

Agenda

Council Meeting

Monday, 6th July 2020

Commencing at 6.30pm

To be conducted via Zoom

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Julie Reid
Chief Executive Officer
Kingston City Council



Notice is given that a Meeting of Kingston City Council will be held at 6.30pm on Monday, 6 July 2020 via the Zoom platform.

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.

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4. Confidential Items

Nil

3. Corporate Services Reports

Council Meeting

6 July 2020

Agenda Item No: 3.1

2020/21 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 2020/21 Draft Budget.

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 10 formal submissions were received on the 2020/21 Budget for consideration prior to the adoption of the Budget and the declaration of rates and charges at a Council meeting to be held on 13 July 2020 at 6:30pm.

1. Executive Summary

In accordance with Sections 129, and 158 of the Local Government Act, Council advertised that its draft Budget was available for inspection and invited written submissions on any proposal contained in the draft Budget on Monday 25 May 2020. Section 129 requires that the Budget must be on display for at least 28 days and that Council consider any submissions received from interested parties pursuant to Section 223 of the Local Government Act.

The period for submissions relating to the 2020/21 Budget and Statutory Disclosures closed at 5.00pm on Wednesday 24 June 2020, with formal adoption scheduled for a Council meeting at 6.30pm on 13 July 2020.

Any additional submissions will be brought to the attention of Council as they are received and tabled at the Special Council Meeting on 6 July 2020.

2. Consultation Process

Due to COVID-19, we were unable to use some of our traditional methods to promote the Draft Budget, so focussed heavily on digital methods. Our promotion 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
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- 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.

Two online public Information Sessions (due to COVID19 restrictions) were held on Wednesday 17 June 2020, and Thursday 18 June 2020. 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. 69 individuals registered to attend the sessions, with 36 attending. The webinars included a Q and A session with the General Manager Corporate Services.

Key Consultation Statistics

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| Formal Submissions (<i>detailed below</i>) | 10 |
| Online attendances at online information sessions | 36 |
| Total visits to 2020/21 Draft Budget page on YourKingstonYourSay.com.au | 599 total visits 231 budget downloads |
| Online submissions completed | 8 |
| Email submissions received | 2 |
| Facebook Draft Budget Event | 13,600 reach |
| Facebook Budget Video | 2,717 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 Special Council meeting.

| | Submission |
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| 1. | <p>Submitter 1 – Alex Angelico</p> <p>Due to the Corona Virus the economy is in recession and property prices have gone down. What is Council's approach to rating for 2020/21?</p> <p>Officer Comment</p> <p>The values that Council use to calculate rates are determined by the Victorian Valuer-General, and the values that apply are as at 1 January 2020. The Valuer-General has already indicated there will be no adjustment to property values due to the Corona Virus.</p> <p>Council is intending to comply with the State Government's Fair Go Rates System, which is 2% for 2020/21. This includes the Municipal Charge of \$100 per property. The rate cap does not mean that rates for each individual property will increase by 2%, the cap applies to the overall rates of Council - not individual properties.</p> |

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| | <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> <p>Council is offering rate deferrals to our ratepayers who are experiencing hardship, and an additional \$112.20 rate rebate to those who are receiving the JobSeeker allowance (for residential ratepayers) or the JobKeeper allowance (for business ratepayers).</p> <p>Council is also not charging interest on overdue rates for the 2020/21 financial year, and has already made interest on rates concessions during 2019/20. Council continues to offer our pensioners a pension rate rebate of \$112.20, in addition to the State Government's pension rate rebate of \$241.00.</p> <p>For our business community, Council refunded our commercial traders their footpath trading fees for 2019/20, as well as their health and food premises registration fees.</p> |
| 2. | Submitter 2 – Wai Chan |
| | <p>Would like to see the landscaping of the Vanessa Court Reserve, noting that the local community would like this space turned into something useful especially during these pandemic times.</p> |
| | Officer Comment |
| | <p>Council's Public Place Projects team will be developing a plan over the next 6 months to improve park amenity, with construction to occur mid-2021. This is accommodated within Council's 2020-21 Budget.</p> |
| 3. | Submitter 3 – Clayton Bowls Club |
| | <p>Requests that Council provides \$5.6M in the 2020/2021 budget for the provision of an all-weather indoor synthetic bowls facility at Clayton Bowls.</p> |
| | Officer Comment |
| | <p>Council is working with the Clayton Bowls Club to review its financial performance and business model regarding the proposed all-weather indoor synthetic bowls facility. Following the conclusion of the review, the matter will be presented for Council's consideration and response.</p> |
| 4. | Submitter 4 – Clarinda Tennis Club |
| | <p>Clarinda Tennis Club Lighting at an estimated cost of approximately of \$50,000.</p> |
| | Officer Comment |
| | <p>With the support from the Clarinda Tennis Club, Council has made application to Sport and Recreation Victoria's Community Sports Infrastructure Program for the upgrade of</p> |

