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CBR-029	Refer to attachment CBR-029	South Melbourne
CBR-030	<p>Hello, I am a long term resident of Balaclava and wanted to offer my views on a couple of topics that effect the local area.</p> <p>1- Carlisle St. Over the recent time (2 years- ish) the amount of Homelessness, Drug usage, Begging and Anti social behaviour on & around Carlisle St has dramatically increased.</p> <p>The proposed social and low income housing in and around Balaclava Station and Coles on Carlisle St will make this problem much worse and must not go ahead. Something needs to be done to clean up the street and not have everyday residents have to cross the road to avoid undesirables who frequently spread out across the entire footpath and harass people.</p> <p>2- The amount of Medium density housing being proposed or allowed in and around Port Phillip is excessive and in danger of ruining the v be and community of the local area. A limit on new planning approvals needs to be put in place and a restriction on heights and density needs to be enforced.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	Balaclava
CBR-031	<p>I am reaching out to you as a last resort. I have been speaking with council, approx 4-5 different people over 4 years to have lighting installed in Hester Reserve, Port Melbourne.</p> <p>I am now frustrated at the lack of care/response to my ongoing requests as it is a matter of community security.</p> <p>Several years ago we had an attempted robbery while we were home (with our babies asleep) and the offender got away through the (dark) park and was nowhere to be found.</p> <p>There was a police presence in Hester reserve recently after an incident through the night.</p> <p>God knows what goes on there during the night - it is pitch black. I believe Something much more sinister will happen there if lighting is not installed.</p>	Port Melbourne
CBR-032	<p>Please consider some dog poo bag dispensers for our parks, especially designated off-lead parks (Lagoon Reserve, Gas Works, Edwards Park).</p> <p>There is so much dog waste left on the ground. Accessibility to bags might incentivise people to pick up after their pets.</p>	Port Melbourne
CBR-033	<p>I think there is a need to move to low-floor trams on routes 1 & 12. The current trams are a problem for handicapped, elderly or those with temporary movement problems.</p> <p>I discovered this as one who has recently come out of hospital with temporarily limited movement range. The steps are just too high.</p> <p>And I still remember seeing the disappointment some time ago of a man at MSAC tram stop when he saw that his wheelchair couldn't board the tram.</p> <p>Surely by now we should have more access ble trams. Increased timetables are welcome, but accessibility is very important.</p>	Albert Park
CBR-034	<p>Would I ke to see reduced speed limit on Williamstown Road, for the safety of our growing young family community.</p> <p>Safe access to use the local Murphy's reserve facilities.</p> <p>Keeping the community and visitors safe with all the sporting activities at the reserve.</p> <p>Re direction of large trucks off Williamstown Rd, to reduce noise, damage to property and safety to access parkland.</p> <p>Reduce Speed Limit & Remove Trucks Off Williamstown Road.</p>	Port Melbourne

CBR-035	Please maintain the park at the corner of raglan and ingles st port Melbourne. It's in desperate need of some kind of maintenance. Some play equipment would be amazing for the local children also. Thanks.	Port melbourne
CBR-032	I would like a drink fountain with dog bowl put in along the beach front between Lagoon Pier and and Port Melbourne Yacht Club. This stretch of the beach is a very busy pedestrian/swimming area for residents and visitors to the area. It is also one of the only dog beaches in the area. The nearest drink fountains to this beach are all the way past the Port Melbourne Lifesaving Club and several hundred metres past the Port Melbourne Yacht Club. The fountains are 700 metres apart which is very far to walk on a hot summer day if you need water.	Port Melbourne
CBR-038	<p>Power House on Albert Park Lake has a major refurbishment to ensure the community facility that is underpinned by a sustainable social enterprise that funds it's core programs is around for future generations to enjoy. With the residential growth and development of Port Phillip growing fast, Albert Park Lake is the ideal and central point for a growing number of residents.</p> <p>This building can be a \$20m asset for the city of port phillip without the need to spend anywhere near this amount. With funding already coming from the commonwealth government of \$5m, philanthropy growing from \$4m and with commitments expected from state, council have the opportunity to co-invest to get full access to a brilliant facility.</p> <p>We request \$500,000 from council budget that can be managed of multiple years through the construction phase. This important facility has a huge return on investment for council and opens a \$20m facility for a fraction of the cost.</p>	Albert Park
CBR-039	Dissatisfied that funding for resident access to Ripponlea Estate is proposed to be withdrawn. The gardens add significant value to the community and well-being of local residents.	Ripponlea
CBR-040	I oppose any proposal to stop supporting free entry for residents to Ripponlea Estate. It is a much needed garden space for residents and I have very much enjoyed the ability to utilise that space more frequently than would be possible if I had to pay full fee for entry.	st kilda east
CBR-041	Please do not cancel the Ripponlea estate access. We live in Fuller road and there are no green spaces that I can walk to that are safe for my toddler except for Ripponlea gardens. There is a small patch of grass near Ripponlea station but it's not safe for little toddlers to be running around so close to a busy main road.	Ripponlea
CBR-042	My husband and I have lived at [REDACTED], for 37 years and have been members of the National Trust for nearly that long. We have visited the Ripponlea Gardens many, many times and consider it 'our back yard'. We were delighted when the gardens were open to others who live in the area. This year it has been a joy to see the increasing number of young families and people appreciating the beautiful space. (National Trust members tend to have grey hair and wa k slowly.) Please continue to allow the local residents to be able to freely visit the gardens. The National Trust entry fee, while fine for that organisation, is prohibitive for young and many older people living nearby, particularly if they want to go there frequently like we do. [REDACTED]	Ripponlea
CBR-043	We live here in Ripponlea a 5 minute walk to Rippon Lea Gardens. Having lived here since 2008, we have taken up the offer to use the gardens for 2 picnics in the month of April and would be very disappointed if you withdraw from the initiative Mr Gross organised while in office. 😞	Ripponlea
CBR-044	Please KEEP Entry to Ripponlea Estate FREE for Residents.	3182

CBR-045	Please do not cease funding to Ripponlea estate. We don't have much parkland and in our area and it's a beautiful space. I can't afford to pay every time I visit - multiple times a month. I don't want my tax dollars misused by you cutting an essential service to the community	Ripponlea
CBR-046	I am very disappointed at the idea of no longer having Ripponlea Gardens as a shared green space. It is important for us all to have these places to escape to, from the high density living all around. Please reconsider.	Ripponlea
CBR-047	Great to see the EcoCentre Redevelopment is planned to be funded for \$5.54M. Let's hope partner funding finally comes through so the EcoCentre can continue to deliver programs that support an environmentally aware community from a redeveloped base.	CAULFIELD SOUTH
CBR-048	I object to the removal of free access to Ripponlea estate for residents. This access is a key reason many of us choose to live around the estate, and a huge draw card for liveability in the area. As a suggested compromise, reverting back to free access for Ripponlea/Esternwick residences may be acceptable.	Elsternwick
CBR-049	Council should retain free admission to Ripponlea for residents! Thanks	Elwood

<p>CBR-050</p>	<p>I hear that the Rippon Lea Gardens entry fee subsidy is up for debate again. Let me urge you to support the retention of this tiny amount of contribution for the most open space poor part of this municipality.</p> <p>The arguments, in short, are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairness demands it - Rippon Lea and East St Kilda are the most poorly served by open space in the municipality (See Open Space Strategy 2009); • Financial efficiency demands it - For a miniscule amount of money, our residents get access to open space equivalent to the St Kilda Botanic Gardens for a tenth the cost; <p>THE EQUITY AND FAIRNESS ARGUMENT</p> <p>The 2009 Open Space Strategy showed that Rippon Lea and the associated area of East St Kilda is manifestly and unfairly under provided by open space.</p> <p>“2.3 Distribution and supply of open space in Port Phillip</p> <p>Areas underserved</p> <p>Measuring the Adequacy and Value of Open Space, allows a measure of areas that are currently underserved. The following precincts are underserved by open space of any kind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ripponlea south of Glen Eira Road • East St Kilda especially east of Hotham Street...” <p>There is no other way of providing more open space to these areas other than by collaborating with organisations like the National Trust and schools. Since 2009, nothing other than this arrangement has been provided. Whilst there are additional areas in Elwood, these spaces are too far away and the Highway is too significant a barrier to enable accessible use from East St Kilda and Ripponlea. The Elwood areas fail to meet the two criteria of the 2009 study for most of Ripponlea and East St Kilda, namely, “All residential areas should have a Social Family Recreation space within walking distance (400-500m). • There should be opportunities for core activities undertaken in open space to be provided in every neighbourhood (walking, cycling, walking the dog, swimming, relaxing, enjoying the views, jogging, playing or watching sport, informal ball games, skating and play). • There should be access to an off-road trail within approximately 3 minutes walk of all residences.”</p> <p>These criteria are beyond most of Ripponlea and East St Kilda. These suburbs need this open space to be accessible and free from an equity and fairness basis, particularly given the number of medium and higher density residences in the areas.</p> <p>THE FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY ARGUMENT</p> <p>The suggested amount, \$50,000 is a tiny, pitiable amount for the usable open space. This huge heritage open space (it is about the same as the St Kilda Botanic Gardens) would normally cost Council ten times the amount lavished on other open spaces (\$300,000 recurrent maintenance and approximately \$200,000 capital works). It is financially irresponsible not to grasp this deal and indeed it is 5 times less than Glen Eira is prepared to pay.</p> <p>THE TRACK RECORD</p> <p>The community love it. Visitation to Rippon Lea Gardens was disrupted because of closure through all of the pandemic times. It was a very unpredictable when it could be visited. Nonetheless, the visitation has been really popular and growing. One could envisage that over time, the visitation could double or treble given this is a very new and disrupted arrangement. Here is the latest advice from the CEO [REDACTED]:</p> <p>“Garden entry at Rippon Lea restarted on Nov 4th 2020. We've had 3,192 Port Phillip entries recorded in square since then, up until Monday this week. As of end of March 2021 we have 1978 registered families – which equates to 4971 people. (was 1587 in Jan 2021 and 4075 people)”</p> <p>Just look at the huge growth, 400 additional families, in the months from end of Jan to end of March. This novel scheme will be huge for the community.</p> <p>The community love this facility and it does attract people from Port Melbourne and Albert Park.</p> <p>THE NON ARGUMENT ABOUT BEING BEYOND THE BOUNDARY</p> <p>There is an argument that we should not pay for anything beyond the boundary. This is rubbish and I cite sub-section 8(4) of the new Local Government Act 2020.</p> <p>“8. Role of a Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The role of a Council is to provide good governance in its municipal district for the benefit and wellbeing of the municipal community. (2) ... (3) ... (4) If it is necessary to do so for the purpose of performing its role, a Council may perform a function outside its municipal district.” <p>Subsection 4 absolutely applies here as the Rippon Lea Gardens are about 10 metres from the boundary and our residents have and will flock to the Gardens.</p> <p>COLLABORATION WITH A TRUSTED PARTNER</p> <p>This collaboration could be just the beginning. There is the possibility of more tripartite collaboration with the National Trust and Glen Eira in Inkerman Rd. Why would you burn this relationship now? It is very myopic.</p> <p>SUMMARY</p> <p>Fairness and efficiency demand Port Phillip maintain this arrangement. It would be grotesquely unfair to Ripponlea and East St Kilda especially given their prolific number of flats with no open space. It would be utterly inefficient for this tiny amount of money would bequeath residents a huge open space win.</p>	<p>St Kilda</p>
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CBR-051	<p>Dear Madam</p> <p>My submission relates specifically to the abolition of the free entry fee to Ripponlea Estate for residents of the LGA. While this may seem frivolous, I'm wonder if the savings that have been identified also take into account the drop in VFR (Visiting Friends and Relatives) traffic that I believe will occur if PP residents are no longer free.</p> <p>I have a bachelor' degree in tourism management and have worked in the industry both in the private sector, and at state and local government level for over 20 years. My concern is that if local residents are no longer free they'll actually be a much bigger drop in visitors from out of the local area. Residents who may have taken friends and family visiting from outside the LGA will no longer take their visitors to the attraction if they have to pay the entrance fee and thus the savings highlighted would be far outweighed by the subsequent decline in paying visitor numbers from outside the LGA.</p> <p>Having local residents as 'ambassadors' is a powerful marketing tool, and the free admission should be seen as such - part of the marketing budget. I can count at least three occasions in the last 3 months when I have taken visitors to Ripponlea because it has been free for me to enter. All my visitors from outside the LGA paid entrance fees. Without the free entrance fee I would not have visited and Ripponlea would have lost 10 paying patrons. I believe this experience would be replicated hundreds perhaps thousands of times over the course of the year.</p> <p>Before proceeding with this measure I would implore you to do some qualitative research on Ripponlea visitors as I believe the abolition of the free entrance fee will have unintended consequences on visitor numbers - which will have much more of a damaging impact to the long term budget and tourism in the LGA.</p>	St Kilda
CBR-052	<p>I would like to say that I enjoyed participating in the Sport Phillip program! Me, my wife and babies participated in activities exercise at Alma Park, kanga exercise at the peanut farm and also at PCYC!! PLEASE keep up the good work! Keep making our community a nice place! I say hello to other residents all the time when I bump into them on the street</p>	St kilda
CBR-054	<p>Greetings,</p> <p>Are you able to confirm the defunding of the Volunteers Program Co ordinator position at the Eco Centre ? (approx \$25k annually)</p> <p>If so, this is abominable.</p> <p>The Eco Centre Co ordinator position is an intrinsic component of the community, facilitating an array of multi-talented and dedicated Volunteers who work across the City of Port Phillip.</p> <p>Not having a go to person would be a disaster for all the volunteers and the programs.</p> <p>Please act responsibly and ensure this position is funded.</p>	Carnegie
CBR-055	<p>I work in and for several organisations providing Community Health Programs for the City of Port Phillip. I have scheduled my work hours so hat my Fridays are free. I did this so that I could Volunteer at the EcoCentre. I was devastated when I heard that you were cutting the minuscule funding that the EcoCentre receives to run our Gardening Program. It is my Mental Health necessity for the entire week. I am considered to be a front line worker and require time to restore. This happens on Fridays when I am at the EcoCentre. Where I give my time and love. Being productive, creative and having fun with other inspiring members of my local Community. We are an essential service and I realised that you were totally unaware of that. Otherwise, you never would have considered defunding our Friday service to nature, local heritage, our traditional owners and to each other.</p>	ST KILDA

