

**2018/19 Proposed Annual Budget and Revised Council Plan 2017-2021  
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CP01	Yes	10.50am	<a href="#">Pee Wee Lewis – Korumburra Round Table</a>	Korumburra Revitalisation Project - Support	Support for the project from the Korumburra Round Table is acknowledged.	1.2	Nil Already allowed for in future budgets	Nil
CP02	No	N/A	<a href="#">Noelene Cosson President - Korumburra Business Association</a>	Korumburra Revitalisation Project - Support	Support for the project from the Korumburra Business Association is acknowledged. This submission is recognising the budget projects for Korumburra Revitalisation as a priority project over the next couple of years and encouraging Council to continue to advocate for Federal and State Government funding to implement Korumburra's Revitalisation Project as currently reflected in the budget.	1.2	Nil Already allowed for in future budgets	Nil
CP03	Yes	11.00am	<a href="#">Nigel Hutchinson-Brooks, John Kennedy and Peter Smith</a>	Priority Project - Extension of Great Southern Rail Trail from Leongatha to Korumburra	<p>Council acknowledges the support and importance of the GSRT extension from Leongatha to Korumburra by designating it as a Priority Project along with the Korumburra to Nyora section.</p> <p>Before works can commence, Council is required to enter into a lease with VicTrack for the rail corridor. An application has been lodged with VicTrack for its consideration. This process also requires the removal of assets along the rail corridor which are under the control of VicTrack. VicTrack has advised the assets will be offered to Public Transport Victoria (PTV) first for potential use by tourist rail operations around the State.</p> <p>The Leongatha to Korumburra section is estimated at \$3M which is based on previous GSRT works. Funding of \$1M has already been allocated in the forward budget for the Leongatha to Korumburra section in 2019/20 with an expected income of \$2M from external grant funding anticipated. Officers are actively ensuring that appropriate planning is being undertaken to ensure that the project will be ready for 2019/20.</p>	1.3.4	Nil Already allowed for in future budgets	Yes. A budget allowance of approximately \$60,000 - \$70,000 per annum would be required for future maintenance in 2022/23
CP04	Yes	11.10am	<a href="#">Michael Street and Peter Western - Leongatha Lyric Theatre</a>	Leongatha Mesley Hall - Stage Extension/ Upgrade	<p>This submission is the result of the professional business case developed by Lyric Theatre with a grant made available by Council through the Community Grants process. The business case focuses on need and potential use and was not intended to undertake formal costing of the development project, so the request is reasonable.</p> <p>In the Arts Culture and Creative Industry Strategy 2017/21 there is an initiative to review performance spaces across South Gippsland in order to develop a plan for upgrading facilities in 2019/20. It would be appropriate to consider this request as part of that process.</p>	2.1.1 and 2.4	\$25,000	Nil
CP05	Yes	11.20am	<a href="#">Len Buckland Koonwarra Recreation Committee Inc</a>	Koonwarra Recreation Reserve request for funding to complete project	<p>The Koonwarra Recreation Reserve Committee has applied for a community grant to develop plans for various improvements. Once this work is completed we will have a better idea of the entire scope of works required at the reserve rather than just one element, the toilet block.</p> <p>A scope of works that includes playground, access, seating, BBQ and toilet improvements could potentially attract external funding support. It is appropriate to wait until the completion of planning works prior to considering the allocation of funds towards projects.</p>	2.1.1	Nil	Nil

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CP06	Yes	11.30am	<a href="#">Sharon Turton, Roger Wittingslow, Bruce Mackin and Grant Sage</a>	Clancy Road, Korumburra - Sealing and Gravel to Seal Roads Program	<p>This submission requests that Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Develop a program to seal the top priority rural gravel roads over the next 10-20 years.</li> <li>b) Consider lowering the speed on Clancy's Road to 80 kph.</li> <li>c) Advocate for State &amp; Federal Government for funding.</li> <li>d) Investigate how levels of service can be improved on un-sealed roads.</li> </ul> <p>A major initiative of the Council Plan is to complete a service level review of gravel roads and roadside maintenance, test assumptions and report the findings to Council. This review is currently being undertaken.</p>	3.1	Nil	Nil
CP07	Yes	11.40am	<a href="#">Rob Hicks (Presenter) on behalf of residents on Henry's Road, Nyora</a> John and Tricia Fleming (Submitter)	Henrys Road, Nyora Loch and proposed new sealing program for priority roads	<p>This submission requests that Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Develop a program to seal the top priority rural gravel roads over the next 10-20 years.</li> <li>b) Consider lowering the speed on gravel roads Road to 80 kph.</li> <li>c) Advocate for State &amp; Federal Government for funding.</li> <li>d) Investigate how levels of service can be improved on unsealed roads.</li> </ul> <p>A major initiative of the Council Plan is to complete a service level review of gravel roads and roadside maintenance, test assumptions and report the findings to Council. This review is currently being undertaken.</p>	3.1	Nil	Nil
CP08	No	N/A	<a href="#">Lindsay Moore</a>	Residents of Ross Street, Martins Road and Hewett Street, Meeniyan	<p>This submission requests that Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Develop a program to seal the top priority rural gravel roads over the next 10-20 years.</li> <li>b) Consider lowering the speed to 80 kph.</li> <li>c) Advocate for State &amp; Federal Government for funding.</li> <li>d) Investigate how levels of service can be improved on unsealed roads.</li> </ul> <p>A major initiative of the Council Plan is to complete a service level review of gravel roads and roadside maintenance, test assumptions and report the findings to Council. This review is currently being undertaken.</p>	3.1	Nil	Nil
CP09	Yes	11.50am	<a href="#">Michael Lester - Fish Creek Community Development Group</a>	Request for Sewerage provision in Fish Creek	<p>Council will provide support to the Fish Creek Community Development Group to have a community discussion on the cost/benefit of sewerage provision for Fish Creek.</p>	3.7	Nil	Nil



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AB01	Yes	12.00pm	<a href="#">Meg Knight</a>	Various Topics - Proposed Budget 2018/19	<b>Employee Costs:</b> <i>a. The submitter noted that employee numbers are budgeted to increase to 266.53 FTE for 19,000 ratepayers</i> <i>b. Employee costs have risen to \$26.34M</i> <i>c. The submitter assured two or so years ago that a reorganisation and restructure of staff would see a meaner leaner work force providing the same level of service.</i>			
				Employee Costs:	a & b. Employee operating costs are forecast to increase by \$767,000 or 3.1 per cent when compared to the 2017/18 forecast result. The 2018/19 budgeted employee costs takes into account: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A 2.0 per cent allowance for banding and contract staff increments in 2018/19, including higher duties and the flow on effect to on-cost expenses;</li> <li>The mandatory superannuation contributions remain at 9.5 per cent until 2021/22; and</li> <li>A 1.5 increase in Full Time Equivalent (FTE) across all four directorates from 2017/18 for an Arts and Culture service level increase as resolved by Council and a new position, senior Local Laws Officer to advance Council Plan Strategies.</li> </ul> c. Your comment is noted. Council continues to progress with GLGN Shared Services Business Case to identify staff efficiencies, processes and potential savings.	3.3.2 Develop educative tools and processes to assist community members understand the Planning and Enforcement processes.	Nil	Nil
				Various Enquiries - HACC	<b>HACC:</b> <i>a. The submission commented on the employee numbers increasing as set out in question above.</i> <i>b. Yet Council advised it will no longer provide HACC services from October 2018</i> <i>c. So what are the correct figures for employee numbers</i>		Yes, but true budget impact not yet known	Yes, but true budget impact not yet known
					The Council resolution 28 March 2018 was "Withdraw from the provision of Home and Community Care Services from 1st October 2018 with the proviso that a suitable alternative service provider is able to continue to provide services."  To date a suitable alternate provider has not been identified. Budgets and staffing therefore, remain at existing service levels until further notice. Staffing levels for HACC services is currently 43 individuals equating to approximately 24 Full Time Equivalent staff.		Yes, but true budget impact not yet known	Yes, but true budget impact not yet known.
					<i>d. The submitter questioned the amount of \$1M redundancy payments as quoted by the CEO in press articles been included in employee costs of \$26.34 or where is this casted?</i>  The \$1M redundancy is an estimate and has not been reflected in the draft budget at this time. The actual amount will depend on a number of factors, including; the employment history of those staff who are offered redundancy, the timing of the service termination, and the number and employment history of those who may be redeployed and a suitable alternate provider being identified.		Yes, but true budget impact not yet known	Yes, but true budget impact not yet known



