

Lease of South Melbourne Town Hall: a proposed lease of up to 50 years to the Australian National Academy of Music

Title/Question: Have Your Say
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Do you support? Please provide your reason(s) for supporting or not supporting the proposed lease

YES NO UNSURE

- 1 Short of any superior proposal this appears to provide a great outcome for both ANAM and the local community.
This proposal would bring a magnificent building to life in the best possible way by making it a national and local cultural destination. ANAM attracts people from around the neighbourhood, city, country and even the world to come and have amazing musical and cultural experiences - whether they be audience members, industry workers, local, national and international artists, venue hirers. This building as a centre for exciting artistic activity would be so beneficial for the community in terms of local business revenue, culture and vibrancy. I myself have never lived in the City of Port Phillip, yet frequently visited ANAM as an audience member when it previously had a home in the South Melbourne Town Hall. The whole area felt more alive because of it and I enjoyed getting to know the local cafes, bars and restaurants, as well as markets and boutique shops. Had ANAM not been there I wouldn't have been drawn to the area.
- 1 To whom it may concern,
It is a scandal that you should consider absolving your responsibility for the state of this building. The revenue you have received over the years to avoid this exact situation happening is the major issue. How many consultants and officials have been the beneficiaries of these funds?
Who was responsible for the maintenance and why was there no accountability.
Roof plumbers are not hard to find, and they will tell you - there is no future for everything under a building with a leaky roof. What you should be thinking about is an inquiry and a report back to the community.
This building is for the use of all residence of South Melbourne not one entity.
I want to go to my local town hall and pay my rates and be able to communicate any issues and concerns I have in person, like I have been doing for decades. I am 65yoa. It should be used by all. The Council should not be leasing our Town Hall. It's a sell out. Let the Music School find somewhere else. Don't do this. You get enough rates to pay for the roof repairs. I've lived in South Melbourne all my life We use to go to the main hall for all our School concerts, let it be that for the future generations, let it be for the community of South Melbourne.
- 1 To keep a beautiful old building thriving
ANAM has been a valuable cultural icon here in The City of Port Phillip bringing many opportunities for hearing wonderful student recitals and masterclasses and other educational and enriching musical experiences. The free membership of ANAMates gives many free and discounted events for Port Phillip residents.
1 It is great for the South Melbourne local businesses bringing in people and adding to the vibrancy of the area.
1 Mutually beneficial outcome for ANAM and the historic South Melbourne Town Hall.
I have read the comprehensive proposals from both ANAM & The City of Port Phillip Community. I fully support transforming this magnificent building into a 21century performance & community hub. Not only would this give ANAM a permanent home in Victoria which would be an asset to the City of Port Phillip, both individuals & businesses as a whole would benefit from such a positive & outstanding development.
1 I write this not only as a resident of the City of Port Phillip, but as a descendant of community minded citizens who have overseen such developments in the past in another municipality with enormous success.
- 1 We need to support the arts in PP area. Also I have greatly enjoyed the concerts at the sth Melbourne hall in the past.
- 1 ANAM is the best possible tenant we could have for our Town Hall. It is a wonderful institution which brings visitors from different parts of Melbourne to its performances ANAM has been one of the great experiences of my life. I have been with ANAM since its inception and it has never failed to inspire me. If ANAM returns to the South Melbourne town Hall, it has the opportunity to reach out to the wider community in the City of Port Phillip. For ANAM to be closer to the arts precinct, the musicians have access to the best venues. All this so they can concentrate on their music making. Having musicians in the areas brings audiences in which adds to the local community, particularly local business.
1 ANAM has a vibrant and supportive community which resides predominantly in and around South Melbourne - this community is very hopeful for its return. The lease terms have been well thought through and negotiated by both ANAM and Council, and the deal offers the opportunity to restore this incredible building, return it to public use in a way which supports a world class music institution and its surrounding community, as well as offer a substantial contribution to the arts ecosystem within the City of Port Phillip by encouraging Melburnians to come and enjoy cultural and artistic life south of the Yarra. I attended many concerts and masterclasses at ANAM while it resided in the SMTH and think it does a first class job
1 of building relationships with its community of arts lovers (as well as of course the music performance experience it offers its young musicians).

ANAM is a world-class and unique institution. Despite its limitations SMTH has successfully operated as its home for many years, and I have attend many wonderful concerts and events there.
The refurbished building will become a matching world-class home for it in the future. ANAM's plans for the building are very well thought through. I can't think of a better use for the building.
ANAM proved itself over many years to be an asset to the community of Port Phillip while a resident of the South Melbourne Town Hall in past years.
It has been a mutual benefit to the young musicians and also the local community who have had privileged access to membership of ANAM and their performances.
ANAM has been sadly missed while repairs have been done.
I see this as a unique opportunity for Council to ensure the viability of this significant asset by appointing ANAM as a committed lessee to manage its future use and development.
Who else has shown up to love and develop this asset and contribute to the surrounding community to enrich it culturally and financially.
ANAM has shown itself to be reliable and committed and to contribute to a new generation of the country's most talented young musicians.

I don't think the entire Town Hall building should be leased. Surely some rooms can be reserved for local community use. The Town Hall is much loved, and important to the identity of local people.

We are leaving the arts behind in this country. Plenty of money to go around for sport, betting and mining companies, but we are not lifting up the arts like we should.
ANAM has been a jewel (both nationally and internationally) for Port Phillip, and the proposal means that it will return to Port Phillip.
However, and very importantly it will ensure the upkeep and maintenance of the Town Hall (which will then not be a burden on ratepayers to preserve the building),
and will provide spaces for a range of arts and related activities that is not available at the moment.
Previously ANAM's presence has brought people into the locality and has been good for businesses and animating this area.
Since CoPP built their offices at St.Kilda Townhall and moved their business there the SM Townhall has not been available to the residents.
In the past, ANAM have offered very cheap concerts to the residents which are a great bonus to the cultural diversity of Sth.Melbourne.
Also, it is a lovely addition to the community mix to see young musicians in the surrounding streets and cafes, a bonus to local businesses as well.
I kiss the youth and multi cultural aspect too.
I think ANAM are a perfect fit for this large building and they are willing to pay a rent and keep it in good shape.

The people of South Melbourne community's building should not be tied to ANAM - it is South Melbourne's building.
Whilst preserving the building's heritage character, a full restoration of the Town Hall by ANAM will realise its rich 21st century potential.
This project is designed to provide new energy and a revitalised community focus to the Emerald Hill precinct.

This investment will:

Upgrade the 350-seat Main Hall's heating and cooling, operational infrastructure and public amenity;
Unveil an intimate new public performance space — the 150-seat Supper Room — in the 1st floor west wing, with an external terrace;
Include a welcoming café that will enable anyone to spend time in the Town Hall;
Deliver a new modern catering kitchen to service events in both the Main Hall and the Supper Room;
Bring the building's services up to 21st century capability (fire, hydraulics, electricity, data, heating and cooling);
Increase the Town Hall's energy efficiency, and introduce solar power, insulation and water recycling, aiming to deliver a carbon neutral building;
Ensure that the architectural and civic heritage of the building is preserved and amplified, working closely with Council's Conservation Management Plan (Lovell Chen);
Work with local First Nation's groups to ensure that the rich story of this place is brought into the foreground of the
creative concept for the building and its environment;
Feature external building lighting and projection, making it a beacon that draws the community toward it;
Ensure that the front doors will once again be the Town Hall's main entry, with access to people of all abilities and mobilities.

The project will generate jobs, economic and local hospitality growth, retail and tourism, while revitalising an important historic building at little cost to ratepayers, arresting the slow decline of a magnificent building and providing a one-off opportunity to redefine its potential for generations to come.

ANAM's program is not only wonderful for the future of classical music in Australia, but it also provides regular, top level affordable performances for its community.
Its plan focuses on access for everyone in the City of Port Phillip, not just its students.
South Melbourne has a historical affiliation with the music industry which is important to continue & support.
South Melbourne also needs economic activity to help support the Traders and the wider community.
The proposed ANAM lease will contribute to activation and has certain commitments to community as part of this lease.
It must be a condition of lease that these commitments at minimum are met for the duration of the new Lease.

To further cement the intent of ANAM's Community commitments, the Clarendon & Coventry Streets Business Association (CCSBA) proposes that ANAM become an active member of the business community by:-

1. Becoming a financial member of the Business Association,
2. Once re-established in South Melbourne, ANAM to have a representative on the CCSBA Committee
3. Support the CCSBA in economic activation events (as relevant), thus supporting the business community
4. Specifically, allow access for festivals/functions/events in the front of the Town Hall, grass area and car parks situated in front of the Town Hall
5. Allow the CCSBA to occasionally hold meetings in the Town Hall, particularly AGM's, and,
6. in refurbishment allowances of the Town Hall, to seriously consider structural avenues for reducing wind flows in front of the Town Hall to allow for better use of this forecourt.

If the above commitments to our community and business community are met, the CCSBA, support the proposed lease.

The City of Port Phillip deserves to host the continuity of a performance based music center such as ANAM as a high caliber tertiary school of music,
and the utilisation of the refurbished SMTH to house such as a performance focused community arts facility in Melbourne

I'm a regular attendee of ANAM's performances and would love to see them back at the Town Hall. The prospect of other arts events happening at the Town Hall is also just as exciting

1 The Town Hall is a great venue for live, acoustic music. ANAM's concerts are high quality, and the venue will be available to other musicians, including South Melbourne Symphony Orchestra.

1 Good use of the space

1 ANAM is a fantastic institution and I enjoy going to many of their concerts.

1 Port Phillip is known for its creativity. Let's make sure it stays that way! Supporting arts organisations to be imbedded in the city is a fabulous way to leverage so many opportunities for residents.

1 So that they have a dedicated performance venue

1 ANAM is a fantastic cultural institution we are lucky to have in South Melbourne. The Town Hall is a perfect venue and it will be delightful to have it back, working and available to the local community

1 ANAM is adding value to our locality and more generally to the cultural value of Victoria

1 We require more council access and services

1 ANAM's presence in South Melbourne adds significantly to the cultural framework of the community. as an anchor tenant there is scope to build further on the cultural standing of the Bank Street precinct. ANAM has an international name and provides training for musicians who have worked so hard.

1 It is right that they have a venue up for the challenge. Melbourne is a city built around the Arts and with a name for it. Stop the exodus overseas.

1 Let's train our best and brightest here at home!

1 ANAM is an integral institution in the landscape of Australian society and the Arts.

1 Supporting the best and brightest musicians in all manner, including excellent facilities, is essential in ensuring the maintenance and development Australian culture and our contribution to culture around the world.

1 Supporting ANAM to remain based in the culture epicentre of Melbourne is of significant benefit to other institutions and organisations in Melbourne.

1 The Town Hall lost (previously while ANAM was in situ) it's civil function. The music academy only appeals to a narrow community sector.

1 The condition & maintenance of the building declined over that period. I live beside the building & saw very few signs of ANAM informing the neighbourhood of events.

1 The South Melbourne town hall is owned by the citizens of South Melbourne by subscription.

1 In this day and age when we are seeking to protect our history it is important not to lose it to the citizens of South Melbourne

1 The town hall should be open and be able to be used by its citizens whether it be Port Phillip or South Melbourne.

1 The past has shown that many weddings and balls were held in the town hall until the amalgamation when it was stopped.

1 The demand for its use was curtailed and thereby lost to the community

1 although ANAM could use the venue it is not right for it to be at the exclusion of all others.

1 The history of the town hall is in every part of the building recognising the 2 wars, local artists which were all removed put into storage never to be seen again

1 The Current cost of repairs to the mansard and roof seem outrageous owing to the fact that the South Melbourne Council spent some

1 100s of thousands dollars on the mansards and the roof in the early 90s.

1 For ANAM to have total use of the town hall denies the citizens or any future groups or organizations to be able to use the town hall as it was able to in the past.

