

Agenda

Council Meeting

Tuesday, 15th June 2021

Commencing at 6.30pm

via the Zoom platform and live streamed

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Tim Tamlin
Interim Chief Executive Officer
Kingston City Council



Notice is given that a Meeting of Kingston City Council will be held at 6.30pm via the Zoom platform and live streamed, on Tuesday, 15 June 2021.

1. Apologies

2. Foreshadowed Declaration by Councillors, Officers or Contractors of any Conflict of Interest

Note that any Conflicts of Interest need to be formally declared at the start of the meeting and immediately prior to the item being considered – type and nature of interest is required to be disclosed – if disclosed in writing to the CEO prior to the meeting only the type of interest needs to be disclosed prior to the item being considered.

3. Corporate Services Reports

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4. Confidential Items

Nil

3. Corporate Services Reports

15 June 2021

Agenda Item No: 3.1

2021/22 BUDGET SUBMISSIONS

Contact Officer: Ange Marshall, Manager Finance and Corporate Performance

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to consider the submissions received in relation to the Proposed 2021/22 Draft Budget and 2021-2025 Draft Revenue & Rating Plan.

Disclosure of Officer / Contractor Direct or Indirect Interest

No Council officer/s and/or Contractor/s who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a Conflict of Interest regarding the matter under consideration.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council note that 24 formal submissions were received on the 2021/22 Budget and Revenue & Rating Plan, for consideration prior to the adoption of the Budget, Revenue & Rating Plan, and the declaration of rates and charges at a Council meeting to be held on 28 June 2021 at 7.00pm.

1. Executive Summary

Under the provisions of section 94 of the Local Government Act 2020, Council must prepare and adopt a Budget for each financial year and the subsequent 3 financial years by 30 June each year. It must also adopt a 4-year Revenue & Rating Plan.

As Council's community engagement on its Community Vision, Council Plan, Financial Plan, and Asset Plan was still underway, Council engaged on its Draft Budget and Revenue & Rating Plan in accordance with its Community Engagement Policy and advertised the Budget and the Revenue & Rating Plan for 29 days and sought community feedback and submissions.

The period for submissions relating to the 2021/22 Budget and Revenue & Rating Plan closed at 5.00pm on Thursday 3 June 2021, with formal adoption scheduled for a Council meeting at 7.00pm on 28 June 2021.

Any additional submissions will be brought to the attention of Council as they are received and tabled at the Council Meeting on 15 June 2021.

2. Consultation Process

Our promotion of the Draft Budget & Draft Revenue & Rating Plan included:

- Advertisement in the Age (public notice)
- Promotion via social media, including a Facebook event, videos and boosted (paid) promotion to increase our reach
- Website banner
- Online submission template
- Yourkingstonyoursay page

- Multiple email campaigns (Advisory Committees, Access and Equity Committee, business networks, news subscribers and local sports clubs)
- Article in Kingston Your City
- Media release
- A short, online video to make the Budget more accessible
- A Draft Budget highlight video from the Mayor
- 'On hold' messages for customers calling the customer service centres.

One online public Information Session was held on Wednesday 19 May 2021, and an in-person session was held at Council offices on Wednesday 26 May 2021. The sessions were widely advertised on social media and invitations were emailed to Council's Advisory Committees, Access and Equity Committee, business networks, news subscribers and local sports clubs. 36 individuals attended across both sessions. The webinars included a Q and A session with the Interim CEO.

Key Consultation Statistics

Formal Submissions (<i>detailed below</i>)	24
Attendances at online information session	21
Attendances at the in-person information session	14
Total visits to 2021/22 Draft Budget page on YourKingstonYourSay.com.au	724 total visits 231 budget downloads
Online submissions completed	17
Email submissions received	7
Facebook Draft Budget Event	5,082 reach
Social media post 1 – Facebook Budget explainer video	1,426 views
Social media post 2 – Facebook Budget Mayor's video	1,749 views
Social media post 3 – Sharing Budget Information Sessions event	1,033 views
Social media post 4 – Last chance with explainer video	1,501 views

3. Discussion

The formal submissions on the Budget received at the time of preparing this report are summarised below, with the full submissions attached to this report. Any submissions received after the finalisation of this report will be drawn to Councillors' attention prior to the Council meeting.

Given that some of the submissions are quite lengthy, and require multiple department responses, not all submissions have an officer comment. Officers will provide Councillors with updated comments before the Council meeting on 28 June.

Submission	
1.	Submitter 1 – Darren Stace-Smith
	Would like Council to look into providing more disc golf courses.
	Officer Comment
	Active Kingston will provide comments before the budget adoption meeting.
2.	Submitter 2 – Maureen Lim
	Recommending: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Traffic safety improvements – install traffic lights at the intersection of Thames Promenade and Scotch Parade, Chelsea Heights; 2. Traffic safety improvements - move the 40kph sign from the middle of Thames Promenade at the Chelsea Heights Shopping Strip to the start of the shopping strip; 3. Move the school crossing on Thames Promenade at the Chelsea Heights shopping strip, to the middle of the shopping strip, so the whole community can utilise crossing safely with the school crossing supervisor.
	Officer Comment
	Infrastructure will provide comments before the budget adoption meeting.
3.	Submitter 3 – Chelsea Little Aths
	Requests that Council upgrades the athletic facilities at Edithvale Reserve in the 2021/22 budget.
	Officer Comment
	Active Kingston will provide comments before the budget adoption meeting.
4.	Submitter 4 – Rosemary Hill
	Would like Council to consider more funding for the Arts, particularly a Writers’ Festival.
	Officer Comment
	Property & Arts will provide comments before the budget adoption meeting.

	Submission
5.	Submitter 5 – Lisa Stoneham
	<p>Raises a concern about Council spending money on climate change and about spending more money on tree planting.</p>
	Officer Comment
	<p>In relation to spending money on climate change, Council is required under the new Local Government Act to ensure the environmental sustainability of the City, and that the planning for climate change risks, is promoted.</p> <p>In relation to spending more money on trees, a greener Kingston assists with meeting the environmental sustainability and climate change risk management requirements under the Local Government Act.</p>
6.	Submitter 6 – Alex Angelico
	<p>Recommending:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Traffic safety improvements - road widening on Parkers Rd East from the Library to Nepean Hwy; 2. Traffic safety improvements – to the railway crossing at Parkers Rd to prevent motorists avoiding the intersection by taking a short cut through the Library car park and going the wrong way up a No Entry street <p>And would like to know:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. About the municipal charge – what is it used for?
	Officer Comment
	<p>In relation to points 1 & 2, Infrastructure will provide comments before the budget adoption meeting.</p> <p>In relation to point 3, the municipal charge is a \$100 charge on every property, and it is used to deliver the many services Council provides to the Kingston community eg family youth & childrens’ services, aged & disability services, road maintenance, parks & gardens maintenance etc. The municipal charge reduces the amount that is then required to be charged in terms of general rate revenue, to make up Council's required revenue budget, and is therefore an equitable way of distributing the rate burden.</p>
7.	Submitter 7 – John Connell
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supports the Mentone Life Saving Club upgrade. 2. Would like Council to consider more funding for playgrounds in Kingston, and particularly playgrounds for those aged 6 years & up.
	Officer Comment
	Active Kingston will provide comments before the budget adoption meeting.

	Submission
8.	Submitter 8 – Natasha Brisbane
	<p>Would like Council to provide \$23,000 for a year long trial to fund a Cloth Nappy & Reusable Sanitary Product rebate.</p> <p>Natasha has included a petition signed by 88 signatures at the time of writing this report.</p>
	<p>Officer Comment</p> <p>Infrastructure will provide comments before the budget adoption meeting.</p>
9.	Submitter 9 – Kirralee Ashworth
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would like to see Council spend some money on the Edithvale shopping strip; 2. Would like to see a playground at Beeson Reserve in Edithvale.
	<p>Officer Comment</p> <p>Infrastructure will provide comments before the budget adoption meeting.</p>
10.	Submitter 10 – Clare McPhee
	<p>Would like Council to incorporate volunteers into the Gardens for Wildlife program.</p>
	<p>Officer Comment</p> <p>The Parks team will provide comments before the budget adoption meeting.</p>
11.	Submitter 11 – Edithvale Collective
	<p>Requesting that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revitalise the Edithvale shopping centre 2. Reconnect the divided Edithvale community across both sides of Nepean Hwy 3. Provide a communal space where the Edithvale community can gather
	<p>Officer Comment</p> <p>Infrastructure and Economic Development will provide comments before the budget adoption meeting.</p>
12.	Submitter 12 – Susan McKenna
	<p>Would like Council to not increase rates, and reduce its spending.</p>
	<p>Officer Comment</p> <p>Rates are an important revenue source for Council and to not increase them at all, would significantly impact on Council's long term financial sustainability position, due to the compounding nature of how rates are calculated, and the required compliance with the State Government Fair Go Rates System.</p>

	Submission
	<p>It would also impact on the delivery of services that many of our community rely on such as child care, aged and disability care, libraries etc.</p> <p>Hardship and payment arrangements are available if residents are experiencing financial difficulties.</p>
13.	Submitter 13 – Rick Nixon
	<p>Raises a number of concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the justification for continuing to increase rates, when Council always has a surplus? 2. Does Council need cash reserves of \$90M, or should it balance the budget with the rates it already has? 3. Capital expenses at 1230 Nepean Hwy should be offset with productivity savings 4. Would like council to respond to things quicker which would save money 5. Isn't sure of the value of consultation as he feels it's not taken notice of
	<p>Officer Comment</p> <p>Finance will provide comments before the budget adoption meeting.</p>
14.	Submitter 14 – Bentleigh Greens Soccer Club
	<p>Would like Council to consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Incorporating Kingston Heath Soccer Complex as part of the current structure planning of baseball and hockey at Kingston Heath being undertaken at the moment 2. Implementation of a concrete path around Ground 1, to allow adequate disability access 3. Construction of accessible toilets on the western side of Ground 1 4. Planning for and commitment to the development of a new ground north of Ground 4 5. Dedicated funds to address minor capital and maintenance issues within the pavilion including expansion of the current referee's change room to ensure equitable access
	<p>Officer Comment</p> <p>Active Kingston will provide comments before the budget adoption meeting.</p>
15.	Submitter 15 – U3A
	<p>Would like Council to consider a major upgrade or replacement of The Old Courthouse/Lewis House site to create a multi-organisational hub.</p>
	<p>Officer Comment</p> <p>Community Buildings will provide comments before the budget adoption meeting.</p>

