of the analysis conducted by Council that were explored before it was decided to increase council rates. The Analysis to specifically address any consideration given to asset sales.

DECLARATION OF DETAILS ABOUT NON RATEABLE PROPERTIES.

Currently organisations such as churches, charities and private schools do NOT pay land rates in Boroondara. The effect of this is that other rate paying residents are "cross subsidising" these organisations.

I have been unable to find any comment or note in the Council's draft budget that refers to this situation. The impact is that in my opinion most residents in the community are not aware that such a situation exists and that they are in effect subsidising these institutions.

Not collecting income has the same impact on the profit and loss statement as increasing expenditure. The non-collection of rates is thus a significant matter and I feel that all residents are entitled to be made aware of the extent of this concession. I feel that if Council wishes to operate transparently then this information should be declared. (Council will be aware that the Local Government Act 2020 includes an objective in relation to transparency). Interestingly specific details are already provided in the draft budget of properties rated under the Cultural and Recreational Lands act 1963. These properties effectively are receiving a rating concession.

My final suggestion is that the Council budget discloses:

- The framework under which some properties are deemed to be "non-rateable".
- The total number and combined market value of all properties in Boroondara for which council rates are not charged.
- Details of when the last market valuation of these properties was conducted.
- For the types of entities that hold properties that are expressly stated as "non rateable" in the Local Government Act (eg religious entity, charity, state govt entities), their share of the total numbers and collective market value.
- In relation to properties which are invested in or held in trust for any religious body and used exclusively as a residence of a practising minister of religion or for the education and training of persons to be ministers of religion (refer Local Govt Act) disclose what is the number and collective market value of these properties.
- Any other entities that hold not rateable properties that are not specifically stated as being entitled to non rateable status (if any)
- The collective dollar value of rates forgone for each entity type.
- The reasons why the Council supports this approach.

In my view this information is not inconsistent with the Local Government Better Practice Guide.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

Neil McPhie



Cr Jane Addis
Mayor, City of Boroondara
Jane.addis@boroondara.vic.gov.au

Dear Mayor,

2022-23 Draft Council Budget - Response by HART

The Hartwell Association of Residents and Traders (HART) wishes to respond to the draft Council Budget by raising two matters that it requests that Council address when framing the Budget.

a) Hartwell Community Resilience Wall

HART has been working with Councillors and Council officers over the last year or so on plans for a Hartwell Community Resilience Wall as a community project to bring the community together as it comes out of COVID and to provide a focus for enhancing our local shopping centre.

The Association has been appreciative of Council support over the last two years including a Round 2 Small Grant of \$3,000 in 2020-21 which has been partially used for promoting the centre with Love, Local Life corflutes with the remaining funds intended to be applied to the Resilience Wall. Our Association has also received a State Government grant of \$10,000 to support the Traders Association and the local community.

Our application for funds estimated the cost of the Wall to be some \$17,000 including several hundreds of volunteer hours. The Wall itself, a commercial hoarding, was estimated to cost around \$7,000.

In discussions with Council officers, it has been determined that it was feasible to place the Wall/hoarding on the footpath outside the vacant properties in Toorak Road which is Council property. Council officers have sought quotes for the erection of the hoarding which would be managed by Council as it would be on Council property. That quote is in the region of \$31,000 and does not include any further costs for materials to paint the wall which the Association estimates could be in the region of \$3,000 after accounting for possible donations. There will also be statutory Council charges that will have to be met.

Hartwell Association of Residents and Traders Inc. (HART) c/- 5 Jickell Ave, Glen Iris 3146.
ABN 91122531379 Inc No. A0056770S



The proposed project remains a strong priority of the Hartwell community but unfortunately the cost of the wall at \$31,000 is well beyond the capacity of the Association and the struggling businesses in the centre.

The Association asks if Council could agree to include in its budget the cost of erecting the Resilience Wall and any statutory charges less \$7,000 which the Association has indicated it could provide towards the cost of its construction.

It is intended that the painting of the Wall and its design be organised by a community committee headed up by the local Councillor in close consultation with the two other Councillors whose wards cover part of the Hartwell Centre. We expect that various parts of the Council (e.g. arts) would also be involved in the design and implementation of the painting. The Association is already involving local State MPs and were able to meet with the Minister for Small Business in Hartwell earlier this month and ensure that she was informed of where the project is at. We would also hope to engage the newly elected Federal representatives once the hoarding is erected.

b) Anniversary Trail over Toorak Road beside the Railway Bridge

The Association understands that the Department of Transport or associated entities have begun the work of planning and detailed design of the Anniversary Trail Crossing of Toorak Road beside the railway bridge. Some \$600,000 was allocated by the State Government for this in the 2021 State budget.

We expect that Council officers will incur expenditure in any consultation process with the State Government on the design.

Our Association welcomes the construction of overpass as this will ensure safety in the shopping strip and avoid cyclists riding on the footpath and endangering customers.

Our Association also supports the residents who will be affected by the overpass and continues to support their preference that this be located on the eastern side of the bridge where there would be little if any effect on residents.

Residents are concerned that an elevated bike path would intrude significantly on their privacy (e.g. users looking into back yards and pools used by children). There is also strong concern that any installation would involve the removal of the extensive coverage of trees which would mean not only a significant loss of valuable vegetation but also cause exposure to noise from trains which is currently largely absorbed by the trees.

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The Association asks that Council advocate to Government and ensure that it and local residents and involved and consulted in the planning and design process for the overpass. It also asks that Council either in its budget and via insistence to the State government ensure that a comprehensive audit of the trees and green cover besides the railway line on both sides is undertaken and reported to aid the final decision-making on the placement and design of the trail over Toorak Road.

The Association asks that our concerns be addressed by Council in considering its Budget and that representatives of the Association be allowed to address the Council at its meeting on 6 June.

Yours sincerely,

Hans Vanderstadt

President

c.c. Phillip Storer CEO

c.c. Cr Garry Thompson

c.c. Cr Lisa Hollingworth

Bob Stensholt Treasurer

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Theme 6: Local Economy

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Theme 7: Leadership and Governance

You have now allocated your \$1,000 across the community plan themes. Looking at your response, is there a specific suggestion for the draft Budget 2022-23 you would like to recommend to help Council deliver the Boroondara Community Plan?

We must protect our diverse neighbouhoods. We have areas that represent our past and present and give opportunities for designs of the future and we are mostly getting square cement boxes, no articulation, covering the block sitting on top of 6+ underground carparks leaving no opportunity for retaining water or planting large canopy trees.

We lost 120 and 4 Riversdale Rd 120 an entrance to Berkeley St and 4 an entrance to our city beautiful 1880's brick homes but because they were on main Rd they were not considered, a blight on the Council for allowing them to go unprotected. Lynch St Hawthorn now a mixture of residential and commercial is a ghetto without greenery, how was that allowed to happen? where is the urban design? It is time for Boroondara to match its words with policy protection and save the look and feel of Boroondara.

First name

Jane

Surname

Nathan

Do you wish for your name to be included with your submission?

Yes, I consent to my name becoming part of the public record

If needed, how would you like to be contacted?

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Do you wish to speak to Council in support of your submission at the Council Meeting on Monday 6 June 2022?

Yes

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What is your connection to Boroondara?

I live in Boroondara

Theme 1: Community, services and facilities

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Theme 2: Parks and Green Spaces

Theme 3: The Environment

100

Theme 4: Neighbourhood Character and Heritage

Theme 5: Moving Around

Theme 6: Local Economy

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Theme 7: Leadership and Governance

You have now allocated your \$1,000 across the community plan themes. Looking at your response, is there a specific suggestion for the draft Budget 2022-23 you would like to recommend to help Council deliver the Boroondara Community Plan?

Re Theme 2:

My concern relates to ensuring in your performance outputs that there is detailed evidence of the the continued maintenance of our parks and green open space. The five strategies all sound very fine and their development is commended...thank you. However I would like to see more effort and demonstration in your performance outcomes of how Council has enhanced and added to the green open space, and what you have actually done to demonstrate open green space renewal.

Do you wish for your name to be included with your submission? No, I would prefer to make my submission private

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I live in Boroondara

Theme 1: Community, services and facilities

Theme 2: Parks and Green Spaces

250

Theme 3: The Environment

Theme 4: Neighbourhood Character and Heritage

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Theme 5: Moving Around

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Theme 6: Local Economy

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Theme 7: Leadership and Governance

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The environment is critical. Heritage management does not receive enough support even though it is a key part of Boroondara's values. Strong request a specific heritage department is established with the Boroondara Council. Ratepayer money (other than common area capital works, cleaning, waste collection etc) should not be given to assisting businesses - this is simply another form of wealth transfer and is not the role of local government. No grants should be given to any business or enterprise which operates on a 'for profit' basis. No grants should be given to religious or gaming organisations.

First name

Andrew

Surname

Sutherland

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Yes, I consent to my name becoming part of the public record

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I live in and own a business in Boroondara

Theme 1: Community, services and facilities

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Theme 2: Parks and Green Spaces

Theme 3: The Environment

Theme 4: Neighbourhood Character and Heritage

Theme 5: Moving Around

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Theme 6: Local Economy

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Theme 7: Leadership and Governance

You have now allocated your \$1,000 across the community plan themes. Looking at your response, is there a specific suggestion for the draft Budget 2022-23 you would like to recommend to help Council deliver the Boroondara Community Plan?

My suggestions are aligned to theme 4: Character and Neighbourhood and in particular Heritage.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

My feedback is to propose that council sets aside more funds and people to provide the heritage conservation activities and strategies that it says it will deliver in its community plan.

The current plans and funds do not seem at all adequate to deliver these. Further no detailed heritage plan for 2023 exists and the proposed criteria for measuring success do not relate at all to delivering many of the stated community plan heritage related strategies. There are no funds for resident education and communication for example They are vague and very narrow in scope. There should be a measurement of success for each part of the Heritage Action plan of 2016.

In particular I request the following:

- The provision/setting up of a role or department at council whose sole purpose is to deliver council's stated heritage strategy. This should probably sit outside or straddle planning and community building departments.
- A new role at council of Heritage officer. Several equivalent councils have a person in this role. This person's role to include:
- o develop and implement long term (5 year at least) heritage conservation and promotion strategies
- o review heritage Gap study results and identifying further work to be done o support the Heritage Advisory Committee
- o develop and implement communication and education strategies and cultural programs regarding heritage for residents, business owners and visitors
- o develop webpages on the website focused on Heritage communication education and information for residents and heritage place owners.
- o review and make recommendations to change the planning scheme to improve and strengthen conservation of heritage places and precincts
- o develop long term conservation strategies for important local heritage precincts
- o liaise with community to facilitate efficient and effective heritage community nominations

- o liaise with local community to implement cultural and educational activities to further develop understanding and appreciation of our local heritage
- o develop submissions to government and DELWP for refinements to heritage regulations
- o develop and implement a heritage plaques and marker plan
- o bench mark with other councils with best practice heritage approaches to develop the above
- o Facilitate a repository of the huge heritage and historical learnings and archives that have been produced by the Heritage gap studies. To work with Library Services and Historical Societies and community engagement and arts departments to facilitate and deliver this.

In addition - A need to set aside enough funds to fully implement the 2016 Heritage Action plan, which includes most of the above and is in line with community expectations, in those older suburbs with most of our shared heritage and in the heritage precincts that council has now set up

The above would probably several hundred thousand dollars each year more than currently planned.

Thank you.

First name

christina

Surname

branagan

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Yes, I consent to my name becoming part of the public record

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I live in Boroondara

Theme 1: Community, services and facilities

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Theme 2: Parks and Green Spaces

Theme 3: The Environment

200

Theme 4: Neighbourhood Character and Heritage

Theme 5: Moving Around

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Theme 6: Local Economy

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Theme 7: Leadership and Governance

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I am particularly interested in the Heritage of the Boroondara area. I would like to see a Heritage Department set up or at least a full time heritage officer employed by Council. I have just been involved in an objection to a development proposed by a neighbour and I was horrified at the lack of heritage overview by the Council. I seems that a proposal might be approved if no-one objects to it. I think this is wrong and that the heritage of our area should be protected otherwise we will lose our wonderful heritage area.

First name

Belinda

Surname

Ramsay

Do you wish for your name to be included with your submission?

Yes, I consent to my name becoming part of the public record

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I live in Boroondara

Theme 1: Community, services and facilities

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Theme 2: Parks and Green Spaces

Theme 3: The Environment

Theme 4: Neighbourhood Character and Heritage

Theme 5: Moving Around

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Theme 6: Local Economy

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Theme 7: Leadership and Governance

You have now allocated your \$1,000 across the community plan themes. Looking at your response, is there a specific suggestion for the draft Budget 2022-23 you would like to recommend to help Council deliver the Boroondara Community Plan?

Budget development process (Leadership and Governance)

Council's Budget would benefit from greater community input earlier in the development process. Currently, public comments can only be made once a draft budget is released. While this may be in line with the Local Government Act 2020 and Council's Community Engagement Policy, this limits the opportunity of Boroondarans to engage with Council's budgetary process until it is (realistically) too late.

Firstly, it constrains the community's ability to ensure that the vision of the Boroondara Community Plan is fully realised. The Boroondara Community Plan is the most extensive community engagement and consultative process Council has undertaken in recent memory. I am heartened to see that Council has used the Plan to guide its budgetary and financial decision-making. However, it is ultimately the community that holds the vision, experience, and passion that the Plan attempts to encapsulate. As such, Council would benefit from community submissions that inform how the budget can effectively deliver the Plan's strategies. Realistically, this is best done early in the budget's development when the broad vision, ideas, and initiatives of the budget are still being settled on.

Secondly, the later council engages the community on the Budget, the less likely that any potential issues identified by the community could be addressed. Suppose the community believes a draft budget does not follow the Boroondara Community Plan. This issue would be best addressed at an early stage of the budgetary process, when programs, projects, and funding are still being determined. Two months before the new financial year results in limited time and flexibility in the budget to respond to feedback. Furthermore, public comments on a budget that is already drafted may make submitters feel like it is a fait accompli or dissuade submitters who want to request substantial changes.

As such, I ask that Council consider allowing for community input on the draft budget while it is still developed. This could take the form of a round of public submissions early in the budgetary process. Another idea would be to hold public forums on the 7 priority themes of the Boroondara Community Plan that allow the community to understand Council's early budgetary vision, ask questions, and provide feedback or suggestions. This would assist the community in understanding how Council allocates resources while providing meaningful (and actionable) information to Council.

I hope that Council will give this consideration before the 2023-24 Budget development gets underway.

Thank you to the officers and Councillors involved in the preparation of the draft budget.

First name

Benjamin

Surname

Chesler

Do you wish for your name to be included with your submission?

Yes, I consent to my name becoming part of the public record

If needed, how would you like to be contacted?

Email

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Theme 2: Parks and Green Spaces

Theme 3: The Environment

Theme 4: Neighbourhood Character and Heritage

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Theme 5: Moving Around

Theme 6: Local Economy

Theme 7: Leadership and Governance

You have now allocated your \$1,000 across the community plan themes. Looking at your response, is there a specific suggestion for the draft Budget 2022-23 you would like to recommend to help Council deliver the Boroondara Community Plan?

Please set aside money for a heritage department, which includes a heritage manager and staff.

Review the gap study results and carried out more work protecting streets and houses Fight for stand alone contributory houses that are being demolished due to the inadequate State govt planning regulations.

Review the current demolition process. Boroondara is the second highest rate of demolition of councils in Victoria.

Include the community in heritage decisions and nominations to protect heritage houses.

Review the 2016 heritage action plan.

Do you wish for your name to be included with your submission?

No, I would prefer to make my submission private

If needed, how would you like to be contacted? Email

Do you wish to speak to Council in support of your submission at the Council Meeting on Monday 6 June 2022?

No

Cr Jane Addis Mayor City of Boroondara

City of Boroondara. Proposed Budget 2022-2023

This submission is made on behalf of Lighter Footprints Inc, a large group of concerned residents mostly from the City of Boroondara who came together in 2006 to work together to meet the critical challenge of climate change. Our members and supporters recognise that climate change has been scientifically demonstrated; that it has become an existential threat to the future of our world; and requires urgent and decisive action by all levels of government.

Lighter Footprints congratulates the City of Boroondara on adopting a Climate Emergency Declaration in September 2021 and for putting in place a Climate Action Plan. Both these initiatives have reassured our community that the Council takes the climate crisis seriously. We note that this commitment is recognised in the current Budget in a number of ways.

We welcome the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Budget for 2022-23. While we support many of the proposed funding initiatives, we have concerns about a number of aspects including:

- the lack of any change from previous years in the way these budget consultations are conducted to address the absence of meaningful community engagement with this process;
- the lack of detail on initiatives funded by this Budget and the effect this has on the community's capacity to assess their suitability;
- the overall low level of funding for the Climate Action Plan, that there may be an underspend in 2021/22 of the allocated funds and the possibility that any such underspend will not be rolled over to 2022/23;
- the absence of funding for certain initiatives that we consider important.

We request that a representative of Lighter Footprints be given the opportunity to make a verbal presentation to the Council Meeting considering community submissions.

Yours faithfully

Lynn Frankes Co-convenor Lighter Footprints Inc Mick Nolan Co-convenor Lighter Footprints Inc

25 May 2022

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Lighter Footprints wants greater community engagement with Council activities including the formulation of the Annual Budget

Lighter Footprints regards local government as a significant part of Australian democracy. To fulfil its role effectively, councils rely on an informed and involved community that understands and values the work of its local council.

It is very disappointing to us that there is apparently such a low level of interest amongst Boroondara residents with council matters. Very few people attend regular council meetings unless it relates to a particularly contentious topic. Consultations for the 2021/22 budget attracted only 37 submissions.

This level of disengagement must be addressed and changed.

The matters that Council deals with have a significant impact on people's everyday life and have a substantial effect on the larger community. As the first responder in crises and the closest level to people's everyday life, the relevance of local government will continue to expand. Local government will also continue to grow in reach as other levels of government increasingly call on councils to deliver more of their programs.

We want to do more than just give feedback on the Proposed Budget. We want the Boroondara community to be active participants in formulating this significant document.

In strategic planning terms, the Annual Budget can be considered as the roadmap for implementing the vision and strategic framework of the Community Plan and Council Plans.

In these rapidly changing times, the vision and goals set out in the Community Plan (reviewed every 10 years) and the Council Plans (reviewed every 4 years) can no longer be seen as adequate reflection of the community's current and emerging priorities. They can only be seen as a broad strategic framework to guide the implementation planning that takes place during the development of annual budgets.

More responsive, interactive and timely approaches are needed for the community to be involved in the development of the Annual Budget. This requires methods that enable residents to become actively involved in the choice of possible projects, to collaborate with officers in the development of bids and to experience a degree of empowerment in how the community vision is achieved.

How to get greater community participation in budget consultations? We are aware that other Councils are exploring or have adopted measures that extend the way they conduct their budget consultations to encourage greater community participation. We refer you to the work of the City of Greater Shepparton at https://shaping.greatershepparton.com.au/2022-2023-budget.