1 In allowing ANAM total control of the town hall means is is unavailable for any future community use.

1 As time has shown society has different demands as years progress meaning the town hall should be open to all in the future

1 I support a lease to ANAM which would contain provisions which would allow Port Phillip residents to access and utilize some parts of the Town Hall complex, including the main hall,

1 for municipal business activities and public functions such as have been held there throughout the building's history.

1 The detail of such public utilization could certainly be negotiated with ANAM such that their activities would be largely unaffected.

1 A general overlay of timeslots available for both ANAM and the municipality would form part of the lease, with the proviso that both parties could negotiate variations in specific instances.

1 The Town Hall complex should NOT be leased unconditionally.

1 ANAM provides both the local community and music students with access to something special. Something not available anywhere else in Australia.

1 Its location at the South Melbourne town hall is pivotal to its success for both parties.

1 ANAM has been a good tenant for 25 years and there is no reason for this to change if it continues to lease the building, especially in view of the heavy investment it is making.

1 For ANAM, the location of the building in close proximity to the CBD Southbank music venues and convenient to public transport provides an excellent venue for cultural training and performance.

1 The SMTH building is already a monument to grand culture, rather than to sit comfortably with Sth Melb's poorest locals:

1 let it be revamped and modernised to continue to celebrate the vibrant cultural institution that is ANAM, given the Lease will extend opportunities to other cultural groups.

1 As long as social services and council admin has a welcoming home close by.

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1 Encouraging local development in the arts can only add to our precinct. Utilising an existing space that suits this use makes perfect sense and provides valuable investment into our people and culture.

1 ANAM is a vital part of the Melbourne education and cultural scene, it offer a high level of training to it's students and offers amenity to the City of Port Phillip

1 There is undoubtedly a need to preserve SMTH for future generations, as part of our heritage, and for this to happen the building needs to be used.
As heritage is cultural, there is no better use than an artistic/music place of learning. The opportunity does not come up often, so yes, let's grasp it.

1 Great use of a historical building for a good cause - culturally and for the community.

1 The proposed developments will return the South Melbourne Town Hall to its former glory as a cultural hub of Melbourne, which is hugely important to ANAM donors.
It is difficult to decide exactly what changes are to be made to the interior spaces (not a lot of detail provided) and what effect that would have on potential other local use of the town hall over the next 50 years.
Who knows what the community will need over the next 50 years and if ANAM will stay the same, expand so that the town hall space is not longer viable, or even exist over the entirety of that period.
With ANAM's practice and performance schedule being extensive it is difficult to see when other local community groups will be able to gain access to any part of the town hall.
1 I am hoping that the performance criteria that ANAM must meet in the lease is very specific and not just "spend 20.5 million dollars in upgrades".
The town hall has been closed for repairs since we moved into the area in October 2022.
It would certainly improve the vibrancy of the area to have ANAM in the hall - local cafes and restaurants would likely benefit from increased footfall.
1 I'm not sure that using it for council purposes would enliven the area or mean it was fully utilised (and I am not aware of a viable proposal for this use existing).

1 ANAM has a proven record of successful management and performance events and as a cultural and learning body which has involved and enriched the local and wider community.
1 It will give new and continued life to a key building that is of great historical, social and cultural value to the local community while ensuring it will also serve the wider community of the whole of the region in which it is located.

1 To enable the restoration of the beautiful heritage building and bring life to it through performances and a cafe on site

1 art, music, creativity within our community enriches our lives. Providing long term support in offering a home & performance space for this highly regarded music school is a wonderful idea. I congratulate the CoPP

1 The ANAM lease will revitalise the town hall and bring life to that area of South Melbourne.

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1 The Academy brings vibrancy and an amazing cultural hub to the South Melbourne area whilst providing the country with the training ground for Australia and New Zealand's most talented young aspiring musicians.

1 Anam is a unique institution providing education that is unavailable anywhere else in Australia. It absolutely needs the right space to continue to function at the highest level
ANAM is a national treasure and having it back in South Melbourne would benefit the South Melbourne Community, people who live outside the local area and ANAM itself.
The proposed upgrade of the Town Hall would provide a top grade arts facility, making a range of arts activities available to the public in ways that are not available elsewhere in Melbourne.
1 I strongly support the proposed lease.

1 It is a shame such a beautiful building is going to ruin

1 The building will be restored and kept in good condition and remain an iconic building of South Melbourne. It would be great to have an arts hub in our area.

1 It supports cultural activities within our community

1 No industry suffered more than the arts during Covid. I have always loved Anam performances and look forward to artistic renewal for South Melbourne.
The diversity and potential for a brilliant new multiveneue for Melb is very exciting. Having ANAM based in the bldg is critical as a grounding for programming and partnerships.

1 Having Anam at South Melbourne Town Hall adds an important cultural element to the community and also brings a large number of people to boost local retail and hospitality.
The presence of ANAM in South Melbourne is something that is of great value to the community. The South Melbourne Town Hall is infinitely suited to this academy.
The students, visitors and the concert attendees bring life to the area. Many musicians from various orchestras, arts organisations, Melbourne Conservatorium, VCASS etc were frequent visitors to South Melbourne back when ANAM was at the town hall creating increased foottraffic through the shopping precinct, cafes and restaurants of South Melbourne.
1 The proposed upgrades to the town hall are exciting and will be of great value to the wider community of Port Phillip.

1 It will become such a cultural hub open to all

1 Opportunity for art education Bring life to a beautiful but underutilized building

1 It will transform a derelict old building into a cultural hub which will benefit the whole community.

1 Anam has demonstrated their suitability as a long term tenant for many years.
1 Accessibility for functions and performances is good and the grand historical nature of the building is a worthy fit for Australia's premier music teaching institution

1 More space to create music
ANAM is the premier music hub in Australia and having the appropriate home for performances and training will put it on the world stage where it belongs.
While it has been admirable how they have adapted to the charming grounds of abbotsford convent, the performances were compromised as the seating was not ideal.
1 ANAM has alliances with the top orchestras and performers in the world and they need t have an appropriate home! This will aid the cultural significance for Melbourne being the arts capital.

1 Capital investment to be made by the tenant and the allowance of Council activity on the premises
It is a very appropriate spot for the training of young musicians which will be enhanced by the current proposals and locked in for the future.
1 I have over the years enjoyed many recitals and concerts in this venue. Long may it continue and thrive.
Leasing the Town Hall to ANAM will ensure not only that this beautiful historic building is preserved and maintained,
1 but will turn it into a vibrant and very active community hub centred around world-class arts events, accessible to everyone.
Providing an ongoing and appropriate purpose for the continued survival of this beautiful building seems to be the ultimate sustainable solution to both Council and ANAM interests.
1 ANAM's proven history as a sustainable tenant must be a major consideration.

1 Restoration of historic building; renewal of Port Phillip cultural life; enhancement of community life by attracting young talented students; stimulus to local businesses

The South Melbourne Town hall is a beautiful building but would benefit greatly from having a revamp.
Melbourne is a cultural hub and to have a state of the art performance facility in the heart of South Melbourne would be a bonus for the South Melbourne, and wider Melbourne community.
1 I have lots of friends that loved attending concerts at the town hall, we'd often get a coffee before or afterwards from one of the local cafes and very much enjoyed having access to vibrant concerts delivered by young talented musicians.
ANAM is a wonderful organisation that supports the growth of young musicians, who are the future of classical music in Australia.
1 The south Melbourne town hall is of great historic significance, and renovating it is therefore of utmost importance, while being used for the arts would attract many to South Melbourne.
ANAM'a plans for the building sound like it would boost the culture in the area and create a thriving environment for residents to be proud of.

1 Support for the arts is vital in any city, as is the repurposing of old architecture for modern use in that sector.

1 the town hall is for everyone in the are not just for one rich group of people, it is for all
I work in the classical music industry and therefore am a huge supporter of the arts in general.
I believe ANAM's ideas to restore and use the South Melbourne Town Hall as a facility for the community and for the arts is wonderful.
It will bring new life to a magnificent historic building and ensure that it is used to its full potential for years to come.
1 Plus it provides new spaces for artists to use in learning and performing, which I believe will benefit the entire community.
For a great cause. Preserving a historic building like the town hall and having it contribute to the arts will benefit Melbourne tremendously.
1 With the refurbishment of the town hall and having ANAM on the premises will further establish Melbourne as the music capital of Australia.

1 It is important that this space is utilised and their purpose is to do that and include the community.

1 I have attended some music related congress/convention/conference and ANAM students' standard is well beyond many of the advanced Music institution students' standard.
(I was quite surprised to see the average standard when I am used to ANAM standard)
1 That's why so many 'top musicians' come and tutor at ANAM for weeks, using their precious time and some of them return to do the same. No other music institution will get this treatment.
This will be a wonderful and vibrant activation of the town hall space. City of Port Phillip residents will have great access to artistic programming and events.
1 ANAM has proven its commitment to community engagement and accessibility.
I support the lease to ANAM for the following reasons.
Community engagement through concerts and ongoing events.
1 Creativity and education boost for the area.
Draws a wide range of demographics and audience to south Melbourne which in turn will boost local economy through the cafes and restaurants in the area.
1 ANAM is unique outside of Europe - we should be proud that Australia has fostered such an endeavour.
The Town Hall has the structure, sound, presence and purpose to help foster performing arts in the progressive centre of Australia

1 ANAM is the most prestigious place for classical music education in the country. They deserve a good home
As a former COPP resident, I have fond memories of attending ANAM concerts at the South Melbourne Town Hall.
1 When visiting, I would often browse the local South Melbourne Markets, and stop in Clarendon St for a bite to eat.
Should ANAM return to South Melbourne Town Hall, I would regularly return to the COPP to enjoy world class music at my doorstep.

1 ANAM was once the heart of South Melbourne, bringing talent from all across Australia to its Town Hall and amplifying the suburbs importance as an epicentre for cultivating the highest level of performing arts and artists.
The community benefit the academy brings through providing live performances and drawing crowds,
1 who eat and drink at local venues prior to and following performances, generating elevated economic activity for other local South Melbourne businesses, could not be understated.

1 To utilise a beautiful building for artists to learn and share!Why let a beautiful piece of history rot because some who don't like change!Let it be something the whole community can use!

I support ANAM's permanent home to be the wonderful town hall.

There is so little in the respect and admiration for the arts as or is and ANAM is truly one of a kind in what it offers not only young musicians but staff who mentor them.

Having a place where performances and events can be held will provide the community and performers with somewhere to connect and share the joys of music.

I believe that Anam and the South Melbourne town hall are a great fit for each other.

The building fits the needs of the staff and students for lessons, masterclasses and full symphonic concerts as well as all the other incredible unique educational programs that Anam offer.

Its place in South Melbourne is a source of cultural enrichment that is unparalleled.

It gives a fabulous organisation like ANAM the security of a long tenancy, which will in bed,

this highly beneficial facility even further into the local community, providing great benefit, and also providing a revenue stream in the form of rent to the city of Port Phillip.

ANAM's unique international reputation is world-wide. This has been established since operating from the impressive heritage listed SM Town Hall site.

It's an important activity of South Melbourne's and Port Phillip's community.

In fact, ANAM is Melbourne's and Australia's centre for post-graduate musical studies evidenced by the depth of international musicians who present master classes to ANAM students.

ANAM presence is a vital opportunity for the Town Hall.

I sponsor some students at ANAM, I am also a musician and I grew up in Albert park, our speech nights at Middle Park Central School used to be held at South Melbourne Town Hall.

I have attended performances at the Hall as well as at the Convent in recent years.

I think ANAM is a great organisation and that SMTH is a splendid location so support the idea of a 50 year lease with all those targets built in.

I would not like the SM community to miss out on library services etc that used to be at the hall but no doubt these services will be housed somewhere suitable or at least they should be.

It's a wonderful use of a building that deserves to be preserved and put to use for the benefit of both Port Phillip, and the wider Australian community.

A major investor is paramount to maintain the building and keep it 'alive', as long as many other cultural and artistic events can exist easily side by side.