	Submission
16.	Submitter 16 -Tony Falkingham
	<p>Would like Council to consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improved maintenance of council assets, particularly the foreshore Promenade between Mentone and Parkdale and the Bay Trail 2. Extending COVID19 beyond 30 June 2021 3. Continued economic development support for the Mentone Rail Precinct 4. A review of Council's core services/1.5% productivity gain 5. A program of community strengthening and capacity building
	<p>Officer Comment</p> <p>Infrastructure, Finance, Economic Development, and Social Development will provide comments before the budget adoption meeting.</p>
17.	Submitter 17 – Rugby Club of Melbourne (Racing)
	<p>Would like Council to provide \$234,000 for the installation of sports lighting at Dane Road Reserve in Highett.</p>
	<p>Officer Comment</p> <p>Active Kingston will provide comments before the budget adoption meeting.</p>
18.	Submitter 18 – Geoff Serpell
	<p>Would like Council to consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More dedicated cycling paths away from motor vehicles 2. Car parking in side streets to be restricted to one side only 3. Have all of Council's fleet consist of electric vehicles 4. Boost more tree planting 5. Boost in-home services for pensioners, reducing delays
	<p>Officer Comment</p> <p>Infrastructure, Active Kingston, Procurement, Parks, and Access Care will provide comments before the budget adoption meeting.</p>

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19.	Submitter 19 – Tony McLeod
	<p>Would like Council to consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More lighting along walkways & trails 2. More Mordialloc shopping precinct parking 3. Pompeis car park and the marina area developed & improved 4. More outdoor eating areas in the Mordialloc shopping centre
	<p>Officer Comment</p> <p>Infrastructure, Parks, and Economic Development will provide comments before the budget adoption meeting.</p>
20.	Submitter 20 – Shannon Clipperton
	<p>Would like Council to stop using chemical herbicides.</p>
	<p>Officer Comment</p> <p>Parks will provide comments before the budget adoption meeting.</p>
21.	Submitter 21 – Rob Luker
	<p>Would like Council to consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reviewing its responsibilities 2. Providing access to the beach between Mentone Life Saving Club and Parkers Rd 3. Reinstating Don Tatnell and no new aquatic centre 4. Not investing in climate and ecological emergency response 5. Improving the Parkdale Yacht Club carpark
	<p>Officer Comment</p> <p>Infrastructure, Active Kingston, Parks, and Community Buildings will provide comments before the budget adoption meeting.</p>

	Submission
22.	Submitter 22 – Kingston Residents Association
	<p>Has raised the following concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The misalignment between this budget and the old council plan 2. Lack of council investment in public housing 3. Feels the Goals and strategies contained within them aren't aligned 4. Use of the Lost Dogs Home <p>Would like Council to consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investment in roads 2. Lower rates 3. Investment in an advocacy officer 4. Higher investment in Active Kingston 5. Respecting diversity in our community 6. Rejuvenating tree planting 7. Rejuvenating council committee networks 8. Respecting My Community Life Groups and the space allocation for them
	<p>Officer Comment</p> <p>Infrastructure will provide comments before the budget adoption meeting.</p>
23.	Submitter 23 – Bronwyn Currie
	<p>Raises a number of animal management concerns.</p>
	<p>Officer Comment</p> <p>Local Laws & Compliance will provide comments before the budget adoption meeting.</p>
24.	Submitter 24 – Kingston Hawthorn Cricket Club
	<p>Would like Council to consider the construction of a room at the pavilion to store historical memorabilia.</p>
	<p>Officer Comment</p> <p>Active Kingston & Community Buildings will provide comments before the budget adoption meeting.</p>

The submissions are attached. Detailed responses to each of the formal submissions will be provided following the adoption of the Budget.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Draft Budget survey responses 2021-22 (Ref 21/142318)  

Appendix 2 - 2021.22 Draft Budget Submissions (Ref 21/143020)  

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Reviewed and Approved By: Tony Ljaskevic, General Manager Corporate Services

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SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

16 January 2017 - 08 June 2021

PROJECT NAME:

Draft 2021/22 Budget



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SURVEY QUESTIONS

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Q1 Do you have any comments about the Draft Budget?

Darren Stace-Smith

5/08/2021 04:37 PM

Would be amazing if council could look at additional disc golf courses, on the back of the hugely successful installation at Bald Hill Park

Maureen Lim

5/10/2021 10:45 AM

I cannot see if the intersection of Thames Promenade and Scotch Parade has been added to the Infrastructure amount in the Budget. If it has not, may I put forward a proposal to put traffic lights at that intersection. It is dangerous and often only the awareness of the drivers stop a fatal accident from occurring. The amount of traffic now using Thames Promenade each day has increased considerably especially since the intersection of Thames Promenade and Wells Road has been so wonderfully upgraded and the on-ramp and off-ramp of the Freeway is being upgraded to an excellent standard. This means it has become more and more difficult to come out of Scotch Parade and enter into Thames Promenade especially when turning right to go up to the Freeway. I am sure the traffic will increase and not decrease in the future. A set of traffic lights at that crossing will ensure safe passage for both vehicles and pedestrians going forward. Once again I advocate for the 40 km sign to be taken from the middle of the Chelsea Heights shopping strip on Thames Promenade and placed at the start of the strip so that everyone using the shops there are kept safe. I have watched people with prams and small children only make it to the middle island and then have to wait while motorists rush past at

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alarmingly higher speeds. My third request for that section is to take the school crossing and bring it down to the shopping strip so that it can be used 24/7 365 days of the year instead of just in school terms. It is such a waste to have a good traffic controller only being used by school children and their parents/guardians when it could be used by the whole community. Thank you for your time in reading my submission.

GL

5/12/2021 05:19 PM

Refer attached letter

Lisa Hill

5/14/2021 09:49 AM

KCC does many things well, but why are the arts poorly represented in the budget, and in particular, why is there never any Writers Festival? Other local councils organise them through the library, why can't we? It would bring people and their money into the city and add to the sense of the municipality as a vibrant, interesting place.

Lisa Stoneham

5/16/2021 09:30 PM

I have serious concerns about the council spending \$500k per year over 7 years towards climate change action. Council should be focused on roads, rates and rubbish and it is not the place of the council to get involved in global issues such as climate change. With everything that has happened to this community over the last 18 months with the effects of COVID the money can be better spent elsewhere in helping the community to get back on its feet. I also think outlaying \$370k on increased tree planting to be excessive. I love green open spaces and parks as much as the next person but don't think spending this much at a time like this on planting trees can be justified.

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Angelico

5/17/2021 06:13 AM

When are the council going to sort out and rectify Parkers Rd East from the Library to Nepean Hwy. That stretch of road needs widening and at the moment is a bottle neck and congested with cars parked on both sides of the road and with poorly implemented council concrete Islands thus hindering ease of traffic flow. Cars and buses have to weave in and out and around those Islands just to get past. A wide across the road low speed hump as Como Pde East is whats needed not this mess implemented by council. Also when traffic builds up at the railway crossing at Parkers Rd people take a short cut through the Libiary car park and up Rowy Land at Speed and against the No Entry sign then out to Stewart Ave to avoid the that Intersection. What can Council Implement for this issue rater than telling me to ring the police ? Also the \$100 Council Municipal Charge (what is it used for as thats an extra hit on Rate payers on top of the rate charge ?

john1981

5/17/2021 02:06 PM

Love the \$ for Mentone Life Saving Club upgrade. More funds need to be spent upgrading playgrounds all over Kingston, in comparison to neighbouring municipalities all of the playgrounds in Kingston are in poor condition and very few offer diverse age appropriate play equipment for kids over 6 years of age. Covid and lockdowns has really highlighted the real need for serious investment in this area by Kingston Council.

NatashaB

5/18/2021 11:37 AM

Please see attached document.

Kirralee Ashworth

5/18/2021 05:47 PM

Really hoping to see funding put towards Edithvale shopping strip. This is a once in a lifetime to revamp

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Clare McPhee

6/01/2021 12:22 PM

the shopping area when the new station is completed later this year. Also like for a playground to be considered at Beeson Reserve in Edithvale. This would be a great addition to the area.

Ange Marshall Manager Finance and Corporate Performance Dear Ange, Request Council incorporate volunteers into the Gardens for Wildlife (G4W) program. I previously put in a submission on the 2019/20 Budget for Council to fund and implement the G4W program, however was disappointed to see Council did not follow former Councillor Rosemary West's motion to incorporate volunteers into this valuable program. LGA affiliates for G4W are shires and councils that use the original model...community-council partnerships adhering to G4W guiding principles. Kingston Council is currently not using this model. Council is not engaging with community and not using volunteers as garden guides. I am a rate payer within Kingston and am one of the original volunteer garden guides with Frankston Council when they started the program, using the original model, over 3 years ago. The initial 8 volunteers has now grown to around 25. That's 25 passionate community volunteers putting out the G4W message of valuing and increasing biodiversity within the Frankston LGA , as against 1 part- time paid council officer within Kingston. Kingston Council states " Community inspired Leadership. " " Engagement with our community is at the core of Kingston's philosophy of Community ". Volunteers with the G4W program show visible community involvement with Council, promoting community and local government partnership.

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Volunteers foster social connections and wellbeing alongside biodiversity objectives. Volunteers feel they make a meaningful contribution to both community and nature. Volunteers are a face-to-face interaction with council and community. In the 3 years I have been volunteering in G4W Frankston, I have been extensively trained and educated in the values of biodiversity. Our 4 weekly meetings, led by Natalie Nunn, Environmental Planning and Policy Officer, are a brain storming event, tossing around numerous ideas and even putting in submissions for updating local policies before they go out for community consultation (a bit like a Kingston Council PSAEC meeting of which I am an invited member of). I feel I am making a difference. I am a satisfied participant. However, I am not participating within my council. All my hours of non-paid volunteering, given outside of operating my own business, are not increasing my well-being within my environment and my LGA. Kingston has a low canopy cover of 14 percent. Illegal tree removal is rife (my evidence), non-compliance to landscape plans on in-fill development is common, nature strips could be planted out to increase habitat as against being used as a car park. Kingston Council needs more than one part-time G4W Council Officer to improve habitat values within residents gardens. Kingston, currently using a score sheet of how many ticks you can get against 20 questions, is not working with the original G4W model and is lacking in educational information. Property report sheets, adhering to the original model, completed by volunteers, contain far more in depth

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information and ideas for residents to implement and make a habitat contribution. For Council to incorporate volunteers, and follow the original guiding principles of the G4W program, shows evidence of community engagement and working to a shared purpose of municipal conservation.