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			<a href="#">Meg Knight</a>		<i>e. If Council no longer provides the HACC staff from October what will be the amended employee costs</i>		.	
					Should SGSC exit the provision of HACC services all expenditure budgets (salary and general expenses) as well as revenue (State and Commonwealth grants, and client contribution) will need to be adjusted in the 2018/19 annual and future budgets.		Yes, but true budget impact not yet known	Yes, but true budget impact not yet known
					<i>f. The submission questioned whether the costs of retraining/redeploying any of the HACC staff have been included in the budget?</i>			
					The budget will be amended at the appropriate time to reflect all costs associated with exiting the service if a suitable alternate provider is identified.		Yes, but true budget impact not yet known	Yes, but true budget impact not yet known
					<i>g. \$329,000 Federal grant for HACC's services has been included in the budget – does Council still get this amount or part thereof ?</i>			
					The submitter's figure of a "\$329 federal grant" is inaccurate. Commonwealth grants for aged care service delivery in 2017/18 were nearer to \$1M. As noted above, exiting the service would remove this grant from the time of exit.		Yes, but true budget impact not yet known	Yes, but true budget impact not yet known
					<i>h. It seems a clear case of irony that Money is being spent on an Age Friendly South Gippsland Implementation Plan when the cessation of HACC is hardly age friendly.</i>			
					The HACC service delivery is a small part of the overall Aged Friendly South Gippsland Plan. It is Council's expectation a suitable provider would continue to provide this valued quality service to our community.		Nil	Nil
				Commercial Ventures / Caravan Parks:	<b>Commercial Ventures / Caravan Parks:</b> <i>a. The lack of transparency is a failing of this budget</i> <i>b. Ratepayers were assured when the two caravan parks came under Council control that the financial details would be included in each quarterly Financial Report. The submitter notes this happened for some time and then miraculously no further information until September 2017 Council meeting when there was a report on the two parks.</i>			
					The most effective way to report caravan park operations is through an annual operations report. A report was presented at the September 2017 Ordinary Meeting of Council which detailed the caravan park operations since Council took over direct management of the parks. A dedicated annual report will be presented each year to Council after the end of the financial year to provide transparency for the parks operations.		Nil	Nil
					<i>c. The submitter notes in this Budget income of \$722,000 has been included and capital expenditure of \$488,000 plus \$375,000 capital expenditure for a toilet block at the Port Welshpool caravan park?</i>			
					Favourable income adjustments will be made to the 2018/19 budget and long term financial plan to align with current Year to Date (YTD) income receipts. Current YTD (2017/18) has seen the parks generate \$778,000 income. A number of capital expenditure items have been budgeted for which include toilet blocks at Yanakie and Long Jetty and electrical upgrades for compliance purposes.		Nil	Nil



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			<a href="#">Meg Knight</a>		<p><i>d. The submitter advised no information has been given on operating expenditure for 2018/19 but going on past years this would be in the region of \$1M.</i></p> <p>The budgeted operational expenditure for combined management of the two parks in 2018/19 is \$881,804. This is exclusive of any capital improvements made to the parks.</p>		Nil	Nil
					<p><i>e. Exactly when is Council going to make a decision in relation to the caravan parks – the submitter notes \$52,000 has been allowed for the Masterplan and business case for the caravan parks.</i></p> <p>Since taking the caravan parks under direct management, Council has focussed on returning the Crown Land which the parks are located on to a state which is consistent with the State Governments requirements and Council's obligations under a variety of legislation. Concurrently Council is reviewing its current and future management arrangements. A progress report is expected to be presented to Council in the coming months. This may be done concurrently with the annual operations report for Caravan Parks.</p>		Nil	Nil
				Various Enquiries - Coal Creek:	<p><b>Coal Creek</b></p> <p><i>f. The submitter comments on Coal creek and its financial details provided in the Quarterly Financial reports and then miraculously disappeared in the reports.</i></p> <p>Council is responsible for a number of different services and operations. Quarterly reports are designed to provide a high level of financial detail and in particular detailed progress against the Council Plan and its annual initiatives. Council adopts a budget, reports and presents monthly variations to Council and provides an annual report which includes financial statements on all of Councils activities including Coal Creek, audited by VAGO (Victorian Auditor General's Office).</p>		Nil	Nil
					<p><i>g. The submitter notes income of \$109,000, no capes but again no overt indication of operating expenditure - if we take \$450,000 as reasonable (it has been higher in previous years), then again Council has a substantial loss</i></p> <p>Coal Creek's operating income for the 2018/19 financial year is budgeted to be \$259,071. The operating expenditure is \$654,545, a net cost of \$395,494. There is no budgeted capital expenditure for Coal Creek in 2018/19.</p>		Nil	Nil
					<p><i>h. Council has had numerous studies, business plans etc at considerable cost - when are we to be taken into Council's confidence and told the long term plan for Coal Creek</i></p> <p>The provision of community assets and services is a cost to the ratepayer. Not unlike pools, libraries and other community facilities Council's investment in Coal Creek is valued by many members of the community. However Council is continuing to look at opportunities to reduce the net costs associated with Coal Creek's operations.</p> <p>A report on Coal Creek's operations will be presented at a Council meeting later in 2018.</p>		Nil	Nil



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			<a href="#">Meg Knight</a>	Various Enquiries – Legal Costs	<b>Legal Costs:</b> <i>a. The submitter commented on anticipated legal costs been hidden in the budget?</i> <i>b. The submitter commented on being disturbed by the lack of transparency</i>			
					An allowance of \$63,750 has been made for unforeseen but anticipated legal costs which is accounted for in the budget in the Executive Office/Management - Page 16 of the draft Budget.  There are budget allowances for other legal expenses relating to other Council functions such a Local Laws, Property and Planning. All allocations of legal costs are based on previous experience and costed to the relevant area.		Nil	Nil
					<i>c. The submitter questioned that there is pending \$200,000+ for Ansevata, plus wind farm costs?</i>			
					Council is not aware of pending \$200,000+ for Ansevata and wind farm costs. If there are to be any large legal costs not budgeted for, this would require a Report to Council requesting a budget variation.		Nil	Nil
				Various Enquiries – Paths and Trails	<b>Paths and Trails:</b> <i>a. The submitter commented that Council had paid money for a consultant to prepare a Paths and Trails Strategy - yet this was a desktop review which raised community expectations before the issues of land tenure were clearly resolved</i>			
					The revised strategy puts forward possible paths and trails which may require further detailed investigations. The desktop review raised the issues of land tenure. These have now been resolved with respect to the Hoddle Mountain Trail.  A report to Council will be presented in May 2018 for the 2017 Paths and Trails Strategy adoption.	<i>Paths and Trails Strategy</i>		
					<i>b. The submitter commented that Council has indicated that it would like to extend GSRT from Leongatha to Nyora</i> <i>c. Yet the Committee of Management of GSRT indicated to Council last year that there was insufficient funds to properly look after the 70 km+ of the existing Trail.</i>			
					The extension of the GSRT from Leongatha to Nyora will occur on leased VicTrack land which Council will be the Committee of Management for. The GSRT Committee of Management will not be expected to maintain this section of trail, Council will be required to fund the maintenance.			
					<i>d. The submitter advised that there is pressure from community groups to open new trails - how much ongoing Council expenditure will be required?</i>			
					Due to restraints on Council revenue arising from Rate Capping, expenditure on "new" assets is substantially restricted with emphasis on renewal of existing assets. Ongoing Council expenditure is modelled and assessed by Council annually when determining the Annual Budget and Council Plan.			



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			<a href="#">Meg Knight</a>	Various Enquiries - Tourism Unit	<p><b>Tourism Unit:</b></p> <p>a. The submitter queried that it looks from the budget that the Tourism unit has a net operating loss of \$1.41M. Has there been a review of the duplication of tasks between all levels of Government over tourism in our Shire</p> <p>There is continual discussion with all levels of government about the roles and responsibilities in relation to business and tourism development. The Economic Development and Tourism Department includes Economic Development and Tourism, Coal Creek Community Park and Museum, and Visitor Information Services. It predominantly sits within Objective 1: Strengthen Economic Growth and Prosperity, in The Council Plan 2017-2021. The Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2018-2020 was adopted in February 2018.</p> <p>It is designed to work in collaboration with other levels of government and industry bodies including Destination Gippsland and Prom Country Regional Tourism to ensure minimal duplication of tasks. Council's emphasis is on local issues to ensure that they align with regional and state-wide priorities. A strategic approach is taken to maximise the benefit for the community. The department assists in the preparation of business cases for major infrastructure projects such as upgrades to the South Gippsland and Bass Highways, Great Southern Rail Trail, and Foster Streetscape.</p>	Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2018-2020	Nil	Nil
					<p>b. The submitter commented that there is State and Federal Government Tourism departments, there is Regional Development Victoria, there is Business Development Victoria...</p>			
					<p>The State and Federal governments have limited capacity to address local business and tourism issues and rely on Council's unique Economic Development and Tourism service to draw their attention to specific local issues. Council delivers targeted tourism information through the Visitor Information Services unit and showcases local heritage through Coal Creek Community Park and Museum which is South Gippsland's largest cultural heritage site.</p>	Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2018-2020	Nil	Nil
					<p>c. The submitter queried what unique service is Council able to provide for \$1.41M that isn't already being provided?</p>			
					<p>The State and Federal governments have limited capacity to address local business and tourism issues and rely on Council's unique Economic Development and Tourism service to draw their attention to specific local issues. Council delivers targeted tourism information through the Visitor Information Services unit and showcases local heritage through Coal Creek Community Park and Museum which is South Gippsland's largest cultural heritage site.</p>	Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2018-2020	Nil	Nil
				Various Enquiries - Executive Office:	<p><b>Executive Office:</b></p> <p>a. The submitter commented that \$1M for Executive Office/ Management</p> <p>b. The submitter advised have yet to see value from the Executive Leadership Team</p>			
					<p>Your comment is noted and the CEO would welcome the opportunity to discuss your comment with you in greater detail so as to identify how value is perceived in this regard.</p>		Nil	Nil