I would not like to see the ANAM lease arrangements or activities precluding a diverse and continual array of activities with other groups

ANAM provides an extraordinary opportunity for young musicians

ANAM is a great contributor to the arts and cultural scene and their plans will rejuvenate the Town Hall.

As a 20 year supporter of ANAM and it's most precious resource, the students,

I feel it is essential for them to have a permanent home so they can feel secure in pursuing their studies and continue to add, as they did before,

to the artistic life of the South Melbourne and wider community.

I would like to see performances for local Port Phillip residents and the town hall preserved.

It's a beautiful building and its restoration is a must. Parking is easier in s Melb than city centre too

ANAM is an asset to the community. I would welcome its return. We've missed them

ANAM has shown that it is a good fit for the Council plans

A very important Music Academy to train young musicians for the 21st C. ANAM is vital to Melbourne and Australia and the Town Hall is a special heritage building to house the Academy

Currently not being used for benefit of community. ANAM have used part of the town hall and I would welcome their active involvement in music for our community

Win win situation for all the parties involved. ANAM retains its home, the local community benefits from being able to attend concerts, the building will be restored and used for a variety of purposes.

The building will once more be a focal point for the area.

ANAM is a world renowned provider of professional music education. It attract highly regarded international artists in residence.

Consequently, ANAM is a great representative of the City of Port Phillip, Melbourne and the state.

Additionally, ANAM will make a very substantial financial contribution to the ongoing viability of the town hall as a cultural hub.

Where else would the council obtain the funds to achieve that goal?

They are a vital part of them community

I think it's a superb use to which this exquisite and historic building has been and can be put in future on the basis of pooled investment- of international as well as state and local significance.

As an elderly resident of North Carlton I can catch the 96 Tram and enjoy and support the musicianship of talented youn Australians led by remarkable performers and educators.

So many historic buildings including town halls are not well funded to ensure maintenance; this use guarantees access to government and corporate as well as community support.

The people of South Melbourne are fortunate to have this elegant, rather European style venue in their midst

The Town Hall precinct has lost significance in the local community over many years which is a sad occurrence for such a beautiful and historic building.

ANAM are a wonderfully appropriate body to re-develop as this will bring a creative culture,

and also the vibrancy of so many passionate and enthusiastic young people drawn to the area which desperately needs some new life.

Anam is a wonderful institution, which provides great joy through musical performance for everyone to share

1 This is an excellent use of this magnificent building to incorporate the joy of music and support within our community for all to enjoy.
We have attended many music performances there. The location is great but the building desperately needs restoring.
1 We do not live in South Melbourne but enjoy visiting various restaurants there when we do go to concerts.
I have been a member of ANAM for more than 10 years and really appreciated the wide range of programs they provided for the community.
The range in variety times and lengths gave plenty of choice for attendance at their concerts and lectures. It also gave opportunity to support young musicians as they became professionals.
1 I am a member of the Older Persons Advisory Committee of the City of Port Phillip and ANAM is a great asset for the older person with its easy access at South Melbourne and its many day time programs. In my experience many older people enjoyed the opportunity to be part of ANAM and so as an older person I will really value and support its presence in the South Melbourne Town Hall.

1 Fostering of the arts and community connection through music seems a wonderful use of a community facility. It will bring atmosphere and vibrancy to the city, with interstate musicians and their visiting families.

1 Perfect use of this lovely old building
I used to live in South Melbourne and attended ANAM concerts at the SMTH many times. The beautiful building and the beautiful music are made for each other.
1 The concerts bring the community together and also draw people from all across Melbourne.

1 Too much of a commitment, and should not be a general facility as it diffuses the character of what ANAM is meant to do
a wonderful opportunity to keep our heritage town hall in good condition. Planned use will keep the building- our building- open for all residents of Port Phillip and all parts of Melbourne.
1 Is inclusive in its planned use and contributes to arts and entertainment for all
I have attended numerous wonderful ANAM performances in this beautiful building.
The proposal sounds amazing and would really boost the vibe of the whole South Melbourne area as well as ensuring the maintenance of an important historical building.
It is definitely a part of history that needs to be retained and respected.
1 ANAM is an important part of our culture and the future for our young musicians and this location is central and easily accessible by public transport as well as being close to the Melbourne Recital Centre.

1 It would be incredible to have such a great arts organisation in our local neighbourhood and for our kids to grow up visiting the shows. Thank you

1 ANAM has been to date a great asset in South Melbourne and this proposal offers a more substantial and positive presence .

1 ANAM provide a world class education for aspiring young musicians. The Town Hall is the perfect place to nurture that.
The benefits of having this proposed lease is immeasurable.
It allows ANAM to continue but also in a much more comfortable setting, this will also benefit the wider community.
1 The location is perfect and easy to get to by car or public transport.
ANAM are an extremely well organised institution with a vision for the future which involves well planned opportunities for the community
1 as well as the all important work they do for the most gifted musicians in Australia and beyond.
I have enjoyed previous ANAM concerts at the South Melbourne Town Hall & strongly support ANAM having an extended lease of the building.
1 I'm delighted at the changes which ANAM has proposed.

1 We need to support the Arts in this country. The proposal is diverse and also preserves such an iconic building.
ANAM is a very important part of Australia's cultural life and will engage community members and provide opportunities for all types of musical education and recreation.
1 Music is known to enhance life for all ages and circumstances.
In these uncertain times, I believe that it is more important than ever to support the arts, not just for a place of learning but for the community.
1 Music and the arts lift our spirits and strengthen our community bonds. ANAM is a fantastic Australian institution, one to be proud of, and the venue is perfect.
So I strongly support the lease.

1 The proposed lease includes welcome improvements and security, and will restore a vibrant part of the community.
As a member of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and local resident who attended many past collaborations at SMTH and Southbank,
1 I wish to see the MSO - ANAM relationship thrive through close proximity for the aspiring students of the Academy and their loyal audiences.
I love this building. I have attended many concerts here and love the vibe between the history, the energy of the young musicians and the neighbourhood.
1 Let's not lose or forget our past but let it be the bedrock from which young musicians can grow and which becomes a significant and relevant part of their careers and of our community.
ANAM is an important element in the Australian cultural landscape in both the creative and performing arts sectors.
Its educational role is significant, taking off where music conservatoria end their roles.
Such an institution with such a national profile needs a well located and iconic home.
South Melbourne's location is ideal with excellent transport links and a diverse community.
The programs of ANAM provide ample scope for citizens of South Melbourne to become involved, whether as audience members, volunteers, financial supporters and the like.
1 The student membership and the many people who come to events at ANAM provide significant support for the retail sector in the vicinity.
The nature of ANAM's activities, its students and audiences do not create problems of parking, crowds, unruly behaviours and the like.
1 It is therefore an ideal tenant for the burghers of South Melbourne.

1 wonderful culture for the community

1 We have supported ANAM for many years but found the present venue difficult to access. We look forward to renewing contact with South Melbourne TH..

1 Has it been offered to any other organisation who may have a better community plan?

1 We have been long term supporters of ANAM & believe it has made a unique contribution to Australian students & music

1 I think it's an excellent use of the building. ANAM is an important part of the nation's cultural life and would be great to keep it in such an important part of Melbourne.

1 It's good for the community and a great use of an iconic building. It also support students and the arts

1 The town hall will return to a vibrant hub for for music and other community arts events instead of falling into disrepair and disuse.
1 ANAM have already shown their communication and commitment to South MELBOURNE in the years they were working from the Town Hall

1 It would be so exciting to have a national centre for music.

1 I have enjoyed ANAM performances at SMTH in past years and understand the redevelopment and restoration of the spaces there is necessary for them to continue.
1 It is also important to retain beautiful, original buildings such as this and to provide useful, up to date spaces for everyone to enjoy.

1 Will support both an important cultural institution and the active life of an important building while adding immeasurably to the character of the area for multiple generations

1 ANAM has the highest standards in training excellent young musicians and deserves to have the opportunity of doing this in the ideal location of the beautiful and historic Town Hall.

1 ANAM has a long history with this site and has created a home for music in South Melb. The investment they are making is significant and a long lease seems very reasonable.

1 It will benefit many, not just ANAM for this lease to go ahead. It will give certainty to the future for all concerned.

1 support the lease, but the building should be better used by ANAM

1 ANAM is an important cultural institution for young and upcoming musicians. The venue has a wonderful acoustic and is an admirable home for such a quality music school.

1 ANAM is an internationally renowned institution that is cultural and economic asset to the South Melbourne community

1 The exclusive use for such an extended period of time is a bit of a concern.
1 The lease would result in upgrades to the building without cost to CoPP; secure a major tenant with a long term commitment to the building and the community;
1 open more of the building to the public; create a dynamic cultural hub in the Emerald Hill locality;
1 increase visitation to the area with resultant benefits to local businesses; and more.
1 I think renewal of the South Melbourne Town Hall is well overdue, and such a beautiful building needs love and care put into it.
1 I question ANAM's ability to scale their operations to run both a classical music training academy as well as a full scale performance and food venue,
1 and do not see any evidence of consideration of this on the very glossy website.

1 Anam is very worthy of support: they would be very careful tenants and they give many conerts to the public.

1 ANAM provides a wonderful and additional cultural activity for Port Phillip residents. It also brings visitors to the South Melbourne area which should assist hospitality businesses,

1 As an ANAM member living outside City of Port Phillip the Town Hall is a very accessible location for attending their performances.

1 Excellent use of the building. Dollars for the city.

1 This is an opportunity to create an excellent performance centre in an easily accessible well populated area. Having attended many ANAM concert I know the building is highly suitabl

1 Great use of facility and anam important educational body

1 South Melbourne Town Hall is now synonymous with ANAM, and the ANAM long-term lease is ideal for both the community and the building

1 I support it because it will be good for the future of classical music in Australia.
We have thoroughly enjoyed every concert at the Town Hall with ANAM over many years and relish the opportunity to return to this 'home' like venue in the future.
The other venue has been functional but not of the same sound, atmosphere and location for a meal etc. before and after a concert as your Town Hall.
1 We look forward to ANAM's return to its 'home' site.

1 supporting arts and culture is important. This is a landmark building and should be used for cultural where possible

1 It's an historic building that needs to be adapted to modern environmental standards and uses, whilst maintaining its heritage aspects. I hope to see easier access to Level 1.

1 This is an admirable project that will create a real cultural hub in South Melbourne while allowing for local use. I have enjoyed ANAM's presence in the past and hope to see it return as an even stronger presence.

1 It's an excellent opportunity for a long term use by a community group which will benefit the South Melbourne and general community.
It has proven to be a wonderful and suitable location for ANAM and with these major improvements
1 would truly be an excellent venue for all their needs and a wonderful opportunity for Melbourne's music loving populace.

1 I want to see ANAM return to the South Melbourne Town Hall
I have been a supporter and regular concertgoer of ANAM since migrating to Australia in 2001. ANAM is a shining example of Australian support for the Arts,
and is internationally renowned as one of the best of its kind in the world. It draws many people from outside the area and therefore benefits businesses in the area.
1 I cannot imagine there would be a better use for our beautiful Town Hall.

1 I think it wonderful opportunity for the South Melbourne Area... the world can never have too much music

1 Having a major cultural and educational institution in the City makes it a 'destination', and has the potential for world recognition.
It will be wonderful to have ANAM in the South Melbourne Town Hall. With the appropriate infrastructure (which is ANAM's plan),
this venue will provide training for our young musicians, and the ability for young and old to be introduced to, or just enjoy ,
the uplifting feeling that music provides. The plan will still allow other groups to utilize and enjoy the space,
but will also ensure that the amenity and care of this important structure will be maintained.
1 As a rate payer of the municipality, I strongly support ANAM being provided with the lease they request.