Sonja de New

6/02/2021 09:30 PM

Please see attached letter.

smck

6/03/2021 07:49 AM

I do not want my Rates to increase. Spend within current limits so as not to force an increase. I lost my job due to CoVid. I'm now earning \$20K less. Grateful that I have a job but I've taken a significant pay cut just as many people have. Residents of this Council are hurting. Just because you don't get submissions doesn't mean constituents aren't battling & struggling to make ends' meet. Therefore we have to 'tighten the belt' & I ask Council to do the same. Work within your means. Work within our means when it's our Rates funding your budget.

RJ

6/03/2021 11:36 AM

In regards to rate increases each year, there appears to be a justification to keep increasing rates - even though all items are budgeted for. This includes capital works, running costs, future employees - and we end up with a surplus. Do we need cash reserves of \$90m, or do we just balance the budget with the rates we already have with no increases? Maybe some of the capital expenses at 1230 Nepean Hwy are not really justified unless we obtain increase in productivity - which means we could get a rate reduction. Maybe some actions of council could be expedited to save costs, and reduce waste. Not sure on the value

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	of consultation as not generally taken much notice of.
Abraam 6/03/2021 12:03 PM	Please find attached a submission on behalf of Benteigh Greens Soccer Club
AnneG 6/03/2021 12:08 PM	I am submitting this on behalf of U3A Kingston and our President Randy Marshall. His contact number is 0416 223 362
Philip Naulls 6/03/2021 04:56 PM	On behalf of the racing Rugby Club of Melbourne (Racing), I wish to make a submission for the allocation of capital funds for the installation of Sportsground Lighting infrastructure for the Dane Road reserve. Racing gratefully acknowledges the Council's support in providing us with winter tenancy at Dane Road reserve. The detailed design drawings are also available but I could only upload a single file.

Optional question (16 response(s), 1 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q2 Full name:

Darren Stace-Smith 5/08/2021 04:37 PM	Darren Stace-Smith
Maureen Lim 5/10/2021 10:45 AM	Maureen Lim
GL 5/12/2021 05:19 PM	George Lai
Lisa Hill 5/14/2021 09:49 AM	Rosemary Lisa Hill
Lisa Stoneham 5/16/2021 09:30 PM	Lisa Stoneham
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Mandatory Question (17 response(s))**Question type:** Single Line Question**Q3 Phone number:**

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Mandatory Question (17 response(s))**Question type:** Single Line Question**Q4 Street address:**

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Maureen Lim

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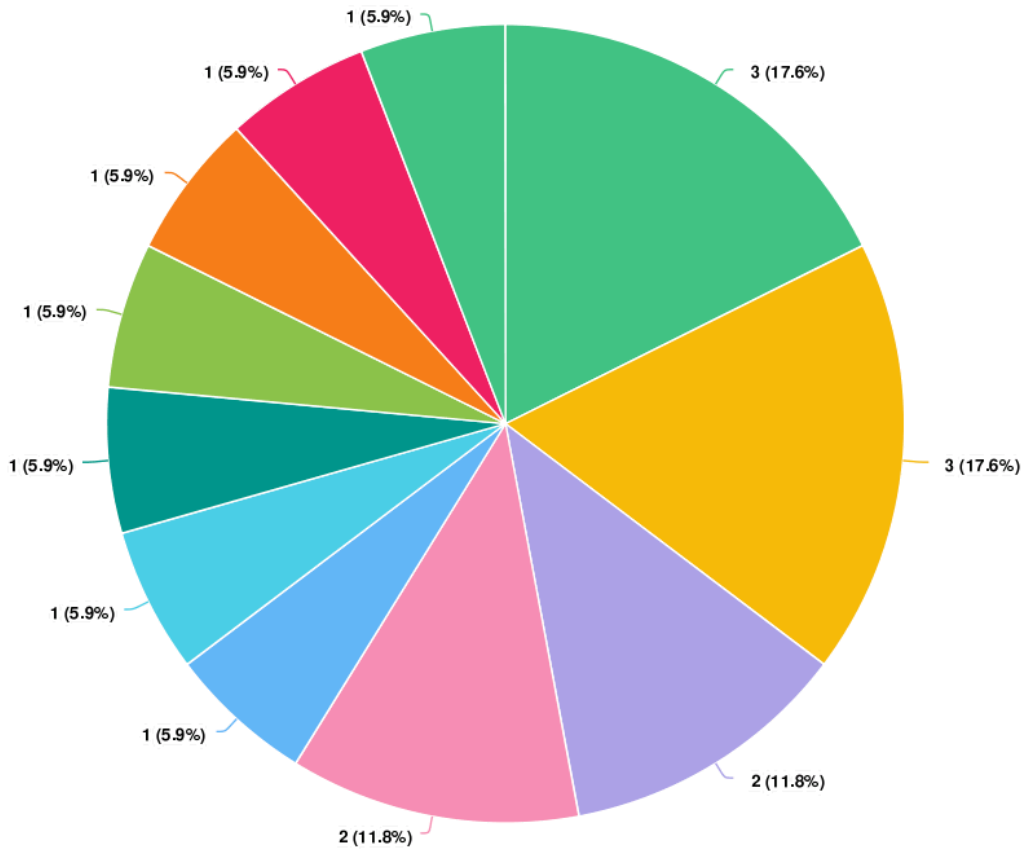
Philip Naulls

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Q5 Suburb:



Question options

- EDITHVALE, VIC ● PARKDALE, VIC ● MENTONE, VIC ● CHELSEA, VIC ● BONBEACH, VIC
- WATERWAYS, VIC ● CHELTENHAM EAST, VIC ● CHELTENHAM, VIC ● MENTONE EAST, VIC
- HEATHERTON, VIC ● HAMPTON, VIC

Mandatory Question (17 response(s))
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Q6 Alternatively, you may upload your submission here:

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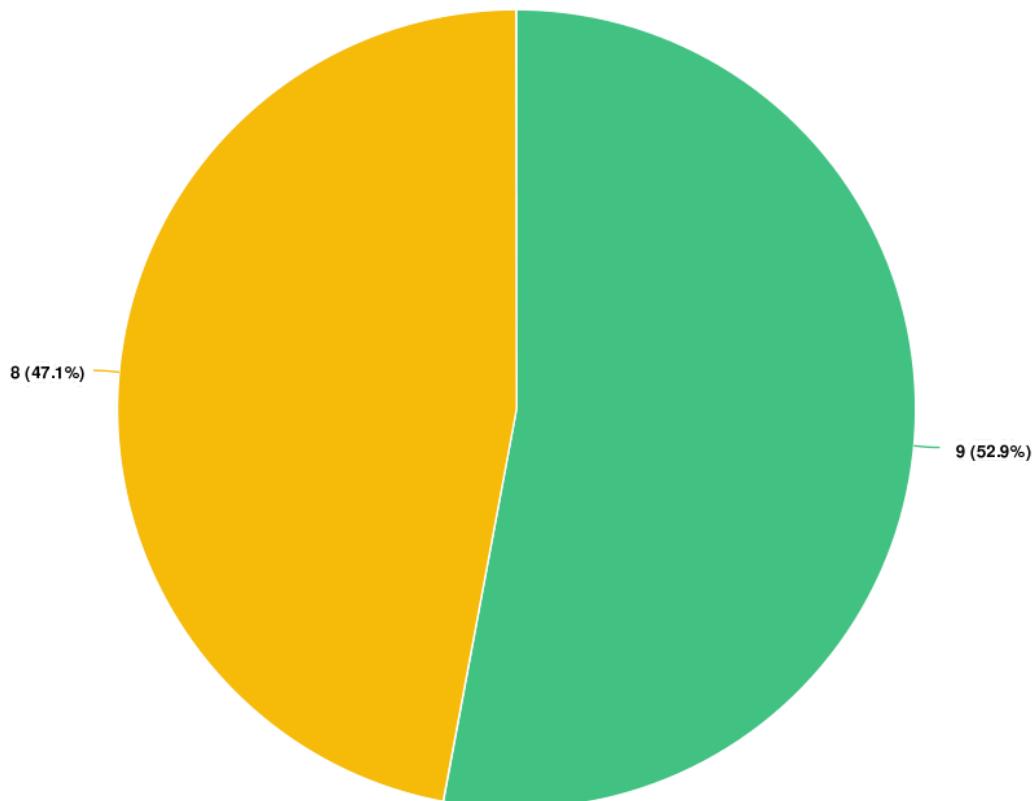
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Make a formal submission to the 2021/22 Draft Budget : Survey Report for 16 January 2017 to 08 June 2021

Q7 Do you, or a person acting on your behalf, wish to speak to your submission at a Meeting of Council on Tuesday 15 June, 6.30pm?



Question options

● Yes ● No

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12th May 2021

Ms Ange Marshall
Manager Finance and Corporate Performance
City of Kingston

Dear Ms Marshall

I write to you on behalf of Little Athletics Chelsea (LAC).

I note that no allocation has been made to upgrade athletics facilities at Edithvale Reserve in the draft 2021-22 budget. This is disappointing for LAC, as we have been in discussions with Kingston Council and Tim Richardson (Member for Mordialloc) for a number of years regarding the critical need to upgrade some of our infrastructure to ensure they are safe and compliant with current standards.

Following a meeting with Council and Tim Richardson in October 2020, LAC has e-mailed Council (Deb Murray) on several occasions, seeking advice in relation to the estimated costs to upgrade this infrastructure to inform the current State Budget.

As mentioned in a letter to the then Kingston Council CEO Mr John Nevins on 9 May 2018, and having presented to council at that time, there are several facilities that do require urgent works. I have attached this again for your reference.

In saying this, we are most grateful to the council for having since upgraded the jumps runways at Edithvale Reserve. Our members have remarked on how much nicer they are to use and how much faster we can get through the events each Saturday morning.

However, there remains the need to upgrade other event sites including, but not limited to, those used for high jump, javelin, shot put and discus – all of these assets have served LAC well, however they are well past their use by dates and require urgent works. . In addition, the need for track lighting has also been previously raised.

Since 1969-70, Little Athletics Chelsea has provided athletics to thousands of young local athletes – boys and girls aged 5 to 15. We celebrated our 50th season in 2019 and the basic principles continue season after season - to encourage 'family participation, fun and fitness'.

Thank-you for the opportunity to provide this submission. A committee member will be more than happy to present in person at council, to further illustrate the need to upgrade our event sites, with the potential for works to be incorporated into the upcoming Council budget. We look forward to continuing a productive relationship with Council.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,



George Lai
Vice President - Little Athletics Chelsea



Copy: Tim Richardson, Member for Mordialloc; Mark Dreyfus, Member for Isaacs

Kingston City Council Annual Budget for 21/22**Formal Budget Submission for a Cloth Nappy & Reusable Sanitary Product Rebate trial by resident Natasha Brisbane, Mentone****Funding cost proposal: \$23,000**

I am writing to request Kingston City Council provide funding to trial a Cloth Nappy & Reusable Sanitary Product Rebate in the 2021/2022 annual budget.