Shepparton began its budget consultations in November 2021 calling for feedback from the community on what they would like to see in the 2022/2023 and future

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budgets. In the invitation to their local community to contribute to the consultations, they stated:

Council is changing the way they do community consultation for next year's Budget and have included a community feedback phase ahead of the document being drafted early next year.

Council decided to hear from the community before the draft Budget was created to better understand the needs of residents and find out what the priorities are in the next financial year.

In Stonnington, community engagement around their proposed budget for 2022/23 started in late 2021 using "... a new online budget simulation tool to better explain our budget planning process and better involve our community in shaping the priorities." This approach was seen as helping "... to increase engagement at the early stage of the budget preparation, with hundreds of submissions providing insight from people across Stonnington."

In November 2021, the City of Yarra invited community participation in preparation of their budget, stating that:

Working in partnership with community to identify priorities, will allow Council to make important financial decisions, balance current and future needs, while also ensuring Yarra is financially sustainable well into the future.

The timing of these consultations is critical.

The consultations should be conducted at a time when council officers are beginning to identify potential projects and develop bids for the next budget. This should be before the various council departments begin negotiations on relative priorities.

Consultations should start no later than November and continue into February. To leave it until April is much too late in the budget cycle for any opportunity for meaningful change or revision. In particular, it is much too late to include new bids which may have community support.

Meaningful consultations depend on information that is sufficiently detailed, accessible and understandable by all parties

The Proposed Budget is presented for consultation as a high level, summary report that meets all the requirements of the Local Government Act and the Local Government Model Financial Report. Expenditure is described in broad terms with nothing about the nature of the particular project being funded.

In the Budget's current form, it is not possible to assess whether any specific item of expenditure represents a good use of available funds, what specific initiatives are being funded or whether this is the best way to meet the particular need. More detail must be made available either in this document or by other means so the community can judge whether they support the approaches being taken.

There are many ways that this information could be presented so that it can be more meaningful. For example, Bayside includes a Q&A facility. This includes a list of Frequently Asked Questions on things like Why is Council increasing rates; What new initiatives are included in this year's budget; and Which projects have been

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deferred and not included in this budget. This is followed by a facility for people to ask their own questions and identifies who will be listening. Shepparton residents can also request a virtual meeting with Council staff.

Graphics can help but need to address a wider range of questions than those currently on the Boroondara website. Greater Shepparton has one graphic to illustrate how the Council spends \$100, one to show where the money comes from and a third which gives a number of 'Success Stories' ie projects taken up by the Council that came out of suggestions by the community.

Recommendation

We recommend:

- Boroondara begin budget consultations in the first half of the current financial year.
- These consultations employ the range of deliberative engagement techniques beyond informing and consulting to include involvement and collaboration as described in Boroondara's Community Engagement Policy and on the Victorian Local Governance Association website here: https://www.vlga.org.au/resources/deliberative-engagement-councils.
- Attention be given to more effective ways to present information about the Budget in order to stimulate open discussion by the community about the Budget's overall structure and specific initiatives.

Council meetings including ward meetings

The low public attendance at regular Council meetings and the lack of regular ward meetings reflects a lack of community engagement in municipal matters and inhibits discussion and debate about important local issues. Council meetings and ward meetings are important because they can encourage greater involvement and sign on by residents. This increased community participation can also assist the Council to carry out its work more effectively.

The way Council meetings are currently conducted provide little incentive for people to attend. Points that need to be addressed include:

- the unwelcoming layout of the Council Chamber. The placement of the front table where the Mayor and senior officers sit is quite intimidating and gives the room a court like appearance. Depending on where they sit, people in the public gallery often find they cannot clearly see each and every councillor;
- the low quality of the acoustics in the Council Chamber. Aspects such as the high roof in the Chamber, and the placement of the public gallery in what is virtually an ante-room off the Chamber make it difficult to clearly hear much of the discussion:
- the poor quality of debate and the ready acceptance of agenda papers prepared by Council officers on most matters brought to the meeting for decision;
- the limitations placed on public question time including the requirement that questions can only relate to matters on the agenda and which have previously been submitted to Council officers for a response;
- the lack of respect shown by some Councillors to other Councillors and to questioners with whom they may have a disagreement

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 the reluctance of some Councillors to conduct ward meetings especially when requested to discuss sensitive issues.

Recommendation

We recommend:

- Provision be made in the 2022/23 Annual Budget to investigate and implement improvements to the Council Chambers that address poor acoustics and layout of the Chamber and the public gallery.
- Funding be provided to individual Councillors to conduct regular ward meetings open to all people living in or working in that ward.

The Council as a leader in reducing community emissions

We acknowledge the work done by Boroondara Council to reduce emissions related to its own activities. Such emissions however, represent only a very small fraction of all emissions attributable to this municipality. We want to see the Council adopt a more pro-active leadership role in helping the community address this difficult problem of reducing its level of emissions.

The Climate Action Plan

The Proposed Budget identifies two line items with respect to the implementation of the Climate Action Plan (CAP) in 2022/23:

- An allocation of \$1 million as part of "... Progress towards the targets to reduce Council and community emissions established in the Climate Action Plan by implementing the actions detailed in the Climate Action Plan Implementation Plan for 2022-23."
- Works to be performed using existing resources to "...Enable monitoring of community progress towards the Community emissions targets in the Climate Action Plan through the implementation of a community emissions measurement model."

We are concerned about two aspects relating to the funding of the CAP. Firstly, the annual allocation of \$1 million is a very small amount to cover such a serious challenge. It is also a tiny allocation when compared to the overall bottom line of the Budget. If we do not address this crisis with increased determination now, it will become much more costly in the future. A significantly larger allocation now would enable the Council to address this challenge with more ambition and effect and ensure that future responses will be more manageable and less costly.

Secondly, we are concerned that there may be an underspend of the \$1 million that was allocated to the CAP in the 2021/22 Budget. This may include funds intended to employ staff to administer specific aspects of the CAP. If funds are not totally spent in 2021/22, we believe that they should be rolled over into the following year in order to retain the total allocation of funds over the full 10 year period of the Plan.

Request for further information

We request that:

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- Detailed information be provided as to how this allocation of \$1 million is being spent on specific initiatives in 2021/22 and what impact each was assessed to have on the reduction of emissions.
- Detailed information be provided on what specific initiatives from the CAP Implementation Plan will be funded in 2022/23 and what actions will be taken.

Recommendation

We recommend:

- All unspent funds allocated to the Climate Action Plan in any one year be
 rolled over to the following year to ensure that the total budget continues to be
 maintained at no less that the level originally identified for this program.
- Active consideration be given to substantially increasing the level of allocation to the CAP to enable a broader and more ambitious program of initiatives in its earlier years.

Environmental sustainability initiatives

We welcome the inclusion of an allocation of \$1,593,000 to undertake a range of Environmental Sustainability initiatives. These include

- helping the Boroondara community live more sustainably in response to emerging environmental challenges (e.g. climate change, water shortage, biodiversity conservation);
- promoting sustainability within built and natural environments in Boroondara;
- developing and implementing policies and strategies that set direction in environmental management, public space improvements, conservation of natural resources and sustainable development;
- building the capacity of Council to integrate environmentally sustainable approaches into its building and public space improvements, daily operations and decision-making processes.

The success of these initiatives and those contained within the CAP Implementation Plan depends to a large degree on the active involvement of residents, local businesses and organisations, and other stakeholders in ensuring they are fully acted upon. A first step in encouraging this involvement, would be to give greater access to relevant and sufficiently detailed information on what is being done. A longer, more faceted consultation period for the Budget as previously discussed would allow greater exchange of information and better understanding of the initiatives planned.

A second step would be to develop active and on-going consultative mechanisms. This would provide a forum for an exchange of information and facilitate meaningful discussions between the Council and the community on the climate emergency.

We are aware that Boroondara has sent invitations to community members to participate in a Community of Interest arrangement. We are unaware of whether this arrangement will focus on specific matters and whether it will have any authority to make recommendations, to seek briefings from Council officers or to obtain external advice.

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We welcome mechanisms that provide opportunities for the community to work more closely with Council officers and Councillors. We are concerned, however that the Community of Interest initiative will be little more than a one way mechanism for Council to promote its activities.

To date, the only advisory committee that relates to the Climate Action Plan is an internal one comprising six councillors and which lacks the capacity to seek out external expertise. There is no external committee that can represent the community and provide insight on what is important to them.

We strongly advocate for the establishment of an advisory committee on the Climate Action Plan and other climate focused initiatives. This would provide opportunities for Councillors, Council officers and residents to come together to work on important matters over time, to give access to external expertise and would encourage the community to feel a sense of ownership in the implementation of the CAP.

Recommendation

We recommend:

- Funds be allocated within the 2022/23 Budget for a widely recognisable and promoted Q&A facility that gives the public access to Council officers so they can seek out information on items of interest and be provided with sufficient detail to understand what is being done and why.
- Funding be provided in the 2022/23 Budget to establish and maintain an external advisory committee on climate action and the implementation of the CAP.

Active Transport policies

Policies that relate to the reduction of community emissions include initiatives to increase active transport such as cycling and walking. It is reported that \$1.58 million of funding will be spent as part of the Services Operating Budget for sustainable transport initiatives. Such a generic statement does not, however provide any insight into what this involves.

We note that the 2022 Boroondara Bicycle Strategy is currently under development. We support the purposes of this strategy which is intended to deliver:

... an integrated bicycle network which is safe, connected, protected, efficient and appealing to users of all ages and abilities. The bicycle network will include off-road paths and on-road links providing access to a range of destinations and making bicycle riding a feasible and attractive option for all residents, workers and visitors.

We have previously recommended that Council approve the 2022 Boroondara Bicycle Strategy at the soonest opportunity. We also previously recommended that Council review and update the Integrated Transport Strategy. This review of the Integrated Transport Strategy is a very broad strategy across all modes of transport and the review should not delay the approval and funding of the 2022 Boroondara Bicycle Strategy.

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The Bicycle Strategy needs to be approved and funded to take full advantage of the pandemic-induced increase in public support for, and use of, bicycles for both transport and recreation.

Recommendation

- The Budget identify whether a specific allocation has been made for the implementation of the Bicycle Strategy and the nature of the initiatives to be taken.
- Additional funding be identified in this Budget to start work on updating the Council's Integrated Transport Strategy

Open Space

We note the comment in the Budget regarding open space:

The availability of open space for passive and active recreation is a limited resource for the city and to that end, Council sets aside \$800,000 each year for the open space acquisition fund which is designed to acquire additional open space as the opportunity arises.

Request for information

We seek further information on how this annual budget allocation of \$800,000 has been spent in previous years, whether unspent amounts are accumulated and carried over to the current year, and whether this amount is adequate in light of increasing property values.

Trees

We welcome the inclusion of a number of initiatives that relate to the tree canopy cover of Boroondara, some of which are being funded within existing resources and others given new funding in this Budget. These include

- the creation of an Urban Greening Strategy to protect and enhance our landscapes, trees and green cover in response to the challenges of climate, urban heating and urban densification:
- \$675,000 to support ongoing park and street tree renewal program;
- \$621,000 to administer Council's Tree Protection Local Law and assess applications for tree removal.

We are concerned, however that while the tree canopy in public areas in Boroondara has stabilised or begun to increase, that on private property continues to be under threat. This appears to be due mainly to the high level of residential redevelopment occurring in Boroondara. It would seem that many residents do not understand or value trees for their contribution to the quality of life and the environment, consider them as inconveniences to their housing plans and recklessly damage and destroy them.

More education is required to demonstrate the value of trees to home owners and builders. Also needed are increased resources to ensure administrators of the relevant local laws to protect trees on private land are consistent and predictable in their decisions.

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A further factor is the absence of staff over weekends who can respond to complaints regarding violations of local regulations on protecting trees. Experience has shown that although officers are available, they generally have no understanding of the relevant regulations and no access to anybody who can respond effectively to the complaint.

Recommendation

We recommend:

- Funding be allocated in the current and future Budgets to educate home owners and home builders of the value of trees on private land in combating climate change and reducing the effect of higher temperatures.
- The level of funding for the administration of local laws to protect trees on private land be increased to a level where officers are able to respond quickly to all reports of threats to existing trees and to effectively monitor all replacement orders. This includes having offices available over weekends who can immediately deal with reports of violations.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on Boroondara's Proposed Budget for 2022/23. We would appreciate the chance to speak further with Councillors and Council officers on the matters we have raised here.





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Cr Jane Addis Mayor, City of Boroondara Jane.addis@boroondara.vic.gov.au

Draft Council Budget 2022-23 - Request to Fund Security Cameras at the Craig Centre

The Craig Centre at 7 Samarinda Ave, Ashburton is a Council facility with leases to our respective organisations – the Craig Family Centre providing children's services and community programs as a neighbourhood house, and Access Health and Community providing allied health and dental services. The Centre is also the location for Council Maternal and Child Health services. In addition, there is also on the premises the garage for the Alamein Neighbourhood and Learning Centre.

Our organisations request that Council include in its 2022-23 Budget under Theme 1 Community, services and facilities funding for security cameras at the Craig Centre to ensure the safety of staff and clients and the integrity of the facilities.

Although there is signage at the Craig that the facility is covered by security cameras, in fact there are no security cameras. Our organisations have requested these in the past but have been unsuccessful in accessing funding.

Our concern and desire for security cameras has been heightened in recent months with several incidents of concern. While our centre is open and inviting and supports many of the more vulnerable in our community, there have been occasions where clients have been of concern to staff over safety issues. We are happy to provide a briefing on this to Council officers on a confidential basis.

Earlier this this week there was an incident at the Craig where a stolen car was left abandoned in the car park under very suspicious circumstances and had very likely been used for criminal purposes in the area. Police were called and divisional detectives from Box Hill asked to see the security footage which might assist in tracking possible offenders while at the Craig. However, there was none to provide to police.

The security of staff, children and clients is in our view paramount. Hence our request for urgent funding for security cameras at the Craig Centre to be included in this year's budget.

We request that our organisations be afforded an opportunity to speak to this request at the Council meeting on 6 June. Our speakers would either be ourselves or members of our respective Committee of Management/Board.

Yours sincerely

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You have now allocated your \$1,000 across the community plan themes. Looking at your response, is there a specific suggestion for the draft Budget 2022-23 you would like to recommend to help Council deliver the Boroondara Community Plan?

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1. Jacinta Fernandez (Ref: A8593673)	Walking and Bike Paths (Moving Around) The submitter writes, public amenities along the walking paths would be most helpful. And alternate bike paths purpose built for riders only so they stop clipping us walkers continuously and blaming us for being in their way even though they never ring their bell to warn us they are behind us.	DP&S	Provision of public amenities such as seats, drinking fountains and bicycle repair stations along shared paths is included within the current draft budget under the Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails - (Implementation of Safety Audit Action Plan) budget which has \$450,000 allocated for 2022-23 financial year. Further upgrades to shared paths including separated facilities for bicycle riders and pedestrians along busy commuter routes such as the Gardiners Creek Trail, Main Yarra Trail and Koonung Trail are being considered as part of the review of Council's Bicycle Strategy. Formal consultation on the Draft Strategy closed at midnight on 28 February 2022. The Draft Strategy will consider all feedback and be updated before returning to Council for formal consideration. No change proposed to Budget.
2. Miriam Faine (Ref: A8593695)	Community Services vs Leadership and Governance The submitter writes community services are critical elements of local government. I don't see why good governance requires extra \$\$\$\$ - should be implicit in everything you do. Do you mean without extra resources you won't deliver good governance??????	Gov & Legal	Theme 7: Leadership and governance encompasses more than governance. As set out in the Boroondara community it includes resources for a range of Council services and support such as the Chief Financial Office, Customer Support and Corporate Information, People, Culture and Development, and Strategic Communications: Theme 7: Leadership and governance City of Boroondara. It also includes the Transforming Boroondara program directed at improving customer service and delivery across Council to make it easier for customers to more conveniently get the information and services they need.



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			From a Governance perspective, aspects of Governance require staff and funding such as processing freedom of information requests, managing insurance and claims, supporting Councillors and Council meetings and administering Council elections. Governance also updates policies and procedures to meet changes in laws that impact Council operations. No change proposed to Budget.
	Projects As for other options, I observe unnecessary or poorly thought-out projects - eg St James Park, rocket, Pridmore Park, Glenferrie parking stations etc.	DP&S	Council does not allocate funds to projects without careful consideration. The fact that some in the community may disagree with the merit of those projects is entirely legitimate but it does not mean they have been poorly thought about. Council undertakes consultation on all projects approved in the annual budget and listens to the different perspectives raised by community members. Projects are updated to reflect community feedback, such as the Rocket being retained and modified for compliance with play safety standards. No change proposed to Budget.
3. Michael Daly (Ref: A8593697)	Parks and Green Spaces The submitter has allocated \$500 to open parks but this is NOT for ovals or playing fields. Over the last 3 years with covid lockdowns and WFH I walk every day through a number of local parks. Of those I use the Macleay/Myrtle park the most. In this park NOT ONE NEW TREE has been planted. Many have been cut down and removed. Lots of money has gone to ovals and pavilions, yet the vast majority of park users are not on the ovals, but the 'true locals' who walk around the tracks morning, noon and night EVERY day of the week. 9 trees were cut down and grubbed out of the Hilda Street reserve over 2 years ago, and not ONE new tree has been planted. I would expect 2 new trees for every one this council salivated at cutting down. And while all these	DP&S	Council has typically planted at least 900 additional trees each year over a long period. Council has also set a target to increase the canopy cover through its Climate Action Plan adopted last year. To support this funding for additional tree planting has been included in this draft budget to increase trees planted per annum from 900 to 1900. These trees will be a combination of street and park trees. In active open space areas like Macleay/Myrtle Parks this has been focus around playgrounds, and path networks.



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	trees are being cut down and removed, and NO new trees being planted, this concrete and steel obsessed council is building new playgrounds in Hilda St reserve, adding yet more buildings to an already overly large pavilion in Macleay Park, have just spent hundreds of thousands if not millions of dollars on 2 ovals at Macleay Park, but they can't even repair the damage to the		Council staff will undertake an inspection of the walking tracks at Macleay Park and attend to any maintenance issues as required. No change proposed to Budget.
	walking tracks outside of these ovals much less plant more trees.		
	And now the council want to cut down and remove even more trees on the northern side of Macleay/Myrtle Parks to install more concrete and steel for a bike freeway creating further irreputable and permanent damage to the only area of the park with an avenue of tree foliage and large mature trees on either side of the walking track. And this bike path will cross right over a major walking route for hundreds of school children coming in and out of the southern gate of Balwyn High School thereby creating a new safety hazard. And at least when bikes do come down along the tracks you can hear them coming on the gravel although I have yet to hear a safety bell chime as these bikes and silent electric bikes race past. At my age I don't jump too quickly so I trust this council will have lots of insurance for claims for a stupid situation of their own making. There are plenty of nearby roads available for safe bike paths, such as Maud Street. Look after the 'true locals' first, as they are the ones not using their cars to visit a park and stay healthy, yet they are the ones most left out but a poorly managed council pandering to sporting groups where large numbers of visitors have to drive to parks.	DP&S	The proposals for Macleay and Myrtle Parks are included in the draft Bicycle Strategy. A concrete bike freeway is not proposed for Macleay and Myrtle Parks. The proposals essentially involve maintenance of the existing gravel paths. The existing gravel paths in these parks and reserves are not intended to be sealed. Instead, the emphasis will be on maintaining these gravel paths as gravel paths to ensure that they are fit for purpose in line with current standards. No trees are proposed to be removed. Formal consultation on the Draft Strategy closed at midnight on 28 February 2022. The draft strategy will consider all feedback and be updated before returning to Council for formal adoption. No change proposed to Budget.
	Stormwater Drains And lastly why does this council never keep storm water drains clear much less suck out the clogged drains of leaves and endless rubbish that is never picked up?	DP&S	Council provides a proactive pit cleaning program to remove leaves and debris from the stormwater system. In addition to this, all streets in the municipality are swept monthly, removing leaf litter from kerb to kerb, and in streets identified as heavy leaf fall during autumn, we provide an additional service. No change proposed to Budget.