1 ANAM brings lots of people to the SMTH and surrounding areas, as well as giving renewed vibrancy to the building and a longstanding cultural purpose.
ANAM is a good and well respected institution
Having its operations based in the old South Melbourne, Town Hall is a wonderful way to "re-purpose" such otherwise difficult to use municipal buildings.
1 It will bring more life and live in this to South Melbourne

1 Wonderful to have such a great centre of teaching on our door step.
I support ANAM's excellent use of this venue in an upgraded space. I have been to their concerts there and the Chamber Music competitions.
1 I think it is a good place and offers our Community a great cultural venue.
. 100% support for the proposal
. outstanding for
preservation of the heritage building
cultural addition to local and general community
support for youth
1 ANAM is special and must have a 'home' like this within the Arts Precinct of Melbourne and for Victoria

1 development of a community hub
ANAM provides a unique training institution that brought kudos to the City and the nation.
1 It has been involved in establishing musicians at the highest performance level world-wide and must be supported in continuing the development of Australian talent.
What ANAM is providing sounds great, but one additional change should be made to support local musicians.
ANAM musos should of course have first access to the music practice rooms, but when ANAM musos aren't using them, they should be available to local musos.
1 The practice rooms should be available 24/7.

1 It's a very good use of the building and brings good custom to surrounding businesses

1 ANAM is an ideal tenant bringing national attention and prestige to the venue and the city.
Excellent use of this Hall which is so close to the Melbourne Arts Precinct which show cases Melbourne's interests in music and other arts.

1 If it helps preserve our early heritage I am for ANAM to have completed control over its use.

I support the proposed lease to ANAM on the basis that I believe this is an opportunity of Melbourne having a high-level world standard, musical education and performance venue, in an excellent building, with good acoustics and style.
The building also reflects an important aspect of Melbourne's early development, close to the Music Education Centers in Melbourne, excellent acoustics, on public transport. To me it ticks all the desirable elements for achieving a world standard Music school and Performance venue.
It's qualities, location close to the city, with public transport, enabling visitors as well as Melbournians, young and old to attend performances.

Provides cultural venue/ Restores and maintains historic building/ financial viability of TH

The Town Hall is unique - renovations will provide ANAM and the community with provision they require.
ANAM has used the building in a way which respects its history and the new proposal will continue this.
The community is included and people travel distances just to attend concerts and when there spend money at cafes, market etc. ANAM is vital for promoting and mentoring musicians.

It would provide an enhanced public amenity without use of public funds and be a showcase use for an iconic building. It would also provide a very valuable support for the performing arts
I am contributing to support of two ANAM musicians as a part of a syndicate of supporters, and attend most ANAM concert.
In my opinion South Melbourne Town Hall is the best location for this highly regarded organisation, and its presence will benefit South Melbourne.

It will ensure the preservation of the building at the same time providing an asset to Melbourne.
ANAM is a prestigious organisation that prepares our best young musicians for a career in Australia as well as in other parts of the world.
South Melbourne, as a principal location for ANAM, receives reflective glory as well as benefit of visitors who come to hear the concerts.

Great opportunity to repair and restore the building, creat useable venues, give ANAM and young musicians a long term home and be good for the community and Victorians

important to maintain & retain historical buildings, too many have been lost/neglected or demolished!important to support culture such as architecture, history, art, music, language

They have been the major tenant historically and they intend to bring significant capital to help restore this once magnificent building back to habitable use

ANAM is a hugely important organization in Melbourn, Australia and internationally!
It will be wonderful to have the academy and associated cultural centre located at South Melbourne, especially as the domain interchange takes shape
It would be amazing to see the Town Hall restored to a former glory.
I have enjoyed ANAM performances here in the past and would definitely continue to attend future performances.
Music and the Arts provide much-needed nourishment to the people of Melbourne.

The lease is a very generous offer. The return of ANAM to SMTH will provide a cultural focus for this end of the City of Port Philip and enhance the retail sector in the surrounding streets, both during the day and evening.
and grow base on the appropriate facilities, security of base, accessibility etc.
and at the same time preserve a very special, iconic building which is the heart of Port Melbourne and to ensure it is utilised fully.
The possibility of ANAM returning to this fabulous old building is great for them as it provides a superb environment for their artistic endeavours.
It also offers the council a long term, exciting use for the Town Hall which can serve the broad community of residents, Melbourne music lovers and those who have yet to experience the delights of classical music performed at professional standards.

ANAM is a valuable community asset as well as providing musical training and performances
having a purpose built facility for these excellent young musicians will support their development hugely
and will give ANAM the ability to focus on delivering it's programme rather than worrying about where it can do so.
There will be huge benefit to the South Melbourne community having such a high quality high profile organisation in residence.

As someone who works in the music industry and endured two years of covid rendering the industry dead this presents an opportunity to bring music to the community and bind it as I know music can.
I'd also like to see such a monumental building within our community put to use rather than lay dormant and become derelict.

Good for the local area. Good for music

Important to bring young people into the area and good for music education and for community use.

Good way to look after the building

Believe in the future in the education of music

It's only for ANAM, not every body else. Also can't pay for my Council things there.

1 Because we support ANAM and will be good for the community

1 I don't know what the issues and other uses for the TH

1 Good reliable cultural tenant

1 We think ANAM is a wonderful body that serves the entire Australian population as well as the City of Port Phillip and, in a time of funding stress for Australian arts institutions, it deserves to be supported.

1 This is a great tenant and it will provide educational facilities which will be both great value and a credit to our city

1. A significant contribution to Australian cultural life.

2. In Melbourne terms, more closely aligning ANAM's home with the performance precinct.

3. A balanced means of meeting the significant costs of repairing & maintaining a historically and culturally significant edifice.

4. Given the facility of communications between colleagues on CoPP staff, the proposed lease seems to be deficient in that it does not provide for a Help Desk, or similar facility, which would enable local people to lodge documents / make inquiries in connection with municipal matters.

The South Melbourne Town Hall is a notable building with high architectural and historic significance.

Its preservation, conservation and use as a civic and public facility must be first and foremost considerations.

The City of Port Phillip has not maintained the building and surrounds to a satisfactory standard.

1 I am not sure whether the proposed long term lease will address the maintenance debt and return the building to a satisfactory long term standard.

1 It is great having ANAM in the area. However, an adjustment should be made to the lease so that ANAM provides practice room access to musos that live in Port Phillip.

1 More money into the community on a building that doesn't get used

1 I support arts and culturel will join as a community memberl will attend concerts

ANAM is a wonderful and important asset to the residents of Port Phillip.

How lucky are we to have such brilliant musicians residing in our magnificent Town Hall.

1 The opportunity for residents to enjoy their music cannot be underestimated and how exciting that we can provide a beautiful venue for them to excel.

I live just north of the city and my family and I have been frequent attendees at concerts put on by ANAM for more than 15 years.

1 It would be great to see an upgrade to the Town Hall with dedicated performance spaces, cafes and bars.

Unsure as I'm not sure that public access will be maintained in an accessible way.

The taking over if such a significant building asset, the sense of 'ownership' thus conveyed, may make the community feel cut out of their civic space.

I'm keen to learn more as to what sort of rooms, spaces and facilities would be available on a day-to-day basis, eg workspaces, desks for use, quiet rooms for work projects, writing (akin to library space), rooms for rehearsals etc etc. Hire costs can be prohibitive even when minimal. Artists are often low income-earners. I'd like to see dedicated spaces for writers, community groups, eg. meeting rooms, shared tables, desks, studios.

1 Has CoPP considered making some rooms available at low rent to artists/writers? This would be beneficial for the community and the creative output.

1 It should be dedicated to community use. In fact it should be the town hall because it is much more central in the municipaity than St Kilda.

1 Increase and support artistic and cultural events and artists

1 It will be put to good use and the students and the community will benefit from a thriving music center in South Melbourne

Music and all theatre is best enjoyed in such a beautiful venue not only for the ascetics, but for the acoustics and will give a top class venue for the community, entice tourists and Victorian show goers into the area.

1 It will provide jobs and give a great cultural venue this side of the Yarra. Also I have noticed a lot of people are choosing to support shows and live music over travelling so its a win win situation.

1 What an opportunity for Council to have ANAM as their lease holder. It will bring young vibrancy to the dear old building again

This is a rare opportunity to have a wonderful organisation located within our municipality.

ANAM have been an excellent community organisation providing high quality, accessible services to the local community.

1 The lease also preserves a terrific council owned building.

1 I think ANAM is a wonderful institution and brings classical music to the local community. Their community engagement is admirable and hope they return to South Melbourne Town Hall.

1. Giving a community asset away to a private organisation for a long time damages the core of a community life.
2. ANAM already have 50% of the building - you have not made the case for them needing the remaining half. Not even attempted to, as far as I can see.
3. It is clearly an attempt by Council to have the cost of repairs etc met by 'others' - not by the community/council. The price - 45 years - is too much.
4. ANAM's current engagement with the community is very limited and provides little benefit to our community in return for occupation of 50% of the building. They haven't earned this benefit. They haven't demonstrated they can or Will do better.
5. As a matter of principle we should not be using public assets to give benefit to a private organisation [the similarity of the Grand Prix use of Albert Park is striking]. If it was local community managed that may be different. The current ANAM Board are not people with any local connection - excellent in their field, but not in community development.
5. Let ANAM keep the current 50% [roughly]. No more.
6. As a matter of principal the rooms previously used by community organisations must remain available. Not controlled by an outside organisation but as part of the community use of the facility. To do other wise would fly in the face of the claim to have the facility to be available to community purposes and organisations. And available through an ANAM controlled process at 50% rate reduction. 50% of what? Set by whom? Do not give way the power to manage our own community assets.

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5. Back to the drawing board. Do not make decisions on community matters driven by money.
 6. Continue with the plan for council funded refurbishment.
 ANAM is an important cultural institution that has already much enriched the City of Port Phillip over its previous tenancy.
 The involvement of ANAM in local schools and students has been shown.
 I believe that only ANAM can provide the necessary money to help upgrade and maintain the building.
 We are so lucky to have this opportunity in the City of Port Phillip

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1 ANAM provides a welcome input into Port Phillip cultural life and the preservation of the old town hall is a priority
 1 The "disaster" of the Town Hall internal flooding has been a disaster for me and friends who enjoyed taking advantage of the affordable concerts that were available at the Town Hall.
 1 Finding our way over to Abbotsford (ANAM's hopefully temporary home) via public transport is difficult.
 1 Please move ahead with the proposed lease! And by the look of it, we, the community will benefit way beyond what ANAM has to offer. Thank you.

1 I live in St Kilda and just got to know about ANAM through a couple of concerts I was able to attend at the St Kilda Town Hall. I was very impressed by the performance of the young people. It made think that giving this institution a permanent home in our Council area is a fantastic idea!

1 It is an excellent repurposing of the building so that it remains a community facility.

1 I've been a South Melbourne resident for 6 years, I've voted in this building twice but otherwise not used. It isn't necessary to be council property anymore but it needs to be restored.
 ANAM bring so much to this precinct - it's pretty dead in this area, and absolutely quiet without the students.
 The building is beautiful and should be opened up to the public.
 Office space for other cultural groups is a great idea, and will bring more activity to the area.
 1 Council clearly can't afford upkeep of this significant building. Please retain assist centre and don't just shove it in the library

1 Music brings people together and will contribute to the beautiful culture of south Melbourne

1 ANAM intends to make fantastic use of a stunning building that has been left to crumble. What a perfect attraction to the area and way to bring melbournes arts precinct even closer.
 I see two main reasons for strongly supporting leasing to ANAM.
 1. They are a fantastic cultural asset who support the local community generously with very affordable accessible concerts and talks.
 2. There are plenty of other council facilities that can be easily accessed by community groups

1 This will bring culture and more arts practice to South Melbourne. I strongly support and encourage council to support this move.
 I have read the information provided including meeting notes.
 I support the expansion of cultural venues in the City of Port Phillip.
 However I would like transparency on the leasing value of the property - if it was made available for commercial or other not-for-profit organisations.
 I would also like transparency on how ANAM will raise the \$20.5M required to secure the lease.