A Cloth Nappy & Reusable Sanitary Product Rebate is when a household can receive up to fifty percent of the purchase back on new and secondhand items with proof of receipt at limit of \$150 from their local Council. These reusable items can include: Cloth nappies (all ages), swim nappies, nappy liners, cloth wipes, wet bags, nursing breast pads, cloth menstrual and incontinence pads, menstrual cups, period underwear and sanitary/period wet bags.

According to Councils offering similar rebates they found the upfront costs of cloth nappies and some reusable sanitary products to be a deterrent for residents wanting to make the switch and reduce their household residential waste. This is why a growing number of Councils in Victoria are introducing these programs.

A rebate will essentially provide accessibility for those unable to afford reusables, help normalise these products, provide a place for education and start conversations, and reward those wanting to be active in cutting down on waste. It also helps with accessing products of a higher quality and being able to support Australian businesses. Reusables have less impact on the environment over their lifetime compared to single-use products. Councils that ran recent cloth nappy and reusable sanitary product trials, like City of Wodonga, noted it had direct impact on waste and the scheme is popular with residents.

The proposed amount I believe necessary to cover a trial for Kingston Council residents is \$20,000 for the rebate payout, with \$3,000 for education workshops and marketing, bringing the total spend to \$23,000 for a year long trial. If the trial was to be successful and the program implemented full time, the cost would decrease as less marketing collateral would be needed and a reduction in workshops. An education workshop run by Cloth Nappy Workshop Melbourne costs \$600.

These proposed figures are based on conversations with other Councils that have recently completed trials such as Wyndham City Council, Albury City Council, City of Wodonga, Federation Council and the Shires of Towong, Greater Hume, Indigo and Alpine Shire Councils.

Wyndham Council's total spend was \$20,000, paying out to 364 households. They believe little money was needed for initial set up as there was enough data and information from other Councils to draw upon. Albury City Council, City of Wodonga, Federation Council and the Shires of Towong, Greater Hume, Indigo and Alpine Shire Councils total spend was \$13,000 during their trial supporting 149 residents with a population of 120,000.

This year ten Victorian Councils submitted a funding application to Recycling Victoria Councils Fund for a reusable nappies program. Some of these Councils include Monash, Glen Eira, Nillumbik, Dandenong, Boroondara, Bayside, Stonnington and Yarra Ranges. If the application is successful, the trials will commence in July 2021 and be completed by 31 December 2021. Hobson's Bay City Council 2021/2022 budget will provide \$13,000 in funds for a cloth nappy rebate trial this year. The interest in cloth nappy and reusable sanitary rebate programs was also reported in a recent article for [The Age](#) (April 25, 2021).

It is in the Council's best interest to encourage waste reduction in all forms, as it is a proven way to save money that could go into more community services rather than used for hauling rubbish away. Councils overseas with cloth nappy rebates have shown savings can be made, with advocacy and education group Real Nappies for London stating nine Local Councils in London collectively saved over £320k (AUD\$573k) in waste costs in four years from the cloth nappy rebates they offered.

In closing, I would like to provide a link to the petition that has recently been started and has already been signed by 80 people for your consideration - <http://chng.it/N7w88gFr>

Kind regards
Natasha Brisbane

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01 June 2021

Dear Ange,

We are writing to suggest allocating funding in the 2021/22 budget for capital works in Edithvale that are urgently needed after the significant disruption due to the level crossing removal and economic shocks due to COVID-19.

We wish for our submission to be heard by the committee in person.

Extra funding is urgently needed to (a) revitalise the Edithvale shopping centre, (b) reconnect the divided community across both sides of the Nepean Highway, and (c) provide a communal space where the community can gather. Our main reasons for these urgent investments are safety concerns as well as risk of decreased community mental health and wellbeing and low resilience in Edithvale to future environmental and economic shocks.

We believe that the situation is more dire than in other areas, as the little parking that was once available at the Edithvale shopping strip has now been inaccessible for months, making it not viable for businesses to survive. Further, the railway works have made it even more dangerous than it already has been to cross Nepean Highway, the railway line and Station street to access the shopping strip. The vast majority of Edithvale residents live east of the Nepean Highway and have to cross to access the shopping strip, beach, Life Saving Club or Beeson Reserve. These issues, in combination with a lack of recent investments of council into the shopping precinct, have put Edithvale at great risk of further deterioration and neglect with potentially significant impacts on community health and wellbeing. We therefore advocate to include the necessary works in Edithvale in the budget.

In addition, the whole shopping area including pathways, planter boxes and benches are falling apart posing a danger to the community. Attached are some pictures for your reference. We fear that it will not be long until a significant accident will happen. Due to a lack of investments from council, the community has financed and built certain elements themselves, such as signs, but a more professional, unified and safe approach would be beneficial. We note that with the exception of Edithvale, all other surrounding areas, such as Carrum, Aspendale and Chelsea, have matching bike racks, paving, benches etc. Please also see attached pictures of each of these suburbs for your reference.

We urge you to consider investing in the shopping strip and surrounding infrastructure in Edithvale to revitalise the local economy and prevent potential accidents in the future. While we think that Edithvale urgently needs a facelift to encourage business and customers to use the shopping strip, the main reason for our letter are the significant safety issues in this suburb. A pedestrian bridge is necessary to connect Edithvale's residents with their own shopping strip, making it safe to cross Nepean Highway, Station Street and the train line. Benches and pavement need to be made safe and accessible for all people including older age individuals who are at significant risk of tripping and have no place to even have a short rest when attempting to access the shops (see pictures of broken benches).

Our views are backed by the community, which have overwhelmingly expressed safety concerns to the Edithvale Collective, in particular related to tripping hazards on broken pathways, collapsing benches, and accessing the shopping area and Beeson reserve for vulnerable people as well as with children next to a 80k highway, railway and little parking.

In addition to the shopping strip, we need social investments into a communal space, such as a community hub or neighbourhood house. Currently, in Edithvale, we simply have no place to gather. Sadly Edithvale does not currently have a focal point, or any kind of community hall to meet in. However, we are a rapidly growing suburb (6% growth 2011-2016), with a mix of families and people living alone, as well as vulnerable groups, relying on support from neighbours, creating an urgent need for a community space.

In 2018, we conducted our own survey of around 100 Edithvale residents and found that people do not feel connected to the Edithvale community: The average connectedness score was only 5.9 (on a scale from 1 to 10). Survey respondents also showed a low level of membership to local clubs and community groups, but expressed a desire to meet their neighbours and community regularly. Further, we hear again and again from local residents about the lack of a community meeting space, including a lack of community activities and connectedness with the neighbourhood. We recently asked the community about their views on 6 Lochiel Avenue in the Edithvale Community Hub (which council is proposing to sell) on Facebook in which residents unanimously expressed support for using the property as a community centre, where locals can gather and run activities including community run classes across all age groups, having a co-working space, a community run cafe or a community garden, to list a few examples.

It is well known that communal events foster community identity and connection, which would revitalise the area and create a village atmosphere, as can be seen with other council investments in Seaford or Carrum for example. We believe that it is the council's responsibility as part of their key priorities to foster resilience and invest in actions that contribute towards people's health and wellbeing. There is currently an urgent need for this in Edithvale, which is backed by our research and engagement with the community.

We understand Kingston Council would like community groups to try and use Kingston Council buildings that do not get used full time (eg sporting and LSC etc). In concept this is a fantastic idea, however, since 2017 the Edithvale Collective has been trying to use the limited spaces of specialist groups and clubs in Edithvale owned by the City of Kingston with no luck. If you wish, we can share with you the list of clubs that we have collated and the discouraging responses we have gotten from these clubs. Unfortunately, in practice it just

does not work to use sport facilities by the community, and this has been our experience since 2017.

There are rooms within clubs that could potentially be used, but they are managed by volunteers of clubs, which have the right to refuse the community to use the space, or only allow very specific limited use with great difficulty of accessing the space. Further, many of these spaces are purpose built for a specific club, and are not suitable to be used as a community meeting space

We feel there is an urgent need for a community centre in Edithvale to support people's mental health and wellbeing as well as foster resilience to increasingly stressful times including loss of jobs and connectedness due to COVID-19. It would be a great opportunity to repurpose the space at 6 Lochiel Ave, Edithvale, and build a community centre on this land.

This email is written with the both direct and verbal support of countless members of the community. We look forward to discussing our practical solutions with you in person.

Regards,

Handwritten signatures of Kirralee Ashworth-Collett and Dr Sonja de New.

Kirralee Ashworth-Collett and Dr Sonja de New
Representing the Committee of the Edithvale Collective

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03/06/2021

Mayor and fellow Councillors,

On behalf of Bentleigh Greens Soccer Club please find below our submission as part of the 2021-22 City of Kingston budget process.

As Council would know Bentleigh Greens has called the City of Kingston home since the Council was formed more than 20 years ago. During that period Bentleigh Greens has been the anchor tenant at Kingston Heath Soccer Complex. The club however does not see itself just as a tenant, but as a custodian of the facility in partnership with Council and as an advocate for football at this premium facility. This hasn't been just through words but through actions. We estimate that the club has invested more than \$200,000 over this period in capital upgrades and improvements in partnership with Council. This does not include the countless hours of in-kind volunteer work that has been undertaken by our members in maintaining and improving the facility at no cost to Council.

Bentleigh Greens has four core strategic objectives that it seeks to embed in all our operations. These are as follows –

- Provide opportunity for the broader community to participate in the physical and social aspects of football at Kingston Heath Soccer Complex both off and on the pitch.
- Expand and promote participation in women's football as a priority.
- Build on the recent success of the men's senior team as one of the top performing clubs in Victorian football and develop a pathway for all junior boys to play at the senior level.
- Maintain Kingston Heath Soccer Complex as the premium football facility in south-east Melbourne.

We believe that in partnership with Council we can achieve these ambitions not only for the benefit of the club but for the wider community.

We believe that some targeted investment by Council at the facility would assist the club in achieving these objectives. As such Bentleigh Greens would like to advocate for the following inclusions in the City of Kingston 2021-22 Budget –

- Incorporate Kingston Heath Soccer Complex as part of the current structure planning of baseball and hockey at Kingston Heath being undertaken by Council.
- Implementation of the works identified through the council sponsored accessibility report in addition the installation of a concrete path around ground 1 to allow adequate disability access.
- Construction of accessible toilets on the western side of ground 1.
- Planning for and commitment to the development of a new ground north of ground 4.
- Dedicated funds to address minor capital and maintenance issues within the pavilion at the facility including an expansion of the current referee's change room to ensure equitable access.