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	I also allocated the second largest amount of the budget to moving around. The state government spent millions of dollars to widen Balwyn Road down to Canterbury some years ago for 'Bike Paths'. The day the work was finished it was instantly filled with parked cars thereby instantly relegating these bike paths useless. It's barely wide enough for two cars and you have to play 'chicken' to drive down this road (because that's how Boroondara Council like it), and what's the point of having bike paths that are so dangerous? And that's just one road of many. Simple: "CLEAR THE ROADS". I've argued with your traffic management team about the way this council allow netball users park so close at the top end of Hilda Street, Balwyn near Belmore Road that they are adjacent to the unbroken white line at the intersection of Hilda St and Belmore Roads. Hilda Street vehicle users can't get to the top of the street to get out onto Belmore Road, and often vehicle users on Belmore Road can't enter Hilda Street. I hope my input can shift or change the funding to better look after the 'true locals' and be more proactive in keeping them safe and healthy, and to be able to enjoy true bushland in our local parks rather than having to get in a car to get to better managed parks beyond Boroondara.	DP&S	Balwyn Road was not widened between Whitehorse Road and Canterbury Road for bike lanes. Rather the existing bluestone kerb and channel was replaced as it was in poor condition and new bluestone kerb and channel was installed in place of concrete kerb and channel along some sections between Mont Albert Road and Canterbury Road to reflect the heritage status of the precinct. Linemarking for bicycle lanes was also provided as part of the overall works. These works were carried out by VicRoads in 2011. In line with Council requirements, parking was permitted in the bicycle lanes. Council has historically not supported the permanent removal of parking in on road bicycle lanes. The draft Bicycle Strategy includes recommendations to consider strategic removal or banning of car parking along on road bicycle lanes to improve safety, particularly at crests and/or during peak travel times (subject to Council approval). Formal consultation on the Draft Strategy closed at midnight on 28 February 2022. The draft strategy will consider all feedback and be updated before returning to Council for formal consideration, expected in mid to late 2022. The following is included in the draft Budget to assist with the implementation of parking and traffic management initiatives throughout the municipality. \$165,000 - For renewal of the poorest condition safety treatments. \$115,000 - Crossing facilities. \$26,114 - Road Safety Strategy Implementation.



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a Name	2022-23 to help deliver the Boroondara Community Plan		\$172,706 - Traffic Management Devices \$10,000 - Traffic treatments lighting replacement. For on-road bicycle improvements, the draft Budget includes an allocation of \$100,000 for 'Safe on Road Bicycle Lanes' in 2022/23. It also foreshadows \$100,000 for each of the 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years. Initiatives include safer new on road bicycle lanes to expand the network as well as upgrading existing on road bicycle lanes on Council roads to improve safety and access including consideration of signage, linemarking, green pavement, separation kerbing and vibra- line marking. For arterial roads under the control of the Department of Transport, officers will advocate for improvements to the level of safety for cyclists in line with recommendations in the new Bicycle Strategy. The congestion concerns in Hilda Street during sporting events at Macleay Park have been managed through the installation of no stopping signs that extend for 20m exceeding the statutory 10m requirement for intersections.
4 10 41		DD00	No change proposed to Budget.
4. Matthew Morrison (Ref: A8593699)	Moving around Submitter writes, mini bike paths have sections that require cyclists to dismount. Planning should be undertaken to have the sections removed so that cyclists are not being required to dismount. This will make cycling as a method of getting around using the bike paths far more affective.	DP&S	Cyclists Dismount signs are installed at locations at or beyond where shared paths are not feasible due to site constraints including narrow footpaths with street furniture. In these situations, signs are installed to highlight the regulations in the Road Safety Road Rules 2017 for cyclists riding on footpaths, namely:



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α Name	2022-23 to help deliver the Boroondara Community Plan		 A footpath may be used by cyclists if they are: Under the age of 13 years. Over 13 years of age and the rider has a medical certificate stating that they have a disability making it undesirable to ride on a road and they carry the certificate at the time of riding and produce it when requested to do so by a Police officer. 13 or over 13 years of age and they are accompanying and supervising a child under 13 years of age who is riding a bicycle on the footpath. The review of the Bicycle Strategy is currently under way and due to be completed by mid to late 2022. The draft Bicycle Strategy includes several recommendations and initiatives that will improve access for bicycle riders and address the conflict issues along footpaths. With the adopted strategy, these improvements will be investigated and implemented through Council budget and external funding in consultation with relevant stakeholders.
			Projects include a new pedestrian bicycle bridge for the Anniversary Trail at Toorak Road in Hartwell and the relocation of the pedestrian signals further east in High Street Ashburton to suit the alignment of the Anniversary Trail. Both these proposals would address the safety and footpath access issues requiring cyclists to dismount. No change proposed to Budget.



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	Parks gardens and the environment Boroondara is lucky to have great parks in and around the area; however, they require constant maintenance which should be a priority to ensure these public spaces which during the lockdowns were essential for people's mental health are maintained at the highest level and meet the public's need.	DP&S	One of the seven themes of the Boroondara Community Plan is Parks and Green Spaces demonstrating its importance to Council and the community. Council allocates over \$18M to the maintenance of its parks, gardens, trees, biodiversity areas and sportsgrounds. Benchmarking indicates that Boroondara is considered to have the highest quality parks and gardens in the state. No change proposed to Budget.
5. Stephen Phillips (Ref: A8603834)	Library Services (Community, Services and Facilities) The submitters specific suggestion for the draft Budget 2022-23 to help Council deliver the Boroondara Community Plan is: Visiting library services.	DCS	Noted. The Home Library Service offered by Boroondara Libraries is a valuable community service delivering books to isolated residents unable to attend their local library in person and is again funded in the budget. No change proposed to Budget.
6. Submitter 6 (Ref: A8603837)	 Neighbourhood Character and Heritage Submitter writes, Theme 4: moratorium on moonscaping, i.e. pulling down serviceable houses and removing all green vegetation; introduce and enforce reduced maximum ratio of house footprint to size of block; overshadowing also to be taken into consideration. reintroduce independent building surveyors to vet the quality of new housing, i.e. stop the building of instant slums which we are seeing arise in our neighbourhoods; develop and maintain a database of unoccupied houses, old and new, and empty blocks which quickly become a blight on our neighbourhoods, and apply the tax penalty for empty properties which I believe was introduced a number of years ago; include in the plans consideration for ALL neighbourhoods of Boroondara, not just high profile "heritage" areas. 	DUL	'Moonscaping' is in some circumstances already partly addressed through the Boroondara Planning Scheme (e.g. through site coverage, overshadowing) for some development and also where there is a suitable Overlay in place such as Heritage. However, there are also circumstances where planning requirements do not apply and Council cannot prevent the demolition of buildings. Further, the building permit process where no planning permit is required (such as single dwelling on a lot larger than 500sqm and no Overlays in place) does not include consideration of the architectural merits of a dwelling or its impact on the character of the area. Those can only be considered through the planning permit process if a planning permit is required.



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& Name	In short: protect our amenities and neighbourhoods from further erosion by individuals who seem to have little appreciation for what our suburbs are all about and are being allowed to change them beyond recognition.		Council does not have the statutory power to change the building permit process. This would require legislative and regulatory reform by the Victorian Government. Future Building system reforms have been flagged by the State Government which are expected to be announced in the near future. Council regularly reviews whether changes to the neighbourhood character provisions within the planning scheme need to and can be strengthened. A review of the current provisions and neighbourhood character precinct statements is schedule to commence following adoption of a new Housing Strategy. The Victorian Government recently sought comments on possible reforms on how neighbourhood character is considered in the planning permit process. Council will respond to any reforms and proposed changes to the Boroondara Planning Scheme to strengthen the consideration of neighbourhood character throughout the municipality. A uniform rate system is applied and there is no differential rate applied to vacant residential land. Council has always considered that a
			uniform rate is the most equitable method of apportioning rates across the municipality based on the capital improved value of properties. No change proposed to Budget as the resources required to support the advocacy required to
			take up the issues raised by the submitter are included in the draft budget.
7. Submitter 7 (Ref: A8603839)	Tuck Stand & Freeway Golf Course (Community, services and facilities)	DP&S	Freeway Golf Course redevelopment was funded in the 2021/22 budget. The Tuck stand is a significant heritage pavilion that is currently not used by community due to its condition



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	Submitter can't understand why anyone would waste \$4m on Tuck Stand, I would have thought there might be a mention of any cost of Freeway Golf Course redevelopment but could not find any.		internally. Preservation and activation of heritage buildings for community use aligns with Boroondara's Community Plan. No change proposed to Budget.
8. Annie James (Ref: A8608078)	Tree Coverage/Underground Power/Wentworth Avenue (Environment) Submitter thinks Council is doing a good job though does regret the fact that all blocks are totally cleared when redeveloping so tree cover is greatly reduced and the area allocated for permeable land is so small. They suggest a minimum of 1 tree to grow above roof height for all properties should be considered.	DUL	The Building Regulations 2018 (set by the State Government) specify the garden area requirements of between 25-35% for new residential developments depending on the size of the allotment but do not provide any specific requirements to plant a tree. Council has no authority to compel a property owner to plant trees on their property unless a Tree Protection Local Law permit or Planning Permit has been issued that requires tree planting as a condition of the permit. Most Tree Protection Local Law permits issued for tree removal have conditions requiring a canopy tree be planted on the land with a minimum mature height of 10 metres and planning permits for residential development requiring landscaping to be undertaken including tree planting. Council is also advocating for improved planning rules relating to protecting trees. No change proposed to Budget.
	My only suggestion is for future consideration of underground power so that, ultimately, tree pruning will be a reduced cost and suburbs will look better. Totally understand this is enormous cost but there have been several missed opportunities as when cables placed.	DP&S	Electrical infrastructure is not a Council asset. However, the priority project Energy Safe Victoria Electricity Safety Compliance Works does contain some funding to undertake engineering solutions to minimise the pruning required as Council recognises the value of our tree canopy. Underground power is very expensive and not a solution Council could practically introduce across the city but it could be considered if there was funding available from other sources such as the distribution



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			companies or residents chose to fund their own scheme as occurred at Monomeath Avenue, Canterbury. No change proposed to Budget.
	As an aside, money has been wasted on footpaths in Wentworth Avenue because different council sections have re-surfaced same parts in a relatively short time a few years ago. Specific sections by one department then entire length with some new crossovers a few months later!	DP&S	Under Council's Road Management Plan, the footpaths on Wentworth Avenue, Canterbury, are High Activity paths inspected every six months for trip hazards and other defects. As a result of these inspections, Council has detected and repaired a substantial number of such defects in the last two years on both sides of the street. Footpath repairs can be in the form of concrete grinding or bay replacement and depend on the asset's age or the type of repair being undertaken. The footpaths in Wentworth Avenue are 50 years old, and bay replacement was deemed to be the appropriate repair. Crossovers are replaced at the request and expense of the owner.
9. Louise Mitchell (Ref: A8608104)	Social Housing (Community, services and facilities) The submitters main issue is social housing. I understand this is a Federal, State and Municipal issue but I want to see more of the budget allocated to social housing for families and individuals. I am lucky enough to own my own flat in Hawthorn East. Across the road the sporting pavilion in Rathmines Reserve has been totally rebuilt as has the complex in Victoria Road, at huge costI respect the need for sporting infrastructure but people need homes to give them a secure, safe base to build a life. Shopping precincts are also important but where are your priorities. I only filled in the above so I could express my priority.	DCS	Council understands increasing the provision of social housing is essential to addressing the needs of people on low income who face accommodation affordability challenges and for those who are homeless. As outlined in Boroondara's Housing Strategy, Council does not offer financial subsidies or assets for the development of social housing as this is the responsibility of the Australian and Victorian Governments. Council does, however, advocate to both levels of government to increase and improve social housing stock in Boroondara. For example, advocacy by Council led to the Victorian Government significantly increasing the amount of public housing beyond that originally proposed in their redevelopment plans



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			at Markham Estate in Ashburton and Bills Street, Hawthorn East. No change proposed to Budget as the resources required to support advocacy are funded within the draft budget.
10. Vijay R (Ref: A8611270)	Theme 5. Moving Around The submitter writes, lot of street lights are old and its dark during winter times. Do you have plans to change them to LED and evenly distribute the light poles?	DP&S	Of Council's 12,531 streetlights, we have replaced 6,129 lights with low watt fluorescent globes and 1763 with LED lights. As requests for lighting upgrades and repairs are received, we assess the lighting per the Australian Standards taking into account crime prevention, environmental constraints, and creating public amenity. We then replace, upgrade, and add streetlights with LED lights to achieve the appropriate outcome. Council replaced all of it old street lights with new T5 lighting 10 years ago. At the time, LED lights had not been a proven technology, but we are now using LED lighting when the opportunity arises. We will contact the submitter to obtain details of particular streets which they may have had in mind. No change proposed to Budget as lighting upgrades are funded within the operating budget.
	And importantly, I don't understand why we create Bike lanes and cars are parked in there. Examples are Mont Albert and Balwyn Road. Both are single lanes one way and cars parked in the bike lanes are obstructing Cyclists and cars/ traffic. Its really risky and many accidents can be avoided.	DP&S	In trying to balance the demand for kerbside parking with the use of the road network by cyclists, Council has historically not supported the permanent removal of parking where there are on road bicycle lanes. The draft Bicycle Strategy includes recommendations to consider strategic removal or banning of car parking along on road bicycle lanes to improve safety, particularly at crests



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			and/or during peak travel times (subject to Council approval). Formal consultation on the Draft Strategy closed at midnight on 28 February 2022. The draft strategy will consider all feedback and be updated before returning to Council for formal consideration, expected in mid to late 2022. No change proposed to Budget at this stage but Council may consider allocating additional funding in future years for implementation of the Bicycle Strategy once adopted.
11. Kerrie Jordan (Ref: A8611424)	Kew Library (Community, services and facilities) The submitter states, it is truly disappointing to see that the council is proposing to spend \$17 million upgrading the Kew library. I love libraries, but strongly believe they should be considered and used as a community hub and meeting place. This is achieved more effectively by locating libraries in existing community centres. For example, Knox council is building their library in the Knox shopping centre, Yarra Ranges has a library in the Box Hill Tafe Lilydale campus. Before simply upgrading the existing Kew library, consider relocating the library to a location where community is already based, for example locating the library in the new Kew Recreation centre, or as an addition to the kindergartens or maternal child health centres owned by the council. This is outside the square and use the funds more effectively.	DCS	Boroondara Libraries help to bring communities together and offer multi-purpose spaces and facilities for use by residents as well as visitors choosing to recreate in the municipality. There are a number of community groups and agencies already co-located at the Kew Library site, including the Kew Historical Society, the Boroondara Family Network Inc, the Inner East Social Housing group and the Rotary Club of Kew. These groups and their associated services and events, help stimulate this space into a hub of activity. Further, the much-needed upgrade of this site, will ensure such groups are able to continue using this space safely in future, and cater to the shifting learning and development needs of the community it serves. Respecting the fact that libraries can serve to help activate community spaces and do well to be co-located with other community centres, this is not always possible. The required land-size is not typically available in the Boroondara municipality, and where it is, the cost of extending buildings, building new ones or limitations due to buildings being heritage listed, means this is not always feasible.



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			Where space does allow however, Libraries are co-located into community spaces/hubs including for example, in the Greythorn Community Hub. Our Greythorn Library Lounge is co-located with the Greythorn Early Childhood Centre; the North Balwyn RSL sub-branch; the Greythorn Maternal and Child Health service; Access Health and Community and Camcare. Further, where limited (outdoor) space is available, such as Alexandra Gardens and Petrie Square in Kew, Council is planning to activate it by hosting outdoor events to further promote social gatherings. While the Covid-19 pandemic served to highlight the importance of our Boroondara libraries to the community (by way of the extent of our physical and digital collections available for loan, and Council's ability to deliver books to those social isolated or vulnerable during the peak of lockdowns) hosting events and activities in safe spaces, is what members and visitors are informing us is essential for recovery and to re-connect socially. Library Services in general, offer multiple programs and events to people of all ages. These include children's programs and activities, school holiday programs, programs during the school term, joint events with local education institutions, as well as adult programs and events offered onsite and online. No change proposed to Budget.
12. Submitter 12 (Ref: A8613849)	Themes 2 (Parks & Green Spaces), 5 (Moving Around) and 6 (Local Economy)	DP&S	Council has historically not supported the permanent removal of parking for roads to accommodate on road bicycle lanes.
(Itel. Mooloows)	Themes 2, 5 and 6 are particularly important to me. I agree with the greening/tree planting initiatives.		The draft Bicycle Strategy includes recommendations to consider strategic removal



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	For the moving around option we definitely need more on road cycling options that are not completely useless because of parked cars. Burwood road, Glenferrie road, Auburn road, and Riversdale road are roads that completely are very important for getting around Hawthorn but they have no or very little useful bike infrastructure. I would like to buy a bike but I know I wouldn't be able to get anywhere without getting directly in these roads amongst the traffic and slowing down honking drivers. I think cycling would increase significantly if arterial like those mentioned above had physically separated (bollards, curbs) bike paths that cars could not park in.		or banning of car parking along on road bicycle lanes to improve safety, particularly at crests and/or during peak travel times (subject to Council approval). It also includes initiatives for safer new on road bicycle lanes to expand the network as well as upgrading existing on road bicycle lanes on Council roads to improve safety and access including consideration of signage, linemarking, green pavement, separation kerbing and vibraline marking. These initiatives would be subject to Council approval. For arterial roads under the control of the Department of Transport, officers would advocate for improvements to the level of safety for cyclists in line with recommendations in the new Bicycle Strategy. Formal consultation on the Draft Bicycle Strategy closed at midnight on 28 February 2022. The draft strategy will consider all feedback and be updated before returning to Council for formal consideration, expected in mid to late 2022. For on-road bicycle improvements, the draft Budget includes an allocation of \$100,000 for 'Safe on Road Bicycle Lanes' in 2022/23. It also foreshadows \$100,000 for each of the 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years. No change proposed to Budget.
	And for point 6 I like initiatives to bring in outdoor dining, and reduce noisy car traffic on major shopping roads that make it hard to cross roads, walk around, etc.	DCS	Council recognises the important economic and social benefits that arise from encouraging outdoor dining and trade in our 53 shopping precincts, and the opportunities it provides to



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			improve visitor access and safe pedestrian movement.
			As such, Council's Local Economies and Placemaking teams are actively focused on encouraging traders and trader associations to maintain outdoor trade opportunities wherever possible.
			No change proposed to Budget.
13. Submitter 13 (Ref: A8613886)	Moving Around- Anniversary Trail shared paths Anniversary Trail needs major work. As Ashburton cyclists ride at street speed. They do not "dismount" at pedestrian areas and demand right of way on the footpath of High Street. Don't use "dismount" as no one knows what it means. Use Get off your bike. Speed humps would fix the speed danger and would be ok for pedestrians who are the poor cousins in the shared path. Or have zigzag channelling fencing.	DP&S	Cyclists Dismount signs are installed at locations at or beyond where shared paths are not feasible due to site constraints. For instance, along narrow footpaths with street furniture in High Street Ashburton and Toorak Road Hartwell. In these situations, signs are installed to highlight the requirements for cyclists in the Road Safety Road Rules 207 for riding on footpaths, namely:
			 A footpath may be used by cyclists if they are: Under the age of 13 years. Over 13 years of age and the rider has a medical certificate stating that they have a disability making it undesirable to ride on a road and they carry the certificate at the time of riding and produce it when requested to do so by a Police officer. 13 or over 13 years of age and they are accompanying and supervising a child under 13 years of age who is riding a bicycle on the footpath.
			The 'Cyclists Dismount' signs are the standard signs commonly used throughout Melbourne.
			Specific pavement markings showing the requirement to dismount have also been installed at several locations along the footpaths.