1 Finally, I would like to understand how the income from leasing a valuable public asset will financially contribute to City of Port Phillip's rate payers.

1 ANAM is a very important national institution providing training for Australia's very best young musicians. To have ANAM based in South Melbourne both enlivens and adds cultural lustre to our community.
 1. Financial.

6.4 COPP, as landlord of the SMTH, needs to be confident that ANAM can raise the required finance for the annual increased rent, as for the last 25 years as ANAM has strenuously resisted paying a reasonable rent for any occupied space in the SMTH.

Vague promises from philanthropists of a \$5m contribution, and hope the State Gov. will contribute further money[in these very uncertain times,] and that further donors could be found to match a State Gov commitment, appears still very uncertain.

2. Community Access to SMTH

For the past 25 years there has been community use of rooms facing Fishley St, and the former Theaterette, facing Bank St. The use has involved meetings, and community working groups, and a fee has been paid.

The access is good, and can be made separately from ANAM. The Council Chamber, and the Main Hall have been used occasionally.

ANAM continues to resist the community using the former spaces along Fishley St, as advised to me by Nick Bailey on a tour of the Town Hall in December last year.

1 Council Meetings and Citizenship ceremonies are held infrequently. In a city whose population is increasing, community space is becoming more difficult.

ANAM is a national home for the future of the arts and culture industry in Australia.

It trains the highest calibre student musician into a thriving professional within the industry and should certainly remain in the beautiful South Melbourne Town Hall.

It is important to restore, maintain and use this building of historical significance and leasing to ANAM as an internationally recognised cultural body is an excellent fit
It is exciting to see historic buildings such as this South Melbourne Town Hall kept alive and updated for modern life.

The location of the South Melbourne Town Hall was always a meeting place going back to the indigenous people as it was on the high ground between the sea and the river.

By restoring the facilities and creating new spaces for meeting, eating and performing, it reinforces its identity as a cultural hub.

Performing spaces are invaluable for all forms of performing arts, not only classical music, but also pop, dance and theatre.

While space is always at a premium, particularly in the inner city suburbs, this development would affirm the importance of such arts in the cultural identity of Port Phillip, Melbourne and Australia.

It would bring people to the City of Port Phillip, to experience the food and shops on Clarendon St and the wonderful South Melbourne Market.

If this ensures the town hall is restored and maintained, it sounds worthwhile.

to help foster young music students and provide a great venue for them to play.

ANAM belongs in the beautiful heritage listed South Melbourne Town Hall. The 3 performance spaces are unique, charming and perfect for music performance.

The Town Hall has been out of action for far too long. It seems to me that this lease proposal will at last get things going so we have a wonderful centre of culture right here in South Melbourne!

What an opportunity to have the restoration done without ratepayers having to fit the total bill. I live around the corner in Cecil St and can't wait for the affordable concerts by ANAM to return to our community.

Investment in building

Would provide fund to maintain building

It's a beautiful building with interesting history. It would be lovely to lease it to a group where music is coming from it.

ANAM is a fantastic institution, and having it in South Melbourne is a great benefit to our economy, social fabric and local arts culture

Great for the community

To continue their creative works

Good for building maintenance & progressing the arts.

It is an entirely appropriate use for the building and together with the various guarantees entailed a benefit to citizens will accrue.

These large town halls are hardly appropriate to contemporary needs and some imaginative modification of use is required.

It would be just fantastic to see this happen and see this beautiful building put to good use.

We believe it would be in good hands, we support the access by arts related groups and would look forward to this becoming a central point for the community, with much more life to the place, more energy and a safer area within the village.

we also support the long term nature of the lease and the commitment made to renovations to make sure it is brought back to a good standard and then maintained.

ANAM's previous use of the town hall brought people to the area and local cafes and was a perfect spot for them, close to amenities such as public transport.

As a long time supporter of ANAM I would like to see this wonderful space developed for that organisation and for the use of other Lao all community groups.

My reasons for being 'unsure' about the lease is that greater clarity required

1. for source of funds for repairs and lease- to date no word of where this huge amount of money is coming from, which philanthropists, benefactors, government/

2. This is a community owned building including the land on which it stands therefore the community need to know ,

3. If the lease is secured without such information and the repairs cannot be fully and correctly completed the community is left with an unusable building.

4. Further clarity of use by community groups of certain sections of the Town Hall such as Friends of ABC, Reconciliation Group, Save Albert Park.

5. Use by local organizations for a suitably large space, not renovated so such important large spaces do not have flexible use.

It is a community owned building which should have clear well understood and shared guidelines for use outside of ANAM.

ANAM have less than 100 students, do not use all the extensive space all the time.

6, Assurance that the heritage component of the building are strictly and correctly maintained.

ANAM was one of the best cultural institutions in Port Phillip. It's a national organisation bringing talented young people into our city.

It was an asset adding vibrancy and cultural clout. The public program was always outstanding and inspiring, and right on our doorstep.

Having ANAM in Port Phillip is simply a great use of the South Melbourne Town Hall.

In this process and also before the roof fell in, there seems to be a degree of scepticism by Council about the value of ANAM—in my mind Council should be falling over themselves to secure such an important cultural institution within its limits, not second-guessing itself.

1 The lease proposal is reasonable and the town hall is an excellent home for ANAM.
The city of port Phillip could be even more generous in its terms, as the ANAM provides a rich culture to the city and helps to embed a significant artist community within the council area.
It's a stunning building, and one that needs saving! ANAM's plans excite me, and I think will help restore this gorgeous gem.
I don't visit South Melbourne much, but when I do I'm always sad to see the building closed.

1 ANAM opening the building up will definitely make me visit more! And how exciting to be able to visit the market, or go for dinner on Clarendon St before or after a concert.
ANAM is a important part of Australia's and South Melbourne's cultural landscape.
1 Preservation and use of this historic building by such an important cultural group, with continued community access, is wonderful for the City of Port Phillip

1 Fantastic use of a great resource. Council is to be applauded

1 I think it is a terrific proposal for ongoing use of the building
I think the plan that ANAM has in place would be great for music and the arts in the area.
Not only will be provide a great use for the town hall for not just ANAM but also other community groups.
1 When I have attended performances in the past I like to 'make a day of it' and go for a meal or a coffee at one of the many great local cafes.

1 ANAM will be a suitable tenant and the community needs access to the SMTH again after too many years of it being inaccessible

1 My business supports ANAM charitably.

1 We support ANAM charitably & support the lease!

1 It is a shame that the council counter has gone as have child immunisations
It is a great idea to restore and renovate the Town Hall. It is a beautiful building that deserves to be enjoyed by the community.
ANAM is a wonderful organisation and an excellent tenant to activate the space.
1 Creating a new cultural hub for the municipality is also a welcome development for locals.
Utilising this important public asset and ensuring it remains accessible to the community and appropriately maintained is a good outcome.
1 Would not like to see commercial signage (promoting the lessee) on the outside of the building
They have been the current main tenant for a number of years. Security of tenure would be guaranteed with this lease.
1 The only proviso I have is that, under the Civic Functions category, the town hall would be made available for all State and National political elections when they occur.

1 ANAM is a prestigious music facility and it would be an honour to have these students studying in our local area. ANAM fits in well with the already established arts and cultural environment of the area.

1 A great cultural use for a historic building!
Not support:
I live in south Melbourne and there is a lack of local parking and permits to give to residents.
Plan doesn't outline how they will provide additional parking for students, teachers, community

Support:
If I recall correctly it currently looks like a sad soulless building.

1 South Melbourne (apart from Coventry / market) is often soulless. Clareden st needs more appeal. Having an arts center Will attract creatives and professional community to the area, good for businesses and promoting the neighborhood as cultural hub

1 The leasing would provide protection for the building instead of leaving it to slowly decay
As it doesn't look like the council wants to continue offering services at South Melbourne and we have a valuable,
1 historical assets that should not be allowed to deteriorate, offering this facility to the ANAM is a good outcome for both groups.

1 Excellent to have possibility of concerts in walking distance.
Proposal will ensure quality renovation and appropriate use of the Hall with long term certainty, including good level of community benefit.
1 If managed well it will also spearhead activation of a wider cultural/civic precinct.
The proposed lease is not reflective of the current investment to make good by COPP (\$16m?? from 2018 to 2024)
and actual investment of ANUM is minimal (their investment is materially a federal grant)
1 Council better off going to market and/or working with federal grant provider - updating property with grant and then going to market.

1 The Town Hall needs to be usefully used and looked after

1 It would be a welcome addition to South Melbourne cultural scene and it would allow public access .
ANAM has, and continues to provide international level training for young musicians, and they share this with the broader community very actively.
As an ANAM alumni and now Head of Music at a local state school (Richmond High School),
I have begun to engage my students with ANAM and wish to strengthen this bond further.
1 This is only possible if ANAM continues to be allowed appropriate spaces to operate.

1 It's a suitable purpose and hopefully it will provide more opportunities for concerts and other art activities in the hall
The loss of a service desk at South Melbourne will further impact on the situation of this area being the very neglected area compared Port, Albert Park, Middle Park and St Kilda.
South Melbourne is an area deserving more attention as it is a complex area of industry and residential and significant public housing on the edge of the city.
The current state of the freeway underpasses and Clarendon Street are perfect examples of neglect and poor planning.
The shopping precinct is strewn with rubbish from public housing and shabby with general neglect.
1 Any calls made to the assist line are met with a pleasant voice but usually a staff member that doesn't have a clue of the location at all.
While there is universal recognition of the importance of the arts as a way of reflecting back and celebrating our culture as well as comforting,
entertaining, challenging and teaching us, arts organisations and artists themselves struggle with constant instability in performance schedules, income, and job security and location.
If we want a vibrant arts culture, we must support and nurture it.
A stellar organisation like ANAM having stability in a purpose-designed centrally located facility
1 provides the healthy working environment our young elite artists need to work at their best, to the benefit of the larger community.

1 Cannot see how this directly benefits the community of South Melbourne or how the community can access the building.

1 All the reasons in the ANON proposal are valid and important. Saving this landmark building is imperative. ANON is a valued occupant.

1 This will be an excellent revitalisation of the town hall and see it used and enjoyed by more people
I believe ANAM is appropriate tenant for the town hall,
as the positive nature of its work is beneficial not only to the City of Port Phillip but for the surrounding South Eastern suburbs, including my own area of Bayside.
1 In my opinion the previous history of tenancy would prove ANAM to be reliable and ethical in its dealings with the CoPP and the community at large.

1 Great use of the SMTH! ANAM is a fantastic institution and brings so much life to South Melbourne. I support this lease 100%!

1 Looks like a good deal which will preserve the building and still be used by the community to some degree.

1 Help preserve the building and allow some community use. Location great for me academy's students

1 Good finance for community. All day parking will need to be readdressed as our clients can hardly find a car park as is here.
For exactly the reasons the lease is being considered really.
The town hall is a great old building and I think it is important it is used and looked after.
1 This particular use also seems like it will add to the economy and spirit of the area.

1 I wholeheartedly support the proposed lease and believe a lease to ANAM is a tremendous use of the facility and would be a wonderful creative asset to the neighbourhood.

1 Makes good use of an iconic building.

1 ANAM is a world renowned first class organization that deserves a 'home' such as the South Melbourne Town Hall
Will the Council office that is used by locals no longer be situated in the building if this lease goes ahead?
A Council Office for locals needs to remain (even a small one).
1 It would not be acceptable to expect South Melbourne residents to have to travel to Port Melbourne or St Kilda to access Council services face to face.
- Long term investment in South Melbourne arts and culture - is it enough and a realistic amount of what is required over the long term.
- Maintenance and celebration of a culturally significant building.
This is great from a council use perspective.
But, what requirements are there for local schools and musical groups to access the facility for their music performances and ceremonies?
1 - what accommodation is the council making for rate payers and residents to have access to available parking at no cost when using the Clarendon street precinct. It is already difficult.

1 It will build on the arts and creative precinct in the area

1 It seems to me it's a great deal for Port Phillip ratepayers, getting a fabulous cultural hub with Council investment only being about 25% of the cost. Let's not waste this opportunity!

1 Valuable use of historic building with lease terms that are mutually beneficial.

1 Potential for musical events to be held on site is very welcome.

1 As long as it still has access for local government events and local businesses

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1 ANAM brings life and vitality to the Emerald Hill precinct. This is a very fitting use for a wonderful old building.
1 ANAM will provide financial income and insurance and will help to ensure that the Town Hall has purpose.

1 ANAM is a great organisation that will bring students and staff to the help revitalise Clarendon St businesses. The thought of so much music locally is wonderful.

1 Overall a great idea. Good for the building and great for the ANAM

1 Community benefits

1 I support the lease for it presents good economical sense BUT I want the council to continue to provide a service centre at this venue as it has done in the past.
1 It is not right for South Melbourne residents to have to travel to Port Melbourne or St.Kilda to access services for which we pay rates etc

1 ANAM is an important Melbourne cultural institution and locating ANAM in South Melbourne will have major cultural and other benefits to the immediate community.

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1 ANAM is a great institution and brings a lot to the local community
1 ANAM adds to South Melbourne through its music excellence and the vibrancy of creative music students adds to the community.
1 ANAM also expands the impact of the creative industries that come from Sturt St

1 It is a great site for the ANAM which Melbourne needs

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1 As long as council functions can continue in the building, I don't see any issue. Will be good to bring upgrades to the building

1 The lease is an excellent way to rejuvenate the derelict town hall precinct while also bringing important cultural activities to the local area while avoiding raising rates.

1 attending concerts, recitals etc at a convenient location. encouraging local cafes and restaurants
1 The ongoing management and maintenance of heritage buildings is a challenge for all asset owners, not only in Port Phillip but everywhere.
1 Also challenging is providing a use for these community assets commensurate to their heritage value and scale.

The proposed lease by ANAM provides a solution to both of these challenges.

The community can have confidence that our treasured asset will be used by cultural institution of high standing and looked after with a dignity of purpose. The long lease and capital investment will incentivise ANAM to be financially prudent and direct its management and capital maintenance responsibilities to objectives which are shared by the community.

1 It is highly unlikely that the City of Port Phillip could have achieved a better or similar outcome through a competitive process.
1 I'm very excited about the opportunity of having all sorts of arts events in a re-purposed Town Hall that makes use of all the spaces for our community.
1 Also think the cafe is a grand idea. I live within walking distance of the Town Hall and have no car. The older I get the more I cherish "local."

1 I believe that it is a great fit for South Melbourne and will bring a new life to the area.
1 I think it's a fabulous idea BUT only if it does not impact the hourly chimes. I have lived in this area since a baby and it's one of the reasons why I choose to stay.
1 The town hall hourly chimes are an important part of the south Melbourne history

1 A long term lease will provide certainty for all parties. The details provided by council broadly appear to cover potential concerns.
1 I would hope that the lease (and continued use by ANAM) would encourage more people into South Melbourne to support the local traders.

1 ANAM supporter

1 Support aims of the proposal

1 As a lay person the lease appears to be a no brainer for the Council at the same time meeting the requirements of ANAM for the foreseeable future.

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1 ANAM is a wonderful institution and I believe the South Melbourne town hall provides an excellent home base that is centrally located and which will reflect prestige on to the City of Port Phillip.

1 Need to ensure the use, viability & future of the building

1 A wholesome and purposeful use of a great community building that has social benefits. It is consistent with the community culture and wider creative arts scene present in the precinct.

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1 Excellent idea - need to increase support for performing arts.

I live nearby the town hall, and have supported ANAM for many years.

It's absolutely wonderful to see young people these days show such passion of the arts, and absolutely love attending all their concerts and rehearsals.

I have so missed them within our community over past years

The south Melbourne town hall is such a magnificent showpiece still standing as the amazing bygone era, and what better way to present it than being part of our arts within our community, and showcased to rest of city as part of the arts precinct nearby

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1 I am persuaded by the stated intentions: (a) ongoing use as a cultural hub; (b) restoration, renewal an ongoing maintenance; (c) boost use and visitation.

1 Interest in the arts

1 It will culturally enrich the community

1 great organisation to promote and support up and coming musicians

ANAM is a world renowned finishing school for young musicians currently working in their field of endeavour.

Artistic organisations of this calibre should be nurtured and to have ANAM reside and breathe life into one of CoPPs beautiful buildings (once renovations are complete) is something to be proud of and celebrated

1 I just live down the road off Dorcas St. This is a fabulous proposed tenant for such an iconic building. Better utilised than what it currently is and hopefully will inject some life into that area.

1 Sounds like a great idea. No alternatives have been provided. A lot of capital investment.

While it is good the building will be restored and be used, the guaranteed rent is only \$250K per year.

So how does the rate payer of South Melbourne benefit from this??

1 Ideally a rate reduction or increase freeze would be ideal, or an investment in other South Melbourne facilities that can be linked back to the Town Hall lease.

1 - Secures upgrades and maintenance of building- Gives the area a function and purpose- Attracts business and culture to an otherwise lacking area

1 Great to add more of the arts to South Melbourne and to ensure the continuity of this important building.

1 Good use of community space. Good tenant.

I think ANAM is perfectly suited / situated to manage a long term lease for this wonderful community asset.

As the former long term main resident, I think ANAM understands the building and its potential,

and I believe ANAM would manage it really well as an arts and culture facility.

As a community member, I would love to see ANAM performing again in this building.

1 Seems like a financially responsible decision.

ANAM is an important institution for the young musicians, the community and other patrons.

Music is an essential contribution to our wellbeing, enjoyment and happiness.

Therefore ANAM needs a good central space and South Melbourne town hall is able to provide this as it has done before.

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1 It is not clear whether the town hall clock will continue to chime on the hour. I would dearly love it to continue, as it is an important part of my sense of belonging to the local community.

1 Preserving a council historical and cultural asset at little cost to ratepayers. Increasing hall use and supporting the arts community. Still have access for important local events.

1 South Melbourne is already a hub for music in Victoria - college of the arts, JMC and SAE all located nearby. On top of all the music shops, it makes sense and gives new life back into the town hall. ANAM is a world class education institution. The contribution it makes to the cultural life of not only the City of Port Phillip but the whole of Melbourne is enormous.

1 Allowing ANAM to lease the South Melbourne town hall would bring a vibrant array of cultural and educational endeavours to our LGA as well as proving ANAM with important proximity to the existing arts precinct.

1 Access to diverse cultural events would bring further value to the area and benefit all the residents. I completely support ANAM's application to lease the South Melbourne Town Hall.

1 South Melbourne Town Hall is an ideal venue for ANAM, and ANAM has brought glorious performance experiences to CoPP citizens.

1 Hostility to ANAM's occupancy seems to me based on perceived historical wrongs, but I can see no community activity that could better use the totality of the premises.

1 However there must be some provision for community group use, both events and on-going office space, and ANAM must commit to continuing its ANAMates programs for CoPP residents.

ANAM have had a lease for many years and were required to maintain the building.

This has not happened so why assume that a new lease will be honoured or monitored?

The requirements for building safety and conservation should not be optional, they should be mandatory with all costs being covered by ANAM.

A report on Heritage Conservation requirements should be prepared and the work costed by an outside expert. Likewise the requirements to conform to building regulations. The figures shown on the proposed lease are rubbish.

1 The lease should state who monitors the quality of restoration and repair work and the penalties for not reaching acceptable standards.

It will be beneficial to the community to have the building renovated

1 and used for musical performances amongst other activities as well as the continued nurturing of young musicians by such a world renowned organisation such as ANAM

1 Council likely has less need for dispersed town hall spaces. This proposal supports a significant arts organisation. There remains provision for community use of the space, with financial incentives aligned to this.

1 I appreciate that ANAM will invest a large sum in rebuilding and upgrading the current building and maintaining its splendour. Also, that parts of this will still be available to be used by the community.

1 It's important that this historic building be preserved, maintained and upgraded to current standards - the capital expenditures by ANAM will help achieve this.

1 A fantastic ongoing use for this wonderful facility.

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1 ANAM is an amazing world leading establishment for young musicians. It will bring culture and people to South Melbourne, and as such support local traders

- Support to an industry that has struggled significantly in past few years and gets very little funding unlike other major industries.

1 - building will be maintained through the lease and require less funding through taxes / rates (hopefully also reflected with future rate increases kept at a minimum).

1 - will bring more people to St Melb / Clarendon St precinct and support local businesses through incremental spending

1 ANAM is a fantastic institution that supports and trains the next generation of musicians. It would be an incredible asset to the South Melbourne community to have ANAM in the heart of the suburb.

1 Great to see it used for music, encourages community use, establishes South Melbourne as a hub for the arts

1 The Academy of Music is an excellent tenant for such a large heritage building, contributing to the culture and class of the area.

1 I want the council to use its assets to generate income. The ANAM is an important and valuable cultural organisation which can bring music culture to our area.

1 Put the building to use and have the investment of the building funded by others

1 It will be so great to get the Town Hall working again and provide us with local concerts!

1 It's a good use for an historic building that would otherwise be under utilised

1 I enjoyed having the Music Academy before and would welcome it again

1 Great to have a first class music organisation in South Melbourne

1 To provide a vibrant arts hub for the community, of international quality and a source of pride for Melbourne, while ensuring the building is preserved and enlivened. My community here has missed ANAM!

1 Culture

1 Constructive cultural use of the asset, concerts, open days, music students keeping our streets and business areas vibrant. What else would the town hall be used for? I haven't heard any better ideas.

1 Used for a functional cultural asset to the area

1 I support the lease for such a beautiful building to not be in use is surprising.Plus this will help bring more economy to the near by area of South Melbourne

1 It's a great financial opportunity for the city of Port Phillip and it's a wonderful use of the space

1 This is the iconic of south Melbourne I prefer something to the community not for the music industry

1 Will bring more crowd to our suburb, more spendings through local businesses more growth

1 Support for the arts industry, growth of lively culture within south Melbourne
The proposed lease looks well designed to upgrade and revitalise the historic Town Hall.
It ensures significant investment in and professional management of a great venue for the benefit of local community and government, musicians, music lovers and diverse community groups.
The lease underpins development of a centre for community activity and musical excellence that will enrich the cultural life of South Melbourne, Port Phillip, and beyond.
The inclusion of a revenue-raising stream for cultural events is a valuable bonus.

1 ANAM has in the past proven to be the 'heart' of fabulous music making in South Melbourne and has become much loved by the local community.

1 It is wonderful place for ANAM and help breath life back into an iconic building

1 It should be available for all community groups

1 It's a great cultural asset to the community

1 - World class institution for South Melbourne, putting us on the map globally- Will bring much needed energy and buzz to the area- Maintenance of town hall building is assured- Concerts and events for local residents

1 The town hall has been under-utilised for the last ten years + that I've live in SoMo. That whole area around it is wasted and I welcome new life being brought into the town hall.

1 Great idea to have ANAM restore and renovate the town hall for training musicians and for community groups to book, as required, multiuser rooms for their meetings and events

1 Great organisation and using their \$ and expertise to restore and use the town hall.Community groups can book shared multiuser spaces for their meetings and events

1 I support the architectural and cultural aspects of the plan and its proposed uses. This is a great plan

1 ANAM is a South Melbourne Institution, the most important Historical Music institute in Australia, and deserves another 50 years in the Prime Locale of the Town Hall.
It is the Council and the State Government wiping their hands of their responsibility to directly maintain and develop the public use of this facility.
The SMTH is the most important building in Port Phillip, and one of the most important buildings in Victoria and Australia.
To hand over maintenance and day to day control to a third party is unacceptable. South Melbourne gets short shrift from the Council. We should formally secede.