| | Submission |
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| | tennis court lighting at the Club's facility. Council is advised that the announcement of funding from this program is expected in July 2020. Following announcement, the project will be further considered by Council. |
| 5. | Submitter 5 – Dino Zannon |
| | Raises a concern about the state of the Council drainage system around Pompei's Landing, Mordialloc |
| | Officer Comment |
| | Council is monitoring drainage issues at Pompei's Landing. These issues are exacerbated during storm events occurring at high tide, limiting the discharge into Mordialloc Creek. The drainage issues are isolated and not risking integrity of nearby infrastructure. The sink holes identified near the railway line have been made safe and are planned for repair. |
| 6. | Submitter 6 – Rebecca Toth |
| | Requests that Council consider a permanent concrete path to replace existing sandy gravel track, from Mordialloc to Carrum on the Longbeach Trail. |
| | Officer Comment |
| | Council is budgeting for a major upgrade of Longbeach Trail over the next two financial years that will improve surface condition and drainage. In part this is to be funded from a Covid-19 government stimulus grant. The surface will continue to be granitic sand as Longbeach Trail is intended for recreational purposes. As part of the Railway Crossing Removal Programs a hard surface bicycle route is to be established along Station Street from Mordialloc to Patterson River. |
| 7. | Submitter 7 – Rick Nixon |
| | Raises the question of the size of the budget operating surplus and what happens to this surplus? The value of the consultation process was also questioned by Mr Nixon. |
| | Officer Comment |
| | The budget surplus on the Income Statement is a non-cash surplus, prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards. The Cash Flow statement is a better indication of any cash that is being generated by the Budget. For the 2020/21 year, Council has budgeted for a \$19.3M decrease in cash, and will therefore be utilizing the surplus and its cash reserves to fund its capital works and repay remaining debt. Each of the budget years in the four-year forecast reflect a decrease in cash reserves, and Council isn't generating any "surplus" income. |

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| 8. | Submitter 8 – Susan McKenna |
| | <p>Raises the negative financial impact of CoVid19 has had and questions the affordability of a 2% Rate increase and the Pet Registration fee increase.</p> |
| | Officer Comment |
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| | complaints regarding animal noise nuisances; inspection of the properties where dangerous, menacing and restricted breed dogs are owned; monitoring of pet shops, boarding kennels and catteries for compliance with the minimum standards under the Codes of Practice; and special events such as the Pet Expo and Microchipping Days. |
| 9. | Submitter 9 – Marianne Spalek |
| | Is disappointed that a rate rise is proposed at this time. |
| | Officer Comment |
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| 10. | Submitter 10 – David Nankervis |
| | Has submitted detailed feedback, and this is included in Attachment 4. The points raised in his submission are addressed below. |
| | Officer Comment |
| | <p>1. Child care – is there a Council subsidy for child care services?</p> <p>The Federal Government has provided free child care during most of April, May and June of this year. While this arrangement is due to end in mid-July 2020, it will be replaced with the Child Care Subsidy which was in place pre-COVID. The subsidy provides 60% of total fees, on average, helping make child care services more affordable. The Federal Government is also providing a transition subsidy to services during the period 13 July to 27 September 2020, equivalent to 25% of their pre-COVID revenue. These arrangements will help keep child care providers operating and keep fees as affordable as possible. Council has provided support to families in its own right by waiving notice periods and holding places without payment for families affected by job losses or reduced hours as a result of COVID. Currently the percentage of places utilised in our three Centres is in the low nineties, reflecting the success of these arrangements and that families continue to be engaged with our services.</p> <p>2. Funding allocated to the Parkdale shopping precinct, what is this for?</p> |

| | Submission |
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| | <p>The funding is allocated for streetscape and footpath works, however no parking is included in this project.</p> <p>3. What advocacy work being done by Council to support the level crossing upgrade of Parkdale?</p> <p>Parkdale level crossing isn't currently on the State Government's list for upgrade. Council should receive a report from officers on the merits of the proposal prior to deciding to advocate to State regarding this crossings removal.</p> <p>4. I would like to see some grants for local businesses which allows them to support / sponsor local sports clubs</p> <p>Council has already provided significant support to the business sector, in that Council has refunded footpath trading permit fees, and health and food premise permit fees (to the value of \$900K). Council has also waived rent for its commercial tenants (approximately \$200K) and offered deferral of rates to 30 June 2021 with no interest for those experiencing hardship. Further, Council is offering rate deferrals to our ratepayers who are experiencing hardship, and an additional \$112.20 rate rebate to JobKeeper allowance recipients (for business ratepayers).</p> <p>5. Funding for the Sea Scouts and Scouts in Kingston – how are these venues / facilities / clubs are being used and is utilisation and participation of the facilities increasing?</p> <p>Improved scout halls will provide modern, compliant facilities in these important community venues that will not only support young people undertaking scouting activities and will also support a range of other community uses in these local facilities. Scout halls also provide opportunities for a range of community groups to serve their local communities, e.g. exercise groups, art classes, etc. all of which contribute to the quality of life for Kingston residents. Notably, scout halls are often used for State and Federal election purposes and, though improvements to disability access, this will ensure that all the community can get into the facilities unaided.</p> <p>6. Don Tatnell leisure centre – what's the timeframe for the review. Will financial support will be provided to existing members that are required to join other facilities?</p> <p>Whilst Council has commenced planning for the provision of high quality aquatic and leisure facilities, a timeframe for its completion has yet to be determined. Planning updates and community engagement opportunities will be posted on Council's website. With the closure of the Don Tatnell Leisure Centre, all Kingston Active members are encouraged to make use of the facilities and services at the Waves Leisure Centre. Given COVID-19 restrictions, current access to the Centre is via booking arrangement and modifications to the fee structure applies.</p> <p>7. There is a great opportunity for Council to partner with State Government / VSBA, local clubs and Associations and the Parkdale Secondary College to improve recreational facilities – are there any plans to do this?</p> |

| | Submission |
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| | <p>Community sporting groups have been utilising the playing fields at Parkdale Secondary College for some time now. Council, the Education Department and the Parkdale Secondary College continue to discuss these arrangements. Investment has occurred in the sports lighting on the playing field and further facility improvements and usage will continue to be discussed and considered with all parties. Council's commitment to providing additional funding at the College site will be subject to prioritisation of sport and recreation opportunities within the City, considering matters such as participation rates, trend data, asset condition and community access.</p> |

Petition Received 1 July 2020

A petition was received on 1 July 2020 from 16 petitioners.

The prayer of the petition is as follows:

We the undersigned ratepayers propose that the Kingston City Council intention for a projected annual 2.5% increase for 2020/2021 in the absence of calibration to the current national crisis is both inequitable and irresponsible. As per extracts from the current Budget Draft highlighted below, the rate charges are projected on **future escalation assumptions, equitability, and Capital Improvement** of land value etc. All of these standard bolded terms of reference are completely misplaced under the current changed circumstances. Whereas the council seeks to maintain an insulated situation protecting itself, these conditions are desperately hurting the public at large, where businesses have been driven to the wall, people have lost employment or are struggling on meagre income. To disregard the economic hardships of the present, and consideration for how long it may take to recover will be an act of extreme cognitive dissonance and irresponsibility to the very community it is paid to serve.



Therefore, we demand that *all rates and charges be suspended indefinitely* until improved economic parameters justify such adjustments based on provable data made public by the Kingston City Council to substantiate its claims to its representative community.



The petitioners appear to have referenced the 2019/20 Budget Book in their opposition to a 2.5% rate increase. Council is proposing an increase of 2% in accordance with the Fair Go Rates System increase approved by the Minister of 2% - also noting the last CPI release by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for Melbourne showing an increase in CPI of 2.7%. The comments provided for several of the formal submissions above apply here too, in that Council is targeting its support to those who need the most support.

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



Appendices

Appendix 1 - Budget Online Survey Responses Report (Ref 20/142703)  

Appendix 2 - Submission #4 Feedback and Comments - Draft Budget 2020/21 -
Clarinda Tennis Club (Ref 20/141135)  

Appendix 3 - Submission #9 Feedback and Comments - Draft Budget 2020/21 - M
Spalek (Ref 20/143679)  

Appendix 4 - Submission #10 Feedback and Comments - Draft Budget 2020.21 - David
Nankervis (Ref 20/143693)  

Appendix 5 - Petition to Suspend 2020/21 Rates (Ref 20/144341)  

Author/s: Ange Marshall, Manager Finance and Corporate Performance

Reviewed and Approved By: Paul Franklin, General Manager Corporate Services

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2020/21 BUDGET SUBMISSIONS

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SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

16 January 2017 - 24 June 2020

PROJECT NAME:

Draft 2020/21 Budget



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SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 Do you have any comments about the Draft Budget?

Angelico

6/04/2020 06:09 AM

Due to the Corona Virus and the economy is in recession and property prices have gone down. 1 - Will the council keep rates as they were from last year 2

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Wai chan

6/06/2020 09:37 PM

- Lower the rates due to property price drop 3 - Wave this so called Municipal Fee to help rate payers out 4 - Gouge the rate payers for more increases ? I have been discussing with a member from your council since Oct 2018 regarding the landscaping of Vanessa Court Reserve. I noticed that this budget didn't not account for this. Vanessa Court reserve has been earmarked for building a park/playground area since 2012, yet there has been very no further developments since. The local community would like this space turned into something useful especially during these pandemic times. thanks

Clayton Bowls Club

6/11/2020 03:51 PM

We wish to request that Kingston Council provides \$5.6M in the 2020/2021 budget for the provision of an all-weather indoor synthetic bowls facility at Clayton Bowls Club as per discussions with Council over the past two years. The \$5.6M estimation is based on the Quantity Survey report prepared (August 2019) by Curry & Brown at the request of Kingston Council. An Independent Financial Analysis of Clayton Bowls Club was conducted in May 2020 by consultant Danny Keogh at the request of Kingston Council. Following these reports, Clayton Bowls Club urges Kingston Council to include \$5.6M in its 2020/2021 budget to enable the building of an all-weather indoor synthetic bowls facility to be constructed and completed within the next eighteen months.

Clarinda Tennis Club Inc

6/15/2020 10:02 AM

We hope you consider our submission favourably.

Dino Zanon

6/18/2020 02:54 PM

I would like to suggest an item that repairs/replaces drains in disrepair that are causing local flooding of Pompei's Landing, Mordialloc. One relates to a request no. 493627 and snap send solve report 105839 that Barb Eastwood, Kingston, was handling. Another is with David Shepard and 500148 - CAPACITY ISSUE - Pompei's Landing 561 Main Street, Mordialloc. There are sink holes and broken drains causing flooding. There are several significant important infrastructure assets at the site which maybe at risk including Frankston Train Line, Neapean Highway, Telstra Coms Tower, Port Phillip Gas Pipeline, boat ramp and moorings, drainage, jetty, and the Anglers Club adjacent on Mordialloc Creek. There is also a proposed apartment/retaurant development with VCAT for 557-561 Main St adjacent and above a dilapidated drain and easement. I understand from Melbourne water and VicTrack these drains are Kingston City's responsibility.

Rebecca Toth

6/19/2020 03:24 PM

Please consider a permanent concrete path to replace existing sandy gravel track, from Mordialloc to Carrum on the Long Beach Trail. Current sand track is boggy and uneven, with exposed tree roots and drain lids a constant tripping hazard and council owes users a duty of care by maintaining safe useable tracks in all weather conditions. Also with the future train track works and station removals, an upgrade to more permanent sealed tracks would provide better use for everyone including people with prams, bikes, scooters and walkers. These sand tracks are dirty and create mess and concrete or similar would be more accessible for many more people, to use on a daily basis to commute to work and school and for pleasure without getting dirty in wet conditions. Council needs to create as many safe and comfortable ways

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RJ

6/22/2020 09:09 PM

of travelling within the community to relieve stress on roads and streets with parking and traffic congestion. The more people who can use the track to get around the area the better!!!

It appears that there is a budget surplus of \$22m. Previous budgets have had similar or more budget surplus, and actual surplus quite a bit more. One obvious question is why the huge surplus? And the next question is what happens to this surplus? If the municipal charge is budgeted to raise \$7-8m, maybe this can be deleted from the rates. Even though rate increases are kept to a minimum, our rates seem to be extremely high compared to other municipalities. If we can afford to spend \$2m on the council building entrance in Cheltenham, we should be able to give rate relief to the ratepayers. If we have cash reserves of \$160m in the bank, why do we need to keep increasing rates? The final comment regards the consultation on the budget - each year council goes through the motion of consultation, but rarely takes any notice of the consultation. If council is not going to consider what ratepayers are requesting, why bother having consultation?

smck

6/23/2020 08:59 AM

Considering the negative financial impact of CoVid19 on a lot of residents a 2% Rate increase & 3-4% average increase in a lot of costs is prohibitively expensive. I especially criticise the Pet Registration fee increase as I have had pets for over 30 years & never called on Council re pets running away. It should be a user pays system as I am sick of subsidising irresponsible pet owners when I do the right thing. The other 'cost factors' built in to the price I do not utilise. It would be pertinent to leave Rates at the current level & postpone unnecessary works. I appreciate capital works results in improvement & jobs however in this financial crisis consideration should be given to not raising Rates/costs when cuts can & should be made. As a Council you have a duty to be fiscally responsible to all residents so I implore you to keep Rates at 2019/20 levels.

Optional question (8 response(s), 0 skipped)**Question type:** Essay Question

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Q2 Full name:

Angelico

6/04/2020 06:09 AM

Alex Angelico

Wai chan

6/06/2020 09:37 PM

Wai Chan

Clayton Bowls Club

6/11/2020 03:51 PM

Margaret O'Keefe, CEO, Clayton Bowls Club Inc

Clarinda Tennis Club Inc

6/15/2020 10:02 AM

Clarinda Tennis Club Inc.

Dino Zanon

6/18/2020 02:54 PM

Dr Dino Zanon

Rebecca Toth

6/19/2020 03:24 PM

Rebecca Toth

RJ

6/22/2020 09:09 PM

Rick Nixon

smck

6/23/2020 08:59 AM

Susan McKenna

Mandatory Question (8 response(s))**Question type:** Single Line Question

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Q3 Phone number:

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Mandatory Question (8 response(s))

Question type: Single Line Question

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Q4 Street address:

Angelico

6/04/2020 05:09 AM

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Wai chan

6/06/2020 09:37 PM

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Clayton Bowls Club

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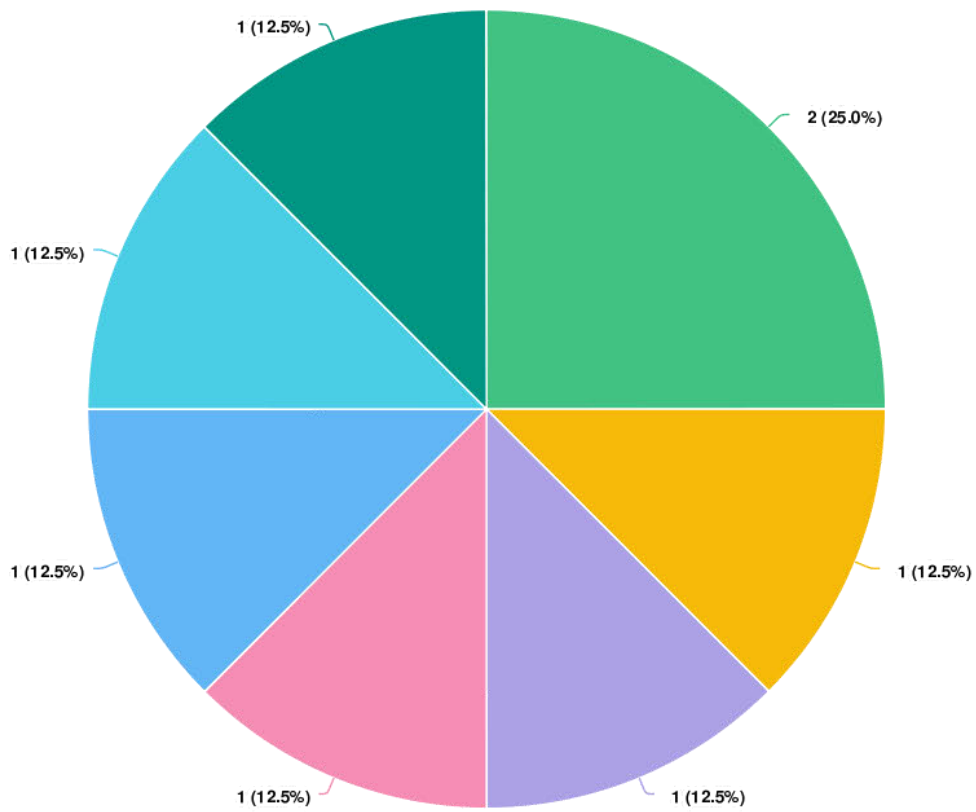
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Mandatory Question (8 response(s))

Question type: Single Line Question

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Q5 Suburb:



Question options

- PARKDALE, VIC ● OAKLEIGH SOUTH, VIC ● CLAYTON SOUTH, VIC ● CLARINDA, VIC ● MORDIALLOC, VIC
- ASPENDALE, VIC ● HEATHERTON, VIC

*Mandatory Question (8 response(s))
Question type: Region Question*

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Q6 Alternatively, you may upload your submission here:

Clarinda Tennis Club Inc |

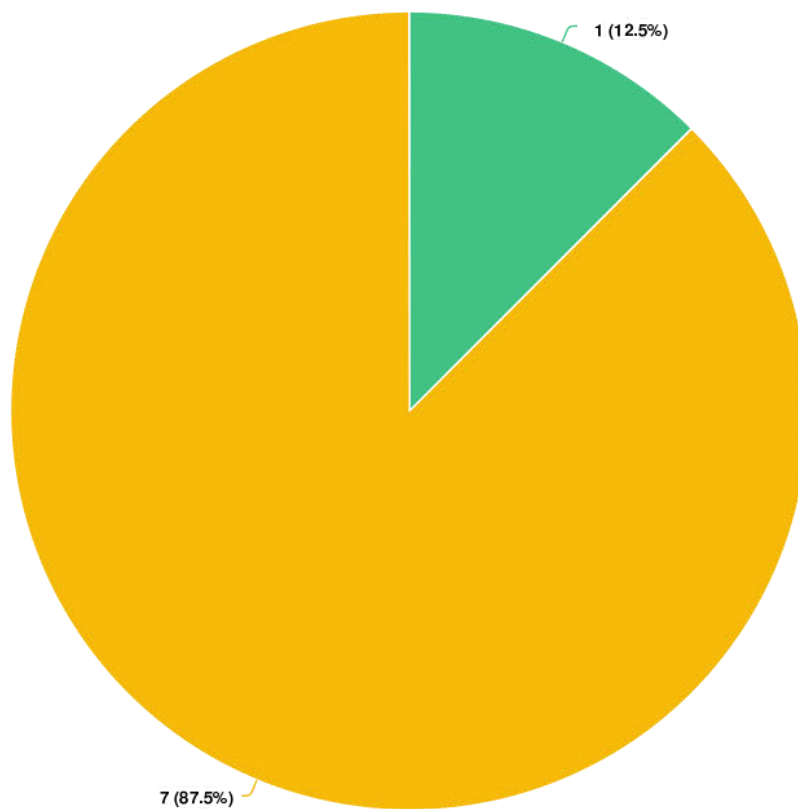
6/15/2020 10:02 AM

Optional question (1 response(s), 7 skipped)

Question type: File Question

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Q7 Do you, or a person acting on your behalf, wish to speak to your submission at a Meeting of Council on Monday 6 July, 6.30pm?



Question options

Yes No

*Mandatory Question (8 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question*

**Clarinda Tennis Club Inc**

4-14 Crawford Road
Clarinda Vic 3169
ABN 96 638 592 231
Registration No: A3332
www.clarindatennis.com.au
email: clarindatc@gmail.com

14th June 2020

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is Clarinda Tennis Club's submission to the 2020/21 Budget for LED lighting conversion at our courts at 4-14 Crawford Road, Clarinda. The cost approximately \$50,000.

We currently enjoy night tennis on 5 courts, 7 days a week

- competition
- organised social tennis
- junior squad training
- members casual groups
- non-members booking a court.

The lights we use now are metal halide. They begin their life with a very good lux rating, but very quickly that diminishes, and in the end, we finish up with sub-standard lights at around 200 lux.

The normal for tennis club lighting should be around 350 lux.

Unfortunately, our current lighting also creates a lot of maintenance costs in changing globes - this should be done on a 2-3 year basis to keep the level of lighting to an adequate standard.

The cost to do this across all 5 courts is approximately \$5,000 - \$6,000.

If we were to convert to LED lighting, the lights retain their lux levels and last considerably longer. This would mean a big savings and would also give us a nice consistent level over a longer period of time. The cost of powering LED lights is between 50-70% less than the metal halide - further savings in costs.

Night tennis is important to our club for maintaining and increasing player numbers and the prosperity of the club. Good strong LED lighting gives us the opportunity to further expand our competition play, and should also encourage

higher membership numbers. Players will be impressed with the level of lighting and being able to see the ball better. We would anticipate a 20% increase in teams and numbers using lights for competition and social play because of this.

Financial help from the Council will enable us to do this in a more timely manner and it will also protect our Sinking Fund which we are putting together to eventually allow us to replace our existing Classic Clay courts when the time comes to do so, and also enable us to continue our fencing renewal which we are about halfway through.

Clarinda Tennis Club also has a web-based Book a Court system which can be used by non-members who want to play at night.

We believe LED lighting is the future to reducing costs and maintenance, as well as making tennis more enjoyable.

Regards
Gayle Hall
President

From: [Marianne Spalek](#)
To: info@kingston.vic.gov.au
Subject: Draft Budget
Date: Thursday, 11 June 2020 1:39:47 PM

Dear Kingston Council,

I find it most disappointing that Kingston Council suggests a rate rise during this hardship year we've had. Other sectors like banks, insurance etc have shown compassion during this covid time but Kingston Council is planning an increase???

All businesses and residents have been financially affected by the restrictions, not only financially but also mentally.

Please reconsider and use funds available without a rates increase.

Regards

Marianne Spalek

From: [David Nankervis](#)
To: info@kingston.vic.gov.au
Subject: Draft Budget
Date: Monday, 8 June 2020 5:48:30 PM

Hi

Thanks for the opportunity to provide comment and feedback on the draft budget. I really like what Council is doing and I hope that my comments can be seen as a positive review of the great work already underway.