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			The draft Bicycle Strategy includes several recommendations and initiatives that will improve access for bicycle riders and address the conflict issues along footpaths. With the adopted strategy, these improvements will be investigated and implemented through Council budget and external funding in consultation with relevant stakeholders.
			Projects include a new pedestrian bicycle bridge for the Anniversary Trail at Toorak Road in Hartwell and the relocation of the pedestrian signals further east in High Street Ashburton to suit the alignment of the Anniversary Trail. Both these proposals would address the safety and footpath access issues requiring cyclists to dismount.
			The review of the Bicycle Strategy is currently under way and due to be completed by mid to late 2022.
			An allocation of \$450,000 is included in the budget for actions to maintain and improve safety and access for pedestrian and shared paths across Boroondara, including the Anniversary Trail. No change proposed to Budget.
14. Ian Penrose	Population Growth		
(Ref: A8614948)	The document states in its introduction that as "our population grows the demand for services increases"; then in the first paragraph of its executive summary that there are "additional demands placed upon Council by a growing population"; then on page 60 "population is a key driver of a Council's ability to fund the delivery of services to the community."		
	Clearly, population growth is a challenge for the Council. But it also impacts adversely on residents' amenity, quality of life, and the natural environment. It		



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	is arguably not possible to stabilise the city's environmental footprint (a prerequisite of sustainability) if its population continues to grow.		
	The forecast growth from last year of about 1% is perhaps modest and manageable. But it is occurring year after year so, for every one of the above impacted areas, it is a "death by a thousand cuts". For these reasons, the population assumptions in the budget warrant a clear explanation and discussion. However, I can find neither.		
	The only relevant reference I can find is in the associated document, the Boroondara Community Plan 2021-31, where the population is forecast to rise from an estimated 183,023 in 2020 to 197,734 in 2031, an increase of 8%. The forecast was provided by Id Consulting (2021), not by the community and in no way reflects the community's wishes. According to Id Consulting's web pages, "The addition of dwellings to the housing stock is a major driver of population growth"; and "Id's forecasters worked with Council planners" to forecast the increase in dwellings and thus the increase in population.		
	Thus, in effect, the city's population growth is being driven by the development industry. It is not being driven by the wishes of the broader community nor the Council. In fact, as argued above, the community and Council both suffer from the growth. To reinforce this unsatisfactory situation in the budget is not the forward thinking and leadership that the community expects of its council. I don't want to halt residential renewal, but I do challenge the presumption		
	that the city's population and number of dwellings should continue to grow, especially when that growth is not in the best interests of the community.		
	Here are my suggested changes to the budget document. State clearly the budget's population forecast and its derivation, then explain that any population growth makes it more difficult for the Council to fund its important services, makes it more difficult for the city to maintain, let alone reduce, its environmental footprint, and that it decreases the green space per capita, increases traffic congestion, creates more conflict over the protection of streetscapes and heritage the list goes on. Therefore	DUL	The policy settings which drive the level of development and population growth in our city are set by the state government. The government's main policy, Plan Melbourne, anticipates growth being focused in municipalities like Boroondara to take advantage of the established infrastructure. Council is required to apply the planning provisions which support this policy direction.



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			Council does not directly influence population growth and does not have population targets to meet. However, we do have a clear role to plan for our current and future community and manage the population growth that is happening in the municipality as well as the rest of Melbourne. An increase in population can place pressure on infrastructure, such as parks, open spaces, schools, childcare, youth and aged services. However, if planned well, this can be managed whilst also providing opportunities for a range of benefits, such as greater choice of dwellings for different stages of life of our community, economic development and more inclusive and vibrant neighbourhoods. Council understands that this requires a balance between the benefits and costs of providing increased amenity and services for people. Council has a strong record of advocacy to other levels of government to ensure that infrastructure and services keep up with our community's needs and expectations. The upcoming release of ABS census data will provide Council with up-to-date information to continue to plan for our current and future needs and will help inform our review of the Housing Strategy.
			No change proposed to Budget.
	State that one of the Council's objectives is to stabilise the city's population.	DUL	As mentioned above, Council is required to apply state government policy which anticipates more growth in municipalities like Boroondara.
			A key Council objective in the Boroondara Community Plan 2021-2031 is to "Protect the heritage and respect the character of



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			Boroondara, while facilitating appropriate, well-designed development". To protect the character of Boroondara and manage change, Council has successfully applied the Neighbourhood Residential Zone to over 90% of the municipality. The majority of higher density housing development is positioned towards areas that are well located in relation to existing infrastructure, jobs, services and public transport such as commercial activity centres and along some main roads as this is resource- and cost-efficient. No change proposed to Budget
	The Victorian and Commonwealth governments have control over population at their levels, but Council in NOT impotent at the city level. It has direct control over planning approvals of residential developments, the major driver of population growth, and should commit to firmly apply those controls to achieve this strategic objective. Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment. I welcome further discussion.	DUL	The State Government's Plan Melbourne 2017-2050 sets the framework for integrating long-term land use, infrastructure and transport planning. It directs how to manage the supply of new housing across the city to meet population growth. Local governments are required to consider housing policy and planning in the context of their own municipal boundaries as well as the broader State Government directives. This means planning policies at the municipal level must be consistent with and cannot contradict the state-wide and regional policy directions set by the State Government through Plan Melbourne. Boroondara is therefore expected to accommodate some housing growth in line with population projections. Where development complies with the policies, strategies and guidelines contained within the Boroondara Planning Scheme, Council has no basis to refuse development. Specifically, Council cannot refuse new housing development to stop population growth.



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			Council plans for this population growth and its cumulative effects across Boroondara whilst balancing the needs between protecting valued character and the amenity of the existing community and the housing needs of new residents. This is an inherent part of the role of strategic planning and the Boroondara Planning Scheme. No change proposed to Budget.
15. Teresa Ewart (Ref: A8618132)	In regards to Theme 4, the submitter is concerned about our character and heritage and how it is rapidly shifting. For example, I am concerned at the gradual decline in street appeal and cultural shift of Balwyn shopping strip and Balwyn/Deepdene in general. There are multiple Chinese shops, of little appeal, where English is often not spoken/understood. This detracts from the character of Boroondara and is not inclusive to all residents. Recently, a 'live seafood shop' has opened, which is unappealing on many levels. Signage on shopfronts should be in English. The area has seen a cultural shift over the years and I don't think it's improving Boroondara. WHAT CAN BE DONE TO ENCOURAGE A CULTURAL BALANCE? Speaking for myself, I am concerned Boroondara may become more and more like Box Hill Central or Victoria Road, Richmond. Whilst I love visiting these areas, is this the direction council envisages for our area too?	DCS	Council recognises that Boroondara is a multicultural community with almost a third (30.9%) of the City's residents born overseas in over 150 different countries compared to 33.7% of residents born overseas in Greater Melbourne. Based on the 2016 Census, 6.6% of Boroondara residents and 13.0% of residents in Balwyn and Deepdene were born in China. Council does not have any role in controlling the cultural diversity of our community, even if that were to be desirable, and Council is committed through the Multicultural Action Plan 2019-23 to support, promote and celebrate the City's rich cultural diversity. Council does not have control over the business mix and shop front signage in languages other than English. Business mix is driven by market forces and private investment. The sustainability of a business is driven by consumer demand and where this is lacking, a business generally fails. Similarly, Council has no planning control over the 'content' of signage. Council supports business owners in shopping strips such as Balwyn, with face-to-face business engagement to inform them of our suite of business support services, which includes free business mentoring and a



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			comprehensive range of workshops to inform and inspire businesses to uplift business practices and enhance their marketing skills. Business engagement and mentoring is also offered in languages other than English. Council manages the Love Local Life website and Boroondaralife social media channels to showcase local businesses and promote a buy local ethos within the City. Council also has a dedicated service crew which visits our strips including Balwyn on a regular basis to attend to maintenance and cleanliness matters. No change proposed to Budget.
	The landscaping and artwork near the newsagent is commendable - however the rest of the strip needs much improvement particularly on the right hand side if traveling towards Box Hill. Glenferrie Road, particularly on the right-hand side travelling toward Malvern, around train station needs some attention with cleaning and landscaping.	DP&S	The Glenferrie Place Plan draft once finalised will guide future directions to improve the precinct, including Glenferrie Rd and additional greening. No change proposed to Budget
16. Sarah Craze (Ref: A8619718)	Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (The Environment) The submitter writes, I think council should install an electric vehicle charging station at each of its suburban shopping strips and major playgrounds. This will provide a service for the community while helping the environment. EVs take 90 minutes to charge so this will encourage the use of green spaces and local shops while drivers wait and encourage visitors to the area. It will also show council leadership in encouraging sustainable choices in the community.	DP&S	Council's Climate Action Plan has a target to ensure there is access to fast chargers for EVs within 2km of all activity centres by 2030. Within the budget allocation of \$1M for implementation of the Climate Action Plan is funding for the installation of chargers and this is also likely to be supported by State and/or Federal funding. Council will also develop a plan for how it supports community uptake of EVs during the 2022/23 financial year. No change proposed to Budget



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17. Helen Sleigh (Ref: A8621831)	Parks and Green Spaces I have prioritised Parks and Green Spaces as I believe council should be purchasing and greening new parks instead of just maintaining existing ones. An ever increasing population and many living in new high rises with no gardens creates an obvious need. Mental health, fitness and general well-being and socializing needs more parks and gardens. I am not meaning more sporting facilities as they are already well catered for. I would add that last year at the Community Forums this was constantly brought up. Council has not mentioned this. Covid has highlighted how important public green open space is. Regarding the environment theme I would caution council that planting many new trees is only part of the job. Maintaining a future canopy tree requires dedication over a minimum of 7 years which needs to be part of this budget. Being more vigilant of existing trees so they are not lost would be fiscally prudent also as it would contribute positively to the environmental credentials of council in a meaningful way.	DP&S	Council's Open Space Strategy has identified the need for additional open space in some areas of the municipality to cater for our increasing population and demand. While there is no specific budget allocation identified Council has established an Open Space Reserve Fund which can be utilised to purchase land when opportunities arise. Council is actively pursuing two opportunities right now. Council provides significant funding for the maintenance of our trees through our operational budget. Our new tree planting contract includes watering and formative pruning for the first three years of a trees life to increase the success rate of plantings. After that time all trees are inspected and pruned at a minimum every two years. All of this work is undertaken by qualified arborists with the intent to maximise the life and canopy of our tree population. No change proposed to Budget
18. Tim Wilkinson (Ref: A8626353)	 It is difficult to make meaningful comments about the budget when responses at not received from BCC to questions raised in writing seeking an explanation as to the scope of work/activities that will be covered by specific line item expenditure. The written request was submitted after requesting assistance by phone as to how I could seek this information. Whilst happy to make a written submission, what surprised me that the individual I spoke to had no access to or knowledge at a high level of what was included in in particular capital projects. My request was submitted on May 19 and at14h28 on 20 May I had response from only 50 percent of my queries. Question two seems irrelevant to me and needs more explanation. For this reason I have not included a meaning full answer. i.e. there is a need for communication improvement on its purpose. 	DUL	On 10 May 2022, Mr Wilkinson submitted a request for further information on the scope of work for the budgets relating to Maling Road, Canterbury. Council's Placemaking Team met with Mr Wilkinson and representatives of the Canterbury Community Action Group (CCAG) on 17 May 2022 to outline the scope of works covered by the draft budget, including key project stages required to progress the implementation of the Maling Road Place Plan. No change proposed to Budget.



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	Theme One Community, services and facilities Projects such as the Canterbury Community Precinct are filling a gap that BCC should be congratulated on and I for one support this project whole heatedly. What is missing however is meaningful communication to the community at large and community groups impacted by the facility on decisions that have been made around operational matters. Further, from my lifetime work experience, I know that design and planning before entering project execution are the key to successful project delivery. This appears to be missing on this project. Maybe there are some lessons her for future project delivery!	DCS	We appreciate you taking the time to write to Council in relation to the Canterbury Community Precinct. The Canterbury Community Precinct is a significant project which will provide early years services and community programs for all ages in our community. Early on in the project, consultation occurred with the community and service providers involved. The feedback gathered has informed the project. Further discussion is occurring at the moment with service providers and updates to the broader community will increase in the lead up to the opening. No change proposed to Budget.
	 Theme Two Parks and green spaces Another theme on which BCC are congratulated and I am supportive of. Suggestions for improvement under this heading are; Make decisions to support existing facilities better whilst at the same time save money maintaining existing infrastructure. [The best example I can give to demonstrate this are the long established garden beds in the Maling road precinct including Theatre Place. None of these gardens have readily available BCC watering points available. As a result in the past year we have seen trees die in the parquet opposite 80 Maling road and plantings in a number of the beds] The solution in this case should be obvious provide water outlets which in the medium to longer term will not only save costs but enhance the existing streetscape. Make better use of volunteer groups to support garden maintenance and development teams under the BCC volunteer program 1. Ensure plantings are protected from vandalism particularly expensive trees. A key example of this was problems experienced in 2021 which was resolved by introducing risk management solutions including better vandalism protection during installation and ongoing monitoring. 	DP&S	Watering points are to be installed in the garden beds in Maling Rd this financial year. As part of the Climate Action Plan we have employed an additional staff member to better support volunteer groups undertaking garden maintenance. Vandalism of plantings is not normally a big issue in Boroondara but we did experience an increase of incidents in 2021. A temporary increase in monitoring was implemented and more permanent solutions will be considered if vandalism continues to be an issue during the 2022 planting season. No change proposed to Budget.



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	Theme 3 The Environment The initiatives undertaken to date are commended. Opportunities should be taken by BCC to take every step they can to facilitate achievement of sustainable commercial and industrial practices within the Council area.	DP&S	Noted. Finding the opportunities to improve the sustainability practices of commercial properties and industry is a key action of the Climate Action Plan. As we develop our new Community of Interest Program during 2022/23 new opportunities may arise which need to be considered through the next budget process. No change proposed to Budget.
	Theme 4 Neighbourhood Character & Heritage Theme 6 Local Economy The delivery of the Maling Road Place Plan [MRPP] by BCC several years ago is commended and I for one am a strong supporter of this initiative. We have seen a number of good initiatives such as the Heritage facade maintenance, postal lane upgrade and shortly to be implemented initiative of a mural at 80 Maling Road. Information on the mural design has been restricted over the preceding years despite repeated requests for additional information. Despite significant input be a number of community members to the design, the community was only presented with fait accomplice 11 days before implementation commenced. This reflects poorly on BCC implementation of Theme 7 and has caused angst among some community members. We have also seen initiatives involving Theatre place garden upgrade completed under the auspices of the BCC volunteer program and work around the Canterbury Station undertaken by Canterbury stationers volunteer a group sponsored by Canterbury Community action group. Water to support these gardening works has relied on water supplied by traders but supply of water should be the responsibility of BCC. A request has been made via our councillor for assistance on this matter. Despite these gains, I have been surprised to see that only 234K has been allowed over the next four financial years for implementation works. This delay reflects poorly on BCC given the commitment to implementation implied from the MRPP prepared by BCC.	DUL	Community support for the Maling Road Place Plan and the implementation of a number of recent projects is acknowledged, and budget allocations have been made to continue the implementation of key projects in the Maling Road Place Plan. These implementation budgets from Maling Road exclude any capital works projects, which will be subject to separate budget bids in future as required. In regard to the 80 Maling Rd mural, Council ensured that appropriate consultation and approvals were undertaken with the relevant property owners, adjoining business operators and key stakeholders. Council also followed the appropriate process for engaging an artist to undertake works at this site. The location of the mural was informed by previous community consultation undertaken by the Canterbury Community Action Group and was identified in the Maling Road Place Plan (page 27). It is not normal practice for Council to undertake additional community consultation on the detailed design of artworks themselves. (Please refer to comments above regarding the irrigation and maintenance of garden beds.)



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	Whilst I understand that eventual MRPP implementation will include streetscape changes, more could be done in the short term by providing water outlet adjacent to existing gardens and BCC facilities such the parklet at 80 Maling Road. Provision of water would benefit street ambience with more vibrant gardens and save money to BCC caused by loss of trees and other vegetation of which tree loss in the parklet is a key example. Comment on the line item for expenditure of a further \$250 on working with Maling Road precinct traders cannot be commented on as I have been unable to obtain information on what is planned.		
	Theme 5 Moving Around Undoubtedly the lighting upgrades are needed. The extent of expenditure under this heading on development works appears minimal from documentation available on the engage Boroondara page. I would be supportive of better cycle path coverage which would allow pedestrian/cyclist separation.	DP&S	The draft budget 2022/23 foreshadows \$275K to solar lights in parks. Lighting aims to improve safety and use along paths and consider environmental impacts. Provision has also been made for \$217,500 for lighting along shared paths. Other allocations in the draft budget for cycling initiatives include: \$75,000 - Shared Paths Pedestrian Priority and Accessibility. \$100,000 - Bicycle Strategy Implementation. \$160,000 - Box Hill to Hawthorn Strategic Cycling Corridor - Investigation and Design. \$100,000 - Safe On-Road Bike Lanes. \$450,000 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails - Implementation of Safety Audit Action Plan. \$1,393,209 - Walmer Street Land Bridge Replacement. Initiatives involving separate paths for pedestrians and cyclists on high use shared paths are included in Council's Draft Bicycle Strategy. Formal consultation on the Draft Strategy closed at midnight on 28 February 2022.