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			<a href="#">Meg Knight</a>	Various Enquiries - Innovation and Council Business:	<p><b>Innovation and Council Business:</b></p> <p><i>a. The submitter questioned the \$3.342M to operate the department?</i></p> <p>This Department covers a number of Council functions the scope of which may not be apparent from the title. As well as IT and improvement/innovation, the Department is also responsible for Corporate Information management (Records, mail room, FOI and Privacy).</p> <p><i>b. The submitter questioned on how much does it cost to run Council business, policies etc</i></p> <p>\$442,000. This Department covers a number of Council functions the scope of which may not be apparent from the title. Council Business functions include the administration of Council meetings, governance matters, Councillor support (including the budget for Councillor allowances and expenses), and corporate policy, planning and reporting, which includes Council Plan (and associated community engagement), Performance Reports and the Annual Report.</p> <p><i>c. The submitter notes IT is in this category. Does Council have a huge costly IT or is this amount for the "digital strategy for Council and community"</i></p> <p>IT and Information Management account for the majority of the Department budget at \$2.9M. This is significantly less than comparable regional Councils.</p>		Nil	Nil
				Various Enquiries – Community Information	<p><b>Community Information:</b></p> <p><i>a. The submitter questioned the amount of \$716,000 for publishing and community information</i></p> <p>The Community information team is the consolidation of a number of Council functions under one umbrella. It covers, telephony, front desk reception, community engagement support, Council's website, social media management, advertising, graphic design, internal communications including newsletters and intranet, media management, etc. The Community Information team is:</p> <p>FTE 1.0 - Manager            FTE 0.5 Community Engagement Officer: supporting officers across the organisation with their community engagement            FTE 1.0 Media and Communications officer: graphic design; media enquiries; writing, proof-reading, editing of documents; website management; advertising            FTE 1.0 Customer Service team leader: rostering; managing escalated issues; customer service support throughout the organisation; liaison with the after-hours telephony provider; complaints handling, strategic customer service work            FTE 1.0 Community Information Officer: customer service officer with some responsibility for social media and design - including Noticeboard            FTE 2.0 Customer Service officers: first-point-of-contact services including front counter and telephone; processing customer requests</p> <p>Community Information by the numbers in 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* 184,015 – website sessions</li> <li>* 555,629 – Facebook reach</li> <li>* 540 – media enquiries answered</li> <li>* 47,277 – phone calls received</li> <li>* 34,310 – counter enquiries (May to December 2017)</li> <li>* 9,937 – customer requests</li> </ul>			





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				Various Enquiries - Branding Strategy	<p><b>Branding Strategy:</b> a. The submitter commented what a waste of time and money on the Branding Strategy.</p> <p>In 2016 there was a review of branding in South Gippsland. Council is currently reviewing the recommendations outlined in the South Gippsland Brand Review.</p>	South Gippsland Branding Review and Recommendations	Nil	Nil
				Various Enquiries - Equestrian / Expo Centre at Stony Creek:	<p><b>Equestrian / Expo Centre at Stony Creek:</b> a. The submitter commented on the \$90,000 allowed for a business plan with \$30,000 in this budget</p> <p>The budget allocation includes provision for development of the business plan and detailed plans for the project.</p> <p>b. The submitter commented that the Equestrian/Expo is in as a Priority Project before Council has even had the benefit of the business case?</p> <p>The project has progressed through numerous stages of investigations and planning. The business case will determine the merit of investing capital funds into the proposal.</p> <p>d. The submitter commented to advise that they hope land tenure is one of the first considerations of the business case and once again community expectations are not being raised unnecessarily</p> <p>Various management options for the proposed facility have been considered and evaluated. There continues to be support for the development of this type of infrastructure in South Gippsland. The level of capital investment required is a major challenge however the projects supporters continue to advocate the potential benefits of the proposed facility.</p>		Nil	Nil
AB02	Yes	12.10pm	<a href="#">Ralph Gallagher</a>	Various Topics - Proposed Budget 2018/19	<p><b>2. Human Resources planning</b> The submitter advised the inability to locate any reference to the progress of shared services initiatives and noted that this is an essential development if there is any serious commitment to the efficient use of ratepayer funds without any downturn in professional services. Are there any developments to report? The submitter also noted that the Section 3.6 omits references to forecast actual data in two of its three parts.</p> <p>Council is continuing to pursue opportunities in a number of areas to realise productivity and efficiency savings. This is not correct as the tables refer to Full and Part time staff and the items that are considered missing is data in relation to Casual staff which cannot be populated in these columns.</p> <p><b>3. Budget Surplus</b> The submitter commented that the Budget surplus is listed at some \$7.7M. Why is this such a large sum? Are there commitments against this outcome? What are the imperatives that require such a large irregular impost on ratepayers?</p> <p>A surplus is necessary as a funding source to fund Council's capital works program. The capital works program can be found on pages 44-46 and 67-68.</p>		Nil	Nil



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					<p><b>4. Capital Works</b>  <i>The submitter advised there is an increase in capital works provisions from last year of approximately \$5M. Why is this necessary? Why cannot the provision follow a more even pathway over the budget years. Such a lumpy approach is hardly fair on ratepayers. There is also unspecified Item – Other infrastructure – of \$5.1M. Surely there must be some noteworthy items included here that might usefully be identified. The Mirboo North Pool is shown as a single year cash project. Does this mean that the next rates impost must cover the whole cost?</i></p>			
					<p>There is an increase of approx. \$5M for capital from 2018/19 \$21.4 to 2019/20 \$26.3M . The capital works budget is impacted by the availability and nature of grants in any particular year as well as any major projects that are undertaken which are operational in nature and don't reflect in the capital works statement.</p> <p>In relation to, "Other Infrastructure spend of \$5.1M" and what it includes, Council believes this amount is the \$5.1M referred to as the Infrastructure - Roads break-up on page 44? The Mirboo North Pool cost of \$3.8M, rates will cover \$3.6M with \$0.2M being contributed by the local community.</p>			
					<p><b>5. Rates Cap</b>  <i>The submitter questioned if there is a statement on this policy which explains how the adherence to the cap is calculated? Is there a statement by the Council that indicates how the extent to which Council has observed this policy will be assessed?</i></p>			
					<p>Section 4.1.1(l) on page 31 sets out the calculation for 2017/18 and 2018/19. The Base Average Rates is \$1,933.36 based on 19,599 assessments. Multiply these together and apply an increase of 2 per cent, equals \$38.7m. Adherence to the rate cap is monitored each year by the Essential Services Commission and Councils that fail to comply are named in Parliament.</p>		Nil	Nil
					<p><b>6. Capital preferences for four towns</b>  <i>The submitter queried if this program has now been suspended? The submitter notes that the first iteration is not yet complete and there remains some doubt about the validity of some of the subventions. The submitter also notes that they have still not received a response to their questions about this program. Questions that were submitted two years ago.</i></p>			
					<p>The Capital preferences for four towns refers to a one-off allocation of \$1,600,000 that was allocated to four separate towns in the amount of \$400,000 each by the previous elected Council. There has been no additional allocations of this type since the newly elected Council in November 2016.</p>		Nil	Nil



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AB03	No		<a href="#">Lindsay Love</a>	Various Topics - Proposed Budget 2018/19	<p><b>Proposed Income Statement and Rate Reduction</b>  <i>The submitter inspected various documents and noticed the Council minutes of 21 March in which it indicates that rates were going up by 2% and referred to page 22 of the Budget document, Table 3.1 Budget Comprehensive Income Statement. In addition, the submitter notes that the Council Plan indicates a commitment to work towards a reduction of 3% in the rate burden over the 4 year plan timetable.</i></p> <p>Whilst the calculations in the proposal appear to be mathematically correct, they do not reflect the way the 2.00 per cent is calculated in the Budget process. The 2.00 per cent is based on the full annualised impact of rates and supplementary valuations which cannot be determined from the numbers highlighted within the submission. Further, the submission refers to the total for rates and charges whereas the cap of 2 per cent is only in relation to rates, not rates and charges.</p> <p>Table 4.1.1(l) on page 31 of the budget shows that the maximum cap rates that Council could set based on the Minister's direction of 2.25 per cent is \$38.745M (\$1,933.36 * 1.0225 * 19,599) yet council is only raising rates by 2.00 per cent \$38.650M (\$1,933.36 * 1.02 * 19,599).</p> <p>Discussion around the Council Plan Strategy to reduce rates by 3 per cent needs to occur. Council has not determined or provided direction on how the 3 per cent reduction is to be achieved i.e 3 per cent of what number.</p>	No	Nil	Nil	
AB04	No	N/A	<a href="#">Gus Blaauw</a>	Proposed Annual Budget 2018/19 and Proposed Income Statement	<p><b>Proposed Income Statement</b>  <i>The submitter advised Appendix 2 of the Budget shows the proposed Income Statement with the projected surplus for each of the forthcoming financials years. There is no projected Underlying Profit/Loss shown on this document. That information is of considerable importance and there is no valid reason for Council not to inform Ratepayers of this.</i></p> <p>For sector wide consistency in producing comparative reports, a model budget format is used. It is agreed that the underlying results are of interest to ratepayers to make sure that Council are sustainable in our operations and that is why the reconciliation is included in the budget on page 37 and the KPI for the next 15 years is shown in the table on page 6.</p>		Nil	Nil	
AB05	No	N/A	<a href="#">Ian Lyon</a> <a href="#">President - Foster Swimming Pool Association</a>	Foster Swimming Pool - Additional Operating Expenditure 2018/19	<p><b>Support for the Foster Swimming Pool</b>  <i>The submitter proposed to make a budget review submission in support of an increased operating budget for the management of the Foster pool.</i></p> <p>Despite the additional solar heating capacity installed at the pool, the net operating cost for Foster pool remains higher than other South Gippsland outdoor pools. At this stage attendance and income figures do not justify additional expenditure in increasing season length or number of lap swimming sessions.</p>	Strategic Direction for Aquatic Facilities	Nil	Nil	



Submission CP01 – **Pee Wee Lewis – Korumburra Round Table** - Korumburra Revitalisation Project - Support

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**Speaking to Submission - Yes**

**Council Plan – Strategic Objective 1.1.2 - Identify Priority Projects and advocate to the State and Federal Governments for funding and support**

To the Chief Executive Officer and Shire Councillors,



21.04.18

**Re: 2018-19 Proposed Annual Budget.**

The Korumburra Round Table is writing to you in response to the tabling of your 2018-19 Budget and revised 2017-21 Council Plan, and in particular – the line items specific to Korumburra.