I would like to submit some questions regarding the draft budget please:

- Child care – is there any subsidy in Child Care services? – with families experiencing financial hardships post COVID, we should be encouraging more parents to get back to work easier and with more support to get their children into childcare. Having lower cost of child care would help parents return to the workforce, plus create more jobs in childcare services. I would like to know if there is any consideration for reduced child care costs from the Council and / or what advocacy work is being done to the State government to continue this support post COVID?
- Parkdale level crossing and shopping precinct – I noticed there is a small amount of funding allocated to the Parkdale shopping precinct. Can you please elaborate the scope of works for this budget? Does this include Parking?
- Also, other level crossings in Kingston are getting improvements which is great, but I would think Parkdale is one of the more congested and dangerous, what is the advocacy work being done by Council to support the upgrade of this area?
- With local businesses suffering post COVID who are often sponsors of local sport, plus local sports clubs also in financial hardship, I would like to see some Grants for local businesses which allows them to support / sponsor local sports clubs. This will ensure the relationship between the business and the clubs can continue, meaning their relationships continue, enabling promotion of the business to the local community, whilst not financially impacting the businesses who want to continue their sponsorship arrangements.
- I notice there is funding for the Sea Scouts and Scouts in Kingston, which I fully support. However, I would be interested to know how these venues / facilities / clubs are being used and if utilisation and participation of the facilities are increasing. I agree that venues need DDA improvements, and I'm assuming a review of their services and participation is appropriate to the level of investment.
- With the closure of Don Tatnell leisure centre, I see there is agreement to progress with review of future leisure aquatic facilities which is great. Can you please let me know the timeframe for this review and when the feedback will be provided to Councillors. Plus, whilst the facility is not open, what financial support will be provided to existing members that are required to join other facilities?
- There is a great opportunity for Council to partner with State Government / VSBA, local clubs and Associations and the Parkdale Secondary College to plan improvements to the sports and recreation facilities at the school, to benefit the school children plus

community utilisation outside of school hours. The pavilion that services the sports fields are terrible and not female friendly or DDA compliant, and the sports fields and training lights are below appropriate standards for safety and participation. Some co-contributions and progressive thinking between the parties could see some great outcomes for the local community and the school kids sports and recreation opportunities. The neighbouring streets are predominately industrial, so upgrading sports lights would be less of an issue than other venues, and the large open spaces would enable terrific sport and passive recreation opportunities for the community. I know this is Education land, but that doesn't stop Council being proactive and considering innovative opportunities, especially linking with local clubs and State funding to create a great hub of activity. Council needs to have some future years funding to enable feasibility and draft design work, and then contribution towards a community hub facility.

Thanks again for your review and feedback

David

Petition to Suspend increase of 2020/2021 Rates

To Ange Marshall
 Manager Finance and Corporate Performance
 Kingston City Council

We the undersigned ratepayers propose that the Kingston City Council intention for a projected annual 2.5% increase for 2020/2021 in the absence of calibration to the current national crisis is both inequitable and irresponsible. As per extracts from the current Budget Draft highlighted below, the rate charges are projected on **future escalation assumptions, equitability, and Capital Improvement** of land value etc. All of these standard bolded terms of reference are completely misplaced under the current changed circumstances. Whereas the council seeks to maintain an insulated situation protecting itself, these conditions are desperately hurting the public at large, where businesses have been driven to the wall, people have lost employment or are struggling on meagre income. To disregard the economic hardships of the present, and consideration for how long it may take to recover will be an act of extreme cognitive dissonance and irresponsibility to the very community it is paid to serve.

Therefore, we demand that all rates and charges be suspended indefinitely until improved economic parameters justify such adjustments based on provable data made public by the Kingston City Council to substantiate its claims to its representative community.

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29 June 2020

Extract from page 75 of Budget Draft

8.2 CURRENT RATES AND CHARGES The following table sets out **future escalation assumptions** in revenue from rates and charges and the total rates to be raised based on the forecast financial position as at 30 June 2019 that form the basis of Council's Strategic Resource Plan.

2020/21 2.50%

Council has a legal responsibility to levy rates equitably.....
 ...determined by the **Capital Improved Value** (value of land, buildings and other improvements) of the property...