CBR-056	I strongly believe that the Ripponlea Gardens entry should remain free for local residents. Where I live in Ripponlea I am a part of the Port Phillip council, the gardens are the only source of greenery near me as I live in an apartment. It would be a shame that I would have to pay over \$20 each time I would like to visit a local park that is across the road from me. On top of me also having to pay \$85 to be able to park in my own street for a parking permit it seems very ridiculous that the council wants to make more and more money. I am aware covid has been very hard but you must understand it's also been very hard for the residents as well as I have lost a lot of work and paying \$85 for parking along with \$20 to use a local park just seems a bit obscene and I do not agree with it.	Ripponlea
CBR-057	Hi there, my name is [REDACTED], I am an Australian musician and live in Blessington court, St Kilda. I'm writing to express my concern and disappointment on the proposed closure of the community gardens at the St Kilda botanical gardens. This garden is a fabulous resource for the community, and for the environment (along with many others, I compost all of my vegetable and fruit leftovers here) The closure of this resource would leave a substantial void in the community. Especially since the St Kilda "veg out" gardens are only open to people who hold a garden bed there. Please reconsider this decision! Thankyou, Sincerely, [REDACTED]	St Kilda
CBR-058	EcoCentre volunteer program Our names are [REDACTED]. We have been volunteering at the EcoCentre for the past 3 years on a Friday. This Council have been funding this program, however, we have been informed that Council will no longer fund it. I believe this program costs approximately \$25,000 per year and the immeasurable benefits to participants are immense both for volunteers and the community. *Community participation/connection are critical to the well being of the individual *Educational programs offered enables people to meet other like minded individuals and form lifelong friendships and interests *Health benefits are critical. Spectrum from loneliness to purpose based activities gives one a sense of awareness and personal fulfilment. *finally abandonment of this program, so invaluable, will see more disconnect in this community. Look at Carlisle, Acland and Fitzroy Streets to witness the disconnect and ramifications of such. We implore Council to reinstate this funding as it is a vital asset to the community.	St Kilda
CBR-059	Hi my name is [REDACTED] 4.5 years ago I was suffering from depression, then I joined the EcoCentre community garden group. By coming here every week I no longer feel depressed or think about self harm. I enjoy the social aspects and just the beauty of green things. My favourite activity is the community compost, creating soil. With my OCD cutting things up calms me. I was devastated when I heard the garden program was being cut because this was one of the rare times I leave the house other than to go shopping. I'm a fixture here and love it.	Windsor
CBR-071	Cease free access to Rippon Lea Estate Gardens - expected saving is \$50,000, this is an irresponsible and sad proposal to the upcoming budget, I live opposite the Albert Park and a fifteen-minute walk to the Esplanade and beach, ratepayers in the eastern part of the City DO NOT HAVE similar facilities, by canceling the arrangement with the National Trust you deny them their health and spiritual needs, surely \$50K is able to be found elsewhere in the budget, perhaps a temporary closing of the Art Gallery in the St Kilda Town Hall, it strikes me that by canceling this arrangement you hurt two groups the National Trust and the ratepayers of the CITY.	MELBOURNE, VIC

CBR-072	I would like my rates to a, support the friends of Suai ie maintain the funding the Covalima Community Centre for at least the next five years. b, maintain the ability of port phillip residents to enter the grounds of Ripponlea free of charge. c, support the development of St Kilda botanical gardens eco centre	██████ elwood
CBR-073	I would like to encourage the Council not to remove free access for CoPP residentS TO Ripponlea Gardens. For a minor saving, this feels like a very regressive move - as a CoPP resident I think it's brilliant that we, as ratepayers, can enjoy complimentary access to the Gardens and enjoy the green, open space this provides. I know many of my neighbours feel the same. Such a minor cost saving measure would have an outsized negative impact. Please think again.	Balaclava
CBR-074	I object to losing the CoPP relationship with Ripponlea estate. I have no idea if this is the right place to put this objection, because I'm a busy single parent and this was the first place on your deliberately obfuscating website I could write words. Me and my daughter love the gardens and we want to share them with her upcoming sister.	Ripponlea
CBR-075	I would like to object to the proposal to stop providing free access to Rippon Lea Estate gardens. This is sanctuary within our suburb which should remain accessible to our residents, a special place which all should be able to enjoy.	Elwood
CBR-076	As a long term resident of Port Phillip I have always supported the Council's investment in a wide range of community services and in the arts and want this to continue. I am opposed to the following proposed cuts: 1. The reduction in quality subsidy to community managed childcare ('saving' \$141,000 per annum) 2. Cuts to Arts programs ('saving' \$56,000 per annum) 3. Removing free access to Rippon Lea Estate Gardens ('saving' \$50,000 per annum) 4. Putting Friends of Suai on 'transition to zero funding' ('saving' \$126,000 per annum after 2021/22) 5. Removing funding from cycle education programs ('saving' \$15,000 per annum) Total 'savings' = \$388,000 I would much prefer that Council did not invest \$400,000 in high pressure cleaning of main streets, so hat 1-5 could continue to be supported with no extra burden on the Budget, and I would argue much greater community benefit.	ST KILDA
CBR-077	Keep Ripponlea Garden free for Pirt Phillip residents. ██████████	Port Melbourne
CBR-078	Please keep free access to ripponlea. The community never really got to fully benefit from this last year due to Covid, but it is on our doorstep and is such a great initiative and beautiful space to use. Was such a 'feel good' benefit to locals, it would be Terrible to take that away.	Elwood
CBR-079	Please do not remove free access to Rippon Lea Estate. This is a wonderful addition to community life.	St Kilda east
CBR-080	I do not agree with the proposed ceasing of free access to Rippon Lea Estate Gardens - expected saving is \$50,000	Ripponlea
CBR-081	I really enjoy visiting the Rippon Lea Estate Gardens - please keep the free access open!	St Kilda

<p>CBR-082</p>	<p>As a long-term volunteer I am closely involved with the Eco Centre garden program and the great many benefits it gives to the volunteers and the local community. I am very disappointed to only hear via my involvement in the Eco Centre that you are not continuing funding. It is not written anywhere specifically in your future plan. How do people let you know what they want if they do not get any information? This is not transparent and that is not good. In your future plan you outline several areas you are focusing upon.</p> <p>Increasing active living Improving Mental well being Tackling climate change</p> <p>Also mentioned is the importance of Liveable Port Phillip Sustainable Port Phillip Vibrant Port Phillip</p> <p>I can think of no other program that ticks all these boxes. The Friday program provides friendship, meaningful activity, exercise, learning about plants and food, social activity as a group, collective ownership of the program, tidying of the Eco Centre grounds, compost processing of tons of community waste each year, thus reducing landfill. The many people who volunteer come from all walks of life, socially isolated people, older people, young people, people from different cultures and socio economic backgrounds and with different abilities. All are welcomed into the program and soon feel part of the social fabric of the place. Many, many long-lasting friendships have come from people meeting here. I know that when I visit my mood lightens as I am in a supportive, non judgmental environment. I personally have made very special friends through being involved in the group which was one of the first things I joined when I came to Elwood 9 years ago. During Covid lockdown participants regularly Zoomed and phoned each other to stay connected. Surely in this age of social isolation and disconnection we need more programs like this not less.</p> <p>The garden is also a place to learn about propagation, caring for plants, which plants are edible and caring for the soil. Many participants have gone on to plant edible plants in their gardens or their balconies. The coordinator provides a very valuable and essential role in supporting the program and the participants Introducing new members, ensuring they have a job they are able to perform, organising rosters for watering, propagation and planting timetables, ensuring everyone is buddied up, ensuring that we have the right equipment etc Port Phillip could use this program as an example to other councils of how to engage and involve the local community in a valuable project. I can't for the life of me see why you would cut it. It has a very small budget and punches way above its weight.</p>	<p>Elwood</p>
<p>CBR-083</p>	<p>What is council doing about car parking fees in South Melbourne & St Kilda foreshore. Businesses are struggling to survive including the South Melbourne Market. Without these businesses the city dies. Council need to concentrate on boosting small business in the entire area.</p>	<p>Middle Park</p>
<p>CBR-084</p>	<p>Middle Park library serves no useful purpose. It is far too small and infrequently open. I know you tried to repurpose it recently and backed down in the face of a small but vocal opposition but I cannot believe that you have usage figures that would justify its continued cost or the objectors' arguments. If you have such data it would be useful to make them public.</p>	<p>Middle Park</p>