We would like to commend the Council for its vision in bringing the budgeting for the Korumburra Streetscape and Community Hub projects both within the next three financial years - particularly as the Korumburra Revitalisation Project is one of the five 'Priority Projects' for the Shire of South Gippsland. I am sure you would agree with us that Korumburra is perfectly positioned right now to take advantage of what could be achieved through a combination of council's funding, along with state and federal contributions.

As you are aware, our Supermarket development is beginning later this year, and in addition we have some big retail changes about to occur not only with Burra Food's latest \$24 million expansion, but with two innovative ventures opening up in the main street, which will undoubtedly attract tourists to Korumburra; and it is only right and proper that our physical amenity reflect the changing face of the town and keep up with the growing population and tourist numbers. The Korumburra Business Association is represented on the Round Table, and therefore the KRT as a whole is able to pass information back through our networks so a multitude of community groups are aware of these exciting changes.

At the same time the extremely active Station@Korumburra Working Group is continuing to consult with both the community and council to ensure that as plans for both the station and the hub progress, they are working in sync and will complement each other. Jenni Keerie, our Manager at Milpara Community House, is on the station working group and is also a member of the Round Table, and so once again, we have a fabulous sharing of information, and a very positive vibe.

So please accept this letter as a 'Thumbs Up' from the Korumburra Round Table on your decision to make allocations in the next three financial years' budgets for both the Korumburra Streetscape *and* the Korumburra Community Hub. It is most important now that funds are sought from both the State and Federal governments.

Yours Truly,

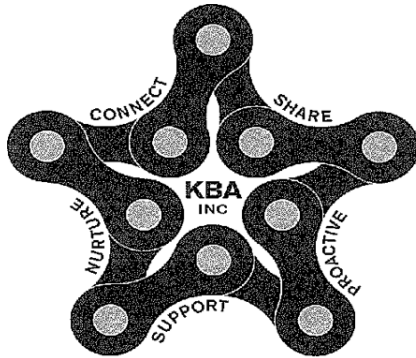
Pee-Wee Lewis, President, Korumburra Round Table



## Submission CP02– Noelene Cosson - Korumburra Revitalisation Project - Support

### Speaking to Submission - No

**Council Plan – Strategic Objective 1.1.2 - Identify Priority Projects and advocate to the State and Federal Governments for funding and support**



Korumburra Business Association Inc.  
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18<sup>th</sup> April 2018

South Gippsland Shire  
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Leongatha Vic 3953

Dear Council

Submission on Proposed Budget 2018/19

The Proposed Council Annual Budget 2018/19 is seen to be very reasonable focusing on projects that fit well into the Council Plan 2017-2021. The commitment this budget has shown to the Korumburra Revitalisation Project where funds have been allocated in this budget and the following 2 financial year budgets for a Korumburra Community Hub and Streetscape is very encouraging, necessary and worthwhile. The Korumburra Revitalisation Project is one of the 5 identified Shire Priority Projects.

Korumburra has been united in its approach with council creating a great partnership to deliver the best outcomes for this budget allocation. It is perfect timing for things to happen in Korumburra with Vic Track's commitment to restoring our beautiful Edwardian Railway Station and the need for a Community Hub with the development of Michael's IGA Supermarket on the current Library site due to commence later this year. The chosen site for the Community Hub being the railway land, will complement the restored railway station. The Railway Working Group have worked tirelessly on this project and are now working with Council to have the Railway Station and the Community Hub complement each other in the services they will provide.

Korumburra is the second largest town in the South Gippsland Shire and the first town that people enter when travelling from Melbourne. The main street has not seen a face lift for over 30 years. In that time the traffic has increased dramatically, particularly with the number of large trucks continually travelling on our main street. The new Streetscape detailed design budgeted for in



2018/19 to be implemented in 2020/21 will complement the Supermarket development and the Railway precinct. It will inject further life into the town and provide a safer main street with one lane of traffic making it easier to access both sides of the shopping precinct. Our 33 year old pavement has been a safety issue for some time and a makeover is well overdue.

The retail centre of our town is changing, and a new Streetscape will give visitors to the area a great first impression as they not only enter Korumburra but as they enter South Gippsland. The Business Association strongly believe that the new Streetscape is required for safety reasons and for the town to prosper in this changing retail environment.

Now is the right time for Korumburra and we appreciate the support shown in this budget. We encourage council to advocate for this Priority Project in seeking Federal and State Government Funding to be able to implement Korumburra's Revitalisation Project as budgeted for.

Regards

*Noelene Cosson*

Noelene Cosson  
President, Korumburra Association Inc.



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Submission CP03 **Nigel Hutchinson-Brooks, John Kennedy and Peter Smith** –  
Priority Project - Extension of Great Southern Rail Trail from Leongatha to  
Korumburra

## Speaking to Submission - Yes

**Council Plan – Strategic Objective 1.3.4 - Investigate feasibility of further extensions and upgrades to the Rail Trails, particularly between Leongatha and Korumburra and explore opportunities to develop nationally significant trails**

## **Submission to the South Gippsland Shire Council**

### **Re:- 2018 / 2019 Budget**

Submitted by:- John Kennedy, Nigel Hutchinson-Brooks, Peter Smith

### **Subject:- Urgent Need for the Extension of the Great Southern Rail Trail from Leongatha to Korumburra (Stage 1).**

- There is a very strong demand from residents and visitors for the extension of the GSRT from Leongatha (Stage 1) and on to Bena, Loch and Nyora (stage 2).
- This submission relates to Stage 1 as far as it impacts on the 2018/2019 Budget.
- We already have a petition with approximately 3,000 signatures strongly supporting the early extension of the GSRT to Korumburra, and points west.
- There is no other project that can generate such a multiplier effect on the local economy, because this link, at a cost of less than \$750,000, joins two towns with a surrounding combined population of around 12,000 people.
- It will have a far greater economic return per dollar expended than the extension of the GSRT from Welshpool to Hedley.
- It will have a positive impact on the demand for housing in both towns.
- It will enable a safe journey for children and adults between the two towns, without need for travel on the South Gippsland Highway, enhancing health and fitness.
- The reason we do not see many people riding bikes in these two towns and surrounding areas, is because of the hilly topography, and the roads which are narrow and dangerous to cyclists.
- The Korumburra community already have plans for fun runs to Leongatha, school children's bike rides etc
- The already impressive take up of the GSRT by Melbourne based bicycle groups will increase significantly because of the shorter journey time from Melbourne.
- It will greatly enhance the utility of the Korumburra Railway Station precinct.
- It is proven, by such examples as Bright and Myrtleford, which have a smaller population than our two towns, and were struggling economically, that the development of bike paths in these towns, have now provided year round visitations. Before they were reliant on a three month snow season. Every business in these



towns benefitted, B&Bs benefitted, and more people have taken up residence in these towns.

- In the first instance the path could terminate at Turner Street in Leongatha, with the extension later by bridge to the Leongatha Railway Station.
- We already have verbal quotations from local trades for the :-
  - Removal of the railway tracks
  - Removal of all the sleepers
  - Grade existing ballast to appropriate longitudinal and cross section profiles
  - Placement and compacting of minimum 200mm of granolithic sand.
  - Supply and installation of handrail for the bridges.
- The sum of these quotes is less than \$750,000.
- We therefore request that the South Gippsland Shire Council provide up to \$750,000 in the 2018/2019 Budget for the extension of the GSRT from Leongatha to Korumburra.
- We respectfully request that we may be heard at the open hearing of Council on the morning of 23<sup>rd</sup> May, at which time we would like to provide a Powerpoint presentation, together with the Petition signatures.
- We will also present letters of support from local businesses and organisations, including the Korumburra Business Association, the Korumburra Round Table, and the Leongatha Chamber of Commerce etc, together with written confirmation of the verbal quotations.