Expansion current plans to include Kingston Heath Soccer Complex

Bentleigh Greens understands that Council has current plans to undertake a structure plan for both hockey and baseball facilities at Kingston Heath. Given the significant growth in football participation across Victoria including in the municipality, the club would advocate for the football facility to be included in this work. The facility has not been subject to a proper master plan or strategic planning for many years. Given this work is occurring at a neighbouring facility within the sporting complex the club believe the football facility should be included to better gauge the capacity of the current facility to cater for current and future needs.

Improving disability access – concrete path for ground 1

In 2019 Bentleigh Greens wrote to Council regarding an incident where a spectator was left stuck in his wheelchair in the mud trying to access the grandstand on ground 1. This was a traumatic incident for the individual and for club volunteers who rushed to assist. This has not been the only incident, with numerous complaints by individuals with mobility issues including the elderly. Council undertook an accessibility report that identified six actions with a commitment to implement all. Currently only two of these have been implemented. Bentleigh Greens is therefore advocating that the budget provides funds to implement the remaining recommendations. In addition, Bentleigh Greens believes that the installation of a concrete path around ground 1 must be included in the program of works to address these issues. It is not acceptable for spectators to be unable to access the western side of the ground pavilion side. All patrons should be able to access all parts of the facility and not be excluded for accessing the grandstand. Bentleigh Greens believes this budget provides an opportunity to address this issue.

Improving accessibility – installation of accessible toilets for ground 1 west side

Currently there are no toilet facilities on the west side of ground 1. This has led to numerous occurrences of anti-social behaviour where patrons have been caught urinating behind the grandstand instead of walking to the toilet located on the other side of the ground. Sadly, in most occasions these patrons are elderly gentleman who find it difficult to make the journey to the toilet given the distance without having an accident. For a facility that has a capacity of between 3,000-4,000 spectators this is not acceptable and appropriate. Bentleigh Greens therefore requests that accessible toilet facilities be installed on the west side of ground 1 to allow improved access for these patrons. The club understands that water access has been established at this location hopefully making this process easier.

Expanding capacity for female football – a new ground for junior teams

Bentleigh Greens in recent years has a strategic objective of expanding the club's female participation. In the past 4 years the club has grown its participation from virtually zero to now six junior girls' teams which a thriving both on and off the pitch. This has generated demonstratable improvements in the culture and atmosphere at the club. Bentleigh Greens is also in discussion with Bayside United to merge the two club's female programs under the Bentleigh Greens banner and provide their players with a permanent home at Kingston Heath. Currently the facility is at capacity with teams just managing to meet their training needs within the current pitch capacity. Given the club's ambitions to grow our female participation this is not sustainable. Bentleigh Greens believes now is the time for Council to commit to the create another pitch at Kingston Heath to enable greater participation and alleviate some of the congestion on the current pitch before we have to turn players away. There is available space north of ground 4 that could be converted to another pitch. This will also have additional benefits in reducing the pressure on the surface of the synthetic pitches thereby expanding their useful life.

Addressing minor capital and maintenance works including an expansion to the referee room

The club has identified several minor maintenance and capital works that need to be addressed within the current pavilion. These include leaking showers, minor cracks in floors and issues with toilet facilities. These are primarily due to the age of the facility and could be addressed with the appropriate funds and effort. The club also believes there is a need for an expansion of the current referees change room. Currently there is only one shower block. This has caused issues when we have a female match official as part of the referee group. To facilitate equitable use the club believes that the current room must be expanded. As such Bentleigh Greens would request a dedicated allocation in Council's budget toward addressing this and a myriad of issues before they become a more significant.

Bentleigh Greens believes that through the budget process Council can partner with the club to grow the game of football within the municipality and cement the role of Kingston Heath Soccer Complex as the premier football facility in south east Melbourne. We ask that you consider these modest proposals with these objectives in mind.

I welcome your thoughts and look forward to your response.

On behalf of the club



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Thoughts Regarding the Proposed Mordialloc Community Hub

With many new councillors elected recently to City of Kingston Council, U3A Kingston would like to take this opportunity to present our thoughts on the new Community Hub for Mordialloc.

There are many elements to a major project like this so we understand that consultation is necessary to develop both a Master Plan and an action plan that have been approved by Council.

A brief background

In late 2019 we approached Council and Councillors to discuss maintenance issues for our premises at Main and Lewis Streets, Mordialloc (the Old Courthouse and Lewis House). In this meeting, we requested a more proactive schedule as we moved forward.

We suggested creating an integrated, multi-purpose community hub which could accommodate a range of complementary organisations (ourselves, Neighbourhood House, Men's Shed, etc.)

We thank council for acknowledgement of our role as a key stakeholder in this endeavour.

In March this year we were sent a copy of the 'Mordialloc Community Precinct: Findings and recommendations (Scoping report completed by ASR Research)' We were gratified to see the recommendations contained in this report and were then and remain excited for the future.

It is clear from both the report and our communication with Juli Stickler that the next step in this process is to be 'high-level, in-principle community consultation,' proposed for later 2021.

Our committee notes there is no funding for this consultation or any future steps in a process for the development of this community hub in the current draft budget. We regard this as a major oversight, which will greatly reduce opportunity for intergenerational learning and greater accessibility for our members (who, at 20+%, represent a large proportion of Kingston residents, a proportion which is growing every year).

We ask that a budget for consultation be acknowledged/provided for and that, as it becomes possible, stakeholders such as ourselves are informed about what the timeframe around this project may be.

Who we are and what we do

U3A Kingston is in its 27th year of operation in the City of Kingston. We are an incorporated and registered not-for-profit organisation providing education classes and social connections for seniors in our community.

Our organisation and classes are run by our members who volunteer. This allows us to offer membership at low cost (\$50p.a.) and allows members to attend as many classes as they wish each week.

Prior to Covid-19 Lockdowns, using strategies developed in our Strategic Plan, our membership had grown by 30% over the previous 3 years to 740 members. We have seen a steady increase in 2021 membership as confidence had increased this year. We currently have 575 members ranging in age from 51 to 93.

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90 members (16%) are below retirement age, the majority (54%) are aged 66-75 and 173 (30%) are 76+. Our 22% male and 78% female membership generally reflects the demographics of seniors in our community.

83% of membership live within the City of Kingston. One member is an online member from Tatura.

Age Range	Number of members (Total)	Male	Female
51 – 55	9	4	5
56 – 60	17	0	17
61 – 65	64	14	50
66 – 70	151	32	119
71 – 75	160	32	128
76 – 80	96	22	74
81 – 85	50	13	37
86 – 90	18	7	11
91 +	9	3	6
Totals	575	127	448

We are currently providing 75 classes to our members with the majority of classes running year-round, with some short-term classes being developed to meet the needs of our members.

Our class categories are: Exercise, Games, Humanities, Languages, Mind/Body/Soul, Music and Science.

Our classes are run by 72 Convenors who volunteer their time. They are supported by 40 office volunteers. Our oldest convenor is our Line Dancing leader who is 92!

Zoom classes were introduced during lockdown and proved to be very successful. One-on-one training allowed teaching and participation from and by members. Social isolation is an aspect of ageing that we are well aware of and consider in all our decisions.

Summary:

Today, KU3A provides a much-loved, popular service to an older cohort in Kingston. This cohort is growing as shown in reports such as .idCommunity's demographic resources (<https://profile.id.com.au/kingston/service-age-groups>).

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We operate primarily out of our ageing premises in Mordialloc as well as various sporting and specialised facilities within the KCC perimeter (Chelsea Rec Hub—Pickleball; Dingley Comm Ctr—Art; Allan McLean Hall—Line Dancing/Ukulele, etc.).

Our premises are well overdue for replacement, and significant discussions towards this end have already been helped with KCC, with scoping carried out and mutual understandings reached.

Covid-19 was a tough year for us, but we pride ourselves in having rapidly transitioned to new modes of offering our services, keeping 40% of our classes alive on Zoom, and maintaining regular contact with 100% of our members via regular newsletters, emails and phone contact.

Today, we offer a hybrid service, with some classes still on Zoom, some both Zoom and “live,” and others (particularly activity- and excursion-based classes, 100% live).

We are flexible, adaptable, popular and a vital source of engagement, entertainment, education, socialisation and fitness for a significant cohort of Kingston residents.

Our premises need upgrading to make them safer for not just Covid-19, but general access and health and safety of our mostly elderly members.

The time is ripe for a major upgrade or replacement of the present facilities at The Old Courthouse/Lewis House site, with ample opportunity to create a multi-organisational hub at an excellent, central, accessible site (with terrific proximity to vital services such as train, bus, parking, medical services, shopping, parks, walking and bike trails, etc.).

We look forward to working on collaboration with Council and the other stakeholders in such an exciting development for the Kingston community!

Randy Marshall
President

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1. Improved maintenance of Council Assets

The extensive list of new community infrastructure is supported by the community and a number of these projects are well overdue. There is concern about the ongoing maintenance of Kingston's assets as a number of these have had very maintenance for a long period of time despite numerous requests from the community.

One in particular poorly maintained asset is the foreshore Promenade between Mentone and Parkdale. This walk along the foreshore is unique in Melbourne, and is one the premier beach walks. It also has significant heritage value, as I believe it was constructed in 1930s. The Promenade path and sea walls are now in poor condition with missing rocks from the sea walls, missing bench seats, blocked and damaged drainage pits. The path is often covered with large puddles of water, and drifts of sand which has blown onto it making it unpleasant to use – especially for parents with prams, people with a disability and senior citizens. This has been raised with council many times but this basic maintenance never happens.

Another example is the new Bay Trail, already the white lines dividing the path are coming off the concrete and ending up in the gutter or in the vegetation. Surely this is a construction defect that should be covered under the project's defect liability period, if not why isn't this basic maintenance being completed by council?

Has sufficient funds been allocated in 2021/22 Budget to ensure community infrastructure is properly maintained?

2. COVID-19

Council's response to COVID-19 and its economic effect on residents, ratepayers and businesses needs to be extended beyond the 30 June. Many residents, ratepayers and businesses are really struggling with loss of employment, business, income and mental health. The further lockdown during May/June 2021 has further deteriorated the financial recovery for many within the City of Kingston.

Can council please allocate further funds to support the community, and delay penalty interest on outstanding council rates and charges?

3. Economic Development, especially for the Mentone Retail Precinct

The support shown by Councillors to local businesses, especially those in the retail sector has been pleasing to see and is appreciated, Many local businesses are finding current business conditions very challenging, not only been from COVID but from important council infrastructure and LXRA projects – this is especially the case with Mentone's retail precinct.

Moving away from the areas improved through Mentone's Renaissance Project the retail precinct looks run down, unappealing and more difficult attracting both new businesses and shoppers.