<p>CBR-085</p>	<p>I live in Elwood and there is a strong sense of Community. Elwood Village is locally driven and locally responsive. I believe people choose to live here because of its vibrancy, with great cafes restaurants, close proximity to the beach, open green space parklands to walk your dog, connect with people or just soak up the sun. A one stop shopping strip that has all that you need: a great fruit and veggie shop, butcher, post office, hair salons, newsagent, supermarket, bakery, book store, pharmacist, fashion shops, gelato shop and much more. As the Village has evolved into a thriving hub the streetscape design does not mirror this. It is tired, old, out dated and needs an injection of pedestrian street elements to evolve into the future and maintain shop capacity.</p> <p>It is often said, "Streets are one of the crucial city elements that signify the public life of the place."</p> <p>Some that should be considered for Elwood Village are ; Space for lounging, where people can relax and interact along the street. Water fountains, Children's play area, Dog tie stations for large dogs and small dogs, Doggie bags, Signage, Distinct design -Landscape markings with brick paving material, Art pieces, Bin guards, Established trees on both sides of the street, continued low vegetation planting Modern brick planters discarding the current blue and yellow bricks, Tree lighting to highlight their beauty Tree guards for low vegetation planting</p>	<p>Elwood</p>
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CBR-086	<p>I live, work and volunteer in the City of Port Phillip, and I just want to thank this Council for all that they do to support inclusion in our local community.</p> <p>In particular, I greatly appreciate Council's support of SouthPort Community Centre and the invaluable work that it does to connect people, assist isolated people, and foster wellbeing.</p> <p>I have been taking my sister-in-law [REDACTED] (who has Down's Syndrome and other physical health issues) to inclusive theatre group City of Voices, a program of SPCC, for the last 5 years, and she has been part of it for more than 10 years. It is the most positive thing in her life - the friendships she has made, the inclusive way the group is run ensuring everyone contributes, the chance for creativity, music and fun...the list goes on. For someone who finds it difficult to meet people and make friends, City of Voices is worth its weight in gold.</p> <p>Every week I see the way City of Voices brings out the best in people, and how the connections made there lead on to other positive things - friendships for those who are isolated, increased confidence leading to other opportunities and jobs, offers of help. And simply the joy of creating original theatre with a group of other people - it brings such meaning and happiness to all who attend.</p> <p>Both [REDACTED] and I thank Port Phillips Council for the support it provides to SouthPort Community Centre and the City of Voices, and we look forward to that support continuing for years to come. And to inviting all Councilors to our next production!</p>	St Kilda
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CBR-171	I think the Friends of Suai project is brilliant and a credit to the Council. It is a model for other councils and aid projects. Please keep supporting this wonderful venture.	St kilda
CBR-172	<p>I visited Timor Lest in 2019 for the purpose of research for a WW2 project, the research revealed the amount of assistance that was given to Australian troops to avoid being over ridden by invading enemy troops. Post WW2 Timor Leste have struggled to survive despite the devastation that occurred in recent years. More recently the floods in Timor-Leste caused 45 deaths and some 10,000 people were displaced, including 7000 in the capital, with widespread damage to roads and bridges, and around 4500 dwellings destroyed. COVID is their new threat and there the cases have increased significantly in recent weeks. Timor Leste are desperately in need of Australia's help, and Abel Guterres, former Ambassador of Timor-Leste to Australia is now working in Dili as part of the Timor Leste Government's COVID response. He said that since the floods and the need for so many people to be placed in close quarters in emergency housing/tents, cases have taken off in Dili which is the epicentre. They are recording around 200 cases a day at present. Vaccinations are being rolled out, with 10,000 doses from WHO, 20,000 from Australia and they are also getting vaccines from China. They prioritise front line workers, and older people but the vaccination centres are open to all and operating seven days a week. A humanitarian response from Port Phillip Council would greatly appreciated. Please.</p>	Parkdale

CBR-173	Refer to attachment CBR-173	Melbourne
CBR-174	It is important to continue the funding to support the Suai / Covalima in the budget. For such a small portion of our budget the funds provided to the East Timor community makes a huge difference to the lives of people in one of the poorest countries in our region. I would support an increase in rates for the continuation of the support we provide if that is necessary. How would it look if we abandoned the community at this time when they have to live through floods and Covid in addition to their poor living standards. Our community should be well and truly capable of continued financial support for a small group of people who are our neighbours. It is not as if we are taking on the world and its problems. Our budget should not always be about economics and seeing a return but also about compassion for other less fortunate than ourselves.	Port Melbourne
CBR-175	<p>I write regarding developments concerning the City of Port Phillip's support for Friends of Suai/Cova Lima and the Cova Lima Community Centre. I have had a connection to Port Phillip and/or Friends of Suai/Cova Lima for many years and have been impressed with the thoughtful support from the council and how the Port Phillip community had got behind the friendship.</p> <p>However I was shocked to find that the 2021-22 Draft Council Budget released last month cancelled the funding for Friends of Suai (without any prior notice or warning). Thankfully a new draft is currently undergoing community consultation.</p> <p>I urge Council, that if the City of Port Phillip does determine to cease funding the Covalima Community Centre (an annual grant to the Community Centre in Suai of around \$60,000, plus a part time Coordinator here) and which we do not concede should occur, this should be phased out over a period of 5 years with a gradual reduction each year, not arbitrarily stopped. The City of Port Phillip employs a Coordinator in Australia for 3 days per week to manage the program and to provide mentoring and support. I ask that this position be retained in order to manage an orderly transition and to assist the Community Centre seek alternative sources of funds to continue its highly successful and much-needed work.</p> <p>I have seen for myself the wonderful outcomes achieved by FoSC and their partners in Timor-Leste. I have seen how this work has strengthened community in both countries.</p> <p>There is so much more to do. Covid is becoming more of a challenge and FoSC's partner is key to efforts to prevent the spread of infection in Covalima. We need to help our neighbors.</p> <p>It is not unusual for all levels of government including Local Government, to have relations with other places around the world. Many councils in Victoria have these relationships. This Friendship is a warm and trusted relationship, not aid, and it is in Australia's national interest to retain and nourish it.</p> <p>So much investment has already been made by many people. Let's not throw this away. Let's recognize that we have so much to give and so much to learn from Timor-Leste.</p> <p>Australia is a rich country; the City of Port Phillip is relatively affluent and can afford to provide this support.</p> <p>The council made a commitment to the friendship. Now is not a good time to walk away from supporting the Friendship when COVID-19 cases are increasing and Timor Leste has experienced the worst floods in 40 years.</p>	Brunswick East
CBR-176	<p>Thank you, Councillors, for co-funding the EcoCentre redevelopment and programs. Please also continue funding the community garden and compost team. The EcoCentre is important to me because it is a space that any body can come and participate in greening activities, and learn how to apply these tools to their own day to day lives. Please further help climate and nature in Port Phillip by continuing to support the good work that this Centre delivers for our community.</p> <p>I would also like to see Council supporting the amazing unpaid carers in our community. Without their dedication and unrelenting support to our more vulnerable neighbours, even more vulnerable people in our community would be further socially isolated. The impact on the health of our carers is undervalued and unrecognised. Council could make simple changes in just the language used throughout its processes to start the recognition in our community.</p>	Parkville

CBR-177	<p>I would like to register my concern with regard to the proposal to discontinue funding for the Friends of Suai / Covalima program. The program has a humanist, historical and cultural significance for the parties involved in Australia and in East Timor. It has had a massive economic and community empowerment benefits for the people of Suai / Covalima, while running on a minimal budget here. In other words, it has had most impressive cost / benefit outcomes. It has harnessed a consistent and excellent community and volunteer input, with very tangible results in the form of capacity building, improved educational outcomes, especially for girls, school sanitation programs, to name just a few. Further, cutting the program while East Timor is dealing with a spread of COVID 19, seems to be a poor decision from the humanitarian viewpoint. I respectfully add my voice to many others trying to reverse this proposal by CoPP.</p>	St Kilda
CBR-178	<p>Please stop. Just stop. Focus on the basic services that all residents and traders need. Stop doing all the other stuff. No matter how interesting it is. Everyone knows that the basics are boring. But that's what we all need. No matter how many people, wanting something for nothing, ask you for yet more money. Just say no. Say yes to focussing on the residents. Make our lives better. Do your job.</p>	St Kilda
CBR-179	Refer to attachment CBR-179	Middle Park
CBR-180	<p>Port Phillip councillors, thank you for this chance to submit some ideas relating to your budget for the coming year. It seems that declaring a climate emergency must have been so exhausting a process that you have quite forgotten to draft a coherent plan as to how this can be undertaken. Since that declaration took place, many other whole countries and municipalities across the globe have pledged to implement serious programs to arrest Global warming, while a growing consensus about the reality of there being a Climate Crisis arcs across the political divide in many parts of Australia and the world at large. You are highlighting sustainability as a priority, yet you only have a staff of eight in that department. Planning and implementing any significant program in a city this size takes a lot more than that. Unlucky Balaclava and Ripponlea won't be getting funding for open spaces in this years budget, at this stage. St Kilda East will only benefit by having a small project funded in Alma park. It is difficult to understand why that is, when they are the most in need of improvement. Why is the Green line proposal being ignored? Do your constituents in low lying areas of Port Phillip think about the time that will eventually arrive when they are increasingly feeling the impact of extreme tidal and weather events in the bay? Perhaps they don't know or prefer not to think about it, but it is your duty of care as community leaders to take care of long term planning and education. One only has to know what is happening on the Eastern seaboard of the USA and closer home in the Torres Strait Islands and other low lying Islands in the Pacific to see how close we might be to disaster here. Can you tell us what your plan is please, and also, please don't tell us again that it's all in hand, when it's clearly not. Thank-you for your time.</p>	East St Kilda