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			The draft strategy will consider all feedback and be updated before returning to Council for formal consideration, expected in mid to late 2022. No change proposed to Budget.
	Theme 7: Leadership and Governance This area needs to be a key focus for BCC and Councillors if this strategic objective is to be achieved as opportunity exists for significant improvement. My current experience is that within the executive team there are many examples of people who are ensuring that service deliveries are met whilst others do not. Similarly the same exists for Councillors. A significant issue is the existence of silo's within Council which sometimes need the input of Councillors to resolve. As mentioned earlier there are some BCC communication gaps such as those referenced under Themes 4 and 6. The impression that one gains is that this is a deliberate strategy on the part of some individuals participating in the communication process and is certainly not what I would expect if the strategic objectives under this theme are to be met.	CEO	In the absence of specific examples relating to the non performance of Councillors or officers it is difficult to provide a detailed response. However, the submission is best interpreted as a desire to see all Councillors and officers be highly responsive to the needs of our community. Considerable focus is being applied to building a culture of responsiveness in all staff and providing technology resources which will assist in providing a better experience for all community members. No change proposed to Budget
19. Andrea Macdonald (Ref: A8626400)	Public Transport (Moving Around) Accessible public transport in Boroondara is essential. The tram network has almost no accessible tram stops yet has low floor trams on Route 109 and possibly elsewhere. Upgrading key stops with platforms is difficult and costly but also requires local urban design planning. There are no active plans underway. Council should collaborate with State Govt to develop a Strategic Plan for all stops in the Municipality now and get on with implementing most of them over the next 5 years. There are many successful design options available now. The State can fund most of them with Council contributions.	DP&S	The provision of accessible tram stops, including funding is the responsibility of the State Government. Council supports the provision of accessible tram stops and has previously and continues to advocate for stops, particularly at a number of high profile locations, including Kew Junction, Harp Junction and more recently along Glenferrie Road. Council is awaiting advice on a strategic plan for the implementation of accessible tram stops throughout Melbourne from the Department of Transport and Yarra Trams.



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			This will assist in guiding Council's advocacy on the most suitable locations and design option(s) for accessible tram stops. No change proposed to Budget.
20. Linus Opat (Ref: A8626446)	Bike Paths/Drainage I am glad to see a focus on active transport in section 5. Three specific suggestions to make sure that this priority is effectively carried out, would be: Off-road bike paths need to be improved for drainage. On the Gardiner's Creek trail, recent widening works between Burke Road and Great Valley Road have ineffective drainage, and the section between Burke Road and Toorak Road is especially badly drained. Silt removal works last year at the Toorak Road underpass were ineffective, and do not address the fundamental design flaw, that the creek widens, reducing flow velocity at the precise spot that the bike path is vulnerable to siltation. This needs to be readdressed with a permanent and effective solution, so that the bike path is not inundated after small rain events.	DP&S	The section of the Gardiners Creek Trail between Burke Road and Great Valley Road is within the City of Stonnington. An allocation of \$450,000 has been included in the Draft Budget for 'Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails - Implementation of Safety Audit Action Plan' and the drainage issues in the section between Burke Road and Toorak Road can be investigated and any remedial works considered as part of this allocation. For the Gardiners Creek Trail underpass at Toorak Road, a feasibility study and design has been completed that involves raising the path and realigning the approaches. Given the strategic importance of the Gardiners Creek Trail, Council has been actively seeking funding opportunities through both Federal and State Government levels to implement this initiative.
			In the interim, regular cleaning of the underpass is being undertaken. No change proposed to Budget.
	The first priority for new and existing on-road bike lanes should be for them to be protected by physical barriers from the road. Paint on roads does not provide protection from cars, and often encourages cyclists to ride in the most dangerous part of the road, where they are sandwiched between parked car doors, and moving traffic. This type of bike lane does not empower unconfident cyclists to take up bike riding as an active transport option.	DP&S	Initiatives involving safer and connected on-road bicycle lanes, including consideration of separation kerbing are included in Council's Draft Bicycle Strategy.



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			Formal consultation on the Draft Strategy closed at midnight on 28 February 2022.
			The draft strategy will consider all feedback and be updated before returning to Council for formal consideration, expected in mid to late 2022.
			For on-road bicycle improvements, the draft Budget includes an allocation of \$100,000 for 'Safe on Road Bicycle Lanes' in 2022/23. It also foreshadows \$100,000 for each of the 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years.
			Initiatives include safer new on road bicycle lanes to expand the network as well as upgrading existing on road bicycle lanes on Council roads to improve safety and access including consideration of signage, linemarking, green pavement, separation kerbing and vibraline marking.
			For arterial roads under the control of the Department of Transport, officers will advocate for improvements to improve the level of safety for cyclists in line with recommendations in the new Bicycle Strategy.
			No change proposed to Budget.
	Road surface quality in bike lanes should be a top priority. Bikes are particularly vulnerable (compared to cars) to potholes, and debris, which is frequently strewn at the side of the road, where bike lanes are. Improving road surfaces in existing bike lanes is therefore important. A particular example of where these surfaces are grossly inadequate is the section of Burwood Rd and Camberwell Rd between Power St and Camberwell Junction. (This section does not have a bike lane, but is used by bike riders, and has some road markings suggesting that, such as bike boxes at intersections.	DP&S	The need for a good road surface and its importance for all road users including cyclists is acknowledged. Council has an ongoing program to inspect, assess and renew its roads and also responds to reactive issues at hand. The roads in question are declared arterial roads under the responsibility of the Department of Transport.



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			These will be referred to the Department of Transport for their attention. No change proposed to Budget.
21. Annette Cooper (Ref: A8626578)	Safety - Shared Paths Safety and inclusivity are mentioned in Themes 1 and 5. The emphasis on developing 'shared paths' in parks and reserves is at odds with this, however. 'Shared paths' are dangerous for pedestrians and should be phased out, not increased. Adult cyclists travelling at speed are rarely policed, and so undermine pedestrians' safety and relaxation.	DP&S	Initiatives involving separate paths for pedestrians and cyclists on high use shared paths such as the Gardiners Creek Trail, Main Yarra Trail and Koonung Trail are included in Council's Draft Bicycle Strategy. Formal consultation on the Draft Strategy closed at midnight on 28 February 2022. The draft strategy will consider all feedback and be updated before returning to Council for formal consideration, expected in mid to late 2022. No change proposed to Budget.
	Drainage I would also like to see a ban on owners/gardeners blowing leaf debris onto roads. This ends up in drains and waterways, and also increases risks of drains becoming blocked. Money allocated towards drainage upgrades could be decreased if this simple initiative was implemented.	DP&S	Council has a leaf-fall sweeping program with particular focus in high leaf fall areas to avoid the blockage of drains and gutters with this material. The development of the drainage upgrade program is built on condition and functionality ratings and is not likely to be impacted by leaf litter. Additional communication initiatives for the community to dispose of leaf debris into FOGO bins will be investigated. No change proposed to Budget.
	Tree Removal Planting trees is important (Theme 2), but more needs to be done to stop trees being removed on private properties. This could include much higher penalties for illegal tree removal, more legal protection of period homes and	DUL	Protecting existing trees and requiring the planting of new trees is an important part of the Councils approach to Planning requirements for the municipality. Applications for tree removal are assessed against Council's Tree Local Law,



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	gardens, and greater incentives given to owners to protect their homes and gardens. An established tree (which has stood the test of time and has many benefits to wildlife in terms of food and shelter) is worth much more than a young tree.		which seeks to ensure that tree removals are justified. Where trees are removed replacement planting is required in addition to new planting being required as part of development approvals issued.
			Whilst financial penalties for illegal tree removal set by the State Government are totally inadequate as a disincentive, Council has prosecuted a number of tree matters in the Magistrates Court over the last 12 months and lobbied the relevant Minister for an increase to fines.
			Council is also advocating to the State Government for metropolitan wide tree controls to give greater protection to existing trees.
			No change proposed to Budget.
	In addition, there needs to be less encroachment on our parks and green spaces through the development of carparks, shared paths and lighting. These reduce the amount of space available to wildlife and increase the amount of disturbance. This would seem to be incompatible with Council's commitment to biodiversity. As well, the choice of trees being planted in parks needs to be more diverse in terms of both species and size. Too often, parks have a 'lollipop' design - where stand-alone eucalyptus trees and grass dominate. This allows for easy maintenance but does not enhance biodiversity. The problem 'Noisy Miner' bird species, for example, thrives in this habitat, and its success is driving out smaller birds and hence impacting on biodiversity. Greater consideration needs to be given to connected canopies and shrubby understoreys.	DP&S	Council is committed to increasing its biodiversity planting areas by 1ha each year and will be updating its Biodiversity Asset Management Plan in the next year to reconfirm this commitment. In addition we are developing new planting plans for our parks which will strive to increase canopy and biodiversity corridors. All of our planting also does need to be undertaken with consideration of the other demands for usage of open space and maintenance implications so there can continue to be a variety of open space areas for our residents to enjoy.
			Council's draft budget has a proposed allocation of \$225,000 in the 2022/23 (and future years) to undertake a biodiversity planting program.
			No change proposed to Budget.



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	Climate Change/ Neighbourhood Character and Heritage Addressing climate change (Theme 3) should not just be about renewables - it needs to address the fact that the ongoing demolition of our period homes and established gardens is contributing substantially to greenhouse gas emissions and hence climate change. Greater legal protection of these assets needs to be given. The 'greenest' properties are, in fact, the ones we already have. Greater penalties for the illegal removal of trees also need to be given. I agree with most of the initiatives in relation to Neighbourhood Character and Heritage (Theme 4). I would like these to be much stronger, however. Something is clearly not working if, as I understand it, Boroondara had the highest number of demolished properties in metropolitan Melbourne last year. The fact that period homes and gardens are also effective 'weapons' in the fight against climate change could also be included here (when demolished, greenhouse gases are released; landfill is increased; and greenhouse gases are used in construction of new building, etc). Such an argument should be used to implement more planning controls and heritage protection, both within Council and through advocacy to the State Government. I would also like to see more money allocated to providing incentives to owners to conserve their period home and garden rather than demolishing it. I would also suggest allocating some of Council's budget to acquiring a property which illustrates the 'green' credentials of period homes and gardens - such as verandahs, eaves, pitched roofs, thick insulating walls, established gardens - which could be visited by members of the public and schools, and thereby play an educational role.	DUL	The identification and protection of heritage buildings is a key policy of Council and is evidenced by the commitment to the preparation and implementation of the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap study over the last 6 years. Through the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study, Council has been able to protect more than 5,000 additional properties in the Heritage Overlay to prevent their loss through demolition. Unfortunately, there are limited controls available within the Victoria Planning Provisions to prevent the demolition of properties. As Council can only work within its legislative powers and unless a site is protected through a Heritage Overlay, there is limited ability for Council to prevent demolition. On 16 May 2022, Council resolved to commence a planning scheme amendment to introduce greater Sustainability assessment criteria into the Boroondara Planning Scheme. This will include greater requirements for the reuse or recycling of building materials. Council also runs extensive education programs for the community to educate about sustainability initiatives that can be incorporated into their homes. This program has recently been strengthened with the addition of a new part time role in the Environmental Sustainability team which is focussing solely on providing support for residents around Environmentally Sustainable Development (ESD) in private development. We are also offering home energy assessment so residents can understand the sustainability of their home and where improvements can be made, this program will also create opportunities for us to promote best practice examples. This is considered a better



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			use of Council resources than purchasing a single property to upgrade and be available for community visits. No change proposed to Budget.
	Leadership and Governance In terms of Theme 7, I welcome more transparent and ethical processes, as well as an improvement in turnaround time to customer requests. Whilst I have found the 'Keep Boroondara Beautiful' initiative to be excellent, emails and phone calls to Council have rarely the same efficient response. Council officers take a long time to respond to emails, for example, and when they do they often don't answer the question fully. If you want this response clarified, you are then sent to the end of the queue again, or sometimes don't get a reply at all.	DC&T	The initiatives defined in Theme 7 are being implemented to address the concerns raised. Customer service and Customer experience are two key measures that will be uplifted through embedding our customer management and contact centre solution. No change proposed to Budget.
22. Nicky Allen (Ref: A8629700)	Neighbourhood Character and Heritage Submitter writes, I want a heritage department to be set up which could: develop and implement long term heritage conservation and promotion strategies review heritage Gap study results and identifying further work to be done support the Heritage Advisory Committee develop communication strategy for heritage to residents, business owners and visitors review and make recommendations to change the planning scheme to improve conservation of heritage places and precincts develop long term conservation strategies for important local heritage precincts liaise with community to facilitate efficient and effective community nominations liaise with local community to implement activities to further develop understanding and appreciation of our local heritage develop submissions to government and DELWP for refinements to heritage regulations develop and implement a heritage plaques and marker plan benchmark with other councils with best practice heritage approaches to develop the above A need to set aside enough funds to fully implement the 2016 Heritage Action plan.	DUL	Council is committed to the identification and protection of our local heritage and has expended significant resources over the last six years through the preparation and implementation of the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study. This work has resulted in the protection of more than 5,000 additional properties through the Heritage Overlay meaning greater protection from demolition and inappropriate development. With the completion of the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study, there is an opportunity to take a more whole-of-Council approach to our heritage by moving beyond the preparation of heritage studies and including properties in the Heritage Overlay. The review of the Heritage Action Plan (last adopted at the commencement of the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study) presents the opportunity to develop a broader strategy on how to educate the community, promote our heritage and engage with the community on heritage matters. Any internal resourcing or staffing arrangements to respond



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			to those shifts in the consideration and management of heritage in Boroondara will be considered as part of the Heritage Action Plan review to provide better coordination of heritage actions across Council. No change proposed to Budget.
23. Michael Cochrane on behalf of Kew Football Club (Ref: A8630609)	South Oval Upgrade Victoria Park, Kew Submission on behalf of Kew Football Club. After 3 years of joint effort working closely alongside Council officers, we remain fully committed to delivering this Project to the Boroondara community by upgrading an existing Council asset and facilitating an optimal outcome for women's participation in sport as well as the wider local community, in accordance with our funding obligations with the Federal Department of Health. Our club is also prepared to co-contribute to this vital Project in order to 'close the gap'. We are respectfully seeking Council's help with this as well so this Project can finally be completed for the upcoming 2023 women's football season. Background and context As Council would be aware, the Kew Football Club entered in an Agreement with the Australian Government Department of Health, which included the following project activities: Improvement to facilities to allow for increased usage of the club by junior and senior women's AFL teams. An upgrade of the upper oval including increasing the length to meeting minimum ground size requirement for women's AFL matches, new oval surface, new perimeter fence, and drainage works. The Department of Health Agreement provided Kew Football Club a grant of \$250,000. Since the project's inception in December 2019, the Kew Football Club has been working closely with Boroondara City Council, which has included	DCS	Officers have been working collaboratively with Kew Football Club since 2019 to assist the delivery of the grant to extend the south oval at Victoria Park. Officers have thus far provided in kind support through project management, coordinating community consultation and providing technical advice. There is also a commitment to support the project by delivering new fencing, posts and upgraded player benches (from pre-existing budgets). This project will increase the size of the oval so that the Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA) can fixture senior female football at the ground. This would support the identified growth in female football with the number of Boroondara women's teams in the VAFA doubling since 2017. Officers believe additional games being played on the south oval by senior women's teams enhances use of recent pavilion works undertaken on site to support female participation and sees out a project after around 3 years of work with the club. Council's contribution as outlined in the club's letter would be approximately 30% of the total project cost. However, officers also note that previous work with the club was completed under the proviso Council would not be contributing financially to the project. The circumstances of a volatile market is a significant driver of the unexpected



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	community consultation, fortnightly project team meetings with numerous Council officers and co-engagement of various contractors and experts. Scope of works Design objectives: Secondary Oval - Ensure that any oval meets the needs of the sporting clubs using the facility Provide for community use of oval outside of club use requirements Issues: Irregular fence location and alignment safety issues related to proximity of retaining wall to playing surface. Recommended Actions: - Protect mature trees along oval boundary Assess safety issues with existing retaining wall and determine action. To date, Council have been unable to advise, what, if any, works have been undertaken to resolve the issue identified above. Cost of Works The total cost of the project was originally \$240,517 and therefore within the scope of the funding provided by the Agreement with the Federal Government. As part of the ongoing evolution of the project, detailed design, the significant escalation in construction costs brought on by the global pandemic, the cost of the project is now \$365,553. The cost of the project has been resolved in consultation with Council officers, with an opinion of probable cost as reviewed included as Appendix 2. (For full details of the project and oval design refer the actual submission in Attachment 1 of the Council Report) Submission To assist in the delivery of the important project, the Kew Football Club is willing to make a co-contribution to improve Council's asset and the Kew Football Club respectfully requests the allocation of \$115,000 within the upcoming 2022-2023 Council budget to facilitate the completion of this project for the 2023 women's football season.		increase in cost for this project and in order to support a positive outcome for female participation, officers believe on balance a contribution by Council is appropriate. It is important to know that should Council allocate the \$115,000 requested by the club, a further round of consultation would be required given the area requested is slightly larger than was previously anticipated and an existing path would need to be pushed back by a few metres. The funding should be conditional on the club making up any further shortfall in costs once actual costs are confirmed and subject to consideration by Council of submissions received in response to the enlarged footprint. Change proposed to Budget.



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	 More specifically, the provision of funding for the project is considered appropriate for the following reasons: This is a once in a generation opportunity to improve Council's asset given the significant funding that has been contributed by the Federal Government. To which, the Club has an obligation to deliver the best outcome under the Agreement. As the project has progressed through various site investigations and detailed designs, one of the original concept designs has been recognised as a sub-standard outcome. The final design represents a significantly better outcome for not only match days, as well as importantly provides a greater training area for all the tenant clubs (not just football), who utilise the ovals almost every day of the week for training multiple sides at once all year around. Relevantly, when the ground is not being used for training or on match days, the increase in oval size presents more opportunities for community activities, which is otherwise currently largely unusable space for the community. A significant amount of work has already gone into the project, including various iterations of the project scope, project team meetings with Council officers and community consultation. To that end, there is now certainty on the total project cost and that the project can be delivered for the upcoming 2023 season. The project scope aligns with key objectives of Council and will complement female-friendly facilities that have recently been installed at the oval and throughout the Municipality. The investment in facilities will assist in improving the physical and mental health of Boroondara constituents through access to open space and the continued growth of the Kew Football Club. Importantly, the request for funding aligns with Theme 1 (Community, services and facilities) and Theme 2 (Parks and green spaces) as outlined within the Draft Budget. The request for funding will not unreasonably impact the Council		



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	Completion of this project will cater for the continued increase of local women's football participants at an existing Council asset when there are high demands on other AFL ovals in the municipality. Finally, completion of this Project will permit Council's other planned separate upgrades at the South Oval to finally occur (likely contemporaneously), including new perimeter fencing and new coaches boxes. The Kew Football Club remains incredibly thankful for the continued support provided by the Council officers, and we look forward to continuing to work together to achieve the vital project and complete the scope of works after 3 years of collective effort in readiness for the upcoming 2023 women's football season.		
24. Submitter 24 (Ref: A8630618)	Heritage & Neighbourhood Character Submitter suggests an allocation of funds to enable Council to demonstrate its much publicised commitment to preserving the heritage and neighbourhood character of Boroondara. As residents live amongst the development resulting from successive State Governments zoning, planning and population policies there is a groundswell of support for Council to see heritage as an asset to be protected. Suggestions include: - IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HERITAGE ACTION PLAN. Boroondara should position itself as a leader in this field rather than being seen as a laggard. Work with the community to establish heritage walks that attract tourists and walking groups who will contribute to local business end route - APPOINTMENT OF A FULL TIME PERMANENT HERITAGE OFFICER who has both professional experience in and a passion for heritage. He/she should be an advocate for heritage in planning decision-making and an educator for Councillors, Council officers and the public. Put an end to the annual tender and appointment of a part-time heritage officer to advise Council/residents on heritage considerations for property development. - TRAINING for planners, planning decision-makers including Councillors on the value of heritage and the merits of its preservation. The debate at the Delegated Planning Meeting last week highlighted to Councillors the need the Council officers feel for greater resources: they sought a process to limit or	DUL	Council is committed to the identification and protection of our local heritage and has expended significant resources over the last six years through the preparation and implementation of the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study. This work has resulted in the protection of more than 5,000 additional properties through the Heritage Overlay meaning greater protection from demolition and inappropriate development. With the completion of the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study, there is an opportunity to take a more whole-of-Council approach to our heritage by moving beyond the preparation of heritage studies and including properties in the Heritage Overlay. The review of the Heritage Action Plan (last adopted at the commencement of the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study) presents the opportunity to develop a broader heritage strategy on how to educate the community, promote our heritage matters. This could potentially include heritage walks, plaques and signs.