1 Have Council advise how much they have spent over the years at St Kilda Town Hall. This is a very sick joke.

1 ANAM has already proven to be an effective, positive contributor to the cultural and financial benefit of audiences and businesses in the precinct.
We want to return to South Melbourne and enjoy an enhanced cultural environment so close to the arts precinct in the city.

1 I think ANAM is a valuable contributor to the cultural identity of COPP.

1 Great use of a public space, providing ongoing protection of the building's integrity
This lease will continue to cement Port Phillip's place as a cultural hub and provide much needed opportunities for Australian artists.
It will be a meeting point for the community to intersect with the arts. The use of the town hall and proposed leasing conditions will enhance the space and likely add to the sense of civic grandeur.
This is a wonderful proposal and outcome for the residents of Port Phillip. As a resident from St Kilda East, I would be very interested in engaging with the space via ANAM programming.

1 Because the town hall has been closed for the last four years, and this investment will bring it alive again

1 ANAM is amazing organisation supporting young artists. They are a world leading service. They will bring people to South Melbourne
By ANAM committing to make such a significant investment -- and mind, that will come to a large extent from private sources, though hopefully the State Government will also come to the party --
1 the community will get our Town Hall back sooner rather than later. Since the disastrous "flood" it has been sitting there doing nothing.
And we all miss the access to affordable performances.

1 The students add life to Sth.Melbourne street's bringing youth and vitality. They provide concerts for the public and locals receive discounts on entry.
1 I have had the pleasure of attending many outstanding performances and I miss ANAMs presence greatly.

1 The town hall should be used solely by the people of South Melbourne and the City of Port Phillip not an elite few that are musicians

1 What will happen to historical artefacts? Eg paintings etc

1 I love music

1 The music school at the town hall would be brilliant for the community and the life of the building it self.

1 I am a subscriber of Anam and I appreciate ite fulfilling of its mission to provide affordable music to the publicans to support promising musicians.

1 I think that they are an elitist institution and this is our building and it should be for the community

1 A long term, august tenant who will provide capital improvements as part of the lease terms? What's not to like?

1 I'd want to ensure that community groups/organisations will have regular access to facilities as well as ongoing meeting rooms, at nominal rates, as has been the case previously.
1 I am a ratepayer and resident. ANAM is a mini-university, training the best musicians from around Australia and NZ, bringing a vibrant and energetic cohort to South Melbourne.
The townhall is a fading asset unless serious funds are spent to upgrade it. We welcome ANAM's return to SMTH in the future, and the many concerts, large and small, we can then enjoy. George Lefroy

1 The Town Hall must be saved
1 ANAM's proposal is a gift to the city of Port Phillip and the people of South Melbourne. Council would be *mad* to turn it down.
Celebrate this beautiful building with an incredible tenant and support ANAM's generous and visionary proposal

1 It will relieve the ratepayers of repairing and renovating the building, and we will be able to use it for municipal functions and it will bring students and audiences to South Melbourne, it is a win win win.

1 Ensures continued use of the building and contractual commitments to conservation

1 It is an excellent use for the town hall, and provides a quality venue for ANAM, a public institution for the training of Australia's musicians.
The South Melbourne town Hall has been an excellent home for this Academy.
1 It has benefits across the city of Port Phillip, culturally, economically, and socially. Having an upgraded facility for use by a vast array of stakeholders is an incredible opportunity.
Any suburb in Australia would strive to be the home of ANAM.

1 It gives certainty of use to ANAM and confirms Port Phillip as the host of Australia's leading national music training hub.
1 Why should the Music Academy have to pay for the maintenance of a community/council owned property? It's a precious, heritage building which belongs to the people of South Melbourne.
1 The Council should pay the maintenance like any other landlord.

1 Love the idea of having a long term cultural tenant

1 Significant community gains can be achieved.

1 The arts and south Melbourne town hall are two iconic and essential cultural icons

1 The restoration of such a beautiful building is clearly a benefit, but moreover it would be perfectly apt for the SMTH to be the home of a strong cultural institution.

1 I think it is on fair and equitable terms and in the best interest of the community, the building, and ANAM and the arts generally.
1 ANAM is an amazing organisation and Sth Melbourne Town Hall works well. City of Port Phillip should do everything it can to keep ANAM in the city.
1 It is an asset for all of Melbourne but fantastic to have it in Sth Melbourne especially as do many interesting arts organisations have been attracted to the north side.

ANAM is a tremendous asset to the performing arts in Australia, it attracts a vibrant musical community of young upcoming professionals and offers a huge number of top quality free concerts to the public. The building is a source of great pride to the community of South Melbourne and surrounds and needs to be preserved as a unique concert venue as well as an arts hub.
The beauty of the building and it's excellent acoustic means I would choose to go to a concert there rather than the Melbourne Concert Hall.

ANAM is great!

While ANAM is of national artistic significance, its vibrant contribution to the cultural life of South Melbourne is also immense. In addition to the concerts and recitals, ANAM brings a unique vitality to the area that is greater than the sum of its parts. The presence of a student cohort adds life to this historic area in a way that would be impossible to replicate. I see it as mutually beneficial to both ANAM and South Melbourne. I support the proposed lease because ANAM are taking on the bulk of responsibility for preserving and improving this iconic building. I also support what ANAM provides both as a training institution but also as a performance institution. Anything that opens up ANAM to the local community and vice versa I support

ANAM is a wonderful organization. It will be fabulous to see ANAM return to Sth Melbourne. SMTH becoming ANAM's permanent home is a perfect example of a heritage building adapting to the times, in a way that other older buildings across Australia have struggled to do. It will form a critical part of Australian cultural life into the future. As well as the economic benefit to the area, ANAM is a legitimately world leading cultural institution, that SMTH can be a core part of Australian culture locally, nationally and internationally is something Port Phillip council can be immensely proud.

ANAM is a wonderful service not only through scholarships for gifted students, but also for the relationship with the broader community in providing the showcasing of students' talents through regular concerts.

Supporting music in the local community is important to me

We need to support the young musicians and open public spaces to more young people

Amazing opportunity to refurbish this facility so that it can be used to potential and bring the community and life back to South Melbourne

As a resident and business owner in South Melbourne, I am aware of the injection of life and community that ANAM provided to the area and the significant loss of activity that has occurred since its relocation. Having the Town Hall as a world class space for performances and events within Port Phillip is something that will enhance quality of life for residents. ANAM is an astonishing resource. As Artistic Director of Musica Viva Australia I see daily how the musicians and the training they receive at ANAM enrich the entire cultural landscape – not just in Australia, but throughout the world. (MVA just this week spent three hours inside the Berlin Philharmonie filming violinist Harry Ward, an ANAM and MVA FutureMakers alumnus. Harry is spending two years at the Karajan Akademie and spends most weeks playing with the orchestra.) ANAM's curriculum and teaching has transformed the standard of music-making in Australia and has allowed its alumni to work confidently on the world's great stages. ANAM needs a proper home to continue this work and I believe that the refurbished South Melbourne Town Hall will effect the South Melbourne community in a way akin to the transformation undertaken in Bilbao after the opening of the new museum there. ANAM is an absolutely wonderful place for emerging artists in this country, cementing professional careers and providing world class opportunities - but only when in an appropriate venue. As has been proved in the past, South Melbourne Town Hall is an ideal location and environment for students, staff and community.

This will be a great partnership - ANAM will be such an asset to this community again. We were very privileged to be able to have such a fantastic organisation in our area and we were delighted to regularly attend events. ANAM is a leading icon in the Australian culture, arts, music and education scene. It is an institution where young and talented classical musicians are nurtured and educated by some of the world's best pedagogues. The city of Port Phillip should be proud to house such a place by their doorstep, and the locals should look forward to see the reimplementation of such a fruitful addition to the community. I used to love attending concerts at the South Melbourne Town Hall and was sad when it shut down - it means I no longer go to South Melbourne to visit the market or enjoy lunch at the cafes. This proposal sounds like a much needed injection of money to fix a building that deserves to be a grand feature

ANAM is both a national and local treasure which brings many benefits to the local community, cafes and other businesses.

It's a very long lease every little ability to change for 50 years would be great to see community access to the space - and not just for lessons or civic business

The lease will bring important benefits to the area, including economic and social benefits. Such a beautiful building should be paired with this important cultural purpose.

This iconic building needs to be saved. To have a flagship institution that gives back so much to the community is a positive outcome. A win win for the whole community.

Worried that south Melb symphony orchestra and other groups will not have their traditional access in their own right

It's a beautiful building that should be used and have life in it and bring a positive outlook for the area

Music is such an important part of our culture, and ANAM is training the absolute best musicians from across Australia and New Zealand. Their concerts are absolutely outstanding and thought provoking, and always well attended. We are lucky to have them here in Port Phillip; they bring people from all over Melbourne to their events, and I celebrate that Port Phillip can contribute to the high culture that Melbourne is known for. It is shameful that some people have forgotten what culture really is. And ps. it would save me travelling all the way to Abbotsford Convent for their concerts too!

1 This will enhance both the building itself and its value for the community. ANAM has been missed by many CoPP residents.

1 ANAM provides wonderful opportunities to musicians & as a pensioner living in Port Phillip greatly enjoy the chance to attend recitals without cost. This is excellent for my mental health & for my wife

1 It would guarantee an ongoing connection with classical music and the local community. Also the beautiful hall could be a centre for school concerts and musical education.

1 It's always good to see the council supporting arts and cultural activities.

1 Anam is an important cultural icon to the community and has already settled a place in our history.

1 Anam activity brings business, visitors and economic activity to South Melbourne. Locals are proud of the cultural life that centres around the town hall

1 ANAM has been a great community asset for residents of CoPP and it has been a wonderful and relevant tenant to the former SM Town Hall. It would be a shame to see this asset passed into private hands.

1 Will renew and activate the Town Hall, and provide an important resource for an organisation which trains our most talented young musicians.

1 Having ANAM in South Melbourne greatly enhances the cultural offerings. Regularly drawing people from a wide range into the area for the free concerts.

1 This seems to allow for restoration of the building that is very much needed. It will be good to preserve this.

1 Support- reasoning- Maintenance/ asset management/ additional revenue/ community and council can still utilize

1 Provides an important cultural organisation and provides significant cash to repair and maintain the building. Provides significant custom for local businesses

1 I support this lease as it's mostly for the public benefit.

1 The structure of the lease transaction focuses on ANAM performing and improving the building whilst playing an integral role in facilitating improving the arts performance scene in the LGA

1 ANAM's proposal is so much more than ANAM: under ANAM's proposal the restored South Melbourne Town Hall will become an important cultural hub in South Melbourne, providing a range of performance spaces for use by ANAM and others, together with spaces for community groups, and at the same time will celebrate an iconic building that is part of Melbourne's extraordinary late-1800s history. Local businesses, including the South Melbourne Market, will be significant beneficiaries of visitors from outside the electorate, as well as ANAM's own students and staff.

1 I think the use of the SMTH would have considerable more use. YES ANAM should have a lease, in addition to this much needed artists in COPP and winder VIC require residency spaces.

1 I go to see lots of performances at the nearby by Temperance Hall. An extension of their cutting edge programming could be with more infrastructure in support of resident artists at SMTH.

1 As a resident of South Melbourne, highly support this proposal by the Council and ANAM. Especially like the rent reduction feature linked to performance. Great idea providing a carrot to keep the building in good condition.

1 Fantastic use of an iconic building. Great for all music lovers especially Port Phillip residents. When you look at the pitiful state of 'surplus' town halls in other municipalities, you can only be full of thanks.

1 to continue the excellent achievements of ANAM in a prestigious setting in which Port Philip ratepayers should take great pride

1 Both ANAM and the SMTH are national treasures. They are a magic fit. The proposed upgrades will further enhance both, and will be wonderful amenities for the community.

1 The building deserves to be restored and this seems like a once in a lifetime opportunity for it to happen.

1 Arts community usage of the space keeps in the building present and in good condition, as well as providing a space for the arts

1 ANAM should have first class accommodation

1 Wonderful use of the Town Hall to extend A.N.A.M.'s lease and refurbishment

1 This institution is of major cultural importance and greatly enriches the musical life of the city.

1 I have been an ANAMate member for many years now and attend their concerts regularly.

1 I love that COPP residents get this special membership and the concerts are wonderful.

1 ANAM is a very special music academy - I am so impressed with the selection process (a friend's son was selected), the thoughtful selection of music, the way they organise their events, and they open community access policy.

1 Leasing the facility to ANAM is the best use of this beautiful building.

I have lived in Melbourne and also studied at ANAM.

During my time as a student I also spent time on the student representative committee which loaded with the ANAM management team.

On the whole, I strongly believe ANAM has a positive influence on the local community, and having spent time studying and working in many different communities, it is clear how precious and rare an organisation like ANAM is.

I met countless local residents while playing concerts at ANAM, many who became friends, who all benefited greatly from not just world class performances but also from a sense of community that the friendships and mixing of different ages and backgrounds brought.

I can only say what I experienced while I was spending nearly every day in the south Melbourne town hall, but having personally organised, with help from ANAM, free concerts around south Melbourne in aged care facilities for people who were not able to travel to traditional venues, as well as performing educational concerts in local primary schools, I firmly believe ANAM is the best possible use for the South Melbourne town hall and a positive for the local community and should be helped to succeed in their goal of it being an inclusive music training and performance academy.

To see these relationships break down with ANAM and for ANAM to uproot everything and fund its own new building elsewhere would be a huge loss to the city of Port Phillip community, and I believe the building itself would continue to suffer from the negligence and the slow decline in state it has seen for many years due to funding problems and compliance issues.

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This is a splendid use of this significant building.

ANAM provides a world-class training facility for professional musicians and it needs accommodation that can support its many annual performances.

The proposed renovation will provide a fantastic resource, not just for ANAM but the community at large

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ANAM is a community involving national arts leading organisation that takes great care in its responsibility of preserving the cultural integrity of the South Melbourne Town Hall

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ANAM is vital to the training of musicians for the future of classical music . World class facilities and mentors and meeting of the highest standard of musicians make ANAM the most prestigious place to study the art form.

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Wow! This is great!

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Excellent cultural use of this beautiful building.

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After the council amalgamations in the 1990s and the decision to base the City of Port Phillip's operations at St Kilda, adaptive reuse of the South Melbourne Town Hall was required.

However, options are constrained by the structure, heritage values, and perceptions of its value as a community asset. We hope never to see another case like the GPO taken over as a clothing store.

Appropriate uses should be 'public'. Despite misrepresentations of ANAM as a 'private music academy' displacing 'community groups' like Save Albert Park, ANAM is a publicly funded institution. Save Albert Park is not. Even if ANAM was a private academy, it has proven its public value through its educational programs and public access to performances. Save Albert Park has no proven public value; I agree with the group's aims but, sadly, it has no demonstrated value in realising those aims.

Public value requires outcomes, not just intent.

Appropriate uses of a heritage building should achieve a good fit between the spaces they require and the building they use. There are few other uses that would achieve such a good fit of need with opportunity as ANAM at the South Melbourne Town Hall. Most other possible uses will fit elsewhere; community group offices and meeting rooms don't need the type of accommodation offered by the Town Hall, and would waste a unique opportunity.

Appropriate uses should reflect the site's significance. As its listing on the Victorian Heritage Register indicates, the site has more than local value. Few options other than ANAM could match this with a use of national importance.

My only reservations with the proposal are that the lease arrangements appear to be asymmetrical in defining rights and responsibilities, to the disadvantage of ANAM. The Town Hall is both an asset and a liability for the Council. The well-known costs of keeping old buildings are magnified here by heritage conservation controls and past neglect. Given a need for extensive works, but limited options for appropriate uses, the liability is likely to be of the same order as any realisable commercial value – and may exceed it.

Yet the Council report on the lease seems to assume significant value for the asset while ignoring the liability. It seeks to use ANAM to realise the asset's value by funding major capital works, paying rent, and catering to Council meetings and citizenship ceremonies. Meanwhile, Council's contributions to deal with its liability are limited to 'works to bring the Town Hall to a basic, tenable condition'. If Council requires a strict limit on its contributions, a fair deal requires an equivalent strict limit on Council perks including 'community access measures', a 50% rental and hiring fee discount for 'community' groups, and creaming money off ANAM ticket sales to subsidise Council's arts and cultural activities, potentially anywhere in the municipality. These imposts are ridiculous and should be removed from the agreement.

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Fostering arts creation and having that open to the local community is important.

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Great idea to bring music back to the local area in this way.

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To have the building tenanted long term, maintained and invested in

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1 It will add a significant asset to the area and raise the status of South Melbourne

1 I want to be able to go into the South Melbourne Town Hall again and hear amazing music. It's a public building, and it shouldn't be shut. It should be full of music and arts performances for everyone to attend.

1 anam is a valuable program and is worth supporting

ANAM plays a vital role in developing young, gifted musicians and, in that, it is richly deserving of public support.

SMTH has long since ceased to be a focal point for the delivery of municipal services;

bringing the grand old building to a state where it can perform an alternative function is highly costly and probably beyond what CoPP coffers can do;

1 and the proposed lease is an excellent way of serving a public good and transforming SMTH to meet 21st century needs & expectations.

ANAM is an amazing organisation which constantly produces world-class musicians with minimal funding.

These musicians go forth to provide entertainment, education and to enhance Australia's international reputation as they perform overseas,

and they continue to benefit our community for decades after they leave ANAM.

1 South Melbourne Town Hall is the perfect venue for ANAM, located in an area which has been very supportive of their activities, and which is close to the Arts Hub of Melbourne at Southbank.

I am supportive for a few reasons;

1. It uses an ideal public asset

2. The quality of the tenant fits the area

3. It will create a sophisticated feel to the area

4. It helps extend the arts precinct up to Clarendon Street from the arts centre

1 * On the proviso it does not become a "private" building with no public access at most times

ANAM is a wonderful cultural organisation which provides both music training to young musicians and affordable concerts and recitals to citizens of Port Phillip and elsewhere.

1 It deserves a more permanent home and is a very appropriate use for this beautiful 'jewel in the crown' of heritage buildings in the municipality.

ANAM is a vitally important public teaching academy for young Australian musicians.

There is no other teaching institution of its kind in Australia. Its world class standing as a teaching academy is accepted.

1 The academy has had a wonderful relationship with the local community through engagement with young and older audiences

1 Great use for the town hall. Brings cultural events and like minded people to the area

I support the proposed lease as it is beneficial for the arts and for the Port Phillip community.

ANAM is a wonderful government and public funded academy that is respected Australia wide for its program. The young musicians are from all Australian states and New Zealand and are offered a world class program.

The local community would benefit by free access to a huge range of concerts throughout the year and programs in schools offered by ANAM musicians.

1 The funding provided by ANAM to restore the South Melbourne Town Hall and ongoing rent will be of great material benefit to the Council and the community. The renovated spaces will be a wonderful asset for the local community. In addition,

the whole precinct will benefit from people being drawn into the area for activities who then go on to spend in the local cafes, restaurants and shopping area.

1 A great use which will revitalise the area

It brings a wonderful cultural institution to our area; it is very accessible for people to get to from elsewhere in Melbourne;

1 it is an ideal building for musicians; it is a wonderful opportunity for the P. Phillip Council to support young people.

ANAM is one of the leading music education institutions in Australia and has already successfully occupied the SMTH since 1996.

The proposed lease will give long-term certainty to ANAM and provide a leading facility for music education that will enhance both City of Port Phillip and wider Melbourne.

1 Access for community groups can still be maintained.

The former town Hall is an excellent building for such an organisation as ANAM, an important national community and arts body.

1 It is central/accessible in Melbourne, it is aesthetically/historically appropriate, and can be adapted to ANAM's specific needs.

1 It would secure the pivotal place of this wonderful heritage building in the ongoing cultural life of our City and ensure responsible stewardship of the building.

1 Wonderful opportunity to preserve and enhance this beautiful building and to provide many people with enduring education, entertainment and cultural richness for the next 65 years!

1 The lease will secure the long term future of one of the most historic buildings in the Municipality, for future generations.

1 I believe ANAM was an asset to the community when it previously occupied this space.

1 ANAM provides excellent opportunities for young musicians from Port Phillip to develop their careers and enhance the community. The Lease will also support retention of the significant Town Hall

ANAM is an Australian & Victorian cultural icon which we have been very fortunate to have located in our community.

1 I can think of no better use for the Town Hall building and no better location for ANAM, on the 'edge' of the renowned Melbourne Cultural Precinct.

Music is fundamental to a civil society. Music is central to a community, and the COVID pandemic has taught us about the importance of - and the fragility of - the arts.

1 As a community education facility (not a private one) educating people, and particularly young people, we are privileged to have this in Port Phillip and I would happily pay higher rates to support it. Without music we are zombies.

1 This historic building needs a genuinely important use to enhance its value to the community. ANAM is a nationally important institution to have in Victoria. The lease proposal is a match made in Heaven!
I live virtually around the corner on Cecil Street. I think it will be wonderful for both the cultural and economic benefits to the area.
I took up ANAM's free membership they offer to COPP residents and, as a person on a low income, have benefitted from their free concerts immensely.
I love classical music but usually cannot afford to see it live. I believe ANAM to be truly community minded.
We need more beauty and uplifting experiences in life and this rich use of the town hall does this.
I would add, though, that council please find alternative meeting spaces for the community groups that currently use the hall.
I think it would be great, also, if granted the hall, that ANAM provide free concerts occasionally for the residents in social/public housing/on concession
1 (the hall is surrounded by towers and other social housing developments as you would know), to help uplift the residents lives.

1 The building is not being used to its full potential and this would be beneficial to the whole community.
1 This is an important historic building that should be used by the public, just as it was originally designed & built.
1 Europe and many other areas in the world take responsibility to preserve their heritage buildings,we should do the same.

1 This is a magnificent opportunity to re-furbish the Town Hall and make it a major cultural centre not only for Port Phillip but also Victoria and Australia. I fully support it.

1 There are no other plans short of a 6 start hotel or casino that will ever get this building back to the community. THIS is a perfect solution

1 ANAM is a prime cultural music centre for young talented musicians. It deserves to have this well-located suitable building for its many activities.

1 ANAM is a vital part of the national cultural landscape.

1 It will enhance the community
You can combine Council Office administration with ANAM in the same buildings.
ANAM will make sure that Audible Art remains part of our culture- in a precinct adjacent to the visual arts, so that visitors to Melbourne and residents alike will have a banquet of art to feed on.
Nothing like seeing those beautiful young people on the trams going to school carrying their classical instrument cases.
1 Makes one feel like they are in Vienna. Abbotsford is not okay for patrons, those in Hawthorn are okay with it but it is a bit too suburban for those in and around our city.
1 I volunteer at ANAM and have watched all the young musicians thrive in this environment. It is NOT a private entity as reported in the AGE.
It is for ALL young musicians and provides a great community addition to South Melbourne. We need ANAM in South Melbourne.

1 It is a sound approach to ensuring support for music in our heart

The lease is too long.
50 years? And after significant investment by Anam, wouldn't Anam begin to think it is there building? Why then wouldn't council attempt to sell it too them. It is a public asset and needs to remain that. I do not trust that council won't try to offload it to save costs.
1 Anam have a site in the arts precinct set aside for them. They need to build there own building.

1 It's a great use for the building and ANAM have committed to invest in capital improvements.

1 Because local government business can be done by working from home. Creating and maintaining beautiful music cannot

1 Further information required. Will I still be able to access Council services in South Melbourne?Is the bright green all abilities access ramp an example a future improvements by the music school?

1 1. Preservation/conservation of a great community building2. Decent rent which we might otherwise struggle to get.3. Community access to performances.

1 Great tenant; good rental and capital investment