- A significant economic development program with the commercial sector and council is urgently needed to attract new investment, new business and new customers
- Secondly, can council work with existing traders to clean / tidy up the area and improve the aesthetics: for example constructing bin storage compounds

4. Review of Council's Core Responsibilities / proposed 1.5% Productivity Gain

The breadth of local government services and programs have grown significantly over the previous ten years, and moved away from the core local government responsibilities.

In the current challenging economic times, a strategic review of council services to ensure that core critical responsibilities are met, and other services that aren't as vital could be stopped to create budget savings, or at least these services delayed until things improve.

After this review is completed, a productivity gain greater than 1.5% should be able to be achieved, even if it is just through natural attrition.

5. Community Strengthening and Capacity Building

There are considerable infrastructure improvements throughout of Kingston's sport, recreation and community facilities, and there will be a considerable increase in these facilities usage due to population growth,

Can council develop a program of Community Strengthening and Capacity Building to assist sporting / recreational clubs and community organisations to efficiently maximise the usage of these facilities so as many residents as possible get access to these facilities.

KINGSTON COUNCIL CAPITAL SUBMISSION

Dane Road Lighting Proposal

What are we asking for?

I am writing on behalf of the Racing Rugby Club of Melbourne to request that Council allocate approximately \$234,000 from the FY22 Capital Budget for the installation of Sports Lighting at Dane Road Reserve in Highett.

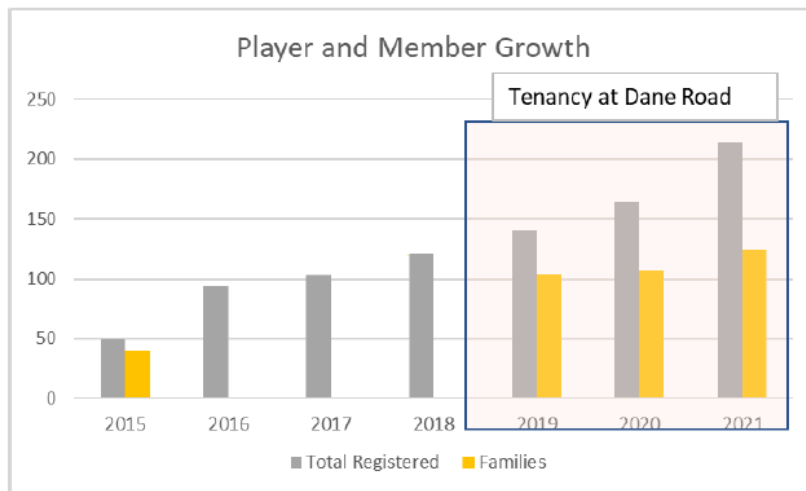
Why is this worthy of funding?

- 1) How does it align to Council objectives?
The Council has Objective of providing quality public open spaces and sports fields. The provision of sports lighting for Dane Road Reserve will significantly increase the capacity of the Reserve to benefit the local community and sporting clubs who provide services to the community. The current lack of suitable lighting renders this venue not suitable for large scale training sessions after 5pm in the winter months and puts pressure on other facilities.
- 2) Why is it important to community?
Racing Rugby Club of Melbourne is a youth sporting club catering to players from Under 6 (U6) up to U18. We have progressively added age groups as our playing group has grown with us. We are not an adult competition club and partner with Moorabbin Rugby Club to act as a multiplier for children's age grade participation and to feed their Adult competition teams. Racing was incorporated in 2015 and since that time we have grown to a player base of 152 players currently registered across the U6 to U18 age grades. Our mission is to grow the love of our game across all involved and we have been an active driving force in the establishment of girls rugby (both touch 7s and contact) in Victoria. Racing actively encourages female participation with girls playing in our U10s and below mixed age grade teams supported by the dedicated girls competitions beyond this age.

Providing a safe environment for our members is fundamental to our success and we have been supported in this through a Sporting and Recreation Grant to fund qualified 1st Aid Training for all teams as well as all volunteers holding an active Working With Children (WWC) certificate.

The club has had winter tenancy at Dane Road since 2019 and this has enabled us to grow the active sporting community around the club with certainty of venue and a hub to allow the community interactions.

The committee is committed to growing our member base to 280 – 300 children as this number is reflective of full playing roster to support. Based on our historical numbers this would mean approximately 250 families across the community directly benefitting from this investment.



3) Is it credible?

The installation of lights at Dane Road Reserve is feasible and deliverable within the current capital program. We have provided (attached and as follows) an accurate implementation cost estimate and design from one of Council's nominated contractors for Council's review and assessment. This provides for an installation cost of \$234k.

**SPORTSGROUND FLOODLIGHTING
UPGRADE PROPOSAL
for DANE RD RESERVE**



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Thursday, 10 September 2020

Att: Mr K.Geary

RACING RUGBY CLUB

**RE: SPORTSGROUND FLOODLIGHTING UPGRADE PROPOSAL for DANE RD RESERVE.
Estimate of Costs.**

Dear Kevin

Commlec Services has pleasure in submitting our Sportsground Floodlighting proposal as follows:

Overview

The following information is provided to assist the club with a grant application. The new floodlighting upgrade works would involve a complete turnkey solution. This includes new light towers, new LED floodlight fittings, underground conduit and cabling infrastructure, new switchgear for floodlighting, pole footings and commissioning. The new design is fully compliant for a 100Lux installation.

Scope of Works (Supply and Install the following)

- 12 x new Sylvania/Schreder 1200watt Raptor LED light fittings
- All LED light fittings driver units to be mounted within each light pole
- 4 x new 20m light towers to suit 4 x light fittings (max) per pole. Tapered steel galvanised poles, fabricated in China.
- New concrete pole footings, to standard manufacturer's recommendations. These will be bored pier type footings.
- All cabling to each light tower
- Lighting controls within pavilion area
- Open trenching for all new conduits
- New floodlighting switchboard allowance
- All labour as required
- Provision of a site Geo report
- Engineering for new pole footings
- Allowance for all labour and EWP for commissioning
- Allowance for Building permit

General Notes

- Items below are also included:
 1. Removal from site, all excess spoil.
 2. As built documentation, training & operating manual.
 3. Re-instatement of disturbed areas.
 4. Testing & Commissioning (Includes night-time LUX measurements).
 5. Removal of existing Sports Poles & Lights.
 6. Certified Engineered Footing Design
 7. Underground Services Detection & Geo Report.
 8. Certificate of Electrical safety.
- All works during normal working hrs Mon –Fri. Except for night time lux testing.
- Any encounter with rock or debris during excavation, open trenching or pole footing works, will be treated as a variation to this quotation
- Damage to any existing services that are not documented and cannot be traced/ located will not be covered within this quote. Commlec Services will make all necessary arrangements for location including MOCS & electronic detection.
- **Lifetime Workmanship warranty offered**
- 5 Year Warranty on LED light fittings, extendable to 10 years at additional cost per light fitting.
- We have allowed to backfill with existing clean spoil.
- Standard Pole footing allowed for, once the certified footing design is completed, the pole footing designs may also change. Additional charges may apply.
- We have assumed the incoming power supply is sufficient for the additional lighting loads.
- Lighting poles fabricated in China, lead time approx 10-14 weeks
- Light fittings fabricated O/seas, lead time approx 14 weeks.
- The typical Project would see the complete site infrastructure installed awaiting the delivery of lights and poles.
- Building permit lead time approx 3-4 weeks.
- Due to the proximity to Victorian Railways the lighting design and the pole placement has been designed with this restriction.
- A 10% Contingency amount should also be considered.
- We have allowed to trench across the oval side at the front of the pavilion, this will then allow switchboard access to the site.
- The Schreder Lighting design is fully compliant to all Australian Standards.

Exclusions

- Planning permit.
- Any additional removal or excavation charges involved with contaminated soil & or spoil. This includes the disposal of said spoil. This will also have an impact on the backfill material if said spoil cannot be re-used.
- Any costs associated with Council Report & Consent.
- Mains Power and MSB upgrade to site.
- Concrete/Asphalt cutting/re-instatement
- Underground conduit boring

Pricing

Total Cost Estimate \$190,000.00 + GST

Validity

- Estimate of Costs valid for 90 days

For any further information, clarification or to place an order please contact us.

Thank-you

Regards
COMMLEC SERVICES PTY LTD

Leo Aiello
MANAGING DIRECTOR

RRM COST PROPOSAL

RRM Cost Proposal;

- Capital (exclusive of GST)
 - geotechnical report - \$2,000
 - Planning permit - \$2,000
 - Implementation – \$190,000
 - Mains Power and main switch board (MSB) upgrade to site – (at risk) \$20,000
 - Contingency - \$20,000
- Running
 - If we assume two training nights a week at 2 hours each, we can use 4 hours a week as a basis for the running costs. Based on 12 sets of 1,200-watt lights and 100% usage with \$0.30 cents per kilowatt hour we arrive at approximately \$20 a week in electricity usage. Again, assuming usage over 6 months of the year we can assume just under \$500 increase in the power bills over the year
 - Normal maintenance can be estimated at approximately \$1,000 a year but we can challenge this assumption with the Council as they may have a preferred contractor to use for this type of work
- Risks
 - Soil contamination – while this is a risk it is expected to be quite low and can be tested quickly through a geotechnical report. The impact will be an increase in the cost of the excavation during the build.
 - Mains Power and MSB upgrade needed for the site. Due to current restrictions a site visit is not practical and so an at-risk component is being included. This will offset the potential cost of a mains Power and MSB upgrade being needed for the site

From: [REDACTED]
To: info@kingston.vic.gov.au
Subject: Draft Budget
Date: Friday, 14 May 2021 10:33:19 AM

To Ange Marshall

Finance Officer

Good day Ange,

My wife and I have lived at Maher Street Highett for nearly 60 years.

We are part pensioners, still active as I play tennis and ride an electric bike

My wishes for your consideration are as follows:-

Cycling paths : Increase safe dedicated paths away from motor vehicles

Car Parking in side streets: Reduce parking to one side only and force cars to be parked in domestic garages

Electric motors: Trade in fossil fuel Council vehicles and have a fleet of electric vehicles.

Tree planting: boost this initiative where possible

Boost “in the home” services for pensioners, reducing delays.

I see you have made some provision for some of the above but the earlier you provide the funds the quicker will be the improved outcome

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your budget

Your response to the above suggestions will be welcome.

Best wishes

Geoff Serpell

From: Tony McLeod [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, 21 May 2021 9:15 AM
To: Cr Steve Staikos <Steve.Staikos@kingston.vic.gov.au>
Subject: Initiatives for Kingston.