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	possibly exclude community engagement because of their own resource constraint within planning. Put another way, Council, Council officers and the community could be working together to preserve heritage rather than community efforts being seen as "taking up valuable planning time" - EXPAND HERITAGE CELEBRATION through use of plaques and street signs - as Council does for programs such as the Kew, Darebin Creek wetlands or the Outer Circle Railway Line. - DEVELOP LONG TERM HERITAGE STRATEGY including changes to the Boroondara Planning Scheme that protect heritage areas into the future.		Any internal resourcing or staffing arrangements to respond to those shifts in the consideration and management of heritage in Boroondara will be considered as part of the Heritage Action Plan review to provide better coordination of heritage actions across Council. No change proposed to Budget.
25. G. Sullivan (Ref: A8630621)	Heritage & Neighbourhood Character You need to have a heritage department and a department capable of fighting the State Governments and Developers. At the moment you're presiding over the annihilation of beautiful homes and gardens so that an ant hill of Units can be constructed so some filthy developers can pocket a fortune aided and abetted by the likes of John Patrick Landscape Architects who go to VCAT and argue that postage stamp gardens are adequate so he can get his big fat fee.	DUL	Council is committed to the identification and protection of our local heritage and has expended significant resources over the last six years through the preparation and implementation of the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study. This work has resulted in the protection of more than 5,000 additional properties through the Heritage Overlay meaning greater protection from demolition and inappropriate development. With the completion of the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study, there is an opportunity to take a more whole-of-Council approach to our heritage by moving beyond the preparation of heritage studies and including properties in the Heritage Overlay. The review of the Heritage Action Plan (last adopted at the commencement of the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study) presents the opportunity to develop a broader strategy on how to educate the community, promote our heritage and engage with the community on heritage matters. Any internal resourcing or staffing arrangements to respond to those shifts in the consideration and management of heritage in Boroondara will be considered as part of the Heritage Action Plan



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			review to provide better coordination of heritage actions across Council.
			Council can only prevent the demolition of houses where they have been identified as having heritage significance and are included in the Heritage Overlay.
			With regards to the provision of open space, there are minimum, state-wide requirements set through ResCode. While Council can endeavour to negotiate better outcomes (such as increased private open space provisions) but ultimately is bound by the regulatory framework.
			No change proposed to Budget.
26. Bob Stensholt (Ref: A8630674)	On behalf of the Ashburton Traders Association, which I am currently President of, I request that council in its budget make provision for electric vehicle charging stations at key points throughout the municipality. This would serve to promote their usage and assist in the transition over the next few years away from petrol and diesel cars. Our Association asks that as a start council locate a charging station in the major southern carpark in the Ashburton shops, next to the public convenience. Refer photo in the submission - Attachment 1 of the Council Report. Shoppers could take advantage of this while doing their shopping in Ashburton village. Parking limit and usage of the charging station could be one hour or perhaps less if a fast-charging station is installed. This initiative would show the leadership of Council on this issue and encourage other Councils and bodies to follow its example. (Note that my division of \$1,000 above relates to this proposal.)	DP&S	Council's Climate Action Plan has a target to ensure there is access to fast chargers for EVs within 2km of all activity centres by 2030. Within the budget allocation of \$1M for implementation of the Climate Action Plan is funding for the installation of chargers and this is also likely to be supported by State and/or Federal funding. In 2021/22 Council received a \$60,000 for charging facilities at Glenferrie and Burwood shopping centres. Council will also develop a plan for how it supports community uptake of EVs during the 2022/23 financial year. Installation of a charger at Ashburton village will be considered as part of this program. No change proposed to Budget.
27. Julie Smith	Heritage & Neighbourhood Character	DUL	Council is committed to the identification and protection of our local heritage and has
(Ref: A8630685)	Funds put aside for a heritage department.		expended significant resources over the last six years through the preparation and



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			implementation of the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study. This work has resulted in the protection of more than 5,000 additional properties through the Heritage Overlay meaning greater protection from demolition and inappropriate development. With the completion of the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study, there is an opportunity to take a more whole-of-Council approach to our heritage by moving beyond the preparation of heritage studies and including properties in the Heritage Overlay. The review of the Heritage Action Plan (last adopted at the commencement of the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study) presents the opportunity to develop a broader strategy on how to educate the community, promote our heritage and engage with the community on heritage matters. Any internal resourcing or staffing arrangements to respond to those shifts in the consideration and management of heritage in Boroondara will be considered as part of the Heritage Action Plan review to provide better coordination of heritage actions across Council. No change proposed to Budget.
28. Jamie McKechnie (Ref: A8630694)	Heritage & Neighbourhood Character Development of a heritage department that could develop and implement long term heritage conservation and promotion strategies through a review of the heritage Gap study results, identifying further work to be done and by bench marking with other councils.	DUL	Council is committed to the identification and protection of our local heritage and has expended significant resources over the last six years through the preparation and implementation of the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study. This work has resulted in the protection of more than 5,000 additional properties through the Heritage Overlay meaning greater protection from demolition and inappropriate development.



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			With the completion of the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study, there is an opportunity to take a more whole-of-Council approach to our heritage by moving beyond the preparation of heritage studies and including properties in the Heritage Overlay. The review of the Heritage Action Plan (last adopted at the commencement of the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study) presents the opportunity to develop a broader strategy on how to educate the community, promote our heritage and engage with the community on heritage matters. Any internal resourcing or staffing arrangements to respond to those shifts in the consideration and management of heritage in Boroondara will be considered as part of the Heritage Action Plan review to provide better coordination of heritage actions across Council. No change proposed to Budget.
29. Neil McPhie	Council Rates and Assets		
(Ref: A8630949)	In each of the last 2 years I have provided detailed feedback on the full budget but with little impact. I acknowledge that the document is in draft format and as such the final version may have more inclusions.		
	This year I have focused on what I see as the main matter(s). My comments focus on improving transparency. In particular I feel that residents should be advised more details about the proposed increase in rates, the Council's assets and the practice of not collecting rates on some properties.		
	PROPOSED INCREASE IN COUNCIL RATES. This year the Council again intends to increase its revenue collected from land rates. This increase is being proposed at a time when many Boroondara businesses and residents have been impacted by Covid closedowns, and both inflation and interest rates are expected to increase. Increasing council rates at this time obviously adds another impost to living/operating costs.	CFO	Council always looks at where it can reduce its operating expenditure without impacting service delivery to the community. The city's population and community expectations continue to grow. Inflationary pressures impact the cost of providing services to the community just as they impact ratepayers personally. Council support



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	The information provided in the draft budget does not provide sufficient information to justify the reasons for the proposed increase. In particular the draft document does not explore the alternatives to land rate increases that could be or have been considered. Obvious alternatives include: disposing assets and utilising proceeds to fund Council operations reducing the operating costs of Council (staff, supplies etc) reducing the number of projects undertaken reducing the number of properties that do not pay rates but benefit from the Council's outlays (i.e. churches, private schools etc) borrowing funds on a short term basis to cover unexpected one off expenses. The Council's draft balance sheet projects a net asset position of \$4billion. This is a very significant balance sheet that seems only destined to grow. A balance sheet strategy does not appear in the draft document so it is difficult to assess whether it is being managed well or otherwise. In relation to the Council's net asset position the information provided in the draft document does not list Council's assets or provide any insight into the market value, utility or liquidity of each asset.		for the community and the revenue impacts of COVID-19 over two years have been in the order of \$40m resulting in deficit budgets for the first time in Council's history. It is now clearly evident the rate increase which is aligned with the rate cap at 1.75% is significantly below the impact of inflation on Council's costs. Despite this, Council is proposing a balanced budget and maintenance of high quality services to the community.
	My suggestions are: 1: Provide a statement that sets out the strategy for managing the Council's balance sheet. 2: Provide a listing of all council's assets that are valued over a nominal amount of say \$1m and further state: • when each was last valued • the basis of valuation • the reason for holding each asset • the liquidity of each asset (i.e. if saleable, how long would it take to liquidate each asset) • whether Council has selected any individual property to be sold • the utility of the asset for the community. 3: In the rates section provide details of the analysis conducted by Council that were explored before it was decided to increase council rates. The Analysis to specifically address any consideration given to asset sales.		While the balance sheet contains \$4.1 billion in community assets most of these assets are held on behalf of the community and in many cases represent infrastructure or open space. These assets are not available to be converted to liquid assets. No change proposed to Budget.



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	DECLARATION OF DETAILS ABOUT NON RATEABLE PROPERTIES.	CFO	The submitter's comments are noted
	Currently organisations such as churches, charities and private schools do NOT pay land rates in Boroondara. The effect of this is that other rate paying residents are "cross subsidising" these organisations. I have been unable to find any comment or note in the Council's draft budget that refers to this situation. The impact is that in my opinion most residents in the community are not aware that such a situation exists and that they are in effect subsidising these institutions. Not collecting income has the same impact on the profit and loss statement as increasing expenditure. The non-collection of rates is thus a significant matter and I feel that all residents are entitled to be made aware of the extent of this concession. I feel that if Council wishes to operate transparently then this information should be declared. (Council will be aware that the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> includes an objective in relation to transparency). Interestingly specific details are already provided in the draft budget of properties rated under the <i>Cultural and Recreational Lands act 1963</i> . These properties effectively are receiving a rating concession.		Section 154(2) of the <i>Local Government Act</i> 1989 (the Act) determines non-rateable status of land. Private schools, religious organisations and charities are exempt from paying rates, as determined in the Act, but are the beneficiaries of many infrastructure assets provided and maintained at the expense of ratepayers. To this extent it might be argued there is a cross subsidy, however it is not feasible to limit asset provision and maintenance on this basis because other ratepayers are benefitting from the same assets. In the review of the rating system undertaken by the state government Council argued private schools should pay rates but this was not accepted. No change proposed to Budget.
	 My final suggestion is that the Council budget discloses: The framework under which some properties are deemed to be "non-rateable". The total number and combined market value of all properties in Boroondara for which council rates are not charged. Details of when the last market valuation of these properties was conducted. For the types of entities that hold properties that are expressly stated as "non rateable" in the <i>Local Government Act</i> (eg religious entity, charity, state govt entities), their share of the total numbers and collective market value. In relation to properties which are invested in or held in trust for any religious body and used exclusively as a residence of a practising minister of religion or for the education and training of persons to be ministers of religion (refer Local Govt Act) disclose what is the number and collective market value of these properties. Any other entities that hold not rateable properties that are not specifically stated as being entitled to non rateable status (if any) The collective dollar value of rates forgone for each entity type. 		



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	The reasons why the Council supports this approach. In my view this information is not consistent with the Local Government Better Practice Guide.		
30. Hartwell Association of Residents and Traders Inc (HART) (Ref: A8630952)	Hartwell Community Resilience Wall and Anniversary Trail over Toorak Road beside the Railway Bridge The Hartwell Association of Residents and Traders (HART) wishes to respond to the draft Council Budget by raising two matters that it requests that Council address when framing the Budget. a) Hartwell Community Resilience Wall HART has been working with Councillors and Council officers over the last year or so on plans for a Hartwell Community Resilience Wall as a community project to bring the community together as it comes out of COVID and to provide a focus for enhancing our local shopping centre. The Association has been appreciative of Council support over the last two years including a Round 2 Small Grant of \$3,000 in 2020-21 which has been partially used for promoting the centre with Love, Local Life corflutes with the remaining funds intended to be applied to the Resilience Wall. Our Association has also received a State Government grant of \$10,000 to support the Traders Association and the local community. Our application for funds estimated the cost of the Wall to be some \$17,000 including several hundreds of volunteer hours. The Wall itself, a commercial hoarding, was estimated to cost around \$7,000. In discussions with Council officers, it has been determined that it was feasible to place the Wall/hoarding on the footpath outside the vacant properties in Toorak Road which is Council property. Council officers have sought quotes for the erection of the hoarding which would be managed by Council as it would be on Council property. That quote is in the region of \$31,000 and does not include any further costs for materials to paint the wall which the Association estimates could be in the region of \$3,000 after accounting for possible donations. There will also be statutory Council charges that will have to be met.	DCS	As stated in the submission, officers have been working with the Hartwell Association of Residents and Traders to realise this project. The total additional cost to Council in supporting this project would be \$21,700, including statutory fees. It should be noted that as this project is proposing to install hoarding on Council land in front of a private, vacant property, should construction works start on the land abutting the hoarding it may be necessary to remove all or part of the hoarding. There is sufficient footpath width for the hoarding to be erected without impeding the flow of pedestrians on the footpath. Change proposed to Budget.



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	The proposed project remains a strong priority of the Hartwell community but unfortunately the cost of the wall at \$31,000 is well beyond the capacity of the Association and the struggling businesses in the centre.		
	The Association asks if Council could agree to include in its budget the cost of erecting the Resilience Wall and any statutory charges less \$7,000 which the Association has indicated it could provide towards the cost of its construction.		
	It is intended that the painting of the Wall and its design be organised by a community committee headed up by the local Councillor in close consultation with the two other Councillors whose wards cover part of the Hartwell Centre. We expect that various parts of the Council (e.g. arts) would also be involved in the design and implementation of the painting. The Association is already involving local State MPs and were able to meet with the Minister for Small Business in Hartwell earlier this month and ensure that she was informed of where the project is at. We would also hope to engage the newly elected Federal representatives once the hoarding is erected.		
	b) Anniversary Trail over Toorak Road beside the Railway Bridge The Association understands that the Department of Transport or associated entities have begun the work of planning and detailed design of the Anniversary Trail Crossing of Toorak Road beside the railway bridge. Some \$600,000 was allocated by the State Government for this in the 2021 State budget.	DP&S	This project involves constructing a shared bicycle/pedestrian bridge parallel to the Alamein train line over Toorak Road in line with the Anniversary Trail to improve the level of safety and access for pedestrians and cyclists.
	We expect that Council officers will incur expenditure in any consultation process with the State Government on the design.		The bridge would remove the steep approach to Toorak Road, the need to navigate through a car park on the northern side of the road and the footpaths in the Hartwell Shopping Strip Centre,
	Our Association welcomes the construction of overpass as this will ensure safety in the shopping strip and avoid cyclists riding on the footpath and endangering customers.		as well as providing a direct, safe grade separated crossing of Toorak Road for pedestrians and cyclists.
	Our Association also supports the residents who will be affected by the overpass and continues to support their preference that this be located on the eastern side of the bridge where there would be little if any effect on residents.		Council officers commissioned a detailed feasibility study in 2014 and involved key stakeholders in VicTrack, VicRoads, Yarra Trams and Public Transport Victoria (PTV). All technical stakeholders provided in-principle
	Residents are concerned that an elevated bike path would intrude significantly on their privacy (e.g. users looking into back yards and pools		support.



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	used by children). There is also strong concern that any installation would involve the removal of the extensive coverage of trees which would mean not only a significant loss of valuable vegetation but also cause exposure to noise from trains which is currently largely absorbed by the trees. The Association asks that Council advocate to Government and ensure that it and local residents and involved and consulted in the planning and design process for the overpass. It also asks that Council either in its budget and via insistence to the State government ensure that a comprehensive audit of the trees and green cover besides the railway line on both sides is undertaken and reported to aid the final decision-making on the placement and design of the trail over Toorak Road.		The proposal involved a bridge alignment on the west side of the railway line. In late 2014 and early 2015, community consultation was conducted with immediately affected residential and commercial properties. Concerns were raised by residents on the west side of the railway line regarding overlooking and impact on vegetation with a request that the bridge be located on the east side of the railway line. The matter was considered at Council's Services Special Committee meeting on 14 May 2018 where the proposal with a bridge on the west side of the railway line was formally approved with the need to incorporate some additional landscaping and fencing and trellis for the adjoining residential properties on the south side of Toorak Road. Since that time Council has been advocating for funding culminating in the grant of \$800,000 to the Department of Transport (DoT) for the development of a detailed design for the bridge as part of the 2021/2022 Victorian Budget. The DoT is undertaking the detail design for the bridge on the west side of the railway bridge. Council officers have raised the issues of landscaping, trellis and fencing with the DoT and the need for consultation during the detail design process. No change proposed to Budget.



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31. Jane Nathan (Ref: A8630978)	Heritage and Neighbourhood Character We must protect our diverse neighbourhoods. We have areas that represent our past and present and give opportunities for designs of the future and we are mostly getting square cement boxes, no articulation, covering the block sitting on top of 6+ underground carparks leaving no opportunity for retaining water or planting large canopy trees. We lost 120 and 4 Riversdale Rd 120 an entrance to Berkeley St and 4 an entrance to our city beautiful 1880's brick homes but because they were on main Rd they were not considered, a blight on the Council for allowing them to go unprotected. Lynch St Hawthorn now a mixture of residential and commercial is a ghetto without greenery, how was that allowed to happen? where is the urban design? It is time for Boroondara to match its words with policy protection and save the look and feel of Boroondara.	DUL	Council can only prevent the demolition of houses where they have been identified as having heritage significance and are included in the Heritage Overlay. The property at 120 Riversdale Road, Hawthorn was not identified for heritage protection through the Hawthorn Heritage Gap Study which resulted in more than 1,000 additional properties being included in the Heritage Overlay. The property at 4 Riversdale Road, Hawthorn is protected through the Heritage Overlay and no permit has been issued allowing the demolition of the building. Whether a property is located on a main road is not a determining factor whether they are worthy of heritage protection. However, Council can only seek to protect properties where a heritage assessment prepared by a heritage expert provides the necessary evidence of a place's heritage value. Without the recommendation by a heritage expert, Council cannot proceed with including properties in the Heritage Overlay. Further, the current heritage framework set by the Victorian Government does not allow the protection of properties that are not of individual heritage significance or do not form part of a broader precinct worthy of protection. Council has advocated to the Minister to review the current heritage protection framework to provide greater levels of protection to all heritage places (including standalone contributory properties). Unfortunately, the Minister has refused to do so saying the current framework is sufficient and does not require review. Where a Heritage Overlay does not exist, Council will apply its neighbourhood character



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			policy to achieve the best outcomes possible. Where required Council will review and update its policy direction to strengthen the consideration of neighbourhood character within the regulatory framework it needs to work in. No change proposed to Budget.
32. Submitter 32	Theme 2: Parks and Green Spaces	DP&S	Council has a range of performance measures
(Ref: A8631347)	My concern relates to ensuring in your performance outputs that there is detailed evidence of the continued maintenance of our parks and green open space. The five strategies all sound very fine and their development is commendedthank you. However I would like to see more effort and demonstration in your performance outcomes of how Council has enhanced and added to the green open space, and what you have actually done to demonstrate open green space renewal.		used for Theme 2, Parks and Green Spaces. A key initiative is the development of service standards for all turf sports areas, the implementation of new grass management practices through contractor specification and monitoring. User satisfaction is measured through Strategic Indicators benchmarking against participating Councils through Integrated Open Space Services as well as community input through satisfaction surveys (pg. 19 of budget document). These current measures provide information on customer satisfaction with our outputs but we would be pleased to hear suggestions on alternative measures that provide improved information for the community. No change proposed to Budget.
33. Andrew Sutherland	Heritage and Neighbourhood Character The environment is critical. Heritage management does not receive enough	DUL	Council is committed to the identification and protection of our local heritage and has expended significant resources over the last six
(Ref: A8631804)	support even though it is a key part of Boroondara's values. Strong request a specific heritage department is established with the Boroondara Council.		years through the preparation and implementation of the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study. This work has resulted in the protection of more than 5,000 additional properties through the Heritage Overlay meaning greater protection from demolition and inappropriate development.