<p>CBR-181</p>	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>After watching the St Kilda Film festival documentary 'The Art of Friendship' today about the impact that the Friends of Suai program has had on people in East Timor as well those involved in the friendship in city of Port Phillip, I urge you to continue financially supporting this program.</p> <p>I believe the benefit of this program does and will continue to have positive effects for relationships between Australia and East Timor, and ripple effects of empowering communities both overseas and in Australia.</p> <p>Kind regards, ██████████ St Kilda West resident.</p>	<p>St Kilda West</p>
<p>CBR-182</p>	<p>City of Port Phillip Budget 21/22</p> <p>Hello,</p> <p>I would like to see the City of Port Phillip continue funding for current and future environmental programs run by the Port Phillip Eco Centre. It has had a focus on community and the environment for quite some time and is needed more so into the future.</p> <p>It is helpful when other volunteers at the Port Phillip Eco Centre have a similar focus on what is important and that it is the environment that sustains us and we all need to keep it healthy and vibrant.</p> <p>It is hoped that the City of Port Phillip can renew funding to the Community garden and other sustainability projects throughout the municipality.</p> <p>Finally it is encouraging that council has supported the push for the new Eco Centre as its time has come.</p> <p>Regards, ██████████</p>	<p>Essendon</p>
<p>CBR-183</p>	<p>Thank you, Councillors, for co-funding the EcoCentre redevelopment and programs. Please also continue funding the community garden and compost team.</p> <p>Please also continue to plant more plants throughout COPP, and give us ALL green bins for plant and food waste, AND have communal compost stations, AND give us free mulch for our gardens.</p> <p>please educate everyone re what should and should not go into recycle bins.</p> <p>please enhance the bay, canal and beaches cleanliness: improve waste traps and beach grooming. support the local volunteer groups that pick up rubbish, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EcoCentre is important to me because of all the good work it does. i donate to it monthly. <p>yours sincerely ██████████ ██████████ elwood 3184</p>	<p>ELWOOD</p>
<p>CBR-184</p>	<p>I strongly object the proposed budget cuts to the quality subsidy for childcare centres in the City of Port Phillip. My 17 month old toddler ██████ attends Poets Grove Family and Children's Centre where he is happy and thriving. The high quality care my son receives is due to the fair child to educator ratio and qualified, experienced educators. His care will be threatened if council proceed with the unfair cuts to quality funding on top of increasing the centre's fees and levies. This is simply not on. It does not reflect the community values that council prides itself on and will lead to negative impacts—both financial and educational—for all children, families, educators and centres. I urge you to scrap these proposed funding cuts immediately and restore our community's faith that council are here to serve the needs of its people and our vulnerable children.</p>	<p>Elwood</p>

CBR-185	<p>Things that are important to me:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Excellent bicycle and walking facilities. Given the City of Port Phillip is the most densely populated local government area in Victoria, we need to encourage cycling, walking and public transport use to avoid congested streets/roads and heavily polluted air. I strongly support the Inkerman St safe cycling corridor; bicycle lanes need to be physically separated from motor vehicles. 2. Funding free access to Ripponlea Gardens. These are a beautiful natural space and important given a large percentage of people in the municipality who live in apartments with no outdoor area. 3. Positive action on climate change. COPP declared a Climate Emergency; strategies are needed, at all levels of government, to prevent the catastrophic effects of climate change, which will occur if urgent action is not taken. 4. The Eco-centre; this is such a valuable resource and needs to be allowed to continue to provide so much for the community. 5. Well funded services. I believe well funded services are required to ensure the COPP continues to be an Inclusive, Liveable, Sustainable, Vibrant and Well-Governed city. <p>I am comfortable with my rates being increased to ensure services are maintained.</p>	St Kilda
CBR-186	<p>The Bayside Climate Crisis Action Group (BCCAG) support the Port Phillip Emergency Climate Action Network (PECAN) submission to the final Port Phillip Council Plan and Budget with its request to add the following critical priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintenance of the community engagement and in-person events programs including the Enviro Leaders program, community gardening program at the EcoCentre, rooftop solar and Sustainable Business Networks. Allocation of adequate funds for scoping and budgeting of the Green Line public open space initiative. Long term commitment to equitable access to public open space for Port Phillip and adjoining suburbs residents, especially those in suburbs east of Brighton Rd, initiated through the Public Space Strategy to be completed this year. Long term commitment to allocation of council resources to tackle the climate emergency, especially community emissions produced by industrial and commercial sectors, and effective measures to assist renters and apartment dwellers to reduce their emissions. 	St Kilda East
CBR-187	<p>While there are many commendable investments in the latest Budget and Council Plan, these fail in a number of important areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Once again the council has failed to follow up on its declaration of a climate emergency with a Climate Emergency Action Plan that dedicates sufficient investment to decarbonise Port Phillip. Furthermore, council's sustainability team is under-resourced to tackle the mounting challenges of the climate emergency. 2. The budget lacks investment in public open space sufficient to address the longstanding inequities in access across Port Phillip, especially in the suburbs east of Brighton Road, which have less than 5% open space. 3. Capital investment in the budget grossly favours the privileged suburbs at the expense of others. Ripponlea receives only \$29 per capita of spending, and Balaclava and St Kilda East receive \$180 spending. All other suburbs received over \$500 investment per capita; with Port Melbourne receiving over \$1,200 per person. Maintenance and gold-plating of existing public spaces in these areas entrenches historical inequity in access to public open space and facilities. 	St Kilda East

CBR-188

Dear Councillor,

St Kilda

I write to you with regard to the proposed rate increase for the The City of Port Philip.

I have extensively compared and reviewed the profile and financials of the surrounding councils (Glen Eira, Bayside and Stonnington) all with similar population and area to manage of The City of Port Philip.

Below are my findings, with the data sourced from council annual reports and located at the end of this email.

- We have the average number of residents
- We occupy less than two thirds the area or our neighbour peer councils
- Our revenue is one third higher than our peers
- Our rates income is \$20m or 20% higher than the average
- Our expenses are 1.5 times higher the average
- Our employee cost are 1.5 times higher the average
- Council surplus one third that of our peers
- Income per resident 1.5 times higher the average
- Rates per resident one third higher than the average
- Expenses per resident two thirds higher than our peers
- Employee costs per resident two thirds higher than our peers
- Average staff salary costs over one third higher than our peers

Please explain these statistics in comparison to councils with similar residents, geography, services, population, infrastructure and social responsibility.

The City of Port Philip wastes money on excessive staff salaries 40% higher than our peers, we've got a lower footprint 61% to manage from a roads and infrastructure perspective, we over pay people and do not spend our ratepayers money effectively or efficiently.

Find savings and efficiencies, not rate increases. We have had enough.

If you approve a rate increase based on this level of incompetence from the CEO and senior council management you are complicit in their incompetence and will be held accountable for their mismanagement of our financial affairs.

Data

Council	Population	Area (km2)	Population per Hectare	Revenue	Rates Income	Total Expenses	Employee costs	Council P&L
Port Philip	116,476	20.7	56.59	\$ 236,873,000	\$ 129,017,000	\$ 229,966,000	\$ 94,675,000	6,907,000
Port Philip Percentage Average Comparable Councils	91%	61%	146%	136%	119%	152%	151%	32%
Glen Eira	158,216	38.4	40.91	\$ 189,926,000	\$ 109,565,000	\$ 164,506,000	\$ 74,251,000	25,420,000
Bayside	107,541	37.0	28.92	\$ 139,928,000	\$ 97,954,000	\$ 125,873,000	\$ 45,566,000	14,055,000
Stonnington	118,614	25.6	46.27	\$ 190,971,000	\$ 117,736,000	\$ 164,994,000	\$ 68,812,000	25,977,000
Average (Glen Eira, Bayside & Stonnington)	128,124	34.39	39.173	608,333	108,418,333	151,791,000	62,876,333	21,817,333

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<p>CBR-191</p>	<p>I support the submission made by Progressive Port Phillip, and would like to focus on the following main areas.</p> <p>Rates and money Congratulations on maintaining rate relief for those in financial stress and resisting the false campaign against maintaining rate revenue to support our community assets and services. Local government can make such a big difference to their communities' quality of life, and CoPP can borrow cheaply at this time to renew and enhance infrastructure for the long term and achieve great value for the community by spending wisely. Neither minimising the rates take nor cutting services would deliver the quality outcomes in the short or longer term that our city expects.</p> <p>Community Childcare Quality Subsidy should continue. It is a shame to cut this funding as it has been so well argued over the years. The evidence is clear, that investment in quality early years' care and education leads to multifold benefits for children's health, brain development, learning and socialisation and to significant budgetary savings down the track, forestalling potential costs for society at large and indeed our own community. Significant research locally and internationally has identified this and I am sure that the Childrens' Services team can point you to this evidence and how the CoPP Quality subsidy and Child and Family Services are directed to these objectives.</p> <p>Friends of Suai Covalima support Our support of communities in East Timor is as important at this time as it has ever been. East Timor is an emerging and under-resourced nation, vulnerable to health and economic impacts of Covid 19, and CoPP's participation in the sister city relationship along with similar arrangements between other Australian LGAs and locations scattered across East Timor has made a huge difference to date. Please maintain CoPP support.</p> <p>Local Arts Organisations While it is great to see Council's continued commitment to Linden and Gasworks, the proposed cuts to funding for 6 fantastic local Arts organisations is not consistent with the proposed Council Plan pages 48-50 which identifies the broad objectives of fostering creative, diverse and inclusive participation in our arts and cultural sectors, economic development and tourism . We cannot turn away from established local arts organisations, a number of which have statewide and national significance, and expect to achieve the cultural vibrancy and social engagement for which our city has been deservedly well known. This presents a significant reputational risk, and may discourage arts practitioners from seeing CoPP as their home. There may well be consequent hits to tourism and hospitality, which have shared the pain and future pandemic risks.</p>	<p>ALBERT PARK</p>
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CBR-192	<p>I live, work and volunteer in Port Phillip. The climate emergency will impact City of Port Phillip (Council, businesses and community) long beyond the devastation of COVID-19. I support the modest rate rise, for the immense portfolio of services and benefits it provides. I support all funding for the EcoCentre facilities and programs. I encourage more investment in Council-run climate action particularly aimed at energy efficiency and emissions reduction for renters, high density dwellings, commercial and industrial sites; as well as community engagement to complement EcoCentre initiatives. A genuine response to the climate emergency (and meeting Local Government Act, EPA Act and Victorian Climate Change Strategy obligations) takes resourcing of more than 1% of Council staff.</p> <p>Do not cut the community partnership programs that align so directly (and report clearly against) Council's strategic directions: inclusive, liveable, sustainable, and vibrant. Do not cut the EcoCentre PPUFFN program. Do not cut access to Ripponlea Gardens (a fraction of the cost for acquiring our own new open space). Do not cut the triennium funding to 6 arts orgs that are part of the tapestry of Port Phillip. Do not reduce bike / active transport initiatives at a time when we need to cut emissions and face hesitation to take public transport. So many of these programs provide returns to environmental, social, economic and health targets for our city.</p> <p>I acknowledge Council faces balancing a difficult budget, while also balancing current and future generations (Local Government Act). The economy has made an astonishing comeback across Australia. Do not limit the visionary goals of this four year budget based on current constraints; allow for increased resourcing (with asterisks if needed) based on the actual needs and ambitions expressed clearly and consistently by community, and indeed in Council's own strategic direction themes.</p>	East St Kilda
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CBR-193	<p>We are in the midst of a Climate Emergency and we have left action until it is almost too late.</p> <p>In responding to this dire situation, many local governments have led the way with Climate Emergency declarations. Councils such as the City of Darebin have developed an integrated approach, a Climate Emergency Plan so that actions on the Climate Emergency can inform every area of local government.</p> <p>Port Phillip Council must start to treat their Climate Emergency declaration as more than just fine words. We, the people of Port Phillip, need you to act like the emergency is real. We want community emissions reduction policies and targets, blue/green infrastructure to enhance soil and water health for mitigation and adaptation, integrated transport policies and more. We want a proper Climate Emergency Plan with targets and ways of measuring their implementation and results. We do not want the current piecemeal approach that just says we are doing enough. And above all we need ongoing community engagement, education, consultation and activation to ensure that such a Climate Emergency Plan is as effective as possible.</p> <p>Sir David Attenborough speaking at the UN Security Council earlier this year said: "If we bring emissions down with sufficient vigour we may yet avoid the tipping points that will make runaway climate change unstoppable."</p> <p>This must be the priority of all of us over the next decade. Street sweeping and waste collection will not get us there. A tiny Sustainability Department will not get us there. We can and must do more.</p>	St Kilda East
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CBR-194	<p>Friends of Suai is an enviable model of good development. Development begins by building relationships, and over the past 20 or so years the City of Port Phillip has done just that with some of the most intelligent and knowledgeable skilled volunteers at the helm. These people have not only built an important community support group locally, but also developed a skilled municipal group in Timor Leste, a country crying out for leadership and skill development in local government. The goodwill and good people on both sides are now established for a brighter future in this region for our poorest neighbors.</p> <p>Our local volunteers need to be honored and acknowledged. History cannot be forgotten. Nationally, this relationship is an important connection that should be leveraged to a point of much greater visibility. Several people in this cohort of volunteers have received Australian honors, as there is a much bigger picture at play at our close borders, as many of us would be aware. Well done to the City of Port Phillip! Canberra should be made aware of your work to enhance both the work and connections that you have made so strongly. It is perhaps a time to reflect on this valuable relationship with pride, and please respect the work that has been done by the volunteers of past and present who gather in the City of Port Phillip. As with all good programs adjustments are always being made. Could you please ensure that time, planning, support and funding is available so as to not leave disenfranchise the Timorese leadership and good people in the City of Port Phillip community who have succeeded where lesser groups have failed.</p> <p>Thank you, from a strong supporter, volunteer and donor to this cause.</p>	Camberwell
CBR-195	Refer to attachment CBR-195	Fitzroy North
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CBR-199	<p>Congratulations Councillors on the following inclusions in the 21/22 budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support for EcoCentre redevelopment and maintaining operational funding• Increased funding for Greening Port Phillip• Support for Elsternwick Park during this 4-year Council term• Continued commitment to reduction of Council's own emissions, electric vehicle infrastructure, sustainability as criterion for procurement of goods and services• Increased funding for stormwater harvesting• Importantly, a rate increase of 1.5% to sustain investment across council programs both in this year's budget and through its compounding effects into the future. <p>In terms of unmet priorities we respectfully ask the Council undertake these 4 actions in this 21/22 Budget:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A commitment to reducing business and industrial emissions in Port Phillip. Not just a business advisory service but a commitment to fully progress a PPA over this Council term, with development funding attached (1FTE officer), rather than diverting staff time from community outreach and education programs. This officer could also progress the energy efficiency program for renters and apartment dwellers.2. More investment and specific commitments to open space/greening projects needed in the areas with just 5% of open space, i.e., areas east of Nepean Highway: East St Kilda, Balaclava, Ripponlea and part of St Kilda, with about 25,000 residents forming nearly 25% of Port Phillip's population.3. Scoping study for a first stage of the Green Line proposal, either from Alma Park to Inkerman St or the Lyndon St pocket park, and restoration of funding for free access to Ripponlea Gardens for all residents of Port Phillip. With the Public Space Strategy yet to be finalized it is important that a concrete plan for adding new open space is included, using property reserves to the value of \$10m for appropriate property purchases during the current Council Plan.4. A Climate Emergency Action Plan which consolidates a whole of Council response, promotes better community understanding of the climate emergency, and reframes Council staff and programs away from the business-as-usual stance. <p>With thanks for your continuing support for critical environmental issues</p> <p>██████████ EcoCentre Representative PECAN</p>	Middle Park
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CBR-200	<p>I note that the Council has removed the \$30,000 funding/year for six key arts organisations which expires at the end of the financial year. They are the Australian Tapestry Workshop; Rawcus Theatre Company; Red Stitch Actors Theatre; The Torch; Phillip Adams BalletLab, and Theatre Works. These organisations with have been treated with pretty consistent bloody mindedness by the Federal government ever since [REDACTED] succumbed to his inner Medici and went full traditional on the arts. The fact that these organisations have survived at all is a tribute to their tenacity and creativity and the ability of the Port Phillip Council to recognise their value.</p> <p>I do acknowledge the extra support provided by Council during the pandemic. The support for the St Kilda Film Festival is also inspiring, and the determination to focus more on screen businesses in our borough is pretty terrific. It is just that you are now hitting some very fragile organisations.</p> <p>BUT...</p> <p>As the council said in its previous documents, these grants add credibility to those organisations because they signal local commitment and their value against competitive judgement.</p> <p>Perhaps I am being parochial, but it seems to me that Port Phillip Council is pretty well unique in Australia for its commitment to the extended artistic and cultural wellbeing of its citizens. This is something to be really proud of. It makes a difference - we only have to look at the commitment to the Pride Centre to see how cultural funding is really valuable. Those of us in West St Kilda have our fingers crossed that it can revive the Deadzone of Fitzroy Street, which the council has been addressing as well.</p> <p>At the same time, I notice another attack on smaller cultural organisations. You are pulling \$107,000 out of the Sport Phillip program which is specifically aimed at removing barriers to participation by providing low cost, flexible options to all members of the community. This includes underrepresented groups such as females, all abilities, seniors, indigenous and CALD communities.</p> <p>This touches me deeply because I am 70 years old with a chronic lung disease. I am in and out of the Alfred Hospital physiotherapy program which is unable to provide ongoing facilities. I know just what difference a local sport program can provide to people dealing with isolation, ageing and personal decay in a community now ravaged by increasing rents.</p> <p>The persistent gentrification suffered by our community is of benefit to those people who profit from the rising value of their houses. Without cultural and community finding suburbs I ke ours turn into dreary, narrow minded wastelands.</p> <p>I can't help thinking that we would be better off supporting cultural and wel being activities rather than making sure our streets are a bit cleaner. They are actually pretty good.</p>	West St Kilda
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CBR-201	<p>Thank you, Councillors, for co-funding the EcoCentre redevelopment and programs. Please also continue funding the community garden and compost team.</p> <p>The EcoCentre is important to me because, as a teacher, I rely on the valuable information and guidance that supports the curriculum I deliver to my students. Empowering children to act and make a difference in the community is a powerful way to combat the climate crisis.</p> <p>Please further help climate and nature in Port Phillip by increasing funding for tree planting, improved waste, compost and recycling programs, continuing the Ride2School funding for schools.</p> <p>Climate and nature are in crisis, but together we can lead positive change for land, water, wildlife and community wellbeing.</p>	ST KILDA EAST
CBR-202	<p>I have seen that Council are considering cutting the organisational funding currently allocated to 6 arts organisations, that are based locally. All arts organisations have not only suffered horrendously during Covid, but are essential to assist with rebuilding our community, providing opportunities for social and creative expression and enjoyment, and sharing our culture and stories. Whilst the 6 organisations all do great work, I would like to see Council open up Applications for organisational funding to all NFP Arts Organisations that are based locally, and prioritise ones that currently don't receive operational support elsewhere. The 6 arts organisations currently receiving funding are all getting operational funding from State and/or Federal Government, which not only ensures their existence, it allows them to pay professionals to write project funding grants, seek sponsorship, and generate maximum return on Box Office sales. Meanwhile there are quite a few creative organisations, that are also based in Port Phillip, that not only have struggled through Covid, they receive no such support, which disadvantages them in securing support for their work, and it is a very real possibility that many won't survive the year without some help. Please consider not cutting this funding, and instead of just allocating it to the same organisations, please allow any local NFP groups to apply for this support, and prioritise groups that don't receive operational support from State and/or Federal Government. Its time to share rate payers funds more widely and fairly, and ensure that the small allocations that are given to the arts, are assisting the groups with the most immediate needs, not the highest profile. Only then will our creative industries flourish, providing our community with more opportunities to be involved in the arts, and local artists more chance of sharing their culture, stories and feeling supported.</p>	Port Melbourne
CBR-203	Refer to attachment CBR-203	South Melbourne
CBR-204	Refer to attachment CBR-204	South Melbourne
CBR-205	Refer to attachment CBR-205	St Kilda

CBR-211	<p>Thank you, Councillors, for co-funding the EcoCentre redevelopment and programs. Please also continue funding the community garden and compost team.</p> <p>The EcoCentre is important to me because they provide me free community activities that focuses on learning about the native environment and connecting with my community in this era of isolation.</p> <p>Please further help climate and nature in Port Phillip by reducing plastic waste in Food and drinks industries, more innovative revegetation in urban areas and creative ways of engaging the community</p> <p>Climate and nature are in crisis, but together we can lead positive change for land, water, wildlife and community wel being.</p>	st kilda east
CBR-212	Refer to attachment CBR-212	Elwood
CBR-213	Refer to attachment CBR-213	South Melbourne
CBR-214	Thank you for funding the Port Phillip EcoCentre.	St Kilda
CBR-215	Refer to attachment CBR-215	St.Kilda East

<p>CBR-216</p>	<p>First, I would like to thank Councillors and CoPP for co-funding the EcoCentre redevelopment and programs. The EcoCentre does outstanding work and Council's co-funding is an excellent investment in community-powered environmental education, engagement & action!</p> <p>I have to say I was very surprised at the proposed pressure cleaning of main streets at an additional cost of \$400,000. Especially in view of proposed cuts to sport & recreational programs for underrepresented groups, access to RipponLea Gardens, cuts to Arts Programs (e.g. to Theatre Works, Rawcus, The Torch, Australian Tapestry Workshop etc) and cuts to bike riding programs. As a member of the community, I do NOT support these proposed cuts. In terms of priorities, I most certainly do NOT prize pressure cleaning of main streets over these other programs of community participation, health, well-being, care and enrichment.</p> <p>I broadly agree with the draft Community Vision but have a different relative ordering of priorities there too. I think it is important to acknowledge that the Traditional Owners, the Yaluk-ut Weelam Clan of the Boonwurrung, do not just have a 'legacy'. They have a living presence in our city and an ethos of reciprocal care and respect for the land, waters and community—a good guide to how we ought to approach to repairing damage, addressing inequity, anticipating threats and promoting wise management of our living environment and communities.</p> <p>To that end, I would've like to see greater ambition and commitment in our Community Vision and Council Plan, to tackling our climate crisis. In particular, I would like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Long term commitment to allocation of council resources to tackle the climate emergency, especially community emissions produced by Industrial and commercial sectors, and effective measures to assist renters and apartment dwellers to reduce their emissions - Long term commitment to equitable access to public open space for all Port Phillip residents, especially those in suburbs east of Brighton Rd, initiated through the Public Space Strategy to be completed this year - Maintenance of the community engagement and in-person events programs including the Enviro Leaders program, community gardening program at the EcoCentre, rooftop solar and Sustainable Business Networks - Maintenance of \$50,000 for access to Ripponlea Estate for Port Phillip residents, and possible extension to other National Trust properties <p>I have read both the Port Phillip Emergency Climate Action Network (PECAN) and Balaclava Environment, Streets and Trees (BEST) submissions on the draft Budget and Council Plan and I support both the PECAN and BEST submissions.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	<p>Balaclava</p>
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<p>CBR-217</p>	<p>Continue Council support for Friends of Suai/Covalima</p> <p>In September 2020 The City of Port Phillip renewed its 21-year program of friendship with the municipality and people of Suai in East Timor. Yet, the Draft Budget for 2021/22 suggests that this year's funding may well be the last it contributes to the program.</p> <p>East Timor is one of the newest and smallest countries in South East Asia, having become independent in 2002 and having a population of approx 1.2m people. Most of the population relies on subsistence agriculture, which is increasingly affected by climate change. As well as being vulnerable to tropical storms, flooding and cyclones, ET is also subject to more frequent drought conditions during the dry season.</p> <p>The capital, Dili, is only a few metres above sea level, and rising sea levels coupled with cyclone conditions represent a particularly dangerous situation. In early April cyclone Seroja brought torrential rain to East Timor, leading to widespread flooding and mudslides. There were many deaths and over 10,000 people were displaced as houses were swept away by flash floods and mudslides. Immediately before the cyclone struck, the country declared a state of emergency, due to Covid outbreaks, compounding the misery of people forced to seek shelter in temporary evacuation centres.</p> <p>Just a year prior to the cyclone, in March 2020, another major flood was experienced following days of torrential rains. Better urban and agricultural planning could help remediate some of the worst effects of climate change, but it is inevitable that the contrasting impacts of drought and flooding will continue to place huge burdens on East Timor's government and people.</p> <p>Several days ago Dili was recording over 200 cases of Covid daily; vaccinations are being rolled out with 20,000 doses supplied by Australia. In Covalima, there were 10 clusters of cases on Wednesday, with 55 positive cases in isolation and over 100 close contacts in quarantine. The district is in lockdown until May 31, with all social events and celebrations cancelled, schools and markets closed and travel between villages restricted.</p> <p>The Covalima Community Centre (CCC) is one of two NGOs in the District Covid Taskforce, the other being the Red Cross. The Ministry of Health is supporting them with information, but doesn't have funds for materials, staffing or transport. The CCC is seeking assistance with electricity, water, food and bedding for those in isolation and quarantine.</p> <p>In these circumstances, this is hardly the time for Port Phillip to consider transitioning away from funding Friends of Suai, and endangering its long-standing relationship with East Timor. Instead, it should be strengthening the support it provides our struggling neighbour by committing ongoing funding to its own program. Some believe Friends of Suai is a community group or a charity. But it is not. It is a program of Council supported by a Community Reference Committee of Council which "promotes the Friends of Suai Covalima (East Timor) program across the Port Phillip community, and promotes and assists with ongoing relationships between the Port Phillip and Suai communities." (https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/governance-performance-and-advocacy/special-and-advisory-committees).</p> <p>████████████████████</p> <p>for PECAN</p>	<p>Balacalava</p>
<p>CBR-218</p>	<p>Refer to attachment CBR-218</p>	<p>St Kilda East</p>

CBR-219	Refer to attachment CBR-219	Balaclava
CBR-220	Refer to attachment CBR-220	Elwood
CBR-221	Refer to attachment CBR-221	Middle Park, 3206.
CBR-222	Refer to attachment CBR-222	St. Kilda
CBR-223	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you, Councillors, for co-funding the EcoCentre redevelopment and programs. Please also continue funding the community garden and compost team. • The EcoCentre is important to me because the climate can't wait! • Please further help climate and nature in Port Phillip by allocating maximum possible funds to the EcoCentre and similar projects! 	Albert Park
CBR-224	<p>I would like overall rates to be reduced.</p> <p>I expect the use of technology and on line systems to improve efficiency and reduce the cost of the provision of council services.</p> <p>I expect reviews of services to be conducted to identify cost effective opportunities for making improvements.</p> <p>I expect the move to more more sustainable systems to reduce council costs.</p> <p>I expect the identification and implementation of cost effective systems and processes.</p> <p>I expect council management to be rewarded for cost reductions.</p> <p>I expect the CEO to have cost reduction as a key performance indicator and his/her remuneration to be influenced by these indicators.</p>	St Kilda West
CBR-225	Refer to attachment CBR-225	South Melbourne
CBR-226	<p>As a resident of St Kilda for many years, I was dismayed/appalled/disappointed by a number of decisions reflected in this draft budget. One issue in particular is the sudden decision to cease funding Friends of Suai/Covalima (FoS/C). Only last September (2020) did the Council endorse our 5 year Strategic Plan which is based on strengthening the Council's partner, the Covalima Community Centre (CCC) to enable it to become increasingly independent. It is so obvious to me that this decision was not given sufficient consideration - it takes no account of the consequences of an abrupt end to this very successful Council project, to the people of Timor Leste. An abrupt end to funding means job losses for staff and the inability of our partner to implement ongoing programs such as scholarships for further education, the With One Seed community forestry/carbon credit trading scheme, Covid response and the flood relief programs (recent worst floods in 40 years). I have always been so proud of our Council for supporting the most vulnerable in our community here as well as engaging in this valuable Friendship with Covalima.at many levels- the people to people, community to community and Municipality to Municipality levels. A transition period has been underway for some time so I ask the Council to show their generosity of spirit and reconsider its decision and request that the funding be re-instated to allow this transition to continue.</p>	St Kilda West
CBR-227	Refer to attachment CBR-227	Port Melbourne
CBR-228	Please re consider cutting funding to the arts community when they are just getting back on their feet and we need to have these enriching opportunities of engagement.	Middle Park

CBR-229	<p>Thank you, Councillors, for co-funding the EcoCentre redevelopment and programs The EcoCentre is important to me because it represents an investment for the future well being of our city and its inhabitants- as opposed to just maintaining the status quo.</p> <p>These are difficult times but I understand and commend the recent increase in rates as being necessary to ensure that there is ongoing support for the EcoCentre and for other initiatives which support the City's commitment to the Climate Emergency facing the citizens of this city.</p> <p>The City of Port Phillip has always shown leadership and will continue to with the current budget plan and commitment to an issue which is the greatest challenge facing mankind.</p> <p>██████████</p>	Elwood
CBR-230	Refer to attachment CBR-230	South Melbourne
CBR-231	<p>Firstly I would like to thank all involved in the procurement of funding for the New Eco Centre that was just announced. This will help to further the work of the centre into the future.</p> <p>When I first moved to St Kilda three years ago I hardly knew anyone in the area. I was recently retired and wanted to find an organisation that was looking for volunteers and which had sustainability principles. I had been living in Daylesford which is a mecca for permaculture, community gardens and foodshare groups. Once I found the Eco Centre I felt at home. I had discovered my community and since then have been involved in the Friday gardening group as well as various side projects that we have been invited to participate in. I am currently involved in the Blessington Street Litter Audit and I also helped with the Sunscreen Sampling Survey of the water at St Kilda beach.</p> <p>Membership of the group provides friendship and a feeling of being imbedded in community. Last year we planted out a neglected triangle of land on the corner of Barkly and Carlisle Streets that had become a de-facto tip. It is now a thriving green space, free of rubbish and a delight to look at. The garden group provides volunteers to a variety of other community groups as well as non-government organisations and educational facilities.</p> <p>As such it has a vital part to play in the move to a more sustainable way of living which benefits us all and for such a small cost!</p>	St Kilda
CBR-232	<p>PLEASE do NOT change your system for funding the Arts and Culture groups in the municipality.</p> <p>My daughter has an intellectual disability and has been a member of Rawcus Theatre for nearly 20 years. It is a vital part of her life and helped her develop in many ways. If there was an impact on the level of monetary and staff support that would be a TRAGEDY.</p> <p>PLEASE RECONSIDER.....</p>	Wallan
CBR-233	<p>I write to oppose the significant budget cuts to services outlined in the budget. As a long term resident and rate payer I disagree with decisions to cut services and support for important investments and urge they not be cut.</p> <p>The cuts go against what other levels of Governments- progressive and conservative- are doing to respond to the pandemic. It is short sighted and not in the interests of a flourishing and economically prosperous city to see unnecessary cuts to the arts, services and cost effective local spaces. Why the city is looking to retire debt when money is cheap and our city and people needs support to get back on their feet.</p> <p>My concerns in detail relate to:</p> <p>The abolition of the resident free access to Ripponlea estate will affect me as a local resident in the part of the city with the least open space. I don't have a backyard and believe this very inexpensive line item benefits people like me.</p> <p>The cuts to Arts organisations are needlessly petty cutting important local job and economic generating organisations at the time they need our support post covid. This is short sighted and poor public, social and economic policy.</p> <p>The council can and must do better to deliver for the community and not slavishly follow an ideological commitment to reduce services and cut back on the important support it delivers to the community.</p>	Ripponlea

CBR-234	Refer to attachment CBR-234	South Melbourne
CBR-235	I am opposed to Arts funding cuts in Port Phillip when this is such a special part of what makes our city so vibrant . Arts and associated creative endeavors have sufferecso much in the last year I think it is unconscionable to cut their funding .	Middle Park
CBR-236	<p>Dear Mayor Louise Crawford and Councillors,</p> <p>Thanks for the opportunity to feed into your draft plan and budget for Port Phillip.</p> <p>I am writing as the co-President of the Elsternwick Park Association to support a recent submission by PECAN. The epa is an affiliate with PECAN and endorse their submission to council, particularly in the light of the Climate Emergency and actions/funding required.</p> <p>Further to that, in responding to the climate emergency as a catchment, it is essential that Council retains and strengthens their partnership with Bayside through funding as detailed in your Draft budget. This enables the Port Phillip council to continue to play a key role in the positive developments happening upstream in the Elsternwick Nature Park. The capture of storm water, potential to increase the water quality in Elster Creek, Indigenous engagement and flood mitigation are some of the many areas proving the interconnectivity of land across adjacent councils and vitally shared environmental management through the health of our local waterways, broader catchment and Bay.</p> <p>Yours Sincerely, [REDACTED]</p>	Elwood
CBR-237	Refer to attachment CBR-237	City of Casey
CBR-238	I wholeheartedly oppose the funding cuts to arts organisations in the City of Philip. These organisations enrich the cultural and social fabric of our society and provide opportunities for employment for artists. I strongly urged the council to reconsider the its decision and reinstate the funding. Arts organisations strongly rely on this support to continue, especially in such precarious times.	Malvern East
CBR-239	Refer to attachment CBR-239	South Melbourne
CBR-240	<p>Thank you, Councillors, for co-funding the EcoCentre redevelopment and programs. Please also continue funding the community garden and compost team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EcoCentre is important to me because the area needs help to rehabilitate and protect the vegetation and animal/bird life in the area and the EcoCentre supports this development. • Please further help climate mitigation and nature in Port Phillip by planting through the entire area, we need trees and other foliage to mitigate the high summer temperatures and make the area more attractive and consequen ly enhance the value of people's homes here. 	Port Melbourne

<p>CBR-241</p>	<p>In 2007, I'd just moved back from overseas and had never lived south of the Yarra, however a colleague was leaving her apartment in East St Kilda -- and suddenly I found myself a resident of City of Port Phillip. As a frontline mental health worker, it is always a careful decision whether to live 'in catchment' but Port Phillip has so much to offer those who live, work, volunteer and visit here. The Port Phillip EcoCentre, the local arts scene, iconic beaches, libraries and cafes and independent shops, and astonishing wildlife. Many options to bike or take PT mean since 2010 we've been car free (using car share once a month or so when we truly need a car-shaped vehicle). I was a doubter when the last car was ready to go, but now would never go back. A neighbour offered me his good car for free when he was upgrading recently, and without hesitation I declined. Our council area has increasingly been making a car-free lifestyle attractive and feasible.</p> <p>But now -- all these assets that to community are iconic to Port Phillip living are under threat, in the name of cutting or freezing rates. Will Council move backwards in almost every aspect that makes Port Phillip 'inclusive, liveable, sustainable and vibrant'? This is not pragmatism, it is pure politics to purport it is prudent to cut my rates' few dollars of support of the six arts orgs, or my gold coin per year going to Port Phillip EcoCentre, which delivers, according to Council's own independent economic report, over \$3m of value to our community each year.</p> <p>The Port Phillip EcoCentre programming should be funded. This group is full of extremely qualified, talented and tireless humans working at community pay grades (and as volunteers!) to exemplify all Council's aspirational qualities: inclusion, liveability, sustainability and vibrancy. Also arguably supporting a well-governed city, as the EcoCentre reports with annual transparency on both story based and numbers outputs and demonstrates how Council seed funding can be leveraged to huge local benefit.</p> <p>The businesses and traders in trouble, as acknowledged by Councillors, need visitors to Port Phillip. Visitors come for the arts programs, and the environmental offerings from volunteering programs to visiting penguins (usually the latter two with the EcoCentre).</p> <p>Do not cut the arts triennium funding.</p> <p>Continue to fund the EcoCentre's new community building, the EcoCentre core programs and please reinstate their community garden 'PPUFFN' support which has been cut from the draft budget in an under-the-radar tactic.</p> <p>Invest even further in Council's own programming in response to the Climate Emergency. Having only 1% of Council staff for sustainability issues is a signal that the CEO is not taking the climate emergency seriously. Increase and accelerate the electrification of Council. Set a goal of 100% renewables in COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS by 2035. Establish a partnership program to help devise extreme weather operational protocols for social/health services / NGOs in the area, and to ensure vulnerable populations are prepared for extreme heat: an exit plan, a battery operated fan, pre-frozen water bottles, support network. Depave concrete areas and increase tree cover dramatically. Support Power Purchase Agreements.</p> <p>We are a place by the bay, only a few metres above sea level. The concept of protecting heritage areas may not have the privilege of being relevant within a few decades. Have realistic discussions with state bodies about how heritage areas might have to play new sorts of roles - practical, not just cultural - in response to the climate emergency and pressures of population growth.</p> <p>Set bold targets for emissions reduction, reduced car reliance and renewables uptake both by council AND community.</p> <p>Invest in sustainability and climate action, both via Council staffing and through the EcoCentre.</p> <p>Reinstate EcoCentre community garden funding -- they are clever enough to provide this service even throughout being relocated temporarily.</p> <p>Support the arts in Port Phillip.</p> <p>Do not forsake childcare, libraries, housing services and bike lanes.</p> <p>Do not cut off your nose to spite your face.</p> <p>We love to live here because it is a happy community, and it is a happy community because there are services for all sorts of people, not just me.</p> <p>Council's job is not actually to cut rates. It is to select the most strategic returns for investing those rates. How lucky are we to have such nimble, qualified, creative and impactful community organisations in Port Phillip? Do not cut your investments in them. Indeed, as the economy rebounds -- expand those investments.</p> <p>Otherwise the key pillars of your Council Plan are hollow, and community will increasingly notice this, Councillors.</p>	<p>St Kilda East</p>
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CBR-242	I'd like to express my deep thanks to the Port Phillip Council for their additional funding for the St.Kilda EcoCentre redevelopment and community programs. Please also continue funding the community garden and compost team, they are doing great work!	Middle Park
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Elwood

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposal to discontinue triennial funding for Key Arts Organisations in the City of Port Phillip. The City of Port Phillip's draft 2021 – 2031 vision aspires to create a "legacy for generations to come," stating: "We are renowned as a cultural hub from live music to our creative industries ... Port Phillip... [is] admired as a creative hub that continues to evolve and innovate."



The current Key Organisations, including Red Stitch Actors Theatre, Theatre Works, Australian Tapestry Workshop, Rawcus, The Torch, and Phillip Adams Ballet Lab at Temperance Hall, have a combined history of more than 150 years within the City, and have contributed enormously to local arts and culture during that time. Through their arts practice, these organisations contribute to the mental health and well-being of local residents, foster community spirit and promote innovation and creative thinking. Many of these organisations, including Red Stitch, have a history of proudly representing the City by presenting world-class work nationally and internationally, made locally and fostering local talent. Yet the draft 2021/22 budget and draft 2021 – 2031 Plan propose no ongoing support provided for these critical cultural contributors.

Since 2018, triennial core funding has been vital to the sustainability of these organisations, enabling them to give voice to diverse communities, provide employment opportunities, bring visitors to the City, and offer unparalleled cultural opportunities to residents and visitors alike. Requiring these organisations – which have been so hard-hit by COVID-19 and are still on the road to recovery – to compete for a reduced pool of project-based funding will greatly impact on their sustainability. Not only does this greatly increase the administrative burden on small organisations, but it has been proposed that grant rounds for festivals be reduced from four to two, with no increase in opportunities through the Cultural Development Fund.

Ongoing funding provides security for these organisations, enabling them to leverage funds to attract other supporters, and to keep benefiting the community in the City of Port Phillip and beyond.

I strongly urge you to reconsider the cancellation of ongoing financial support for these cultural institutions, which play such a vital part in our community.

Yours Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

<p>CBR-244</p>	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I don't live in COPP, but I have done a lot of work backstage in the several beautiful theatres in the area.</p> <p>I'm so heartbroken to hear about the proposition to discontinue funding to your beautiful performing arts programs. There are few sectors more vulnerable right now than live arts. In 2016 the Australia Council axed an enormous amount of funding, the Morrison government rolled Arts into the transport folio, the pandemic made audiences illegal... just what are we supposed to do?</p> <p>Please, please, please don't do this. For once in this country I would like to see my industry respected, rather than further devastated and forced to make do.</p> <p>Regards,  </p>	<p>Yallambie</p>
<p>CBR-245</p>	<p>Please keep funding Theatre Works and other Arts groups tri-annually. We need locally made shows and art to keep us all connected as a community.</p>	<p>Footscray</p>
<p>CBR-246</p>	<p>I wanted to voice my disagreement to the proposal to cut the arts budget, with special focus on the triennial funding given to Rawcus, Temperance hall, Red Sitch etc et al.</p> <p>No matter how small the changes to arts funding and the cost saves this provides, they create devastating impacts on the bottom line of companies, especially company like the above which are some of the key independent employers of artists. These companies are so integral to the ecology of the arts sector, often the first professional employer for many emerging artists providing them with a crucial platform to experiment on a professional level.</p> <p>Larger companies can whether such cuts with diverse funding and income streams, these smaller companies suffer huge blows with small cuts like these. These sorts of changes could see the end of a diverse and robust arts community in the city of port Phillip and inner suburbs outside of the CBD.</p>	<p>North Melbourne</p>
<p>CBR-247</p>	<p>Thank you, Councillors, for co-funding the EcoCentre redevelopment and programs. Please also continue funding the community garden and compost team.</p>	<p>Southbank</p>

CBR-248	<p>Firstly I'm appalled that you are reducing the quality subsidy for community managed child care and that you have advised that it will not effect service quality. I'm not sure how you came to this decision as it will directly effect Staff, the child care centre and most importantly the children of Port Phillip.</p> <p>This subsidy helps maintain high standards of education and care such as better educator child ratio's and experienced and highly qualified Early Childhood Teachers. It also helps keep the fee's lower for all the families.</p> <p>Research has shown that from the ages 0-5 our Children learn and take in so much information so by reducing this subsidy and the centre having to wear that extra cost and therefore not being able to employ staff with higher qualifications then it will directly impact all the children.</p> <p>Please re look at this proposal, our Children are our future and we need to be supporting their education and learning from a young age.</p>	Elwood
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CBR-249

To whom It may concern,

I oppose any funding cuts in regards to early childhood learning proposed on the 21-22 budget.

Affordable and quality Options of early childhood education are scarce as it stands within our community. The last thing we need as a community is to have funding cuts to these services.

Our children are our future and we should invest in their/our futures!