Good afternoon Steve,

Saw your presentation on Social Media for the new initiatives that Council has in the pipeline for this coming financial year. Great to see so much investment in the sporting clubs as these are great places for the community to become involved, so well done.

I tried to navigate the site Have Your Say, which provided residents the opportunity to make suggestions to further improve the amenities within Kingston, unfortunately I was not successful so hope you don't mind that I refer a few items directly with you.

- Lighting along walkways & trails. There is some fantastic lighting which follows the path which to give you a location is near the Foot Bridge over Mordialloc Creek leading to the High School. This lighting could certainly be continued along the creek following the trail up to Springvale Road---this trail has a lot of local users & feeds several schools & is a pathway for train users. The addition & continuation of lighting would provide safety for women & children who use this trail or don't use it because of the lack of security lighting.
- Mordialloc Shopping precinct has become the St Kilda of the South, which is fantastic for both traders & the community. The cost to the local community is a lack of parking which was always going to be the trade-off. Would there be an opportunity of metered parking for non-Kingston residence or would there be an opportunity to create parking area within the Pompei Boat area as this is such a huge expanse of land which is totally under utilised for anything.
- Pompei's car park & the marina---again the carpark could be transformed into a fantastic carparking overflow for the Mordialloc Shops. The marina is pretty disgusting & a great resource which would never happen if it was flagged today. I understand that this area may be governed by Parks Victoria but the creek in general is an eyesore & full of poorly maintained fishing boats & to be honest with no real security the boat owners would be reluctant to maintain the boats to much of a level as they are continually being vandalised---there could be an option to create & develop the area as a true marina & have it landscaped so it is fenced off from the greater community but also provide & maintain the historical significance of the area.
- Outdoor Eating Areas in Carpark Bays in Mordialloc Shopping Centre---while I have expressed some frustration with the lack of parking in the shopping precinct I would also applaud Council's initiative to set up eating areas within car parking bays. This has provided the community the opportunity to support local businesses with extra trade. I would be in support for this to continue with business models that have proved that this has aided their businesses.

In summary:

- Path Security Lighting
- Lack of Parking in Mordialloc
- Development of Pompei's Carpark & also the parking area opposite Doyles Hotel.
- Improvement &/or development of the Mordialloc Marina
- Continue the Outdoor Eating areas.

Regards

Tony McLeod

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From: [REDACTED]
To: info@kingston.vic.gov.au
Subject: Attention Ange Marshall
Date: Sunday, 30 May 2021 11:29:18 AM

Dear Ange,

The Kingston Have Your Say on the draft budget has come to my attention on facebook.

As a concerned Kingston citizen I have been liaising with the council off and on for a number of years in regards to the chemical herbicides being sprayed in our open spaces/local environment. The council committed to move away from using a substance that is banned overseas to replace it with something that is worse (this comment came from your council worker, who said they are thinking of moving back to the original culprit product they had committed to moving away from). After reading the Safety Data Sheets I am shocked to see that our children, community, waterways and soils are being exposed to these damaging chemicals. The council has tried hand weeding and steaming and the latter was deemed not cost-effective.

If you would like more information, science data or a history of my communication with the council please let me know, however, my plea to you for this upcoming budget is to allocate funding for steaming of weeds and cease the current practices. It has got to the stage where we are considering moving to Bayside Council who are more progressive in this area to remove our children away from the risk, I am sure if the community was educated on what is being used and the hazards that come with it I would not be the only one thinking this way.

Thank you for your time, I hope you are surviving our latest lockdown.

Shannon
[REDACTED]

From: Rob Luker [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 11 May 2021 5:13 PM
To: Ange Marshall <Ange.Marshall@kingston.vic.gov.au>
Subject: 2021/22 Draft Budget

Hello Ange,
I've been reviewing the 2021/22 draft budget documents and looking for projects that affect me and my community.

Can you advise if the following topics are mentioned in the budget and if so what page:

- 1) Are DDA compliant ACCESS ramps to the beach from the Bay Trail included.
- 2) Are upgrades to Don Tatnell pool included
- 3) I see there are 34 additional staff included. I identified five new officers in the documents. Can you advise the titles, responsibility and department allocation of the 34 please.
- 4) I note \$700k allocation to the Parkdale Yacht Club car park. I am of the opinion the car park was fully funded as part of the Bay Trail and Parkdale Yacht Club projects. Is this so and why are we spending another \$700k.

I look forward to your reply as I wish to contribute to the consultation process.

Thanks and Best regards

Rob Luker
[REDACTED]

**Kingston
Residents
Association
Inc**

Dear Councillor,

Firstly the Kingston Residents Association (KRA) would like to thank you for your delivery of the Draft 2021/22 Budget. We have provided you with our submission highlighting both key projects that are referenced within the plan that we particularly support and other projects that we encourage you to consider further upon finalising the budget for this year.

KRA would like to highlight some other key aspects of this budget that we encourage council to consider when looking at finalising the budget document;

Firstly we and many in the community are concerned about why we are delivering a budget to a council strategy that has already lapsed. We acknowledge that the delivery of the budget has legislative requirements to align it to a document that has surpassed is of concern.

Secondly we acknowledge that council have proposed this as a Covid-19 recovery budget, we express our concerns that we have not seen a large scale investment in both public housing to help end the homelessness crisis, we have not seen rates being reflective of those who are retiree's as their pension is capped while rates rise with CPI.

Thirdly KRA have concerns regarding where specific strategic projects sit within the strategy for allocation. KRA strongly believe that the following changes are required to be reflective of the strategic focus of line items and the focus afforded to each item

KRA believe that the Trees referenced in Goal 1, should be moved to Goal 2 furthering its strategic objective and aligning more closely with the relevant goal.

KRA also holds strong belief that in Goal 4, we need to make direct reference to footpaths and pedestrian traffic, this is to be reflective that we are an active city and many residents will walk to facilities within Kingston.

Finally, we welcome any steps council does to support the welfare and wellbeing of our animals within Kingston. Upon reflection of the budget document KRA have expressed concern surrounding the use of Lost Dogs Home and the high level of authorisation we see to beloved pets. We empower Council to consider the revenue raised from animal related fines to be utilised in a more constructive way to reunite families with their pets and make pet ownership accessible and affordable to our residents.

We encourage all councilors to consider this budget reflecting on both the large-scale projects being delivered and reflect upon the additional outcomes this budget delivers for the broader Kingston community. We hope you consider our budget submission and are happy to take any further emails, comments, or phone calls.

King Regards,



Dylan Styles

Kingston Residents Association

Kingston Residents Association Inc

Rates Roads Rubbish Respect and Rejuvenation

Submitted by: Dylan Styles on behalf of Kingston Residents Association (KRA)

The Kingston Residents Association (KRA) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback to the 2021/2022 budget by the City of Kingston. KRA continues to strive to be the peak representative body for residents and is proud of our long history of advocacy. This budget has informed long discussions amongst the committee and have paid particular detail to both what residents have raised with us around council priorities but also reflecting on the budget within our own associations value proposition and priorities.

The KRA are proud to highlight three key elements in the initial budget that we can recognise the inherent benefits and address the issues of residents that we advocate, represent and lobby for.

- Investment in Roads, Rates and Rubbish

We support the endeavors highlighted in the council budget within this space in principle. But we also want to reflect that there is more to be done when it comes to the delivery of roads, road works and road upgrades, we express our deep concerns regarding rate rises during job uncertainty and the disastrous effects of Covid-19 and we want to acknowledge the incredible work undertaken by our rubbish collectors and the work they do to help create a renewable and cleaner Kingston.

- Investing in an advocacy officer to the state and federal government

This is a welcomed addition to the 2021/2022 budget in the views of KRA, we believe that this role is imperative in advancing Kingston's ability to negotiate and secure additional support, grants and other abilities provided to the council due to the work of this new position. We also welcome this position as KRA acknowledges the benefits of co-working and collaborative led community outcomes.

- Investing and highlighting the importance of Active Kingston

KRA acknowledges the importance of investing in our community to empower further activity in our open spaces, sporting grounds and our beach culture. We welcome some investment in this space but want to echo our concern that these upgrades and rebuilds of pavilions, hubs, and grounds only support and are utilised by a small percentage of the community. We also highlight that many of our active spaces being considered for large scale funding within this budget also services other municipalities, we would like to see further investigations surrounding additional sourcing of funding from municipalities whose residents will utilise our facilities on a regular basis and contribute fairly to the build works. The KRA would welcome in this budget to see similar investments made to our clubs and pavilions in our passive active space including parks, gardens to help increase both tree canopy, our green space and also help with Councils urban cooling strategy and declaration of a climate emergency.

While we acknowledge three key elements in the budget that are welcomed by both residents and the KRA, we also acknowledge additional projects that need to be considered to reflect the needs and wants of our community and to ensure that community satisfaction regarding council decision making increased above the dismal 55% reflected in the 2019/2020 actuals.

- Respect the diversity in our community.

KRA is passionate to ensure that we deliver a **diverse roll out of all programs and plans** as a response to our Covid-19 recovery.

We acknowledge that many residents across our municipality have been struggling during the Covid 19 pandemic and in response we KRA believe we need to deliver support for all members of the community including the delivery of social strategies, mental health support, policies and programs catering to the diverse needs of our community.

Kingston needs to prioritise the delivery and development for our public health and wellbeing, positive ageing, disability, multiculturalism, LGBTI+, aboriginal partnerships, community safety, interfaith networks, prevention of family violence, social planning, gambling harm reduction and supporting neighbourhood houses.

These programs need to sit above the myriad of goals highlighted in the council strategy as community and representation of community sit above an individual core objective.

KRA acknowledges that only 30% of hireable buildings for the community consist of full DDA compliance. We believe that a further funding commitment needs to be made to **ensure full DDA compliance across all Kingston facilities** within a 24-month period. We also believe in a strong focus on accessibility within the broader community, including boardwalks, beach access and footpaths.

- Rejuvenate our tree planting projects and consider **acquiring planting offsets including the KGWMP Dents Paddock Reserve Offset**

KRA has had a proud history in continuing to campaign, advocate, and lobby for a cleaner, greener Kingston. We are adamant that Kingston needs to invest in our environmental sustainability and put a larger focus on what we as a council are doing to achieve real action on climate change, how we are aligning to our declaration of a climate emergency and how we are upholding our council policy regarding tree plantings.

With Kingston's tree canopy sitting close to 20%, while we see other councils like Yarra Ranges, Nillumbuk and Manningham sitting almost double to 3 times as much tree canopy we urge our council to invest in planning offsets and highlight in particular the inherent benefits the Dents Paddock Reserve would have for planting River Red Gum.

- **Rejuvenate our council committees/networks and to arm them with the ability for authentic consultation**, not a focus group but true consultation.