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			With the completion of the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study, there is an opportunity to take a more whole-of-Council approach to our heritage by moving beyond the preparation of heritage studies and including properties in the Heritage Overlay. The review of the Heritage Action Plan (last adopted at the commencement of the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study) presents the opportunity to develop a broader strategy on how to educate the community, promote our heritage and engage with the community on heritage matters. Any internal resourcing or staffing arrangements to respond to those shifts in the consideration and management of heritage in Boroondara will be considered as part of the Heritage Action Plan review to provide better coordination of heritage actions across Council. No change proposed to Budget.
	Ratepayer money (other than common area capital works, cleaning, waste collection etc) should not be given to assisting businesses - this is simply another form of wealth transfer and is not the role of local government. No grants should be given to any business or enterprise which operates on a 'for profit' basis. No grants should be given to religious or gaming organisations.	DCS	Council has a Community Strengthening Grants Policy that governs the allocation of community grants and 'for profit' businesses are not eligible. The policy also excludes organisations or groups that own or operate poker machines, explicitly promote sports betting, or meet in venues that promote gaming, as well as religious projects or activities run by (or involvement with) religious groups seeking to promote their spiritual beliefs. The Salvation Army and a Uniting Church organisation receive grants to provide meals, emergency support and programs for vulnerable residents such as those with a mental illness. These programs were critical to Council's emergency response effort during COVID.



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34. Christina Branagan (Ref: A8631824)	Heritage and Neighbourhood Character My suggestions are aligned to theme 4: Character and Neighbourhood and in particular Heritage. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. My feedback is to propose that council sets aside more funds and people to provide the heritage conservation activities and strategies that it says it will deliver in its community plan. The current plans and funds do not seem at all adequate to deliver these. Further no detailed heritage plan for 2023 exists and the proposed criteria for measuring success do not relate at all to delivering many of the stated community plan heritage related strategies. There are no funds for resident education and communication for example. They are vague and very narrow in scope. There should be a measurement of success for each part of the Heritage Action plan of 2016. In particular I request the following: • The provision/setting up of a role or department at council whose sole purpose is to deliver council's stated heritage strategy. This should probably sit outside or straddle planning and community building departments. • A new role at council of Heritage officer. Several equivalent councils have a person in this role. This person's role to include: • develop and implement long term (5 year at least) heritage conservation and promotion strategies • review heritage Gap study results and identifying further work to be done • support the Heritage Advisory Committee • develop and implement communication and education strategies and cultural programs regarding heritage for residents, business owners and visitors • develop webpages on the website focused on Heritage communication education and information for residents and heritage place owners. • review and make recommendations to change the planning scheme to improve and strengthen conservation of heritage places and precincts	DUL	Council is committed to the identification and protection of our local heritage and has expended significant resources over the last six years through the preparation and implementation of the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study. This work has resulted in the protection of more than 5,000 additional properties through the Heritage Overlay meaning greater protection from demolition and inappropriate development. With the completion of the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study, there is an opportunity to take a more whole-of-Council approach to our heritage by moving beyond the preparation of heritage studies and including properties in the Heritage Overlay. The review of the Heritage Action Plan (last adopted at the commencement of the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study) presents the opportunity to develop a broader strategy on how to educate the community, promote our heritage and engage with the community on heritage matters. Any internal resourcing or staffing arrangements to respond to those shifts in the consideration and management of heritage in Boroondara will be considered as part of the Heritage Action Plan review to provide better coordination of heritage actions across Council. No change proposed to Budget.



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35. Belinda	o develop long term conservation strategies for important local heritage precincts o liaise with community to facilitate efficient and effective heritage community nominations o liaise with local community to implement cultural and educational activities to further develop understanding and appreciation of our local heritage o develop submissions to government and DELWP for refinements to heritage regulations o develop and implement a heritage plaques and marker plan benchmark with other councils with best practice heritage approaches to develop the above o Facilitate a repository of the huge heritage and historical learnings and archives that have been produced by the Heritage gap studies. To work with Library Services and Historical Societies and community engagement and arts departments to facilitate and deliver this. In addition - A need to set aside enough funds to fully implement the 2016 Heritage Action plan, which includes most of the above and is in line with community expectations, in those older suburbs with most of our shared heritage and in the heritage precincts that council has now set up. The above would probably several hundred thousand dollars each year more than currently planned. Thank you.	DUL	Council is committed to the identification and
Ramsay (Ref: A8631831)	The submitter is particularly interested in the Heritage of the Boroondara area and would like to see a Heritage Department set up or at least a full-time heritage officer employed by Council. I have just been involved in an objection to a development proposed by a neighbour and I was horrified at the lack of heritage overview by the Council. It seems that a proposal might be approved if no-one objects to it. I think this is wrong and that the heritage of our area should be protected otherwise we will lose our wonderful heritage area.	302	protection of our local heritage and has expended significant resources over the last six years through the preparation and implementation of the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study. This work has resulted in the protection of more than 5,000 additional properties through the Heritage Overlay meaning greater protection from demolition and inappropriate development. With the completion of the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study, there is an opportunity to take a more whole-of-Council approach to our



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			heritage by moving beyond the preparation of heritage studies and including properties in the Heritage Overlay. The review of the Heritage Action Plan (last adopted at the commencement of the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study) presents the opportunity to develop a broader strategy on how to educate the community, promote our heritage and engage with the community on heritage matters. Any internal resourcing or staffing arrangements to respond to those shifts in the consideration and management of heritage in Boroondara will be considered as part of the Heritage Action Plan review to provide better coordination of heritage actions across Council. Where a development is proposed for properties subject to a Heritage Overlay, Council's Statutory Planning Department and heritage advisor will consider the impacts of the proposal on the heritage significance of the place. Consideration of the relevant heritage issues occurs even when there are no objections to a proposal. No change proposed to Budget.
36. Benjamin Chesler	Budget development process (Leadership and Governance)	CFO DC&T	Comment noted.
(Ref: A8631845)	Council's Budget would benefit from greater community input earlier in the development process. Currently, public comments can only be made once a draft budget is released. While this may be in line with the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> and Council's Community Engagement Policy, this limits the opportunity of Boroondarans to engage with Council's budgetary process until it is (realistically) too late. Firstly, it constrains the community's ability to ensure that the vision of the Boroondara Community Plan is fully realised. The Boroondara Community Plan is the most extensive community engagement and consultative process Council has undertaken in recent memory. I am heartened to see that Council		The Boroondara Community Plan was specifically designed to ensure Council heard from all groups in the Boroondara community based upon age, gender, cultural background, geographic location as a resident or business. This engagement was highly sophisticated and comprehensive in ensuring Council is fully informed about the needs and wants of its community. Council then uses this feedback to guide its resource allocation through its budget. Arguably, Council has all the community



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	has used the Plan to guide its budgetary and financial decision-making. However, it is ultimately the community that holds the vision, experience, and passion that the Plan attempts to encapsulate. As such, Council would benefit from community submissions that inform how the budget can effectively deliver the Plan's strategies. Realistically, this is best done early in the budget's development when the broad vision, ideas, and initiatives of the budget are still being settled on. Secondly, the later council engages the community on the Budget, the less likely that any potential issues identified by the community could be addressed. Suppose the community believes a draft budget does not follow the Boroondara Community Plan. This issue would be best addressed at an early stage of the budgetary process, when programs, projects, and funding are still being determined. Two months before the new financial year results in limited time and flexibility in the budget to respond to feedback. Furthermore, public comments on a budget that is already drafted may make submitters feel like it is a fait accompli or dissuade submitters who want to request substantial changes. As such, I ask that Council consider allowing for community input on the draft budget while it is still developed. This could take the form of a round of public submissions early in the budgetary process. Another idea would be to hold public forums on the 7 priority themes of the Boroondara Community Plan that allow the community to understand Council's early budgetary vision, ask questions, and provide feedback or suggestions. This would assist the community in understanding how Council allocates resources while providing meaningful (and actionable) information to Council. I hope that Council will give this consideration before the 2023-24 Budget development gets underway. Thank you to the officers and Councillors involved in the preparation of the draft budget.		feedback required. The alternative to consult on the draft budget creates the risk that feedback from the broader community is usurped by those individuals who have personal aspirations they wish to achieve thereby undermining the integrity of the Boroondara Community Plan as the means by which Council keeps faith with its community. Council undertakes this engagement every four years (not 10 years) to inform the Council Plan, Budget, Strategic Actions and KPI's for each new Council term. Hence a new Boroondara Community Plan is produced every four years, engaging with a statistically representative sample of Boroondara. This sample is representative to ensure Council is confident its decision making reflects the feedback from the extensive survey sample. The Council Plan is incorporated into the Boroondara Community Plan to reflect the needs and aspirations of the community, not the other way around. Council is a recognised and early leader in extensive and representative engagement in developing the Boroondara Community Plan and has received a Victorian wide award for its work. In this context, there is a serious question about whether and how consultation should take place on the budget. In relation to specific consultation about the budget on an annual basis, Council is cognisant of this challenge and is reviewing its process for development of the 2023-24 Annual Budget. This will address the submitter's proposal and include a review of how and when we engage with the community to develop the budget and ensure delivery of the Boroondara Community Plan 2021-31.



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		No change proposed to Budget.
Please set aside money for a heritage department, which includes a heritage manager and staff. Review the gap study results and carried out more work protecting streets and houses Fight for stand alone contributory houses that are being demolished due to the inadequate State govt planning regulations. Review the current demolition process. Boroondara is the second highest rate of demolition of councils in Victoria. Include the community in heritage decisions and nominations to protect heritage houses. Review the 2016 heritage action plan.	DUL	Council is committed to the identification and protection of our local heritage and has expended significant resources over the last six years through the preparation and implementation of the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study. This work has resulted in the protection of more than 5,000 additional properties through the Heritage Overlay meaning greater protection from demolition and inappropriate development. With the completion of the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study, there is an opportunity to take a more whole-of-Council approach to our heritage by moving beyond the preparation of heritage studies and including properties in the Heritage Overlay. The review of the Heritage Action Plan (last adopted at the commencement of the Municipal Wide Heritage Gap Study) presents the opportunity to develop a broader strategy on how to educate the community, promote our heritage and engage with the community on heritage matters. Any internal resourcing or staffing arrangements to respond to those shifts in the consideration and management of heritage in Boroondara will be considered as part of the Heritage Action Plan review to provide better coordination of heritage actions across Council. Council has and will continue to advocate for changes to the planning system and heritage protection framework to afford greater protection to stand alone contributory properties.
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			relevant legislation (such as the Building Act 1993 and Planning and Environment Act 1987) that control the process for the demolition of existing houses. There are limited controls available within the Victoria Planning Provisions to prevent the demolition of properties. As Council can only work within its legislative powers and unless a site is protected through a Heritage Overlay, there is limited ability for Council to prevent demolition. Council is currently considering the introduction of a community heritage nomination process. No change proposed to Budget.
38. Lighter Footprints Inc. (Ref: A8632359)	Various items Lighter Footprints congratulates the City of Boroondara on adopting a Climate Emergency Declaration in September 2021 and for putting in place a Climate Action Plan. Both these initiatives have reassured our community that the Council takes the climate crisis seriously. We note that this commitment is recognised in the current Budget in a number of ways. While we support many of the proposed funding initiatives, we have concerns about a number of aspects including: the lack of any change from previous years in the way these budget consultations are conducted to address the absence of meaningful community engagement with this process; the lack of detail on initiatives funded by this Budget and the effect this has on the community's capacity to assess their suitability; the overall low level of funding for the Climate Action Plan, that there may be an underspend in 2021/22 of the allocated funds and the possibility that any such underspend will not be rolled over to 2022/23;		
	Community Engagement with Council Activities It is very disappointing to us that there is apparently such a low level of interest amongst Boroondara residents with council matters. Very few people		The Boroondara Community Plan was specifically designed to ensure Council heard from all groups in the Boroondara community based upon age, gender, cultural background,



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	attend regular council meetings unless it relates to a particularly contentious topic. Consultations for the 2021/22 budget attracted only 37 submissions.		geographic location as a resident or business. This engagement was highly sophisticated and
	This level of disangagement must be addressed and shanged		comprehensive in ensuring Council is fully informed about the needs and wants of its
	This level of disengagement must be addressed and changed. The matters that Council deals with have a significant impact on people's		community. Council then uses this feedback to
	everyday life and have a substantial effect on the larger community. As the		guide its resource allocation through its budget.
	first responder in crises and the closest level to people's everyday life, the		Arguably, Council has all the community
	relevance of local government will continue to expand. Local government will		feedback required. The alternative to consult on
	also continue to grow in reach as other levels of government increasingly call		the draft budget creates the risk that feedback
	on councils to deliver more of their programs.		from the broader community is usurped by those
			individuals who have personal aspirations they
	We want to do more than just give feedback on the Proposed Budget.		wish to achieve thereby undermining the
	We want the Boroondara community to be active participants in		integrity of the Boroondara Community Plan as
	formulating this significant document.		the means by which Council keeps faith with its
	In these rapidly changing times, the vision and goals set out in the		community.
	Community Plan (reviewed every 10 years) and the Council Plans (reviewed every 4 years) can no longer be seen as adequate reflection of the		Council undertakes this engagement every four
	community's current and emerging priorities. They can only be seen as a		years (not 10 years) to inform the Council Plan,
	broad strategic framework to guide the implementation planning that takes		Budget, Strategic Actions and KPI's for each
	place during the development of annual budgets.		new Council term. Hence a new Boroondara
	place asing the acrosphicit of almiasi saugete.		Community Plan is produced every four years,
	More responsive, interactive and timely approaches are needed for the		engaging with a statistically representative
	community to be involved in the development of the Annual Budget. This		sample of Boroondara. This sample is
	requires methods that enable residents to become actively involved in the		representative to ensure Council is confident its
	choice of possible projects, to collaborate with officers in the development of		decision making reflects the feedback from the
	bids and to experience a degree of empowerment in how the community		extensive survey sample. The Council Plan is
	vision is achieved.		incorporated into the Boroondara Community
	How to get greater community participation in hudget consultations?		Plan to reflect the needs and aspirations of the
	How to get greater community participation in budget consultations? We are aware that other Councils are exploring or have adopted measures		community, not the other way around.
	that extend the way they conduct their budget consultations to encourage		Council is a recognised and early leader in
	greater community participation. We refer you to the work of the City of		extensive and representative engagement in
	Greater Shepparton at https://shaping.greatershepparton.com.au/2022-2023-		developing the Boroondara Community Plan an
	budget.		has received a Victorian wide award for its work
			In this context, there is a serious question about
	Shepparton began its budget consultations in November 2021 calling for		whether and how consultation should take place
	feedback from the community on what they would like to see in the		on the budget.
	2022/2023 and future budgets.		
			In relation to specific consultation about the
			budget on an annual basis, Council is cognisan



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	In Stonnington, community engagement around their proposed budget for 2022/23 started in late 2021 and in November 2021, the City of Yarra invited community participation in preparation of their budget, The timing of these consultations is critical. The consultations should be conducted at a time when council officers are beginning to identify potential projects and develop bids for the next budget. This should be before the various council departments begin negotiations on relative priorities. Consultations should start no later than November and continue into February. To leave it until April is much too late in the budget cycle for any opportunity for meaningful change or revision. In particular, it is much too late to include new bids which may have community support.		of this challenge and is reviewing its process for development of the 2023-24 Annual Budget. This will address the submitter's proposal and include a review of how and when we engage with the community to develop the budget and ensure delivery of the Boroondara Community Plan 2021-31. No change proposed to Budget.
	Meaningful consultations depend on information that is sufficiently detailed, accessible and understandable by all parties The Proposed Budget is presented for consultation as a high level, summary report that meets all the requirements of the Local Government Act and the Local Government Model Financial Report. Expenditure is described in broad terms with nothing about the nature of the particular project being funded. In the Budget's current form, it is not possible to assess whether any specific item of expenditure represents a good use of available funds, what specific initiatives are being funded or whether this is the best way to meet the particular need. More detail must be made available either in this document or by other means so the community can judge whether they support the approaches being taken. There are many ways that this information could be presented so that it can be more meaningful. For example, Bayside includes a Q&A facility. This includes a list of Frequently Asked Questions on things like Why is Council increasing rates; What new initiatives are included in this year's budget; and Which projects have been deferred and not included in this budget. This is followed by a facility for people to ask their own questions and identifies who will be listening. Shepparton residents can also request a virtual meeting with Council staff. Graphics can help but need to address a wider range of questions than those currently on the Boroondara website. Greater Shepparton has one graphic to	CFO DC&T	Comment noted. The budget provides a detailed breakdown of Council's expenditure across: Operating Expenditure Capital Works (Renewal) Capital Works (New, Upgrade and Expansion) Priority Projects The Boroondara Community Plan was specifically designed to ensure Council heard from all groups in the Boroondara community based upon age, gender, cultural background, geographic location as a resident or business. This engagement was highly sophisticated and comprehensive in ensuring Council is fully informed about the needs and wants of its community. Council then uses this feedback to guide its resource allocation through its budget. Arguably, Council has all the community feedback required. The alternative to consult on the draft budget creates the risk that feedback from the broader community is usurped by those individuals who have personal aspirations they



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	illustrate how the Council spends \$100, one to show where the money comes from and a third which gives a number of 'Success Stories' i.e. projects taken up by the Council that came out of suggestions by the community. Recommendation We recommend: Boroondara begin budget consultations in the first half of the current financial year. These consultations employ the range of deliberative engagement techniques beyond informing and consulting to include involvement and collaboration as described in Boroondara's Community Engagement Policy and on the Victorian Local Governance Association website here: https://www.vlga.org.au/resources/deliberative-engagement-councils. Attention be given to more effective ways to present information about the Budget in order to stimulate open discussion by the community about the Budget's overall structure and specific initiatives.		wish to achieve thereby undermining the integrity of the Boroondara Community Plan as the means by which Council keeps faith with its community. Council undertakes this engagement every four years (not 10 years) to inform the Council Plan, Budget, Strategic Actions and KPI's for each new Council term. Hence a new Boroondara Community Plan is produced every four years, engaging with a statistically representative sample of Boroondara. This sample is representative to ensure Council is confident its decision making reflects the feedback from the extensive survey sample. The Council Plan is incorporated into the Boroondara Community Plan to reflect the needs and aspirations of the community, not the other way around. Council is a recognised and early leader in extensive and representative engagement in developing the Boroondara Community Plan and has received a Victorian wide award for its work. In this context, there is a serious question about whether and how consultation should take place on the budget. In relation to specific consultation about the budget on an annual basis, Council is cognisant of this challenge and is reviewing its process for development of the 2023-24 Annual Budget. This will address the submitter's proposal and include a review of how and when we engage with the community to develop the budget and ensure delivery of the Boroondara Community Plan 2021-31. No change proposed to Budget.