Signed by:-

John Kenedy, Kardella

Nigel Hutchinson-Brooks, Ruby

Peter Smith, Nyora





## Submission CP04 – Michael Street – Leongatha Lyric Theatre - Leongatha Mesley Hall - Stage Extension/Upgrade

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### Speaking to Submission – Yes

**Council Plan – Strategic Objective 2.1.1 - *Where appropriate support community groups to achieve projects they have ownership of and want to progress.* Council Plan – Strategic Objective 2.4 *Implement the Arts and Culture Strategy and support growth of the sector.***



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#### **Budget Submission to South Gippsland Shire Council from Leongatha Lyric Theatre Inc.**

Leongatha Lyric Theatre Inc. request Council to place an amount in the 2018-19 budget to further progress planning for the Mesley Hall stage extension and associated infrastructure upgrade.

We propose that \$20 000-\$25 000 be placed in the budget in this regard.

In support of this request we ask Council to consider the following information:

Council will be mindful of a grant of \$9000 to Leongatha Lyric Theatre Inc. to enable a professional development/business case report that would consider the desirability and practicality of a re-development of the Mesley Hall Stage. The outcome would be provision of a performing arts venue for Leongatha and the wider Shire community.

Mr Rob Gebert, a very experienced arts consultant, was engaged to provide a report to Leongatha Lyric Theatre Inc. The report was recently received. Following required extensive community consultation and analysis, the report has assessed the project in positive terms, outlining the benefits for the wider community. Additionally the report identifies the project as progressing the Council's adopted Arts and Culture Policy.

Rob's brief did not include a cost estimate as this is not his area of expertise. However based on his experience with other projects he suggests that the stage extension and associated works will likely top 2 million dollars. His report does identify possible sources of funding. These are:

- *The Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund (RJIF) available through Regional Development Victoria. The Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF) is the primary infrastructure program of the RJIF. It will provide funding for major infrastructure projects through the following four program streams:*
  - *Visitor Economy*
  - *Productive and Liveable Cities and Centres*
  - *Enabling Infrastructure*
  - *Rural Development.*
- *The Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities. Grant funding is available through two funding streams:*
  - *The Infrastructure Projects Stream: Supports projects that involve construction of new infrastructure, or the upgrade or extension of existing infrastructure.*
  - *The Community Investments Stream: Funds community development activities including, but not limited to, new or expanded local events, strategic regional plans, leadership and capability building activities.*
- *Philanthropic organisations. Creative Partnerships Australia spark investment in the arts by fostering giving and partnerships between the cultural sector, supporters and investors and by*



*equipping artists and arts organisations with the fundraising and development skills to succeed.*

*They strive to:*

- *Promote and spark investment in the arts, bringing supporters and investors, artists and arts organisations together for mutual benefit.*
- *Assist Australian artists and arts organisations to attract and maintain support from supporters and investors, to diversify their sources of revenue.*
- *Encourage and celebrate innovation and excellence in investing in, and partnering with, the arts.*

The report recommends the next steps required to bring the project to a successful outcome.

Those steps are:

- *Prepare a more detailed Design Brief for the project. This should build on the initial concept and incorporate relevant benchmarking requirements.*
- *Develop an updated Concept Design for the project. This should incorporate specialist advice on building compliance, engineering and technical infrastructure. Typically, this process requires engagement of a consultant team including an architect, relevant engineers and a theatre technical consultant.*
- *Prepare a Cost Plan for the project based on the Concept Design. This is typically undertaken by a Quantity Surveyor.*
- *Negotiate with the schools in the Leongatha Education Precinct. Given Mesley Hall is owned by the DET, there needs to be clarity on the long term usage by the community and for the potential external funding contributing to the value of the asset. Agreement also needs to be obtained on the extension of the Mesley Hall footprint towards the South Gippsland Specialist School.*
- *Negotiate a Community Joint Use Agreement between Leongatha Secondary College, the South Gippsland Shire and Leongatha Lyric Theatre.*
- *Develop a fundraising strategy*

This submission is directed to the first 3 dot points above.

We request to speak to Council in support of this submission.

Yours faithfully,

Michael Street

Treasurer

April 18, 2018

Peter Western

Project Facilitator for Leongatha Lyric Theatre Inc.





## Submission CP05 – Len Buckland – Koonwarra Recreation Reserve request for funding to complete project

### Speaking to Submission - Yes

**Council Plan – Strategic Objective 2.1.1 - Where appropriate support community groups to achieve projects they have ownership of and want to progress.**

### *Koonwarra Recreation Committee Incorporated*

Mr Tim Tamlin  
Chief Executive Officer  
South Gippsland Shire Council  
9 Smith Street  
Leongatha VIC 3953

26<sup>th</sup> April 2018

#### Section 223 Budget Submission 2018/2019

Dear Mr Tamlin,

The Koonwarra Recreation Committee Incorporated wishes to put forward a Budget Submission for the Proposed Annual Budget for 2018/2019.

The committee is keen to continue the great work of the previous committee in addressing a number of high priority projects (as documented in the Koonwarra Recreation Reserve Master Plan, July 2015) and has submitted an application with South Gippsland Shire Council's Round 2 Community Grants Program to develop a Landscape Concept Plan and probable costings. The Landscape Concept Plan includes a playground upgrade, new toilet block, improvements to picnic and BBQ facilities, pathway connections and signage.

The Koonwarra Recreation Reserve is Crown Land, temporarily reserved as a site for Public Purposes, with no funding opportunities available for substantial projects through DELWP.

Replacement of the toilet blocks is the highest priority for the committee, as the current facilities do not comply with accessibility requirements; are often out of order due to blockages from tree roots and silt build up, and people avoid using them due to their condition.

The committee requests that council consider allocating funding to replace the existing toilet blocks. Based on similar facilities constructed in Toora and Yanakie in 2015, the committee estimates between **\$120,000 - \$160,000** would be required to complete the project.

The committee currently maintains the toilet facilities and would continue to do so in the future.

A number of substantial improvements have been undertaken on the reserve within the last few years, including oval drainage works and new cricket practice nets. As amenities improve, user and visitor numbers increase, and the committee feels that by providing new toilet facilities would enable the reserve to accommodate the many activities carried out now and into the future.

The committee would be pleased to present their submission at an Open Hearing of Council on 23 May 2018

Yours Sincerely

Len Buckland (Chair)

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## Submission CP06 – Sharon Turton – Clancy Road, Korumburra - Sealing and Gravel to Seal Roads Program

### Speaking to Submission - Yes

Council Plan – Strategic Objective 3.1 - *Improve management of roads and roadsides through enhanced operational practices, increased funding and continued advocacy to VicRoads.*

## Clancys Road Korumburra

### Submission to Councils Section 223 Budget and Council Plan Consultation

#### Recommendation to Council Plan 2018-21 and Budget 2018-19

1. *Officers to prepare a report to council by December 2018 on how the top priority rural gravel roads can be sealed progressively over the next ten to twenty years and how this could be funded through improved productivity.*
2. *That Council give serious consideration to reducing the speed limit on Clancys Road Korumburra to 80k to reduce the risks of serious accident and the costs of ongoing maintenance, which escalates with increased speed on gravel roads.*
3. *Advocating to State and Commonwealth for additional funds to assist in sealing of dangerous roads*
4. *Provide report to council by June 2019 after consultation with the community on the state of rural unsealed roads, what are the prevalent concerns and how operations can be changed to improve level of service and satisfactions and report on the benefit of providing an additional cycle of maintenance on unsealed roads*

### Background

There are some 21 properties served directly by Clancy's Road. The condition has varied over the past twenty years, but its current condition is the worst many longer term residents can remember. The imposition of 80k speed limit on the Korumburra Wonthaggi road has exasperated the situation with many people using Clancy's road because of the 100k speed limit. There are grave concerns for safety of people using the road. The road is used for a school bus route and the driver of 18 years says that it is in its poorest condition in his time driving the bus. People are frustrated that they don't feel they are getting a fair service for the money they are paying in rates.

### Issues Raised

A number of concerns have been raised by residents and by a meeting of some 35 people on the 13 March.

- There are serious concerns that there may be a death because of the extremely poor condition of the road, the corrugations, accumulation of sandy material along sections and people speeding along the road in the middle of the road.
- Narrowing of road in parts because of poor subsurface
- Damage being caused to cars because of extremely poor condition



- The traffic volumes and heavy vehicles using the road in such condition
- Extreme dust because of the poor quality of the road making materials affecting the quality of living, health and visibility on the road for users
- Apparent lack of a risk assessment being undertaken by council
- Concern that priority is being given to fixing roads that should be a lower priority
- Concern about the quality of road making material being used: crushed granite vs. bluestone. The granite breaks down into fine dust and not enough fines to stabilise the road surface
- Need for rolling and ripping to set up road properly in spring and autumn (noting: rolling is also a must with every road grade)
- The lack of a proper camber to allow water to drain off. Water is draining down middle of road causing damage.
- The poor clearing of drains and culvert after grading causing water to pool
- Drainage of a lot of water in places through people's access roads.
- Variable and poor quality of grading drivers
- The road is constantly used as a secondary road, when for some reason (accidents, roadworks etc) they detour off the South Gippsland Highway at Korumburra South Road and also off the Korumburra–Wonthaggi Road.

### **Potential solutions raised:**

- ✦ **Do a quality job in the first place**
  - *Ensure the Quality of materials being used*
  - *Ensure the Quality of grader drivers by better supervision, appropriate training and if necessary above award payment to attract skilled operator and or considering using quality private sector operators.*
  - *Quality of supervision is essential to check that a properly job has been done.*  
*Some form of quality assurance is needed*
  - *It is crucial that the job is set up properly and properly supervised to ensure quality*
  - *You need to benchmark best practice in the state to see how you can improve outcomes*
- ✦ **Reduce speed limits on the road**
- ✦ **After fixing the road counting of traffic strategically on the road to confirm/establish its real priority for sealing**
- ✦ **Provide report to council after consultation with the community on the state of rural unsealed roads, what are the prevalent concerns and how operations can be changed to improve level of service and satisfactions and report on the benefit of providing an additional cycle of maintenance on unsealed roads**
- ✦ **To prepare a report to council on how the top priority roads can be sealed progressively over the next ten to twenty years and how this could be funded through improved productivity.**



✦ **Advocating to State and Commonwealth for additional funds to assist in sealing of dangerous roads**


**Names of people supporting the submission**

Andrew Turton	Sharon Turton	Natasha Turton	Liam Shaw
Lauren Shaw	Jess Cook	Jamie Bulmer	Chris Bulmer
Owen Billing	Andrea Benson	David Greaves	Chris Greaves
Wayne Clark	Annmaree Clark	Glenn Earl	Wendy Earl
Kyle Earl	Dylan Earl	Kayla Earl	Phillip Miller
Cathrine Miller	Jayde Miller	Keanu Miller	Liam Miller
Bruce Mackin	Karen Makin	Heath Mackin	Ross Crawford
Barbara Varrasso	Dave Martin	Amanda Martin	Courtney Martin
Allan Eadie	Katherine Glassock	Neil Walker	Shelley Walker
Zach Walker	Alex Walker	Roger Wittingslow	Maree Wittingslow
Travis Wittingslow	Krystle Wittingslow	Jarryd Wittingslow	Brett Wittingslow
Colin Harris	Brian Redfern	Maureen Redfern	Grant Sage
Kellie Sage			

**(49 names in total) all these names are permanent resident drivers on Clancy's Road.**



## Submission 223-CP07 – **Rob Hicks, John Fleming** - Henrys Road, Nyora Loch and proposed new sealing program for priority roads

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### Speaking to Submission - Yes

**Council Plan – Strategic Objective 3.1 - *Improve management of roads and roadsides through enhanced operational practices, increased funding and continued advocacy to VicRoads.***

#### SUBMISSION TO SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

#### REVISED COUNCIL PLAN 2017-2021

#### PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET 2018-2019

#### Henrys Road, Nyora/Loch and Proposed new Sealing Program for Priority Roads

##### Recommendation to Council Plan and Budget

*That Council give serious consideration to reducing the speed limit on Henrys Rd Nyora/Loch to 80km/hr, in order to reduce the risks of serious accident and the costs of ongoing maintenance. Maintenance escalates with increased speed on gravel roads!*

*That Council officers develop a report by November 2018 for a new priority road sealing program proposal for significant unsealed roads that Council will seal all priority roads over time. That the report be based on consultations with the community and a transparent and published assessment of needs and priorities. That Council identifies ways of funding the program through efficiencies, and productivity savings.*

##### Circumstances

There are some 33 properties served directly by the unsealed section of Henrys Road. The road is a major thoroughfare between Nyora and the South Gippsland Highway. The road has blind corners, very narrow pavement and short on-coming sight-lines over the steep hills. We appreciate the work that has been done and is planned, but we are still gravely concerned about potential for serious accidents.

The condition of the road surface has varied over the past twenty years, but the current condition is the worst many longer term residents can remember. People are frustrated by a stop start approach, where the project has been listed as a priority project for sealing and then dropped dramatically down the list for unknown reasons. We acknowledge that a really significant amount of money has been spent on the road over the past ten years, but we further believe that sealing of the whole road would be far more cost effective in the long run.

Concern has been expressed at the 100km/hr speed limit, which, given the condition and nature of the road, is extremely dangerous. We have been advised by road maintenance operators, that reducing speed on the road, would both reduce costs of maintenance and reduce risks of serious accidents.



### Specific Concerns

A number of concerns have been raised by residents over the past years. These include:

- serious concerns that death or serious injury may occur because of:
  - (1) extreme poor condition of the road
  - (2) corrugations
  - (3) dangerous alignments
  - (4) blind corners, and pavement width.
  
- significant growth of housing being serviced by the road
- concern that from being a very high priority road for sealing, its priority unexplainably has been dramatically reduced, when there have been at least 20 new homes built in the past 5 years on or near the road.
- damage being caused to cars because of extremely poor road condition
- problems of dust affecting the quality of living, health and visibility on the road for users and adjacent households
- the lack of a proper camber to allow water to drain off, and
- the lack of maintenance and attention to detail of drains, culverts, which causes water coursing down the road and eroding the pavement.

The following has been done by Council in the past:

1. land acquisition
2. fencing
3. offset planting, for work still to be done

presumably all at shire expense with no immediate benefit to the user.

### IN CONCLUSION:

A safe (i.e. well constructed) sealed road, is required from the South Gippsland Highway to Grundy Avenue, Nyora township.

This will provide access from Nyora Primary school, Nyora Recreation Ground, Speedway and homes south east of the township to the South Gippsland Highway.





**SUBMISSION TO SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL**

**REVISED COUNCIL PLAN 2017-2021**

**PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET 2018-2019**

**Henrys Road, Nyora/Loch and Proposed new Sealing Program for  
Priority Roads**

**FOR AND ON BEHALF OF RESIDENTS**

**26th April 2018**

**Tricia Fleming**

JOHN FLEMING



## Submission CP08 – Lindsay Moore - Residents of Ross Street, Martins Road and Hewett Street, Meeniyah

### Speaking to Submission - No

**Council Plan – Strategic Objective 3.1 - *Improve management of roads and roadsides through enhanced operational practices, increased funding and continued advocacy to VicRoads.***

#### **Residents of Ross St, Martin's Rd and Hewett St Meeniyah Submission to Councils Section 223 2018/19 Budget and Council's Plan Consultation**

**We the undersigned recommend in our submission to Council Budget and Community Plan consultations that:**

1. That Council does a quality job in the first place by *ensuring the quality of materials being used; the quality of grader drivers by better supervision, appropriate training and if necessary above award payment to attract skilled operator and / or considering using quality private sector operators and providing quality of supervision is essential to check that a properly job has been done. Some form of quality assurance is needed*
2. *Staff provide a report to council after consultation with the community on the state of rural unsealed roads, what are the prevalent concerns and how operations can be changed to improve level of service and satisfactions and report on the benefit of providing an additional cycle of maintenance on unsealed roads*
3. *Staff prepares a report to council on how the top priority roads can be sealed progressively over the next ten to twenty years and how this could be funded through improved productivity.*

#### **Give us a fair go! Fix Ross St, Martin's Rd and Hewitt St Meeniyah**

The 130 odd residents of Ross St, Martins Rd and Hewitt St (formerly McIlwaine) have serious concerns about the conditions of particularly Ross St, Martin's Rd and Hewitt St. There are over 60 homes serviced by these local roads. Twenty homes have been built in the last 20 years or so and there are 15 odd new blocks coming onto the market. A couple of new homes are about to be built.

Hewitt & Ross St is used as a bypass to the town by GPS and consequently has heavy traffic. Ross St is an expensive road to maintain and its condition and Martins Rd's has deteriorated through time and the road narrowed with failure of the side base-subsurface. We understand that it has been a dry start to the year making maintenance work difficult, but a greater focus need to be placed on ensuring quality of work undertaken and investigating more moneys in maintenance cycle and start a sealing program for more dangerous roads.

Provision of a footpath should also be considered for the safety of growing number of people walking up and down the road.

#### **Concerns**

A number of specific concerns have been raised by residents:

- There are serious concerns that there may be a serious accident or worse because of the extremely poor condition of the road; the corrugations, accumulation of sandy material along sections, the narrowing of the roads and people speeding along the middle of the road.
- Narrowing of road in parts because of poor road base-subsurface
- Damage being caused to cars because of extremely poor condition (one residents has replaced 3 tyres in the past 12 months)



- The traffic volumes using Ross St via Hewett (formerly McIlwaine) as a short cut around Meeniyah via GPS.
- Pedestrian traffic is also increasing significantly, added to by the much needed development of short stay accommodation, with more capacity in development. This is of particular concern as visitors are not familiar with local road conditions and risks associated with them.
- Extreme dust because of the poor quality of the road making materials affecting the quality of living, health and visibility on the road for users
- Concern about the appropriateness of the risk assessment in January, which said there was no problem.
- Concern about the quality of road making material being used: Koonwarra gravel is best. The granite used breaks down into fine dust and not enough fines to stabilise the road surface
- Need for rolling and ripping to set up road properly in spring and autumn
- A number of clay patches on Martins Rd that become a bog in rains and are dangerously slippery
- The lack of a proper camber in parts to allow water to drain off. Water is draining down middle of road causing damage.
- The poor clearing of drains and culverts after grading causing water to pool or flood over the road
- At times clearing of drains is separated from road maintenance and this can cause problems when they are not coordinated.
- Drainage of a lot of water in places through people's access roads.
- Variable and poor quality of grading drivers: at times simply pushing gravel onto sides and into adjacent properties
- The need to fix Martins Rd to its end and not stop half way.
- Severe corrugation makes travelling at even a moderate speed impossible and greatly contributes to vehicle deterioration.
- Certain areas are so deteriorated on the sides that there is no room for two vehicles to pass when travelling in opposite directions. It now frequently involves one car to stop as soon as they come across a safe place once an oncoming car has been sighted.
- Extensive deterioration of sections forces vehicles to drive in the centre of the road, in particular around corners that have minimal visibility, resulting in a heightened risk of collision. This is also concerning for cyclists and horse riders, of which many are children, who cannot get to the edge of the road due to corrugations and loose gravel.
- Emerging are clay patches that become very dangerous when wet. These "buttery" patches are expanding each season. Dangerously the tracking/direction of a vehicle alters when going through them. They also leave a significant amount of clay in the hubs of the car once they have been travelled over, further deteriorating the road.



- Speed restrictions on the road to 80k
- Hewett and Ross St are on the school bus route

This submission supported by the following residents and road users

1. Lindsay Moore
2. Will Bullock
3. Janine Bullock
4. Brian Hoskins
5. Sally Hoskins
6. Brian Ervin
7. Pam Ervin
8. Frank Arndt
9. Ilse Arndt
10. Jeremy Tuxen
11. Loris Tuxen
12. Janine Grace
13. Phil Grace
14. Sharon Merritt
15. Doug Merritt
16. Richard Powell
17. Jim Burns
18. Di Burns
19. Maria Zerbe
20. Gavin Zerbe
21. Jeff Jennison
22. Lyn Jennison
23. Ethel Hanks
24. Len Hanks
25. Dianna Morris
26. Greg Morris
27. Michelle Thorson
28. Jack Thorson
29. Aileen Hughes
30. Syd Jackson
31. Bob McGeary
32. Marilyn McGeary
33. Kylie Price
34. Joan Morgan
35. David Morgan
36. Joan Morgan
37. Rodney Lunfan
38. Louse McKenzie
39. Shayne McKenzie
40. Liz Hodge
41. Gary Rottereel
42. Tammy Ball
43. Mark Ball
44. Mavis Hogan
45. Chris Assau
46. Gareth Mitchell
47. Marilyn Mitchell



## Submission CP09 – **Michael Lester** - Fish Creek Community Development Group - Request for Sewerage provision in Fish Creek

### Speaking to Submission - Yes

**Council Plan – Strategic Objective 3.7 - Council to play an advocacy role for townships that demonstrate 70% or greater community support, for sewerage infrastructure.**

Fish Creek Community Development Group  
Fish Creek 3959

ABN 47 734 954 988

Incorporation No. A0035859D

25 April 2018

#### Submission from Fish Creek Community Development Group regarding sewerage in Fish Creek

Fish Creek needs a suitable offsite wastewater management system/sewerage service.

In the draft **SGSC Council Plan 2017 - 2021** is Strategic Objective 3.7 *Council to play an advocacy role for townships that demonstrate 70 per cent or greater community support, for sewerage infrastructure.*

In Council's **Municipal Domestic Wastewater Management Plan 2016-2020** Council recognises the need for the provision of sewerage in Fish Creek....

#### *Recommended Improvement Option*

*The community, through consultation and community planning activities, has indicated a strong interest in the implementation of offsite wastewater management for the township, being sewer or suitable alternative. This is understood to be a response to odour problems experienced during summer, generated by grey water discharges to the storm water drains and possible septic tank system failure.*

*Storm water quality should also be monitored to assess impacts to the adjacent water ways to provide further information on current risks.*

*Due to the number of allotments unable to sustainably contain wastewater within their boundaries and the resultant amenity and public health risks, the township requires the provision of sewer.*

*In the absence of a sewerage service, commencement of improved maintenance of existing systems and investigation of small scale contaminated storm water treatment is recommended*

This submission calls on Council for support for Fish Creek Community Development Group to run an education/information program regarding the provision of sewerage in Fish Creek as a precursor to holding a survey of residents. South Gippsland Water have indicated a commitment to work with SGSC and the FCCDG and assist with the background information required and the answering of



community questions and concerns, particularly in the area of cost to households. SGW have already gone through a costing exercise and have are in the process of re-evaluating the costing. FCCDG ask for assistance with the survey as well as the education/information program.

As Council noted in its Municipal Domestic Wastewater Management Plan 2016-2020, there is a real need for sewerage in Fish Creek. Residents have been talking to Council and SGW for years now and with the progress of the town, sewerage is becoming a much greater pressing need. Certainly, traders in the town feel that the lack of sewerage is a brake on progress in the town centre.

There is some concern that sewerage may lead to rampant expansion of the town so this is another area that needs to be looked at and explored. Fish Creek can stand a measure of expansion but the general feeling is that any expansion must be carefully considered, not impact on farming in the area and compliment the town as it is now. It is understood that part of the difficulty with the provision of sewerage to Fish Creek is the limited number of properties to be connected.

Another issue is the interaction between Council and landholders with aging and inefficient septic tank systems and the projected compliance program. With sewerage inevitable for Fish Creek at some time in the not too distant future, why force residents to pay ongoing maintenance fees or more likely, replacement septic system cost (plus the unavoidable maintenance costs) when the best solution is sewerage for the whole town? The big issue of course is the cost to households and that is where Fish Creek community needs SGSC and SGW to advocate for them for subsidised funding. SGW will, to the best of my knowledge from attending previous information sessions hosted by SGW, allow residents to pay off what cost there is over an extended period. This needs to be confirmed with SGW.

The FCCDG would struggle to run the education/information program and the survey of residents unaided and it makes sense for SGSC and SGW to assist as both entities would then be needed to advocate on Fish Creek's behalf for funding to enable a sewerage service to be built. FCCDG is in the process of rebuilding itself after a period of inactivity so the education/information program and the survey will also act as a stimulus for community involvement and communication.

On behalf of FCCDG, I would like to address Council on this issue.

Michael Lester

President, Fish Creek Community Development Group



## Proposed Annual Budget 2018/19 Submission Responses

### Submission AB01 – [Meg Knight](#) – Various Topics on Proposed Budget – 2018/19

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#### Speaking to Submission - Yes

Mr T Tamlin  
CEO, South Gippsland Shire Council  
LEONGATHA 3953

Dear Tim

Below is my S223 submission in relation to the Annual Budget

I would like to be heard on this submission.

I do apologise for the layout and the fact it is not a Word document - I am still on holiday and unable to access Wod.

#### 1. Employee Costs

- a. I note that employee numbers are budgeted to increase to 266.53 FTE for 19,000 ratepayers
- b. Employee costs have risen to \$26.34 M
- c. Yet we were assured two or so years ago that a reorganization and restructure of staff would see a meaner leaner work force providing the same level of service.

#### 2. HACCS

- a. See employee numbers increasing as set out in 1.
- b. Yet we are advised that Council will no longer provide HACCS services from October 2018
- c. So what are the correct figures for employee numbers
- d. Has the amount of \$1M redundancy payments as quoted by the CEO in press articles been included in employee costs of \$26.34 or where is this casted
- e. If we no longer have the HACCS staff from October what will be the amended employee costs
- f. Has the costs of retraining/redeploying any of the HACCS staff been included in the budget
- g. \$329,000 Federal grant for HACCS services has been included in the budget - do we still get this amount or part thereof ?
- h.. It seems a clear case of irony that Money is being spent on an Age Friendly South Gippsland Implementation Plan when the cessation of HACCS is hardly age friendly.

#### 3. Commercial Ventures

- A. The lack of transparency is a failing of this budget
- b. Ratepayers were assured when the two caravan parks came under Council control that the financial details would be included in each quarterly Financial Report. I note this happened for some time and then miraculously no further information until September 2017 Council meeting when there was a report on the two parks
- c. I note in this Budget income of \$722,000 has been included and capital expenditure of \$488,000 plus \$375,000 capital expenditure for a toilet block at the Port Welshpool caravan park ?
- d. No information has been given on operating expenditure for 18/19 but going on past years this would be in the region of \$1M - so again there is a substantial loss.

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- e. Exactly when is Council going to make a decision in relation to the parks - I note \$52,000 has been allowed for Master Plan and business case for the caravan parks - how much money and time does it take for Council to realise that they are not good operators of caravan parks
- f. Coal creek -again the same comment about lack of transparency - financial details were in the Quarterly Financial reports and then miraculously disappeared
- g. I note income of \$109,000, no capes but again no overt indication of operating expenditure - if we take \$450,000 as reasonable (it has been higher in previous years), then again we have a substantial loss
- h. Council has had numerous studies, business plans etc etc at considerable cost - when are we to be taken into Council's confidence and told the long term plan for Coal Creek

#### **4. Legal Costs**

- A. Where have anticipated legal costs been hidden in the budget
- b. Again I am disturbed by the lack of transparency
- c. There is pending \$200,000+ for Ansevata, plus wind farm costs, and ??

#### **5. Paths and Trails**

- A. Council had paid money for a consultant to prepare a Paths and Trails Strategy - yet this was a desktop review which raised community expectations before the issues of land tenure were clearly resolved
- b. Council has indicated that it would like to extend GSRT from Leongatha to Nyora
- c. Yet the Committee of Management of GSRT indicated to Council last year that there was insufficient funds to properly look after the 70 km+ of the existing Trail.
- d. There is pressure from community groups to open new trails - how much ongoing Council expenditure will be required

#### **6. Tourism Unit**

- A. It looks from the budget that the Tourism unit has a net operating loss of \$1.41M. Has there been a review of the duplication of tasks between all levels of Government over tourism in our Shire
- b. For goodness sake - there is State and federal Government Tourism departments, there is Regional Development Victoria, there is Business Development Victoria
- c. What unique service is Council able to provide for \$1.41M that isn't already being provided ?

#### **7. Executive Office/Management**

- A. \$1M for Executive Office/ Management
- b. I have yet to see value from the Executive Leadership Team

#### **8. Innovation and Council Business**

- A. \$3.342M to run ?
- b. How much does it cost to run Council business, policies etc
- c. I note IT is in this category
- d. Do we have a huge costly IT or is this amount for the "digital strategy for Council and community"

#### **9. Community Information**

- A. \$716,000 for publishing and community information
- b. It must be a mighty expensive website to run





## **10. Branding Strategy**

A. What a waste of time and money

## **11. Equestrian/Expo Centre at Stony Creek**

A. \$90,000 allowed for a business plan with \$30,000 in this budget

b. In as a Priority Project before Council has even had the benefit of the business case ?

c. Putting the cart before the horse !

d. I do hope land tenure is one of the first considerations of the business case and once again community expectations are not being raised unnecessarily

Megan Knight



## Speaking to Submission - Yes

To: Chief Executive Officer, Shire of South Gippsland

By: Ralph Gallagher

Please note that I would appreciate the opportunity to speak to the content of this submission at the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 23 May 2018.

### 1. Preamble

There are a number of issues that I would like to have clarified as part of the annual budget. These are listed below (without regard to ranking of any kind) together with some brief notes that hopefully will be expanded effectively at the presentations session on 23 May.

### 2. Human Resources planning

I have been unable to locate any reference to the progress of shared services initiatives. This is an essential development if there is any serious commitment to the efficient use of ratepayer funds without any downturn in professional services. Are there any developments to report? I have also noted that the Section 3.6 omits references to forecast actual data in two of its three parts.

### 3. Budget Surplus

The Budget surplus is listed at some \$7.7m. Why is this such a large sum? Are there commitments against this outcome? What are the imperatives that require such a large irregular impost on ratepayers?

### 4. Capital Works

There is an increase in capital works provisions from last year of approximately \$5m. Why is this necessary? Why cannot the provision follow a more even pathway over the budget years. Such a lumpy approach is hardly fair on ratepayers. There is also unspecified Item – Other infrastructure – of \$5.1m. Surely there must be some noteworthy items included here that might usefully be identified. The Mirboo North Pool is shown as a single year cash project. Does this mean that the next rates impost must cover the whole cost?



**5. Rates Cap**

Is there a statement on this policy which explains how the adherence to the cap is calculated? Is there a statement by the Council that indicates how the extent to which Council has observed this policy will be assessed.

**6. Capital preferences for four towns**

Has this program now been suspended? I note that the first iteration is not yet complete and there remains some doubt about the validity of some of the subventions. I also note that I have still not received a response to my questions about this program. Questions that were submitted two years ago.

**Ralph Gallagher**



## Submission AB03 – [Lindsay Love](#) – Various Topics on Proposed Budget – 2018/19

### Speaking to Submission - No

Ref. S223 submission

6/4/2018

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Sec 223 Submission – Proposed Budget – 2018-2019

Dear Councillors

I have inspected various documents and noticed the Council minutes of March 21 in which it is indicated that rates were going up by 2%. In addition I note that with the Council Plan there is a commitment to work toward a reduction of 3% in the rate burden over the 4 year plan timetable.

I have then referred to page 22 of the Budget document, Table 3.1 Budget Comprehensive Income Statement and noted the following:

	Forecast Actual 2017-2018	Budget 2018-2019
Income		
Rates and charges	41,165	42153

When I do the arithmetic on these I arrive at the following

Difference 2018 to 2019 = 988  
Percent change =  $988/41165 \times 100$  = 2.4%

This obviously raises some issues. It suggests the statement in the Minutes is incorrect. Can you explain how the rate increase is only 2% and note 2.4%

The other issue is that the Council Plan statement that you will work toward a 3% reduction in the rate burden seems to have been completely ignored. Given this is the second year into the plan and there has been no attempt at the part of the Council Plan it would suggest that you will need to make cuts of 1.5% in each of the following years. When I look at Table 3.1 for those forward years I note that there are further rate increases, not cuts in the rate burden.

Is Council just saying and printing words without having any conviction to these documents? Is it perhaps that the Council has not instructed the CEO to show how those rate burden reductions will be implemented and arranged for a timeline of actions to achieve the same?



At present your documents have no credibility. There is no trust in the community that you will do as you say. It appears that the CEO and the administration have given no credence to the Council Plan.

Why does the Budget not refer to a Strategy which would address the major issue raised in the Council Plan. I believe the Council should provide clear guidance to the CEO to work towards satisfying the intentions adopted in the Council Plan.

To that end I believe the Council should advise the CEO that the current Budget is defective and that it is to be repaired so that some initial effort is made to satisfy the Council Plan item – a 3% reduction in the rate burden – over the 4 year term of the plan.

It would appear that Council has given themselves some opportunity to make a saving by deciding to exit from HACC's. However, Council need to be more direct and forceful in the directions given to the CEO on the directions needed for management. The Council need to direct the CEO to provide options for an exit strategy from the Caravan Parks management by mid June along with options on how the operations of the Shire can be altered/changed to achieve some reductions so that the Council Plan item can be address within the Budget. The CEO should be asked to advise on how the various services program management can be rolled into needing reduced Council officer numbers o manage the service areas. This advice should be brought to Council by mid-June to help guide the Councillors in the Budget adoption.

I would reserve the option to speak to Council.

Yours faithfully,

Lindsay Love



## Submission AB04 – Gus Blaauw - Proposed Annual Budget 2018/19 and Proposed Income Statement

### Speaking to Submission - No

Good Afternoon,

This is a S223 Submission related to the proposed annual Budget Plan 2018/19.

Appendix 2 on Page is the Proposed Income Statement with the projected surplus for each of the forthcoming financial years.

There is no projected Underlying Profit/Loss shown on this document. That information is of considerable importance and there is no valid reason for Council not to inform Ratepayers of this.

Please do not provide and answer by quoting various Accounting Standards because they are important in many circumstances but in this instance it is much more important for the Ratepayers to have this information in a meaningful way and in particular as part of the Income Statement and not presented in a different area of the proposed Budget Plan.

Sincerely,

Gus BLaauw



Submission AB05 - Ian Lyon President - Foster Swimming Pool Association - Foster Swimming Pool - Additional Operating Expenditure 2018/19

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**Speaking to Submission - No**



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16<sup>th</sup> April 2018

RE: BUDGET SUBMISSION for 2018/2019

Dear Mr Tamlin,

On Behalf of the Foster community the Foster Swimming Pool Association Inc. (FSPA) make the following budget review submission in support of an increased operating budget for the Foster Swimming Pool for summer 2018/19.

The factors that warrant consideration of an increased operating budget for the YMCA management of the Foster pool relate to the considerably improved standard of the pool facility as a result of the solar heating project that the FSPA commissioned during 2017.

- a) The solar heating infrastructure represents a capital investment of \$70,000 for Council's asset; allowing for the \$10,000 grant provided by Council a community raised investment of \$60,000.
- b) The successful performance of the solar heating infrastructure has resulted in a substantially improved facility due to the consistently higher average water temperature for the length of the swimming season; the Foster pool would now have the most optimal water temperature of any of the Shire's outdoor pools.
- c) The improved quality of the Foster pool water has resulted in a substantial increase in patronage of the pool by the community and schools:-
  - The Foster primary school swimming program can now be conducted in December as the water temperature is assured as being satisfactory for the younger children.
  - Early morning lap swimming numbers were markedly increased especially during the month of January when there were regularly 20 – 30 swimmers over the two hour session each Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning necessitating lane sharing to cater for the numbers.
  - Apart from general attendances being up for the 2017/18 season it was reported by the life-guards that the number of hours actually spent at the pool and in the water by families and children was notably more than previous years.

This improvement in patronage is very beneficial from both the YMCA's perspective as pool operator and from Council's perspective in the value-added for its budget expenditure through the YMCA operating grant.

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To reciprocate for this contribution by the community in achieving the improvements both in asset and usage we request that Council consider an additional budget allocation to the YMCA operating grant to provide for the following improvements for 2018/19 season services:-

- a) Due to the reliable water temperature align the opening date of Foster pool with the other outdoor pools.
- b) Increase the lap swimming mornings to five days per week; if not for all the swimming season at least for January when the daily numbers resulted in some overcrowding.
- c) Commence lap swimming sessions half an hour earlier at 6.30am in order to:-
  - Enable people who start work early to have the opportunity of lap swimming.
  - Enable numbers to be spread over a longer session to alleviate overcrowding.
- d) Earlier opening time for very hot days (over 30c) especially during January.
- e) Earlier opening time for public holidays and weekends.

Thank you for your consideration of the above requests which the Foster Swimming Pool Association feels is reasonable and appropriate given the improved standard of the facility and the subsequent response from the Foster community over the past summer.

If you have any queries regarding this submission please contact me on 0439 – 821082 or by email.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Lyon  
President  
Foster Swimming Pool Association Inc.