KRA have spoken to many residents, and they have all highlighted the same concerns, authentic consultation. KRA believes there are two steps in delivering authentic communication and are committed to seeing this change be implemented. KRA thanks those in the community who have felt empowered to partake in council committees and networks. We reflect their importance and the changes they make but we also recognise from our own committee's participation that they are not provided the skills, ability, and funding to authentically consult with the community regarding the issue at hand. We encourage the Council to invest in all council committee's and networks to be funded properly providing them opportunity for community outreach and recognition of time of community leaders who have volunteered their time to the community. We would also like to see dedicated funding provided to our community leaders for professional development and training to lead, facilitate and support further community consultation in their area.

- Respect our community through training and developing community run facilities with the skill set to be a community liaison, to help build the **capability for deeper community consultation**.

KRA acknowledges the benefits of our Kingston Council hubs, libraries and facilities and welcomes them within our community for local engagement within the council and its facilities.

We encourage Council to allocate funding for both a minimum of two staff members whose primary responsibility is to lead and coordinate a local engagement strategy into the community consultation at shopping strips, parks, festivals, markets, and events bringing the council out into the community. There was great success when this was done at Sir William Fry Reserve, and we encourage this to be done on a more regular basis across our municipality.

We also encourage a further allocation to be provided to train our hub/library managers and staff to help continuing to deliver authentic community consultation and opportunities for community to use nearby hubs for the purpose of authentic community consultation and opportunities for residents to partake in council decision making.

We acknowledge that our hubs are key aspects to our community connectivity, and we believe with this investment it will create a deeper connection to our council.

- Respect our **My Community Life Groups with resourcing and space allocation** within the City of Kingston.

KRA recognises that Kingston Council have continued to support the 610 community groups they support annually. We encourage our council to consider how we can support and how we can further create opportunities for deeper investment, involvement and engagement and harness opportunities for community group knowledge sharing and development.

We empower Council to consider the establishment of a My Community Life Hub, a central locale for community groups to come together and use a physical space to co-work, incubate community groups and ideas and allow community groups to have a primary location where they can store community group assets in a safe and secure location.

We reflect that this could be done in existing hubs that may not reach staff capacity or a new facility if the council decides accordingly. Community groups are core to the community created here in Kingston and we acknowledge and recognize more can be done to assist these groups to flourish, engage more locally and have the additional support of resourcing and space by the council.

While the KRA has highlighted the importance of planting offsets to help tackle the environmental crisis we also encourage Council to also consider and implement other recommendations to help reduce our carbon footprint and take action on cleaner and greener energy. We empower Council to look at ways that council can create rebates and repayment plans for solar on ratepayers' homes. Look at ways we can implement compost roll outs in our units and apartments and look at how we can maintain our natural habitats, trees, and open passive green space.

Kingston has the opportunity to be the gold standard in the way we approach our community, our environment, and our surroundings. We are afforded great opportunities with beaches, wetlands, rivers, green wedges and flora and fauna. We ask the Council to consider how we can strive to be the gold standard and deliver for our residents. The Kingston Residents Association welcomes further discussion on the budget, and we look forward to supporting our fellow residents' submissions to Council for specific projects.

King Regards,
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Dear Councillors,

Thank you for delivery of the Draft 2021/2022 Budget. I consider the budget overall to be well considered and fair however, there are some issues within the budget I wish to highlight. I consider there is insufficient information in the budget in relation to animal matters.

I have concern around the lack of transparency regarding details of the contract with Lost Dogs Home and the number of animals euthanized and rehomed. The budget is human animal centered as it should be yet council also has responsibility for non human animals and those are usually under the heading Local Laws rather than considering them for the sentient beings they are and the theriocide we carry out against them.

I urge council to consider the revenue raised from animal registrations and fines to be utilized in more constructive ways to reunite lost companion animals. Council's Social Support identifies and addresses the needs of vulnerable community and this would include those fleeing or who have escaped domestic and family violence, those experiencing hardship including due to covid19, people experiencing homelessness, pensioners, people with disabilities etc. Residents with companion animals need "ownership" (registration) and access to veterinary care to be accessible and affordable and the cost of retrieving impounded animals to be economical also. Council has a large role to play in education and the provision and accessibility of services.

Domestic Animal Management Plans (due this year) evaluate the adequacy of the Council's Animal Control Services, it outlines programs for things like responsible pet ownership, euthanasia rates for dogs and cats, pet registration, nuisance complaints, dog attacks, dog parks. DAMP review is a significant opportunity for the community to have a say in how we want to see loved, lost and unwanted companion animals managed in our local area.

Companion animals live as part of the family in around 60% of Australian households, Councils must be leaders in developing responsible domestic animal management plans that are focused primarily on the animals' well-being and prosperity e.g. no-kill shelters, accessible de-sexing, immediate reunification and community education programs about domestic animal care. Animals other than dogs and cats make exceptional companions, and I would like to see unbiased, positive consideration given to domestic animals of all species.

Councillors may be aware of a motion for Pound and Shelter Reform that was introduced by the State Member of Parliament, Andy Meddick MLC, in October 2020. This motion consisted of a number of initiatives:

- a) Introducing mandatory reporting of Pound and Shelter kill rates
- b) Implementing the requirement for Pounds and Shelters to work with approved and regulated rescue groups before ending an animal's life
- c) Introducing more subsidised and free desexing initiatives for companion animals
- d) Committing to the immediate return of companion animals through veterinary clinics instead of going through the pound system

The motion passed almost unanimously, along with the largest petition presented to the Victorian Government, which clearly indicates the importance of companion animals to the community.

This reform, and a fresh council term, presents an exciting opportunity for the council to engage with the animal lovers in the community to work together on positive changes for animals in Kingston Council.

I would welcome an opportunity to discuss relevant matters including; ensuring council contract specific pounds and shelters that are no kill only, resourcing subsidized or free cat desexing for targeted, low socioeconomic communities to provide the results needed in the challenge of cat overpopulation, include methods of non-lethal controls in the Animal Management Plans, encourage the replacement of fireworks with alternatives such as laser light shows to prevent bushfires and protect both domestic and free ranging animals, promote positive training and education/awareness for things such as 101 on what to do when coming across an injured animal - eg libraries can host sessions, supporting/promoting animal carers, rescuers and local sanctuaries, encouraging not using 1080 poison /Glyphosate, with view to end the use of it altogether and measures which could be taken in relation to family violence and companion animals.

I believe Council can better develop a framework for reform and a better life for both people and animals, and most importantly for the council - a more efficient use of resources.

Kind regards,

Bronwyn Currie

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
 To: info@kingston.vic.gov.au
 Subject: Submission to Draft Budget 2021/22 - Kingston Hawthorn Cricket Club - Ange Marshall, Manager Finance and Corporate Performance
 Date: Saturday, 5 June 2021 3:28:04 PM
 Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Ange,

Apologies for the tardiness of this submission, but we have been busy.

Background:

The Pavilion that Kingston Hawthorn Cricket Club uses is at the Walter Galt Reserve in Parkdale. It was "renovated" and expanded back in 2005 (?) after the club (known as St John Vianney – St Bedes CC) was promoted to the Victorian Sub District Association in 2003. The club was renamed Kingston Saints and was the first club in the CoK to play Sub-district cricket
 In 2015 the club merged with Hawthorn – East Melbourne CC and was admitted to the Victorian Premier Competition – the highest in the state. Since then some major upgrades have been carried out

- Upgrade to the main oval to Premier standard – council funded
- Expansion of the wicket table to 8 pitches – club funded
- Rebuild of the synthetic practice wickets – council funded (which were long overdue, but the timing worked out in the end)
- Installation of the turf practice wickets – club funded
- Installation of a storage shed - club funded
- Installation of electronic scoreboard – jointly funded by club and Mordi-Braeside Junior football club

We have one final requirement for capital funding

Requirement:

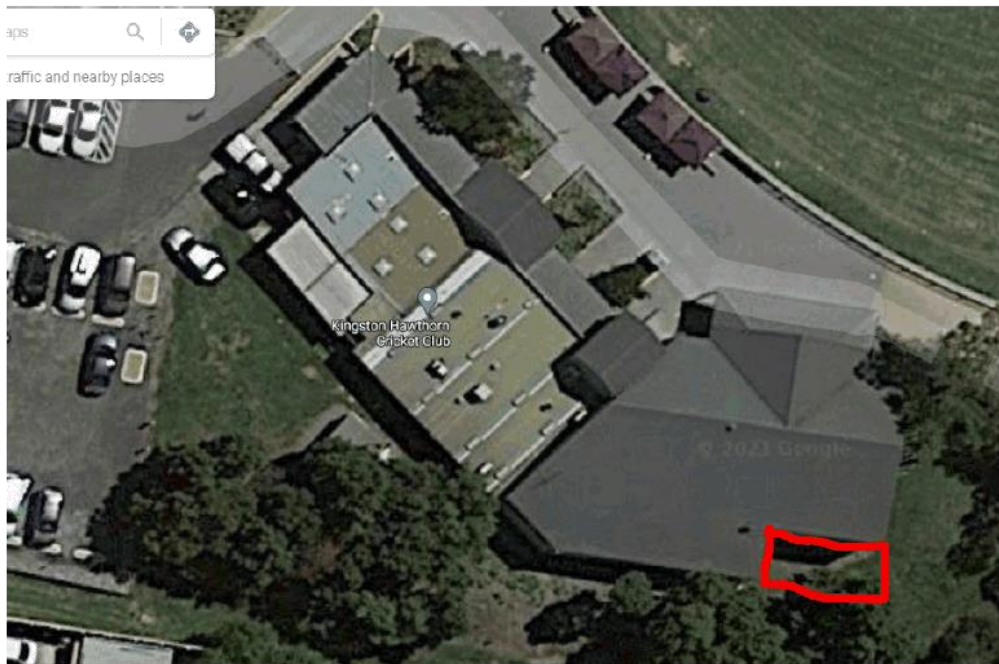
The club holds, through the Club's historian Craig Reece OAM, a significant collection of historical items, memorabilia, photographs, books and documents dating back 150 years to the formation of the Hawthorn East Melbourne Cricket club. These materials currently reside in Craig's barn on his property in Euroa.

The club wishes to bring that material to its clubhouse, to secure it from further deterioration and the risk of fire and to showcase the history and heritage of the greater club to the community

To do so we propose the construction of a room 10mx3m in the vacant space to the east of the current store room on the southern end of the Pavilion – see the area marked red below

We estimate a cost in the tens of thousands.

Could you please advise what else you require to get this project up and running.



John R Noonan
SECRETARY
 Kingston Hawthorn Cricket Club



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