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	Council meetings including ward meetings The low public attendance at regular Council meetings and the lack of regular ward meetings reflects a lack of community engagement in municipal matters and inhibits discussion and debate about important local issues. Council meetings and ward meetings are important because they can encourage greater involvement and sign on by residents. This increased community participation can also assist the Council to carry out its work more effectively. The way Council meetings are currently conducted provide little incentive for people to attend. Points that need to be addressed include: • the unwelcoming layout of the Council Chamber. The placement of the front table where the Mayor and senior officers sit is quite intimidating and gives the room a court like appearance. Depending on where they sit, people in the public gallery often find they cannot clearly see each and every councillor; • the low quality of the acoustics in the Council Chamber. Aspects such as the high roof in the Chamber, and the placement of the public gallery in what is virtually an anter-room off the Chamber make it difficult to clearly hear much of the discussion; • the poor quality of debate and the ready acceptance of agenda papers prepared by Council officers on most matters brought to the meeting for decision; • the limitations placed on public question time including the requirement that questions can only relate to matters on the agenda and which have previously been submitted to Council officers for a response; • the lack of respect shown by some Councillors to other Councillors and to questioners with whom they may have a disagreement • the reluctance of some Councillors to conduct ward meetings especially when requested to discuss sensitive issues. Recommendation We recommend: • Provision be made in the 2022/23 Annual Budget to investigate and implement improvements to the Council Chambers that address poor acoustics and layout of the Chamber and the public gallery. • Funding be provide	Gov & Legal	We will explore ways to make Council Meetings more accessible to public attendees through technology and acoustics. In this we note that Council meetings can be viewed online in real time leading to greater accessibility. We believe this innovation has resulted in less people attending meetings in person but increased accessibility to council meetings. Lighter Footprints is, and remains, welcome to attend Council meetings at any time. Council meetings are conducted according to its Governance Rules which include reference to Public Question Time. These Governance Rules are periodically reviewed by Council and a majority decision taken by Councillors to determine their content. Councillors are bound by both the Governance Rules and a Code of Conduct. If specific examples of the last two points can be identified, they can be considered in more detail, but it is difficult to respond to general comments. No change proposed to Budget.



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	The Council as a leader in reducing community emissions We acknowledge the work done by Boroondara Council to reduce emissions related to its own activities. Such emissions however, represent only a very small fraction of all emissions attributable to this municipality. We want to see the Council adopt a more pro-active leadership role in helping the community address this difficult problem of reducing its level of emissions. The Climate Action Plan The Proposed Budget identifies two line items with respect to the implementation of the Climate Action Plan (CAP) in 2022/23: • An allocation of \$1 million as part of " Progress towards the targets to reduce Council and community emissions established in the Climate Action Plan by implementing the actions detailed in the Climate Action Plan Implementation Plan for 2022-23." • Works to be performed using existing resources to "Enable monitoring of community progress towards the Community emissions targets in the Climate Action Plan through the implementation of a community emissions measurement model." We are concerned about two aspects relating to the funding of the CAP. Firstly, the annual allocation of \$1 million is a very small amount to cover such a serious challenge. It is also a tiny allocation when compared to the overall bottom line of the Budget. If we do not address this crisis with increased determination now, it will become much more costly in the future. A significantly larger allocation now would enable the Council to address this challenge with more ambition and effect and ensure that future responses will be more manageable and less costly. Secondly, we are concerned that there may be an underspend of the \$1 million that was allocated to the CAP in the 2021/22 Budget. This may include funds intended to employ staff to administer specific aspects of the CAP. If funds are not totally spent in 2021/22, we believe that they should be rolled over into the following year in order to retain the total allocation of funds over the full 10 year peri		Any funds not totally spent in 2021-22 will be carried over into 2022-23 in addition to new expenditure committed for the 2022-23 financial year. Works included in the 2021-22 budget that are underway include: Three new staff positions Direct support for enhanced community sustainability Solar PV bulk buy program Home Energy Audit Program Modern Cloth Nappy Trial Program Indirect Support for community sustainability Enhanced Living for Our Future Program of workshops and events Sustainability Leadership Program Planning work Comprehensive Audit of Councils tree population Preliminary works to develop an urban greening strategy Development of a fleet transition plan Capital Works Program Install Additional PV - contracts are in place but works will not be completed by end of financial year EV Chargers for Community locations Contracts for supply will be in place July 2022 EV purchase/lease Council has begun purchasing EVs however there have been substantial supply chain challenges securing light/mid sized trucks Additional Tree Planting and biodiversity enhancements at Freeway Golf Course underway



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			Proposed carry forward will be approximate \$450,000.
	Request for further information We request that: Detailed information be provided as to how this allocation of \$1 million is being spent on specific initiatives in 2021/22 and what impact each was assessed to have on the reduction of emissions. Detailed information be provided on what specific initiatives from the CAP Implementation Plan will be funded in 2022/23 and what actions will be taken.	DP&S	Details of projects to be funded by the \$1M allocated for the Climate Action Plan are included in the Climate Action Plan Implementation Plan. The impact of each action on emissions has not been assessed as the Climate Action Plan is much broader than emissions and not all actions have a directly measurable impact. All of the actions detailed in the Implementation Plan for 2022/23 are intended to be undertaken. No change proposed to Budget
	Recommendation We recommend: All unspent funds allocated to the Climate Action Plan in any one year be rolled over to the following year to ensure that the total budget continues to be maintained at no less that the level originally identified for this program. Active consideration be given to substantially increasing the level of allocation to the CAP to enable a broader and more ambitious program of initiatives in its earlier years.	DP&S	Council will roll over any unexpended funds from one financial year to the next to maintain spending levels on this program. Council will develop a new Climate Action Plan Implementation Plan for 2023/24 and beyond which provides an opportunity to consider the scope and scale of actions as part of the next budget cycle. It should also be noted that significant funding on related actions is also included with the draft budget such as delivery of buildings with strong sustainability features, biodiversity planting and education and sustainable transport initiatives. No change proposed to Budget
	Environmental sustainability initiatives We welcome the inclusion of an allocation of \$1,593,000 to undertake a range of Environmental Sustainability initiatives. These include		



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	 helping the Boroondara community live more sustainably in response to emerging environmental challenges (e.g. climate change, water shortage, biodiversity conservation); promoting sustainability within built and natural environments in Boroondara; developing and implementing policies and strategies that set direction in environmental management, public space improvements, conservation of natural resources and sustainable development; building the capacity of Council to integrate environmentally sustainable approaches into its building and public space improvements, daily operations and decision-making processes. 		
	The success of these initiatives and those contained within the CAP Implementation Plan depends to a large degree on the active involvement of residents, local businesses and organisations, and other stakeholders in ensuring they are fully acted upon. A first step in encouraging this involvement, would be to give greater access to relevant and sufficiently detailed information on what is being done. A longer, more faceted consultation period for the Budget as previously discussed would allow greater exchange of information and better understanding of the initiatives planned.		
	A second step would be to develop active and on-going consultative mechanisms. This would provide a forum for an exchange of information and facilitate meaningful discussions between the Council and the community on the climate emergency.		
	We are aware that Boroondara has sent invitations to community members to participate in a Community of Interest arrangement. We are unaware of whether this arrangement will focus on specific matters and whether it will have any authority to make recommendations, to seek briefings from Council officers or to obtain external advice.		
	We welcome mechanisms that provide opportunities for the community to work more closely with Council officers and Councillors. We are concerned, however that the Community of Interest initiative will be little more than a one way mechanism for Council to promote its activities.		
	To date, the only advisory committee that relates to the Climate Action Plan is an internal one comprising six Councillors and which lacks the capacity to		



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	seek out external expertise. There is no external committee that can represent the community and provide insight on what is important to them. We strongly advocate for the establishment of an advisory committee on the Climate Action Plan and other climate focused initiatives. This would provide opportunities for Councillors, Council officers and residents to come together to work on important matters over time, to give access to external expertise and would encourage the community to feel a sense of ownership in the implementation of the CAP.		
	Recommendation We recommend: Funds be allocated within the 2022/23 Budget for a widely recognisable and promoted Q&A facility that gives the public access to Council officers so they can seek out information on items of interest and be provided with sufficient detail to understand what is being done and why. Funding be provided in the 2022/23 Budget to establish and maintain an external advisory committee on climate action and the implementation of the CAP.	DP&S	Work has commenced on the development of a Community of Interest to support Council in the delivery of the Climate Action Plan. The exact model of this group is yet to be determined but it will enable enhanced interaction between Council Officers and the community on relevant information and decision making. Council has recently recruited and commenced training for community champions who will lead localised discussions and support with neighbourhood groups to generate ideas, initiatives and behavioural change at this local level in addressing climate change. No change proposed to Budget.
	Active Transport policies Policies that relate to the reduction of community emissions include initiatives to increase active transport such as cycling and walking. It is reported that \$1.58 million of funding will be spent as part of the Services Operating Budget for sustainable transport initiatives. Such a generic statement does not, however provide any insight into what this involves. We note that the 2022 Boroondara Bicycle Strategy is currently under development. We support the purposes of this strategy which is intended to deliver: an integrated bicycle network which is safe, connected, protected, efficient and appealing to users of all ages and abilities. The bicycle network will include off-road paths and on-road links providing access to a range of destinations and making bicycle riding a feasible and attractive option for all residents, workers and visitors.		



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	We have previously recommended that Council approve the 2022 Boroondara Bicycle Strategy at the soonest opportunity. We also previously recommended that Council review and update the Integrated Transport Strategy. This review of the Integrated Transport Strategy is a very broad strategy across all modes of transport and the review should not delay the approval and funding of the 2022 Boroondara Bicycle Strategy. The Bicycle Strategy needs to be approved and funded to take full advantage		
	of the pandemic-induced increase in public support for, and use of, bicycles for both transport and recreation.		
	Recommendation The Budget identify whether a specific allocation has been made for the implementation of the Bicycle Strategy and the nature of the initiatives to be taken. Additional funding be identified in this Budget to start work on updating the Council's Integrated Transport Strategy	DP&S	The development of the new Bicycle Strategy is underway. Community consultation was carried out on the draft 2022 Boroondara Bicycle Strategy and Stage 1 Implementation Plan between 14 December 2021 and 28 February 2022. The draft strategy will consider all feedback and be updated before returning to Council for formal consideration, expected in mid to late 2022. Allocations in the draft budget for cycling initiatives include: \$217,500 - Lighting along shared paths. \$75,000 - Shared Paths Pedestrian Priority and Accessibility. \$100,000 - Bicycle Strategy Implementation. \$160,000 - Box Hill to Hawthorn Strategic Cycling Corridor - Investigation and Design. \$100,000 - Safe On-Road Bike Lanes. \$450,000 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails - Implementation of Safety Audit Action Plan. \$1,393,209 - Walmer Street Land Bridge Replacement.



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			The Integrated Transport Strategy is the lead Council document for strategic transport works and advocacy in the municipality.
			Funding for the review of the Integrated Transport Strategy will be considered as part of Council's future budget process.
			No change proposed to Budget.
	Open Space We note the comment in the Budget regarding open space: The availability of open space for passive and active recreation is a limited resource for the city and to that end, Council sets aside \$800,000 each year for the open space acquisition fund which is designed to acquire additional open space as the opportunity arises. Request for information We seek further information on how this annual budget allocation of \$800,000 has been spent in previous years, whether unspent amounts are accumulated and carried over to the current year, and whether this amount is adequate in light of increasing property values.	DP&S	Council is actively attempting to purchase parcels of land to add to the open space network. Funds are accumulated in the Open Space Reserve Fund for the purpose of acquiring new land. These funds continue to accumulate from one year to the next. Priority areas for purchases are set in the Boroondara Open Space Strategy. No change proposed to Budget.
	Trees We welcome the inclusion of a number of initiatives that relate to the tree canopy cover of Boroondara, some of which are being funded within existing resources and others given new funding in this Budget. These include the creation of an Urban Greening Strategy to protect and enhance our landscapes, trees and green cover in response to the challenges of climate, urban heating and urban densification; \$675,000 to support ongoing park and street tree renewal program; \$621,000 to administer Council's Tree Protection Local Law and assess applications for tree removal.	DUL	Protecting existing trees and requiring the planting of new trees on private property is an important part of the Councils approach to Planning requirements for the municipality. Applications for tree removal are assessed against Council's Tree Protection Local Law, which seeks to ensure that tree removals are justified. Where trees are removed replacement planting is required in addition to new planting being required as part of development approvals issued.
	We are concerned, however that while the tree canopy in public areas in Boroondara has stabilised or begun to increase, that on private property continues to be under threat. This appears to be due mainly to the high level of residential redevelopment occurring in Boroondara. It would seem that many residents do not understand or value trees for their contribution to the		Council will be renewing the content related to trees on its website in September/October 2022. Information pertaining to the benefits of trees will be included as part of this update. This will include detailed information related to plant



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	quality of life and the environment, consider them as inconveniences to their housing plans and recklessly damage and destroy them.		selection in Boroondara to respond to climate change.
	More education is required to demonstrate the value of trees to home owners and builders. Also needed are increased resources to ensure administrators of the relevant local laws to protect trees on private land are consistent and predictable in their decisions. A further factor is the absence of staff over weekends who can respond to complaints regarding violations of local regulations on protecting trees. Experience has shown that although officers are available, they generally have no understanding of the relevant regulations and no access to anybody who can respond effectively to the complaint. Recommendation We recommend: Funding be allocated in the current and future Budgets to educate home owners and home builders of the value of trees on private land in combating climate change and reducing the effect of higher temperatures. The level of funding for the administration of local laws to protect trees on private land be increased to a level where officers are able to respond quickly to all reports of threats to existing trees and to effectively monitor all replacement orders. This includes having offices available over weekends who can immediately deal with reports of violations.		A primary objective of the newly appointed Landscape Compliance Officer within the Statutory Planning Department is to improve education and enforcement of tree protection on private property. A range of proactive communications and inspections will be facilitated by this role. There are currently four arborists within the Statutory Planning Department that respond to potential breaches of the Tree Protection Local Law. The team typically responds to any urgent matters in less than 1 hour. Replacement tree requirements of the Tree Protection Local Law permits and enforcements are routinely monitored and responded to by the Statutory Planning arborists, planning support officers and the landscape compliance officer. Local Laws officers are currently available after hours to respond to potential breaches of the Tree Protection Local Law. Local Law officers are aware of the Tree Protection Local Law and have routine procedures to gather information in response to issues raised by the community. Statutory Planning Arborists will continue to work with the Local Laws department to ensure potential breaches are promptly and effectively attended to by officers. Council is also advocating to the State Government for metropolitan wide tree controls to give greater protection to existing trees. No change proposed to Budget.



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39. The Craig Family Centre (Ref: A8632386)	Request to Fund Security Cameras at the Craig Centre Our organisations request that Council include in its 2022-23 Budget under Theme 1 Community, services and facilities funding for security cameras at the Craig Centre to ensure the safety of staff and clients and the integrity of the facilities. Although there is signage at the Craig that the facility is covered by security cameras, in fact there are no security cameras. Our organisations have requested these in the past but have been unsuccessful in accessing funding. Our concern and desire for security cameras has been heightened in recent months with several incidents of concern. While our centre is open and inviting and supports many of the more vulnerable in our community, there have been occasions where clients have been of concern to staff over safety issues. We are happy to provide a briefing on this to Council officers on a confidential basis.	DCS	To respond to concerns about safety of staff and those visiting the centre, a Council CCTV system including a server, three cameras and cabling, with remote access from the Council server to collect footage, would cost approximately \$50,000-\$55,000. This would include two x 4-way cameras at the neighbourhood house and Access Health and Community receptions, which would allow visitors and staff to be viewed from 4 directions. A third external camera at the rear entrance would capture people arriving and departing the building. Should monitors be required onsite so that tenants could view camera footage in real time, two monitors and cabling - one for each reception area - would cost a further \$5,000. The total package would be approximately \$55,000-\$60,000.
	Earlier this this week there was an incident at the Craig where a stolen car was left abandoned in the car park under very suspicious circumstances and had very likely been used for criminal purposes in the area. Police were called and divisional detectives from Box Hill asked to see the security footage which might assist in tracking possible offenders while at the Craig. However, there was none to provide to police. The security of staff, children and clients is in our view paramount. Hence our request for urgent funding for security cameras at the Craig Centre to be included in this year's budget.		Change proposed to Budget.



Snapshot Budget 2022-23 Survey Results

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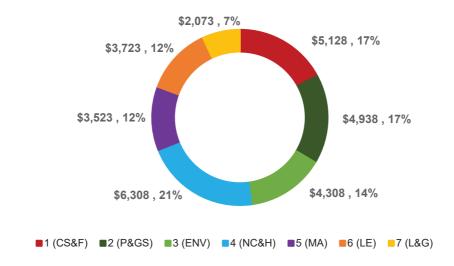
Allocation by Theme:

The large scale deliberative engagement process undertaken to develop the refreshed Boroondara Community Plan (BCP) 2021-31 provided a statistically significant, representative view of community priorities with over 5000 members of our community participating. During this process, it was made clear to participants that the information collected would directly influence the BCP, Council's 10 Year Financial Plan, Annual Budgets and subject matter strategies and plans. This is the first Annual Budget delivered in line with the refreshed BCP.

As part of our 2022-23 budget consultation, we asked our community: Thinking about the draft 2022-23 Budget, if you had \$1,000 to spend, how would you divide these funds across each of the seven different Boroondara Community Plan themes?

Only 36 respondents allocated a total of \$1,000. Due to low numbers of responses this data can only be treated as anecdotal community views. It is not representative or statistically significant. A breakdown by gender, age or other demographic details has not been provided for privacy reasons.

Of the 36 respondents to this question, six respondents allocated an amount that was not \$1,000 (or within +/- 1% of \$1,000). These responses have been removed from the below data.



Connection to Boroondara:

