

# Agenda

## Special Meeting of Council

**Tuesday, 11th June 2019**

Commencing at 6.30pm

Council Chamber  
1230 Nepean Highway, Cheltenham

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John Nevins  
Chief Executive Officer  
Kingston City Council

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**Notice** is given that a Special Meeting of Kingston City Council will be held at 6.30pm at Council Chamber, 1230 Nepean Highway, Cheltenham, on Tuesday, 11 June 2019.

**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**

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Agenda Item No: 3.1

## 2019/20 BUDGET SUBMISSIONS (REPORT AS AT 6 JUNE 2019)

Contact Officer: Caroline Reidy, Manager Finance and Corporate Performance

**This report contains submissions received at Council as at 12 noon on Thursday 6 June 2019. Submissions received after this time are not included in this report. They will however be collated and presented to Councillors and the Special Council meeting that is to be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday 11 June 2019.**

### Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to consider the submissions received in relation to the Proposed 2019/20 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 notes that 17 formal submissions were received on the 2019/20 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 24 June 2019.

### 1. Executive Summary

In accordance with Sections 127 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 Wednesday 9 May 2019. Section 127 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 2019/20 Budget and Statutory Disclosures closed at 5.00pm on Thursday 6 June 2019 with formal adoption scheduled for a Council meeting at 7.00pm on 24 June 2019.

Any additional submissions will be brought to the attention of Council as they are received and tabled at the Special Council Meeting on 11 June 2019.

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## **2. Consultation Process**

A public Information Session was held on Wednesday 15 May 2019 which was widely advertised with invitations emailed to Council's Advisory Committees, Access and Equity Committee, business networks, and local sports clubs. 35 community members and two Councillors attended the session.

The following questions were raised and addressed by the CEO as far as possible at the Public Information Session, with officers responding to individual attendees.

1. Given the waste management issues (particularly in relation to recycling) is there a risk to waste disposal in Kingston and related costs?
2. What are the total costs for the Bay Trail and given the extent of the costs associated, is it value for money?
3. What can the community do to influence a Council decision, noting that 66% of Council revenue is from residents?
4. Does the Bay Trail budget have a fund for public consultation?
5. Can the Council demonstrate the value for money in relation to the purchase and refurbishment of the Masonic Hall?
6. Mentone upgrades have taken too long and impacted residents and traders. Does this demonstrate good value for money?
7. What was the rationale for the purchase of properties?
8. Can Council help with providing in home care for a resident recently home from surgery?
9. When will the Mordialloc Tennis Club have its courts replaced?
10. What is the role of Council Officers in influencing the Councillors decisions?
11. Can safety audits be undertaken to identify and resolve road changes?
12. While the ten-year financial outlook looks good, does it take into account the rates and property price down turns?
13. Why are properties with reduced values paying more for their rates?
14. Is the fee schedule correct in relation to boat shed licenses?
15. Can Council please keep the Men's Shed in mind for opportunities for funding or support as they are often at capacity for helping the many calls they receive.
16. Can the Kingston Men's Sheds be made accessible, including ensuring all users can access the equipment?
17. Can the CEO please engage with a represented start-up to discuss an opportunity to work through recycling processing?

A webinar was held on 29 May 2019 to replicate the Public Information Session of 15 May. The General Manager Corporate Services presented the same information and participants were invited to ask questions. The webinar had 25 registrations and 12 people logged into the live session.

Promotion methods for the draft Budget included:

- Advertisements in the Leader (display ad and advertorial), the Age (public notice), and on Facebook.
  - Online and printed formal submission template.
  - Copies of the Draft Budget, Council Plan, and the Strategic Resource Plan available online and at customer service centres and Kingston's libraries (with 'polling' box displays at six locations).
  - Emailed invitations to 859 local clubs, businesses and Advisory Committees and 4,019 yourkingstonyoursay subscribers
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- Yourkingstonyoursay page
- Promotion on LCD screens in libraries and customer service centres.
- A short, online video to make the Budget more accessible.
- Promotion on Council's My Community Life site.
- 'On hold' messages on phone calls to the customer service centres.
- Use of Eventbrite online registration system for the public information session.

**Key Consultation Statistics**

Formal Submissions ( <i>detailed below</i> )	17
Attendances at Information Session at Council Offices	35
Total Visits to Draft Budget 2019/20 page on YourKingstonYourSay.com.au	430 total visits 321 unique visitors 119 budget downloads
Online submissions completed	4
Polling Box submissions completed	3
Webinar Registrations	25
Facebook Budget Video	2,597 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. Submission received after the finalisation of this report will be drawn to Councillors attention prior to the Special Council meeting.

	<b>Submission</b>
1.	<p><b>Vicky Pisa</b></p> <p>Ms Pisa has advocated for more services and facilities for older aged youth within the community and particularly referenced skate parks and libraries.</p> <p><b>Officer Comment</b></p> <p>Council is investing in the Masonic Lodge for a Youth Services Hub in Mordialloc which is accessible on public transport and open in mid-2020 at a cost of \$1.5m. There is also substantial expenditure on youth services (\$1.5m) committed in the draft budget.</p> <p>Sir William Fry Reserve is a city youth space, with a large skate park for skaters and it is easily accessible from Mentone by train via the new Southland station.</p> <p>Both neighbouring suburbs (Parkdale and Cheltenham) have large libraries with easy access from Mentone by public transport. With nine library branches across the municipality, Kingston has more libraries than any other Local Government in Victoria. Therefore, the establishment of a further branch in an area in such close proximity to existing branches would be difficult to justify. Council is considering other additional models such as temporary 'pop-up' library provision so Mentone could be considered as a potential location.</p>

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	<b>Submission</b>
	Council is currently undertaking a service-wide review of its libraries and this includes an analysis of service locations.

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	<b>Submission</b>
2.	<p><b>Michael Forbes, President Carrum Patterson Lakes Junior Football Club</b></p> <p>The Club would like to have the sportsground lights upgraded to 150 Lux so night games can be held and also on oval 2 they would like coaches' boxes installed.</p>
	<p><b>Officer Comment</b></p> <p>Council has completed plans for the upgrade of sports lighting on Oval No. 1 at Roy Dore Reserve. This upgrade is targeted for delivery prior to the 2020 winter season. The planned lighting level is a minimum 100 lux to meet club competition and match practice level of play, as defined in the AFL Preferred Facility Guidelines.</p> <p>Other improvements such as coaches' boxes will be considered for future Council funding and/or investment from the allocation of the \$3.2M 2018 election commitment made to Roy Dore Reserve.</p>
3.	<p><b>Wai Chan</b></p> <p>Would like to see existing open space developed with facilities such as seating and/or playgrounds and specifically mentions Vanessa Court, Oakleigh South.</p>
	<p><b>Officer Comment</b></p> <p>Council officers are guided by the play space strategy and open space strategy to direct priority works.</p> <p>Vanessa Court, Oakleigh South is not identified as a site for a play facility, but it is recognised that it needs to be improved with seating and landscaping for community enjoyment. It is a very bare site currently. Parks have a renewal budget for park improvements and Vanessa Reserve is included for design in 2019/20 financial year budget and implementation in 2020/21.</p>
4.	<p><b>Marion Harriden, Chairperson, Dingley Neighbourhood House</b></p> <p>Thanks Council for their ongoing support of what will be a great facility for Dingley Village Neighbourhood House with Stage 1 underway and are seeking information about Stage 2 works.</p>
	<p><b>Officer Comment</b></p> <p>This relates to stage 2 of the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre. At this stage we do not have a budget provision for stage 2 which is estimated to cost in the order of \$4.5 - \$5 million.</p> <p>Council is currently completing Stage 1 of the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre at a cost of \$5m. Upon completion it is proposed to undertake an analysis of future needs, timing and costs to provide further advice to Council. Any such proposal would require a council report and resolution.</p>



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<b>Submission</b>	
5.	<p><b>Kate, Resident</b></p> <p>Do Council promote sustainability in the community in their own practices. Do they use sustainable resources?</p>
	<p><b>Officer Comment</b></p> <p>Council has a strong commitment to sustainability with the statement under Goal 2 of the Council Plan - "We will be responsible environmental managers and custodians for future generations."</p> <p>We run a number of programs to assist the community to reduce their environmental impact. Details can be found here: <a href="https://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/Community/Sustainability-and-Workshops">https://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/Community/Sustainability-and-Workshops</a> This website also details the action Council is taking to improve our environmental performance.</p> <p>Most notably our Climate Change Strategy sets out clear goals for emissions reduction which flows through to our project management, operations, purchasing and staff behaviour.</p> <p><a href="https://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/files/content/public/about-us/plans-policies-and-news/stategies-and-plans/climate-change-strategy_web.pdf">https://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/files/content/public/about-us/plans-policies-and-news/stategies-and-plans/climate-change-strategy_web.pdf</a></p> <p>Council has also recently joined a tender process to buy all its electricity from renewable sources.</p> <p>Further examples are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the commitment to solar panels on Council buildings, with \$1m committed over the next 5 years.</li><li>• the recent conversion of local road street lights to LED globes at a cost of over \$3m; and</li><li>• a reduction of approximately 30 cars from our operational fleet over the last 4 years.</li></ul> <p>We regularly run articles outlining actions Council has taken, but most importantly information and inspiration for the community to also act.</p>

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<b>Submission</b>	
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Peter Ratcliff, Secretary Mordialloc &amp; District Historical Society</b></p> <p>This is a submission of the Historical Society for funding under the draft budget for essential works at The Old Bakery museum in Mentone.</p> <p>The installation of a lift for access to the first floor is a pressing matter for both volunteers and visitors.</p> <p><b>Officer Comment</b></p> <p>The building continues to be a high priority for Council, given its heritage significance. The installation of a part 16 DDA compliant lift would be achievable for approximately \$200K. Current resource allocations are prioritised to other higher priority buildings.</p> <p>Nonetheless Council officers will investigate detailed costings and statutory processes required to facilitate this request and a report will be prepared for consideration of Council.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Paula Kyberd, President Chelsea Pony Club</b></p> <p>I am writing to ask Council's assistance regarding some emergency dog proof fencing along the boundary of our club.</p> <p>Recently we had a dog enter the paddock where the ponies were and seriously injured 2 of the ponies who required medical treatment.</p> <p>There is some dog proof fencing around the property but not on the full perimeter so in some places its easy for a dog to enter the paddocks.</p> <p>Could Council assist with making our existing fence safer from dogs so that we can co-exist with people out walking their dogs enjoying the beautiful surrounding area.</p> <p><b>Officer Comment</b></p> <p>Council invites community groups to apply for grants to assist with funding for maintenance works. The City of Kingston Annual Grants Program provides an opportunity for the Council to work in partnership with the local community to enhance the quality of life of current and future generations of Kingston residents. Applications have closed for this year's grants but will open up early in 2020. Officers will work with the club to better define their requirements and report back to Council.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Emma Bryant, President Kingston Toy Library</b></p> <p>1. The Toy library are very appreciative that the council makes available the toy library's hall (2B Lewis St Mordialloc) at very low rent, supports the organisation through promotion in council newsletters, and has awarded us several rounds of Community Grants. The toy library's operation also relies on more than 1200 hours of volunteer work per year from members, students and other volunteers, including the volunteer Toy Library Committee. Our staff and utility operating expenses aren't fully covered by membership fees, and we rely on grants to purchase new toys and equipment. We would like council to assist with the following:</p>

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<b>Submission</b>	
	<p>2. Inclusion into the ages key stages pack handed out at MCH 12 months, 2 years and 3.5 years</p> <p>3. Refurbishment and maintenance of the toy library building including more environmentally efficient heating, internal painting, improving the showroom flooring Incorporated Association A0049692H 2b Lewis Street Mordialloc 3195 (either wood stain or carpet), toilet floor replacing (aligning with Kingston City Council Draft Budget 2019/20 Goal 1);</p> <p>4. \$21,000 to cover the cost of new shelving (aligning with Kingston City Council Draft Budget 2019/20 Goal 1); and</p> <p>5. An annual contribution of \$12,575 to assist covering operating costs of the toy library. These ongoing operating expenses would be used to make the service available to a wider range of community members, including staffing extra regular open hours for families of children with sensory needs that find it very difficult to visit during the normal hours due to noise and increased activity when other members are present. (aligning with Kingston City Council Draft Budget 2019/20 Goal 3).</p>
	<b>Officer Comment</b>
	The requested capital improvements will be considered as part of a larger project associated with the Alan McLean precinct in the medium term. In relation to the request for equipment and a contribution to cover annual operating costs this will require a Council report which will also consider the request for inclusion into the ages key stages pack.
9.	<b>Gavin Nolan</b>
	Has issues and concerns about the budget.
	<b>Officer Comment</b>
	No officer comment as intent of submission is unclear.
10.	<b>Robyn Nolan</b>
	Has issues related to the budget and expenditure which will ultimately fall on ratepayers.
	<b>Officer Comment</b>
	No officer comment as intent of submission is unclear.
11.	<b>June T Weston</b>
	Has issues and concerns about the budget.
	<b>Officer Comment</b>
	No officer comment as intent of submission is unclear.

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	<b>Submission</b>

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<b>Submission</b>	
12.	<b>Rae Campbell-Nott</b>
	Is seeking clarification about items in the budget.
	<b>Officer Comment</b>
	No officer comment as intent of submission is unclear.
13.	<b>Benjamin Blanks</b>
	Has a number of matters of interest related to the budget.
	<b>Officer Comment</b>
	No officer comment as intent of submission is unclear.
14.	<b>Rob Luker</b>
	Has issues and concerns about the capital budget and Bay Trail budget.
	<b>Officer Comment</b>
	Council has recently awarded a contract for the construction of the Foreshore Shared Path Construction Project 1 – Naples Road, Mentone to Rennison Street, Parkdale on a lump sum basis to CDN Constructors Pty Ltd for the lump sum of \$5,155,439.77 ex GST.
15.	<b>Clare McPhee</b>
	Council should invest \$100k for a Conservation Planner to ensure the values of the Biodiversity Strategy 2018-23 are incorporated into planning decisions.
	Kingston needs more public open space in the Edithvale Chelsea border and more tree planting.
	Council should provide \$62k p.a. for a Gardens for Wildlife program
	<b>Officer Comment</b>
	Council has recently received the detailed questions from Ms. McPhee and officers are currently considering appropriate responses.

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<b>Submission</b>	
16.	<p><b>Rick Nixon</b></p> <p>Given the strong financial position of Council why do we have a rate increase at all?</p> <p><b>Officer Comment</b></p> <p>Council is focused on being sustainable in the long term whilst in a rate capping environment. Being sustainable is measured by generating enough cashflows to cover operating costs, to repay any debt, to invest in asset renewal to ensure our assets are well maintained and replaced . Any cash surpluses are used to fund current and future capital works programs. Kingston has planned for significant capital spend over the medium term.</p>
17.	<p><b>Noble J David and Cheryl A David</b></p> <p>We hope some funds are granted to the Arts in Kingston.</p> <p>Please improve disability access at Westall Men’s Shed.</p> <p>It would be greatly appreciated if the Dog's Off leash area at Bald Hill Park could be fenced similar to the Bear St Mordialloc Park.</p> <p><b>Officer Comment</b></p> <p>The City of Kingston is committed to supporting the arts and invites individual artists, not-for-profit arts groups and organisations to make an application for an Arts Grant as part of the wider annual Community Grants Program. The Arts Grants program supports a diverse range of artists, arts practices and organisations. Arts projects must have a public outcome in Kingston.</p> <p>Council officers will undertake a review of the facility layout and work with the Men’s Shed Committee to identify future development needs for Council consideration.</p> <p>The request for fencing the Bald Hill Park dog off leash area will be considered by officer in light of the fact that Bald Hill Park is a former landfill site.</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 - Budget Submissions 2019.20 (Ref 19/107564)  

Author/s: Caroline Reidy, Manager Finance and Corporate Performance  
Reviewed and Approved By: Paul Franklin, General Manager Corporate Services

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# 3.1

## 2019/20 BUDGET SUBMISSIONS (REPORT AS AT 6 JUNE 2019)

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**From:** [Vicky Pisa](#)  
**To:** [info@kingston.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@kingston.vic.gov.au)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)  
**Date:** Thursday, 9 May 2019 10:31:49 AM  
**Attachments:** [icon.png](#)

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----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Mail Delivery Subsystem <[mailer-daemon@googlemail.com](mailto:mailer-daemon@googlemail.com)>  
**Date:** Thu, May 9, 2019 at 10:25 AM  
**Subject:** Delivery Status Notification (Failure)  
**To:** <[vickypisa@gmail.com](mailto:vickypisa@gmail.com)>

Dear Budget Department,

This Budgets is missing a lot of what is relative to the community!

Certainly you are doing some wonderful things, but we do need more focus on other things also that should be a focus.

What about more skate parks community parks for higher age bracket of youth.

Particularly in Mentone we have 6 schools in Mentone it's a major hub for children, particularly high schools 4 are High schools.

We don't even have a library in that area with that many schools, you would think there would be more planing for Children's resources.

Youth programs, youth centers or groups???

A Bicentennial park style would be so suited to Mentone, do the numbers there would be at least 15,000 kids a day at those schools in Mentone!!!!!!!

This budget takes no account the large youth population, this impacts tax payers bored youth equals high crime, graffiti, theft vandalism all the stuff the council then has to fix it counter productive really?

Mentone is improving but the focus is not where it needs to be.

Best Regards,

Vicky Pisa



**Q1** Do you have any comments about the Draft Budget?

Michael Forbes

5/15/2019 09:47 PM

Hi I'm the president of the carrum Patterson lakes junior football club. In the budget we would like to have our lights upgraded to 150 Liz so we can hold night games and also on oval 2 we have no coaches boxes. Coaches boxes would give shelter to the coach and officials on the sideline in inclement weather.

Wai chan

5/27/2019 07:53 AM

There is too many empty reserves with no actual benefit. We should budget for the use of existing land to encourage new families or development. This can include more communal items such as playgrounds, pet friendly area, seating or sheltered areas for gatherings where property is moving towards sub division. For example Vanessa crt reserve in oakleigh sth. A enclosed area perfect for seating or playground.

**Optional question** (2 responses, 0 skipped)



*Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre Inc.*  
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Inc No: A0016802F ABN: 71 463 442 675

City Of Kingston  
Att: Cr Steve Staikos  
Po Box 1000  
Mentone Vic 3194

Dear Cr Steve,

The Neighbourhood Centre Board Members, Staff, Volunteers and users of the Centre are pleased to see stage 1 of the Redevelopment in action.

We thank Council for their ongoing support of what will be a great facility for Dingley Village.

We understand that stage 2 must now be funded through Council's budgetary process.

We would appreciate our involvement in on going work.

Kind regards,

Marion Harriden  
Chairperson



*'The Heart of our Community'*

# Have we got the balance right? We need your feedback

1. **Make a submission [here](#)** by Thursday 6 June, 5pm (or visit [yourkingstonyoursay.com.au](http://yourkingstonyoursay.com.au) to submit online)

- Sustainability seems like a grey area

- There does not seem to be much of a commitment.

- Do council promote sustainability in the community?

  \* In their own practices?

  \* Do they use sustainable resources?

This is an extremely overseen AREA in the community.

Attach more pages if required. Council services are listed overleaf.

## 2. Contact details

Name	KATE
Contact ph.	
Email	
Address	

## 3. Invitation to speak to your submission

- You are welcome to speak to your submission at a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday 11 June, 6.30pm at 1230 Nepean Highway, Cheltenham.
- Do you, or a person acting on your behalf, wish to speak to your submission?  
Yes / No (circle one)

## SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL IN RESPONSE TO DRAFT BUDGET 2019-20

by the **Mordialloc and District Historical Society Inc**



This is a submission of the Historical Society for funding under the draft budget for essential works at The Old Bakery museum in Mentone.

The installation of a lift for access to the first floor is a pressing matter for both volunteers and visitors.

Please consider the request below:

The Historical Society proudly operates in this handsome and historic building. The building serves us extremely well and members are appreciative of Council's past willingness to significantly update it with security and comfort features and fittings.

A lift to reach the upper storey display area of the building has become a necessity as several of our few volunteers, as well as some of our visitors have great difficulty climbing the stairs, and people in wheelchairs are excluded completely. The ongoing ageing of volunteers and visitors alike will only exacerbate this problem.

Very frequent access to the first floor is required when our displays of photographs and artefacts are being changed, in fact the changing of displays has had to become less frequent than is desirable due to volunteers having difficulty with the stairs.

Society members are concerned also that we may be in breach of the Victorian Equal Opportunity Act, particularly Section 57 covering discrimination in access to public premises, such as Council-owned buildings.

We realise that fitting a lift into a historic building such as this will present some engineering and heritage challenges, but we urge you to investigate this proposal as soon as possible, and to make funding available in this year's budget.

Peter Ratcliff

Secretary Mordialloc & District Historical Society

[peteratcliff@netspace.net.au](mailto:peteratcliff@netspace.net.au)



**Chelsea Pony Club Inc** Reg A0019818V

Broadway, BONBEACH VIC 3196 PO Box 64 CHELSEA VIC 3196

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4 June 2019

Dear Kingston Council

**RE: Budget 2019-20 Submission**

I am writing to ask Council's assistance regarding some emergency dog proof fencing along the boundary of our club.

We have 15 ponies and horses on the club's site which is adjacent to the wetlands and Bicentennial Park off leash dog park. Recently we had a dog enter the paddock where the ponies were and seriously injured 2 of the ponies who required medical treatment. Fortunately, they made a full recovery, but we were lucky there were no kids riding the ponies at the time or the situation could have been much worse. Most of our members are children aged between 10 and 15 and we need to be able to provide a safe environment for them to develop their riding skills without worrying about dogs running across the property

There is some dog proof fencing around the property but not on the full perimeter so in some places its easy for a dog to enter the paddocks.

Could Council assist with making our existing fence safer from dogs so that we can co-exist with people out walking their dogs enjoying the beautiful surrounding area.

Any assistance Council could provide in this case would be really appreciated

Paula KYBERD  
PRESIDENT  
CHELSEA PONY CLUB



Incorporated Association A0049692H  
2b Lewis Street Mordialloc 3195

Manager Finance and Corporate Performance  
City of Kingston  
PO Box 1000  
Mentone 3194

5<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Dear Ms. Reidy,

The Kingston Toy Library, situated in Mordialloc, is a community-based, not-for-profit organisation that provides affordable access to appropriate toys and equipment to assist in the educational development of pre-school children aged 0 to 7. Children learn many skills through play; maths, language, social and emotional skills. Our toys increase sensory exploration, physical activity, promote a healthy lifestyle, encourage family social interaction and raise awareness of sustainability for our members and their children. There are 228 member families, with a total of 370 children as part of these memberships.

Our strategic plan has been intentionally broadening the library's outreach to service more vulnerable families in the Kingston community. Our new initiatives include expanding our toy collection for special needs and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) children, bilingual story time, providing volunteer work experience for students with intellectual impairments and international university students, and making the library available to new mothers' groups outside open hours.

We are very appreciative that the council makes available the toy library's hall (2B Lewis St Mordialloc) at very low rent, supports the organisation through promotion in council newsletters, and has awarded us several rounds of Community Grants. The toy library's operation also relies on more than 1200 hours of volunteer work per year from members, students and other volunteers, including the volunteer Toy Library Committee. Our staff and utility operating expenses aren't fully covered by membership fees, and we rely on grants to purchase new toys and equipment.

Demonstrating the valuable community service we provide, the toy library is growing each year. The existing showroom space is crowded and at full capacity. To service the current and future membership we need to renovate two rooms adjoining the hall, that are currently used for storage and toy cataloguing and repair, to open them up as a toy showroom. We also need an estimated \$21,000 towards new shelving in those rooms that can safely store the toys for members and to replace ageing shelving throughout the existing showroom. These costs are not covered by membership fees and are typically also not funded through grants.

In this context, we ask that the council further consider supporting the toy library community and membership by:

- Inclusion into the ages key stages pack handed out at MCH 12 months, 2 years and 3.5 years
- Refurbishment and maintenance of the toy library building including more environmentally efficient heating, internal painting, improving the showroom flooring



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(either wood stain or carpet), toilet floor replacing (aligning with Kingston City Council Draft Budget 2019/20 Goal 1);

- \$21,000 to cover the cost of new shelving (aligning with Kingston City Council Draft Budget 2019/20 Goal 1); and
- An annual contribution of \$12,575 to assist covering operating costs of the toy library. These ongoing operating expenses would be used to make the service available to a wider range of community members, including staffing extra regular open hours for families of children with sensory needs that find it very difficult to visit during the normal hours due to noise and increased activity when other members are present. (aligning with Kingston City Council Draft Budget 2019/20 Goal 3).

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Emma Bryant  
President, Kingston Toy Library

**From:** [gavin](#)  
**To:** [info@kingston.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@kingston.vic.gov.au)  
**Subject:** budget submissions  
**Date:** Monday, 3 June 2019 11:37:00 AM

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To whom it may concern

Good morning

I would like to notify Council that as per Council's Public Notice in the leader newspaper, that I wish to speak at Council Special Meeting on Tuesday 11 June 2019 in respect to issues and concerns I have with respect to Councils budget. I am also aware that as per information conveyed in that notice, I have the option to have another person act on my behalf.

Yours sincerely

Gavin Nolan  
4/62 Beach Road  
MENTONE 3194



**From:** [robyn](#)  
**To:** [info@kingston.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@kingston.vic.gov.au)  
**Subject:** draft budget  
**Date:** Wednesday, 5 June 2019 1:42:40 PM

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Hello

I have matters I wish to raise with council in respect to the budget and expenditure which will ultimately fall on ratepayers.

I therefore wish to register my intent to speak at the Special Council Meeting on Tuesday 11 June 2019.

Thank You

Robyn Nolan  
4/62 Beach Road  
Mentone 3194

Make a formal submission to the 2019/20 Draft Budget : Survey Report for 01 February 2019 to 03 June 2019

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**Q1** Do you have any comments about the Draft Budget?

June T Weston

6/03/2019 05:27 PM

Hi I wish to speak at the Meeting on Tuesday 11th June, 2019, as I have some aspects of the Budget on which I would like to comment

**From:** [rae.campbell--nott](mailto:rae.campbell--nott)  
**To:** [info@kingston.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@kingston.vic.gov.au)  
**Subject:** Register attendance at Special Council Meeting Tuesday 11 June 2019  
**Date:** Tuesday, 4 June 2019 10:40:03 AM

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Please record my intention to attend and speak at the above Meeting.

Subject: Clarification of items noted on the Council Budget.

Rae Campbell -- Nott,  
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**From:** [Ben Blanks](#)  
**To:** [info@kingston.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@kingston.vic.gov.au)  
**Subject:** Council Budget Meeting 11 June 2019  
**Date:** Tuesday, 4 June 2019 1:24:45 PM

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I am a resident of Kingston and I will be attending the Budget meeting. I wish to be heard on a couple of matters of interest

Sincerely

Benjamin Blanks

**From:** [Rob Luker](#)  
**To:** [City of Kingston](#)  
**Subject:** Draft Budget - Submissions  
**Date:** Monday, 3 June 2019 2:19:50 PM

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Dear Manager of Finance,  
I wish to attend the special Council Meeting on Tuesday 11 June in relation to the 2019 Draft Budget.

I further wish to speak in relation to the Capital Works Program and in particular in relation to the Bay Trail budget.

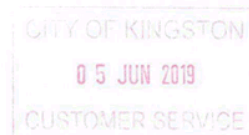
Thanks and Best regards

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# City of Kingston

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## Have Your Say



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### Feedback

#### Council Plan Goals

Goal 1 ... Our well planned, liveable city ~~to ensure~~ supported by infrastructure to meet future needs.

Request: Council to invest \$100,000? to create the position of a Conservation Planner

- to ensure the values of the Biodiversity Strategy 2018-23 are incorporated into planning decisions for new residential multi-builds eg: sustainable builds that enhance POS and ease of access
- to address applications that involve historic properties
- to address applications with significant trees on site
- to address applications with native/remnant vegetation on site
- to look at instigating ESC's on golf courses, green wedge, and the urban area.

Goal 2 ... Our sustainable green environment with accessible open spaces.

Request: - Council to create public open space in the acknowledged depleted area on the Edithvale / Chelsea border.

- Council implement a Trees on Private Property Policy to help protect what remaining large canopy trees we have left, and to support the goal of a 30% canopy cover.

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- in the coming year Council to implement the Park and Street Tree Data Base. For the last 6 or 7 years I have continually read that Council maintains 90,000 trees, therefore stating no net increase.
  - Council to provide a street tree species list. Residents are then able to gain an appreciation of what species are chosen, why and where. An educated resident is then more likely to "adopt their street tree".
  - Council to increase funding for naturestrip tree planting. It is stated in the Draft Budget, Council will plant 2149 street and park trees. Is this a marked increase from previous years? No. Council to increase resources to undertake and implement an increase in street tree planting.

### Goal 3 ... Our connected, inclusive, healthy and learning community

Request :- Council to provide a minimum \$62,000 per year for the next 2 years to implement the Gardens for Wildlife program, and support the following initiatives :-

- invest in free booklets and brochures to help our community care for the environment.
- produce a Sustainable Gardening booklet
- produce an Indigenous Flora Species brochure to replace the outdated and incorrectly categorised "City of Kingston Indigenous Plant List for Landscaping".
- produce a Natural Reserves within Kingston booklet
- develop and/or circulate information / fact sheets / website with regard to the understanding of biodiversity and its value and why preserve it; and the appreciation of native/ indigenous vegetation in landscaping.
- promote environmental friends groups more effectively online through an Environmental News Letter released approximately every 2 months
- implement the Citizen Science program.

The City of Kingston Biodiversity Strategy 2018-23 <sup>(3)</sup>  
page 4 states:-

"We aim to increase our residents awareness, appreciation and understanding of biodiversity, and encourage them to actively participate in managing biodiversity in their local community"

"Everyone has a role to play when it comes to protecting our precious environment."

The Gardens for Wildlife program is such a valuable tool in grabbing the community to work with Council and have them feel that they can make a difference in biodiversity protection.

I should know. I am a G4W volunteer with the City of Frankston. I feel it.

I would like to present my submission in person at a Council meeting and answer any questions



**From:** [rick nixon](#)  
**To:** [City of Kingston](#)  
**Subject:** Draft Budget  
**Date:** Thursday, 6 June 2019 11:22:09 AM

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Caroline,

I would like to comment on the draft budget that has been published on the Your Kingston Your Say.

It would appear that there is going to be a surplus of \$27m for the next year, and \$21m for this year. The following years also have similar surpluses forecast.

From the quarterly report from that last council agenda, it appears that the surplus that was budgeted for this year is \$9m ahead of budget. The rate revenue is \$2.5m ahead of budget.

From the quarterly financial statements - the accumulated surplus is \$41m ahead of budget, at \$1.425b

The quarterly report indicates that we have \$154m in cash investments.

Is this correct, or am I missing something.

The proposed budget appears to account for all works in the following year, and carries over money from the previous year for projects not yet complete.

If this is correct, why do we need to have any rate increase - we probably should be having a rate decrease - as we seem to be in a highly rated area compared to other councils.

I disagree with the idea that the rating structure is based on "rating values, which reflect capacity to pay" - does this mean you should sell your property when retired and cannot afford to live in the area - even though you have lived all your life in the area?

Thanks,  
regards,  
Rick Nixon

**From:** [cheryl david](#)  
**To:** [Corporate Information](#)  
**Subject:** Submission apropos Kingston Council's 2019 Draft Budget  
**Date:** Wednesday, 5 June 2019 8:34:55 PM

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For the attention of Councillors & the CEO

My husband and I attended the draft budget session. We congratulate Council on most importantly ensuring Kingston City is financially viable and for Council's ranking in 3rd place. Further we are pleased with the budget overall and the services provided by Council, the beautification of Kingston via its parks, beaches etc and congratulate Council and Kingston's employees for their competency and customer service.

It is heartening to see that Council has increased the Community Grants funding by \$100,000.00. This is very much appreciated when Council could have decided to maintain the funding at the last financial year's amount. So while it is a small increase it is an increase for which we commend Council. We hope that a reasonable amount of these funds will be granted to the Arts in Kingston, as we would like to see Kingston progressively recognized as a leader in this area.

Additionally we hope that Council can assist the Kingston's Men Shed located at Keeley Park, Westall. This Shed is the closest one to our home but my husband, who would like to be a member of Westall and who is confined to a motorised wheelchair cannot utilise this club due to safety reasons. I am sure Brad James of Kingston's Men Shed has made a submission requesting Council funding to address this and other problems the Shed is experiencing.

Lastly but significantly, is the need for more totally fenced dog parks. The Bear & Crown Streets Park in Mordialloc is greatly appreciated by Kingston's dog lovers, as is the Mentone Dog's Beach and other off leash dog parks. It would be greatly appreciated if the Dog's Off leash area at Bald Hill Park could be fenced similar to the Bear St Mordialloc Park. There seems to be an increasing number of noisy drones being flown in the parks which stresses the dogs.

Congratulations again. Many thanks for your time and attention.

Sincerely

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