Kind regards

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Elwood

CBR-250	<p>Dear Councillors</p> <p>I have lived in Middle Park for 37 years and over the years have worked on humanitarian and development programs in the Horn of Africa and Cambodia.</p> <p>You will be aware of the crippling war that Timor Leste was engaged in and the UN-sponsored referendum in 1999 where an overwhelming majority of East Timorese voted for independence from Indonesia.</p> <p>As a result Timor Leste is one of the youngest countries in the world and one of the poorest.</p> <p>I congratulate the CoPP on its 21 year friendship agreement with Suai/Covalima.</p> <p>This relationship has been built on a genuine commitment to support a close neighbour and is greatly valued by the people of Suai/Covalima. As a result of this partnership a number of substantial gains have been made in Suai/Covalima, but as you know development of economically poor communities takes a long time</p> <p>This year alone Timor Leste experienced the worst floods in 40 years and COVID-19 cases are increasing as a result.</p> <p>Many of us in the City of Port Phillip recognise these facts and want to continue our pledge to the people of Suai/Covalima.</p> <p>I urge the City of Port Phillip Councillors to honour its friendship agreement and support a friend in need.</p> <p>There are current projects commitments to fulfill.</p> <p>I would ask that any changes to funding must be phased in gradually to allow the Suai/Covalima municipality to prepare for this change and explore ways minimize the impact of that CoPP withdrawal.</p> <p>Please continue to vote to support these strong resilient people in Suai/Covalima.</p> <p>With thanks [REDACTED]</p>	middle park
CBR-251	Refer to attachment CBR-251	St Kilda

CBR-252

Re: Funding to Friends of Suai/Covalima

Port Melbourne

I have work with [REDACTED], formally the [REDACTED]. I have worked in Partnership with the Friends of Suai/Covalima (FoSC) over the past few years. Up until recently, I was also a resident of Port Phillip.

The FoSC is a very important initiative. I believe the Council's intention to abruptly pull back from the partnership is a mistake. While it is understandable that the Council wants to pull back after 20 years of engagement, it seems very inappropriate that this occurs now when Timor Leste is experiencing the dual impacts of the recent cyclone as associated flooding as well as serious COVID-19 outbreaks.

The work the FoSC have done is impressive, and I am aware of the effort that has gone into promoting other sources of funding for the program and, importantly, self funding initiatives such as the carbon farming initiative that has been initiated in partnership with WithOneSeed. These social enterprise initiatives are a sign that the Covalima Community Centre (CCC) is looking beyond reliance on Council funding. But to suddenly remove this funding undermines the transition the CCC is making towards self sufficiency.

Instead, a transitional period is required to ensure long term sustainability/self sufficiency is achieved for the CCC. To do anything else will undermine the amazing work the FoSC have achieved in building local capacity.

Yours sincerely

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CBR-253	<p>My name is [REDACTED] and I'm writing to express my thanks for funding of the new EcoCentre but also, disappointment in regards to the discontinuation of funding for the Garden Group program at the EcoCentre. I'm a new volunteer having only joined about two months ago but within that short period of time, I've already become attached to the people, place and spirit of the Garden Group. Going in every Friday and seeing the same faces, meeting new ones, exchanging gardening tips, personal stories and simply spending time with nature provides a comfort one cannot describe but must be experienced.</p> <p>I actually live in Carlton but commute an hour every Friday morning because there's currently no other place that offers this type of regular volunteer opportunity at such a high level of access and quality. As a recent graduate of a Master of Environment program, I was specifically looking for volunteer opportunities that allowed me to reconnect with people and the natural environment after a particularly socially isolated year. For context, I'm a young, international student from Malaysia with no family in Melbourne and live by myself in an apartment. The pandemic was really tough on my community and continues to be. Therefore, as I try to navigate this "covid normal" amidst visa changes, job hunting stress and my family being at risk of COVID-19 back home, the Garden Group has offered me refuge (physically/mentally) and space for personal/professional development.</p> <p>[REDACTED] the Coordinator of the program, along with several people I've met through this group have been nothing but welcoming. I've witnessed their commitment to making activities accessible and enjoyable for all. There are no limits as to who can participate and the community will make sure everyone who attends has something they can tend to regardless of knowledge levels, age, gender or cultural background. But even more than that, [REDACTED] has taken it a step further by asking people what they want from the program and trying to meet those educational, social or wellbeing needs. These gestures demonstrate great care for the community and its value should not be taken for granted but instead, nurtured by Council.</p> <p>Ultimately, I feel privileged to have joined this tight knit and long-standing community at such a crucial period of time. I hope that funding is reinstated at the very least, if not increased to expand on this program. It goes without saying that the Garden Group cares for the public green space used by the greater community and without that care, there will be inevitable loss in terms of recreation and wellbeing that extends beyond us.</p>	Carlton
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CBR-254	<p>Thank you, Councillors, for co-funding the EcoCentre redevelopment and programs. Please continue funding the community garden and compost team. The Eco Centre is important for the environmental education in the community and better, thoughtful living ! It helps provide people with simple steps how to care for our earth.</p> <p>I also, would love seeing council help provide 'weekend' busses' to take people plant trees in all over Victoria!</p> <p>With fires and natural disasters, we need city population to be able to help the country in an easy way!</p>	Port Melbourne
CBR-255	<p>I am writing to ask you to please reconsider withdrawing triennial funding. Our arts community has worked so hard to get back on its feet over the last year, and is a real cornerstone for a lot of people's well beings, let alone Melbourne culture. Withdrawing funding is a big mistake that will hit a fantastic scene really hard.</p>	North Melbourne
CBR-256	<p>I am shocked that council would be pulling the funding from the arts programs such as Raw cuss, theatre works etc.</p> <p>The arts programs provide a platform for disadvantaged community members to come together and perform in a creative arts based performance. It increases social isolation and supports participants confidence.</p> <p>It is devastating to hear that COPP would pull the funding in the arts programs because they also state that the arts are a wonderful platform to bring more people into COPP.</p> <p>I have participated in the theatre and also attended performances.</p> <p>It would be disappointing if funding was withdrawn.</p> <p>██████████</p>	Richmond
CBR-257	<p>Please Port Phillip Council, consider introducing some form of green and garden waste. This should not be going to land fill in this day and age.</p>	Balaclava
CBR-258	<p>Thanks so much for funding the eco centre! I love that place and the value it gives back to the community is enormous. Great work!</p>	st kilda
CBR-259	<p>I'm very disappointed to see that the Port Phillip plans to cut 56,000 in arts funding. I would much rather see the tri-ennial funding continue to companies such as TheatreWorks, Red Stitch and Phillip Adams BalletLab. I don't know why the council considers reducing funding to those organisations that provide a heartbeat to the council is a good idea. In this post- COVID recovery climate cutting funding to these companies feels like an insensitive move.</p>	Southbank

CBR-260

Dear Councillors,

I am a 29 year old male living in st Kilda and working as a physiotherapist in the western suburbs of Me bourne. I care very much about the care of people and our environment.

Thank you, Councillors, for co-funding the EcoCentre redevelopment and programs. Please also continue funding the community garden and compost team.

The EcoCentre is important to me because it provides a chance to give back to the community, and promote sustainable change. It is more important than ever to establish eco-friendly behaviour, and this eco centre is a great way to do that.

Please further help climate and nature in Port Phillip by monitoring environmental laws more thoroughly, optimising recycling programs and utilise more parks and green spaces in the area.

Climate and nature are in crisis, but together we can lead positive change for land, water, wildlife and community wellbeing.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

[Redacted signature]

St kilda

CBR-261	<p>Thank you, Councillors, for co-funding the EcoCentre redevelopment and programs. Please also continue funding the community garden and compost team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EcoCentre is important to me because it is a community based inclusive educational activity • Please further help climate and nature in Port Phillip by by funding educational programs and appropriate recycling programs <p>Climate and nature are in crisis, but together we can lead positive change for land, water, wildlife and community wellbeing thank you [REDACTED]</p>	Caulfield south
CBR-262	<p>Can something be done about the CoPP gutter fetish? In my twenty year residence in Port Melbourne, I have often noticed perfectly adequate and attractive blue stone gutters being replaced in older parts of PM. Now the malady has spread to more recent Beacon Cove. Surely, there are better things to do. My own preferences favour social infrastructure. I write has someone whom in the past has had a reasonable request for the PM library to be open on Sunday knocked back. The excuse was cost. Circa 20 metres of gutter, if you don't mind. Best wishes, [REDACTED]</p>	Port Melbourne
CBR-263	<p>Thank you, Councillors, for co-funding the EcoCentre redevelopment and programs. Please also continue funding the community garden and compost team.</p> <p>The EcoCentre is important to me because biodiversity is so important for our future.</p>	St Kilda
CBR-264	<p>Thank you, councillors, for your many community-focussed initiatives.</p> <p>Please consider, as well, allocation of \$50,000 for scoping and budgeting of the Green Line public open space initiative.</p> <p>Yours sincerely, [REDACTED].</p>	St Kilda
CBR-265	<p>I am very disappointed for the funding cuts outlined. Particularly the cuts to arts funding. Please reconsider.</p>	Clifton hill
CBR-266	<p>Thank you, Councillors Tim Baxter, Rhonda Clark, Louise Crawford, Heather Cunsolo, Peter Martin, Marcus Pearl, Andrew Bond, Katherine Copsey and Christina Sirakoff for co-funding the EcoCentre redevelopment. The announcement of the \$2.8 million State Government grant will finally make the new EcoCentre a reality. The EcoCentre has done excellent work in the community since the year 2000. Continued funding for their community garden and compost team is very important.</p> <p>The EcoCentre was a huge help to LIVE in the past but in particular their contacts as a result of working with local schools made "The Human Sign" a reality back in 2009. Over 5000 people, mainly school children and their parents turned up to express their disgust at the Rudd Government's backdown on action on climate change. Full details of the event are in short videos on this page http://live.org.au/human-sign/ Twelve years later we are still fighting for real action on climate change.</p> <p>As representatives of these people in local government you still must "think climate" when it comes to funding new projects in these troubled times.</p>	MIDDLE PARK (VIC)
CBR-267	<p>Thank you, Councillors, for co-funding the EcoCentre redevelopment and programs. Please also continue funding the community garden and compost team.</p>	kew
CBR-268	<p>Refer to attachment CBR-268</p>	Port Melbourne

CBR-269	Refer to attachment CBR-269	Elwood
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CBR-271	Refer to attachment CBR-271	3184
CBR-272	Thank you, Councillors, for co-funding the EcoCentre redevelopment and programs. Please also continue funding the community garden and compost team, as they are an integral part of the community.	Idalia
CBR-273	<p>Thank you Councillors for co-funding the EcoCentre redevelopment and programs. Please also continue funding the community garden and compost team.</p> <p>The EcoCentre is important to me because it's where I can take my compost, purchase plants for my garden and also attend information nights about wildlife in the area.</p> <p>Please further help climate and nature in Port Phillip by providing green bins to residents, particularly ones we can add food scraps to! There are also some great verge gardens in the council and it would be excellent to encourage more by working with the Ecocentre to fund more in the area.</p> <p>My auntie received plants from Hobson's Bay council to create her own verge garden and it proved not only to be a great way to revegetate lawn but also an excellent talking point with neighbours and a way to bring the community together and foster civic pride.</p>	Ripponlea
CBR-539	Refer to attachment CBR-539	Collingwood (ex-St Kilda!)
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CBR-541	Refer to attachment CBR-541	Port Melbourne
CBR-542	Refer to attachment CBR-542	Port Melbourne
CBR-543	Refer to attachment CBR-543	Albert Park
CBR-544	Refer to attachment CBR-544	St Kilda